

# HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS



Dan Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in University of Colorado history on December 16, 2005, officially taking over the reins of the program on New Year's Day 2006.

Hawkins, 45, came to Colorado from Boise State, where he compiled a **53-11** record in five seasons as head coach. That included three 11-plus win seasons, and 31-game winning streaks in both Western Athletic Conference play as well as at home on

Boise State's famous blue artificial turf field. His teams won or shared four WAC titles, including three outright under his direction.

In the modern history of Division I-A football, only Bob Pruett (Marshall, 58-9), Bob Stoops (Oklahoma, 55-11) and Pete Carroll (Southern California, 54-10) won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins' 53 at Boise State (a number also matched by Miami's Larry Coker).

"Coach Hawkins represents a level of competitive spirit, integrity, work ethic and passion that will serve this institution, football program and entire athletic department well for many years to come," CU Athletic Director Mike Bohn said at the press conference announcement of Hawkins' hiring. "This is an exciting time at the University of Colorado and he is the perfect fit for what we were looking for."

Hawkins is a 1984 graduate of the University of California-Davis, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education. In 1993, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from St. Mary's (Calif.) College. He's the third head football coach in CU history, all in succession, to hold two degrees.

Hawkins agreed to a five-year, \$4.25 million contract with the Buffaloes, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach and various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning a national championship.

He has an overall record of **92-23-1** (a .797 winning percentage) in 10 seasons as a collegiate head coach, the sixth best mark of all current Division I-A head coaches. It is the top mark for a coach with over 100 career games, as the next coach on the list with at least 100 under his belt Tennessee's Philip Fulmer (128-37, .776). During his five-year tenure with Boise State, the Broncos' 53-11 record was the fourth best in the NCAA between 2001 and 2005, trailing only Texas (55-8), Miami, Fla. (53-8) and USC (54-9), all three of whom won at least one national championship in that time frame.

His overall record includes a **39-12-1** mark in five seasons as the head coach of Willamette University (Salem, Ore.), where he won or shared three conference titles between 1993 and 1997. Thus in 10 years of combined conference play between Boise

State and Willamette, Hawkins' teams won or shared seven league championships while going a remarkable **58-6-1**, including six undefeated seasons, in league play (a 90.0 winning percentage).

He was 37-3 in WAC conference games, leading the Broncos to outright championships in 2002, 2003 and 2004 with 8-0 league marks, and the co-title in 2005 with a 7-1 record. At one point Hawkins guided the Broncos to a league record 31 consecutive victories, a streak that began late in his first year and continued well into his fifth campaign. His winning percentage for overall and league games stands as the highest in WAC history.

In 116 career games as a head coach, his teams have never been shut out, scoring at least one touchdown in every game while being held below 13 points just five times, only once at

## NCAA Winningest Active Division I-A Coaches

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Larry Coker, Miami, Fla.	53	9	0	.855
Pete Carroll, USC	54	10	0	.844
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	75	16	0	.824
Urban Meyer, Florida	48	11	0	.814
Mark Richt, Georgia	52	13	0	.800
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.797</b>

and Texas Tech, who averaged 40.3 and 38.4, respectively). That included 50 or more points 19 times and 20-plus on an amazing 59 occasions.

Boise State also won 28 games by 25 or more points under Hawkins, and 43 by double-digits; however, his teams also excelled in close contests, as the Broncos were 10-5 in games decided by seven points or less. His teams were well balanced across the board, as evidenced by the Broncos owning top 10 marks for five-year NCAA numbers in his tenure not only in scoring, but also in total offense (3rd, 465.7 yards per game), passing offense (10th, 274.6), rushing defense (6th, 107.8) and kickoff returns (1st, 23.5 average for 245 total returns).

At Boise State, Hawkins had a knack for molding a talented group of players and coaches into a dominating force, part of the reason he was named the WAC Coach of the Year on two occasions (2002, 2004) and was a finalist for the 2004 Paul "Bear" Bryant College Football Coach of the Year Award.

Hawkins took over the Boise State program on December 2, 2000, replacing Dirk Koetter, whom he had served as assistant head coach, after he took the head coach position at Arizona State. Hawkins had joined the BSU staff in 1998, and coached the tight ends and special teams in addition to assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator duties. Hawkins also oversaw a highly successful community service and public involvement program for the Bronco football team during this time.

Before ascending to Boise State's head man, as tight ends coach Hawkins helped developed a wealth of Bronco talent. In each of his first four seasons on the Bronco staff, a Boise State tight end earned either





first or second team all-conference honors. Twice Bronco tight ends were drafted into the National Football League, most notably Jeb Putzier, who earned first-team All-WAC honors in 2001 after putting together the most productive season by a tight end in school history and would be a sixth round draft pick by the Denver Broncos. Special teams also blossomed under his direction, with top national rankings by teams or individuals in kickoff returns, placekicking and punting.

Koetter would serve as head coach in his final game, the 2000 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl, but Hawkins took over leading the team in practice and preparation for the game, which Boise State defeated UTEP, 38-23. Though Hawkins served in his assistant coaching role in that game, his work as head coach was already evident to close observers of the program.

As just the eighth head coach in the school's 33-year history, on the surface, Boise State went 8-4 in his first season in 2001. But the Broncos were transitioning from the old Big West Conference, in which they had claimed back-to-back titles, into the stronger Western Athletic Conference. Hawkins met the challenge by posting a 6-2 league mark, tying for second overall, doing so after opening with losses to No. 21 South Carolina and Washington State, who would appear in the national rankings some three weeks later.

His biggest win that season came on October 20, and had an indirect link to his future school, Colorado, at the time. He took his Bronco team on the road where it would defeat Fresno State,

35-30, ranked eighth in the nation with a 6-0 mark at the time. Fresno State began its season with a 24-22 win over the Buffaloes in Boulder and had designs on crashing the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) until being derailed by Hawkins' Broncos, the school's first-ever over a ranked opponent.

That set the stage for the next three seasons, when the Broncos strung together consecutive records of 12-1, 13-1 and 11-1 in posting a 24-0 record in WAC conference play in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

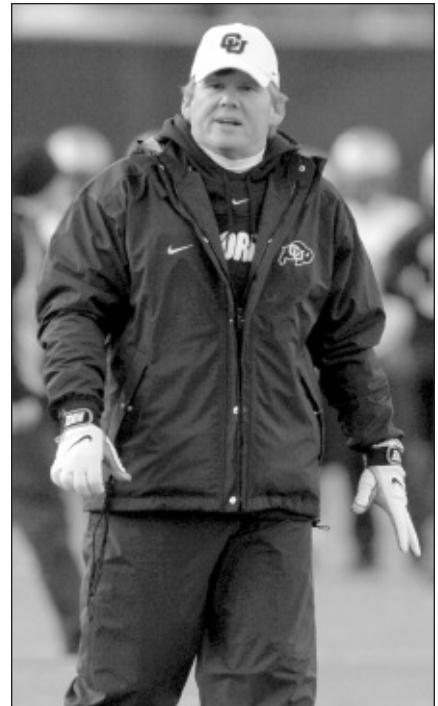
The WAC championship won in 2002 came in just the school's second year in the league and was the first to go undefeated in league play since BYU did so in 1996. Along the way, BSU overwhelmed its eight league opponents, scoring an average of 51.1 points per game while owning a victory margin of 37.2 points, which broke BYU's league mark of 34.0 set in 1979. Boise State led the nation in scoring (45.6), total offense (501.5) and passing efficiency (169.4) and led the WAC in five defensive categories, with Hawkins' success recognized at the conference and regional levels as he was selected the WAC Coach of Year, and the Co-Coach of the Year for Region 4 by the American Football Coaches Association (the latter with Oklahoma's Stoops).

The Broncos appeared in the nation's top 25 late in the year, and following a 34-16 win over Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl, Boise State was ranked No. 12 in the final *USA Today* Coaches Poll (and No. 15 in the Associated Press ballot).

It was more of the same in 2003, as the 13-1 Broncos again appeared in the rankings in November and ended the year ranked 15th by the coaches and 16th by the Associated Press. The only setback came at Oregon State (a 26-24 defeat) in the third week of the season; the Broncos would end the year with 11 straight wins (which started a 22-game winning streak, the longest in the nation by the end of the 2004 regular season). The season was culminated by a 34-31 win over No. 19 TCU in the Fort Worth Bowl on the Horned Frogs' home turf.

Hawkins' 2003 team again produced the top offense in the nation averaging 43.0 points per game, and in the five major offensive categories in football, Boise State was ranked among the top 10 in four of them. The defense was no slouch either, as the Broncos was ranked among the top 12 in three categories (rushing defense, pass efficiency and scoring defense). Quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie was the league's Offensive Player of the Year and was one of five Broncos to be named first-team All-WAC.

Despite all those accomplishments, Boise State entered 2004 unranked, but at least on the national radar. After a 53-34 win over Oregon State in the second game of the year, the Broncos entered the rankings at No. 23 and were a regular from that point on. BSU survived scares from BYU, Tulsa and San Jose State (winning the



## DAN HAWKINS vs. THE NATION

School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Arkansas .....	0	1	14	41
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20
Brigham Young .....	2	0	78	39
Central Michigan .....	1	0	26	10
Fresno State .....	4	1	173	111
Georgia.....	0	1	13	48
Hawai'i .....	5	0	244	124
Idaho .....	5	0	242	86
Idaho State .....	1	0	62	0
Iowa State .....	1	0	34	16
Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122
Louisville .....	0	1	40	44
Nevada .....	5	0	256	52
New Mexico State.....	1	0	56	6
Oregon State .....	1	2	104	90
Portland State .....	1	0	21	14
Rice.....	1	1	63	52
San Jose State .....	5	0	272	98
SMU .....	2	0	83	23
South Carolina .....	0	1	13	32
TCU.....	1	0	34	31
Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
Utah State .....	2	0	108	59
UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
Washington State.....	0	1	20	41
Wyoming.....	2	0	68	30
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2662</b>	<b>1384</b>



latter 56-49 in two overtimes) to finish the regular season undefeated at 11-0 and ranked its highest ever — 10th — in both major polls (and ninth in the final BCS Standings). In one of the season's most anticipated bowl games, and arguably the most intriguing non-BCS bowl since the creation of the system some seven years earlier, Boise State dropped a 44-40 thriller to 10-1 and No. 7 Louisville in the Liberty Bowl.

That 2004 team prided itself on all-around excellence, with top rankings in all three phases of the game, placing in the top 21 nationally in nine major statistical categories including scoring (second), punt returns (third), total offense (fourth) and rushing defense (10th). BSU was ranked either first or second in 16 conference categories and had 16 players earn some kind of All-WAC recognition for a second straight year.

Important to note about the 2004 season was that it might have been Hawkins' best coaching job to date in his illustrious career. Despite returning just 10 starters from the '03 team, he guided the Broncos to their first perfect regular season since the school moved to four-year status in the 1960s. The team spent a school record 13 consecutive weeks in the national rankings and peaked at No. 7 in the BCS Standings in early November.

His final team there in 2005 went 9-4, but had only four senior starters, the lowest total among all 119 I-A schools while also playing one of the toughest schedules in school history. That squad rallied from a 0-2 start, winning nine of the final 10 games in earning a fourth straight bowl berth. Three of the four losses came at the hands of ranked teams, including Hawkins' finale in the MPC Computers Bowl, a 27-21 setback to No. 19 Boston College; the Broncos spotted BC a 27-0 lead in that game, only to see a fourth quarter rally come up just short. Despite some inexperience at the onset, the team of largely underclassmen finished in the top 25 in eight statistical categories including scoring (ninth), sacks (17th) and rushing offense (19th).

Overall, 20 of his players at Boise State earned first-team all-WAC honors, with three earning some kind of All-American mention and 10 either being drafted or signing as free agents with National Football League teams. Including his three years as an assistant coach, Hawkins helped the Broncos to an overall record of 79-21 and six conference championships in eight years, including Big West titles in 1999 and 2000.

Hawkins' first collegiate head coaching position was at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. He took over the program in 1993 after Willamette suffered two straight losing seasons, including a 1-8 campaign the year before his arrival. He would guide the Bearcats to five straight winning seasons between 1993-97, including two appearances in the NAIA playoffs.

Under his guidance, Willamette was 39-12-1, including a 13-1 record and a runner-up finish for the NAIA National Championship in 1997. The Bearcats had finished the regular season with a No. 7 national ranking and won three playoff games, including one in overtime, to reach the title game before succumbing to Findlay (Ohio), 14-7.

## Career Breakdown Prior To Colorado

<b>Overall Record</b>	<b>92-23-1</b>	<b>.797</b>
<b>Boise State (I-A)</b>	<b>53-11-0</b>	<b>.828</b>
Western Athletic Conference	37-3-0	.925
Home	31-2-0	.939
Road	22-8-0	.733
Neutral	0-1-0	.000
Bowls	2-2-0	.500
Vs. Ranked Teams	2-5-0	.286
<b>Willamette (NAIA)</b>	<b>39-12-1</b>	<b>.760</b>
Mt. Hood League	21-3-1	.860
Home	21-5-1	.796
Road	18-6-0	.750
Neutral	0-1-0	.000
NAIA Playoffs	4-2-0	.667

He was named the 1997 District Five Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, and was selected three times as the Mount Hood League (Columbia Football Association) coach of the year. Those accolades came in 1995 when Willamette was co-conference champion, and 1996 and 1997 when the Bearcats won the outright conference title with undefeated records in league play.

Hawkins spent time as both an offensive and defensive coordinator before taking over as head coach at Willamette. In 1992, he was in charge of the Sonoma State University defense. From 1988-91,

Hawkins was the offensive coordinator at the College of the Siskiyous (Calif.), helping lead the team to the Golden Valley Conference championship in 1991.

Hawkins began his coaching career with his alma mater, Cal-Davis, serving as the head freshman coach as well as the linebacker coach for the varsity in 1984. After three years at UC-Davis, he served as head coach at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento in 1986 and 1987.

He was born November 10, 1960 in Fall River Mills, Calif., and graduated from Big Valley High School in Bieber, Calif., where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. At UC-Davis, he lettered four times at fullback for coach Jim Sochor; as a junior, he was a member of UCD's NCAA Division II runner-up team.

He is married to the former Misti Rae Ann Hokanson, a registered nurse. They are the parents of four children, Ashley (22), Brittany (19), Cody (18, a true freshman quarterback at Colorado) and Drew (16). His interests range from doing things with his family, such as skydiving with his daughters the spring after signing on with Colorado, to reading (he owns quite a collection of books), to studying game video while listening to jazz music.





## Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall						Conference						Finish/Conf.
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
1993	Willamette	5	4	0	.556	293	281	3	2	0	.600	179	143	t-2nd/Mt. Hood
1994	Willamette	6	3	0	.667	218	214	4	1	0	.800	111	108	2nd/Mt. Hood
1995	Willamette	6	2	1	.722	314	171	4	0	1	.900	195	103	t-1st/Mt. Hood
1996	Willamette	9	2	0	.818	374	246	5	0	0	1.000	158	100	1st/NWC (a)
1997	Willamette	13	1	0	.929	470	187	5	0	0	1.000	200	47	1st/NWC (b)
2001	Boise State	8	4	0	.667	411	280	6	2	0	.750	307	184	t-2nd/WAC
2002	Boise State	12	1	0	.923	593	240	8	0	0	1.000	409	111	1st/WAC
2003	Boise State	13	1	0	.929	602	239	8	0	0	1.000	375	143	1st/WAC
2004	Boise State	11	1	0	.917	587	308	8	0	0	1.000	401	196	1st/WAC
2005	Boise State	9	4	0	.692	469	317	7	1	0	.875	339	178	t-1st/WAC
<b>Boise State Totals</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.828</b>	<b>2662</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.925</b>	<b>1831</b>	<b>812</b>	
<b>Career Totals</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.797</b>	<b>4331</b>	<b>2483</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.900</b>	<b>2674</b>	<b>1313</b>	

KEY: (a)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (b)—NAIA National Runner-up.

## Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year At Willamette

### 1993 (5-4 overall, 3-2 \*Mt. Hood)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 18	at Simon Fraser	W 17-16
S 25	at Western Washington	L 29-37
O 2	*WHITWORTH	W 29-27
O 9	*PACIFIC LUTHERAN	L 35-48
O 16	at Eastern Oregon	L 20-24
O 23	*at Lewis & Clark	W 43-27
O 30	SOUTHERN OREGON	L 48-61
N 6	*LINFIELD	W 31-28
N 13	*at Western Oregon	W 41-13

### 1994 (6-3 overall, 4-1 \*Mt. Hood)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 17	SIMON FRASER	W 42-15
S 24	WESTERN WASHINGTON	L 14-42
O 1	*at Whitworth	W 47-39
O 8	*at Pacific Lutheran	W 10- 7
O 15	EASTERN OREGON	L 23-26#
O 22	*LEWIS & CLARK	W 34-13
O 29	at Southern Oregon	W 28-23
N 5	*at Linfield	L 14-49
N 12	*WESTERN OREGON	W 6- 0

(#—later forfeited to Willamette)

### 1995 (6-2-1 overall, 4-0-1 \*Mt. Hood)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 16	at Central Washington	L 16-21
S 23	WESTERN OREGON	W 39-14
S 30	at Southern Oregon	L 15-23
O 7	EASTERN OREGON	W 49-10
O 14	*LINFIELD	W 40- 6
O 21	*at Whitworth	W 50-18
O 28	*PUGET SOUND	W 42-32
N 4	*PACIFIC LUTHERAN	T 35-35
N 11	*at Lewis & Clark	W 28-12

### 1996 (9-2 overall, 5-0 \*Northwest Conf.)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 21	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	W 34-14
S 28	at Western Oregon	W 57-29
O 5	SOUTHERN OREGON	L 32-34
O 12	at Eastern Oregon	W 25-21
O 19	*at Linfield	W 20- 3
O 26	*WHITWORTH	W 37-26
N 2	*at Puget Sound	W 44-21
N 9	*at Pacific Lutheran (OT)	W 28-27
N 16	*LEWIS & CLARK	W 29-23

**NAIA Championship Playoffs**

N 23	BETHANY (at Eugene)	W 56-35
D 7	at Western Washington	L 12-13

### 1997 (13-1 overall, 5-0 \*Northwest Conf.)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 13	HUMBOLDT STATE	W 42-14
S 20	at Chapman	W 40- 6
S 27	at Central Washington	W 34-21
O 4	EASTERN OREGON	W 13- 7
O 11	*at Lewis & Clark	W 34-14
O 18	*LINFIELD	W 27-20
O 25	SOUTHERN OREGON	W 41-27
N 1	*at Puget Sound	W 54- 0
N 8	*PACIFIC LUTHERAN	W 43- 6
N 15	*at Whitworth	W 42- 7

### NAIA Championship Playoffs

N 22	WESTERN OREGON (OT)	W 26-20
D 6	MONTANA TECH (at Corvallis)	W 50-24
D 13	SIOUX FALLS (at Portland)	W 17- 7
D 20	#Findlay (Ohio)	L 7-14

(#—at Hardin County, Tenn.)

## Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year At Boise State

### 2001 (8-4 overall, 6-2 \*WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 1	—	at South Carolina (21)	L 13-32
S 8	—	WASHINGTON STATE	L 20-41
S 22	—	*UTEP	W 42-17
S 29	—	at Idaho	W 45-13
O 6	—	*at Rice	L 14-45
O 13	—	*TULSA	W 41-10
O 20	—	*at Fresno State (8)	W 35-30
O 27	—	*NEVADA	W 49- 7
N 3	—	*at Louisiana Tech	L 42-48
N 10	—	*at Hawai'i	W 28-21
N 17	—	*SAN JOSE STATE	W 56- 6
N 24	—	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 26-10

### 2003 (13-1 overall, 8-0 \*WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 6	—	IDAHO STATE	W 62- 0
S 13	—	at Idaho	W 24-10
S 20	—	at Oregon State	L 24-26
S 27	—	WYOMING	W 33-17
O 4	—	*at Louisiana Tech	W 43-37
O 11	—	*TULSA	W 27-20
O 18	—	*at SMU	W 45- 3
O 25	—	*SAN JOSE STATE	W 77-14
O 30	—	at Brigham Young	W 50-12
N 15	24	*UTEP	W 51-21
N 21	20	*at Fresno State	W 31-17
N 29	18	*NEVADA	W 56- 3
D 6	18	*at Hawai'i	W 45-28

### Plains Capital Fort Worth Bowl

### 2005 (9-4 overall, 7-1 \*WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 3	18	at Georgia (13)	L 13-48
S 10	—	at Oregon State	L 27-30
S 21	—	BOWLING GREEN	W 48-20
O 1	—	*at Hawai'i	W 44-41
O 8	—	PORTLAND STATE	W 21-14
O 15	—	*SAN JOSE STATE	W 38-21
O 22	—	*at Utah State	W 45-21
O 29	—	*NEVADA	W 49-14
N 5	—	*NEW MEXICO STATE	W 56- 6
N 10	—	*at Fresno State (21)	L 7-27
N 19	—	*IDAHO	W 70-35
N 26	—	*at Louisiana Tech	W 30-13

### MPC Computers Bowl

(Ranks listed are Associated Press.)

### Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl

### AutoZone Liberty Bowl

# THE ASSISTANT COACHES

## Chris STRAUSSER

**Assistant Head Coach/  
Offensive Line**



Chris Strausser is in first year as assistant head coach and offensive line coach at Colorado, as he was one of four assistant coaches to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005. He assists Hawkins on administrative issues in addition to his on-field coaching duties.

Strausser, 42, was Boise State's offensive line coach five seasons, the last three of which he also served as the Broncos assistant head coach. He had four players earn first-team All-Western Athletic Conference honors, including one two-time performer, Daryn Colledge, who did so in both 2004 and 2005. In 2002, both Scott Huff and Rob Vian were named to the all-conference team, and in 2001 Matt Hill earned the honor. He had players earn second-team all-WAC accolades twice, Colledge in 2003 and Klayton Adams in 2004, with Tyrone Tutogi an honorable mention selection in 2003.

Hill was selected in the fifth round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks, and Vian signed as a free agent with the Detroit Lions the same year.

A veteran assistant coach, Strausser has a varied coaching background, one that saw him make stops at five different schools in California and the Pacific Northwest in the decade prior to joining Hawkins at Boise State.

Strausser started his coaching career in 1989 as the wide receiver and tight ends coach at Menlo College in California. During the 1990 and 1991 seasons, he was a graduate assistant coach at Oregon State University, where he helped coach the running backs the first year and the offensive line his second year with the Beaver program, also while earning his master's degree.

In 1992, he moved on to Sonoma State, where he continued to work with the offensive tackles and tight ends, in addition to serving as special teams coordinator. It was there where he coached Larry Allen, who would go on to become one of the top offensive linemen in the National Football League and a perennial All-Pro performer.

It what would be the first of two stops at Portland State, Strausser served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the Vikings during the 1993 and 1994 seasons. PSU advanced to the Division II playoffs in both of those years.

He moved on to San Jose State University for the 1995 and 1996 seasons, serving as the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the Spartans. In 1997, he moved on to Foothill College, where he spent three seasons as the offensive coordinator for one of California's top junior college programs. While directing the offense at Foothill, the Owls posted back-to-back 10 win seasons in 1998 and 1999.

He returned to Portland State University for the 2000 season, where he served as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator. His work with the Viking offense played a key role in the team going 8-4 and advancing to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the first time in school history. That year, PSU also posted one of the biggest upsets on the college landscape when it defeated Hawaii on the road, 45-20. Following the season, he rejoined the I-A ranks when he moved on to Boise State.

He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1989 from Chico State University, and received his master's degree in education from Oregon State in 1991.

James "Chris" Strausser was born December 4, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Gunn High School in Palo Alto, Calif., where he lettered in football, baseball, track and wrestling. He is married to

the former Cathy Breen, and the couple has two daughters, Maeve (11) and Sarah (10).

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Americans (1): Brian Roche. All-Western Athletic Conference Performers (3): Daryn Colledge, Matt Hill, Scott Huff. NFL Players/Draft Picks (3): Larry Allen, Hill, Roche.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 109 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 61-48 (53-11 at Boise State, 6-17 at San Jose State and 2-20 at Oregon State); he has coached in four bowl games.

## Ron COLLINS

**Defensive Coordinator**



Ron Collins is in first year as defensive coordinator at Colorado, as he was one of four assistant coaches to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005. He will oversee all phases of the defense for the Buffaloes, but does not coach a specific position.

Collins, 42, served as Boise State's defensive coordinator for four seasons, while coaching the linebackers all five years he spent on the BSU staff under Hawkins. Under his guidance, the Boise State defense developed into one of the top defenses nationally and as the best in the Western Athletic Conference. All together, Collins had 26 players earn All-WAC recognition during his four seasons as defensive coordinator.

The 2005 BSU defense ranked 15th nationally against the run (107.9 ypg), a figure that also topped the WAC, and again were among the best in the nation in turnovers forced with 26. Collins also had one of his players, linebacker Korey Hall, repeat as a first-team all-WAC performer.

His 2004 unit may have been his best. That year, the Broncos ranked in the top 10 nationally in three categories: interceptions (second), turnovers gained (fifth) and rushing defense (10th), while also finishing 13th in turnover margin.

That same team also ranked first in the WAC in five different categories, including rushing defense (103.9 yards per game), turnover margin (0.83) and interceptions (23), and was also second in total defense (357.8 ypg). Seven of BSU's starters selected were selected either first or second-team or honorable mention All-WAC in 2004, including first-team linebackers Hall and Andy Avalos and cornerback Gabe Franklin.

Those accomplishments followed up on a solid 2003, when BSU ranked in the top 20 nationally in interceptions (sixth), pass efficiency defense (seventh), rushing defense (11th), scoring defense (12th), turnovers gained (14th) and turnover margin (17th). Boise State was also 37th in total defense, and ranked first in the WAC in seven of the nine major categories, including scoring defense (17.1 points per game), rushing defense (100.5 ypg), total defense (348.4 ypg), pass efficiency defense (99.0), interceptions (21) and third down conversion defense (31.3 percent). Boise State allowed just three points on two occasions and also had a shutout and had nine players earn assorted all-WAC honors that season, with all three of Collins' linebackers earning all-league recognition. Avalos was first-team, while Travis Burgher was second-team and Hall an honorable mention selection.

In 2002, Boise State led the WAC in eight defensive categories, and finished 16th in the nation in rushing defense and 17th in scoring defense. One of his linebackers also garnered postseason recognition, as Chauncey Ako was named second-team All-WAC.



During his first year at BSU, he helped develop a young linebacker corps into a solid and deep group. He had one player, Greg Sasser, named second-team All-WAC.

He spent 13 seasons at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., the first full-time position of his career, as he joined the Bear staff under coach Ken Woody as secondary coach for the 1988 season. He was elevated to defensive coordinator a year later under new coach Larry Kindbom, a position he would hold through the 2000 season. In addition to his defensive coordinator duties, Collins also served as the special teams co-coordinator during the 1999 and 2000 seasons, and worked as the school's strength and conditioning coach for his entire 13-year stay.

With Collins at the helm of the defense, Washington University had one of the school's top football decades during the 1990s. In producing a 68-33 record from 1990-2000, Washington University shared three University Athletic Association (UAA) titles and won seven or more games on five occasions. In 1999, Collins coached the top ranked Division III defense in the country, as Washington allowed just 192 yards of total offense per game and a school record 49.8 rushing yards per game in making the NCAA playoffs for the first time in school history.

Prior to joining the Washington University staff, Collins was a graduate assistant at Iowa State University during the 1987 season. He started his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at his alma mater, Washington State, in the spring of 1987.

Collins is a 1987 graduate of Washington State, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education. The defensive team captain as a senior, he lettered four years for WSU at strong safety for coach Jim Walden. He started three seasons (1984-86) and once had three interceptions in a game (versus Stanford as a sophomore in 1984). He received a master's degree in education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1991.

He was born January 30, 1964 in Wenatchee, Wash., and graduated from Cashmere (Wash.) High School, where he earned a total of 10 letters in football, wrestling and track. He is married to the former Sharon Arthalony, and the couple has two daughters, Taylor Rae (7) and Alexandra (5).

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Western Athletic Conference Performers (4): Chauncey Ako, Andy Avalos, Korey Hall, Greg Sasser.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 64 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 53-11 (all at Boise State); he has coached in four bowl games. He coached in 120 Division III games (76-44 record), including one playoff game, at Washington University.

head coach Dirk Koetter.

Under the guidance of Helfrich, Arizona State blossomed into one of the top passing teams in the country during his tenure in Tempe. In 2005, his final season there, the Sun Devils finished third in the NCAA and easily led the Pac-10 with 373.9 passing yards per game (over 50 better than runner-up USC). The school record 4,481 yards passing put the total number for Helfrich's time as quarterbacks coach at ASU at 18,686 in 61 games, or an average of 306.3 yards per game. And that number increased to 321.7 in his 36 games as passing coordinator.

His quarterbacks put up numbers that ranked in the top three of the Pac-10 all five years he was there, leading the league twice (2004, 2005) and finishing second in 2001. His units also finished among the top 10 in the NCAA on three different occasions, as ASU was ranked fifth nationally in 2004 and ninth in 2002 before the school's highest ever finish with the third place effort '05.

He developed quarterback Andrew Walter, the key player in ASU's maturation as a passing team, as he set school records for both career (85) and single-season touchdowns (30) in addition to shattering the previous Pac-10 record for career touchdown passes, set by John Elway at Stanford (77). The only player in ASU history to tally 3,000 passing yards in a season, Walter did it for a third time in 2004 with a season total of 3,150 yards.

Coached by Helfrich for all three years as ASU's starter, Walter was selected in the third round of the NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders. A second-team All-Pac-10 selection and a nominee for both the Johnny Unitas and Davey O'Brien Awards, Walter finished his Sun Devil career as ASU's career record holder in nearly every passing category, including yards, completions, attempts, touchdowns, interception percentage, and total offense. And when Walter missed the Sun Bowl against Purdue with an injury, Helfrich coached sophomore understudy Sam Keller to MVP honors. Finishing with 370 yards and three touchdowns on 25-of-45 passing, Keller directed the ASU offense to a fourth-quarter comeback in his first career start. Responsible for the entire passing game, Helfrich also saw freshman Zach Miller and junior Derek Hagan set school receiving marks in 2004.

In 2002, ASU's passing game finished as one of the most prolific offensive units in school history, demolishing school and conference records along the way. That was evidenced by the Sun Devil record for season passing yards being utterly destroyed by Helfrich's quarterbacks, as they totaled 4,254 yards to better the previous mark by over 1,000 yards. Four other school records fell by the wayside as well. That followed a tremendous beginning in 2001, as the Sun Devils finished second in the Pac-10 in passing offense with an average of 259.3 yards per game, the second-best season passing average in school history at the time.

Helfrich first teamed with Koetter in 1997 at the University of Oregon, where he was an offensive graduate assistant when Koetter was the offensive coordinator for the Ducks. When Koetter was named head coach at Boise State in 1998, he made the transition with him to the Idaho state capital. Working three years as the quarterback coach, he tutored one of BSU's all-time bests in Bart Hendricks, the 1999 and 2000 Big West Player of the Year. His last year there, 2000, he guided the Broncos to the country's fourth-best passing offense with 321.5 yards per game.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Southern Oregon University in 1996, where he lettered four years at quarterback. He was an NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 1993, his sophomore season. When he led the nation in total offense, earning NAIA honorable mention All-America accolades and first-team Columbia Football Association honors in the process. That season, he had 3,196 yards of total offense, including 2,712 passing (23 touchdowns) and 484 rushing (three scores), topping the 400-yard mark in single-game total offense three times. It was that same year that Helfrich would first catch the eye of Hawkins, who was in his first year as head coach at Willamette; he watched as Helfrich had 410 yards of offense and a school record six touchdowns to lead SOU to a 61-48 win.

Helfrich began his coaching career as running backs coach at his alma mater for the 1996 season, and then both played and coached (offensive coordinator) in Europe for a year with the Vienna (Austria) Vikings, in 1997, before landing his first position at a Division I-A school.

## Mark HELFRICH

### Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks



Mark Helfrich is in first year as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Colorado, as he joined the Buffaloes as a member of the coaching staff assembled by new head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Helfrich, 32, is the fifth youngest offensive coordinator in the nation (119 Division I-A schools), the second youngest at a BCS school as only Southern California's Lane Kiffin (30) is younger.

He came to CU from the Arizona State University, where he coached the quarterbacks for five seasons (2001-05), also serving as the Sun Devils' passing game coordinator the last three of those years under



He was born October 28, 1973 in Medford, Ore., and graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay (Ore.), where he lettered in football (for coach Kent Wigle), basketball, track and golf. He is married to the former Megan Kelly.

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Pacific 10 Conference Performers (1): Andrew Walter (second-team). NFL Players/Draft Picks (3): Ryan Dinwiddie, Bart Hendricks, Walter.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 97 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 59-38 (26-10 at Boise State, 33-28 at Arizona State); he has coached in six bowl games (on the winning end five times).

**Eric**

# KIESAU

**Passing Game Coordinator/Receivers**



Eric Kiesau is in first year as passing game coordinator and receivers coach at Colorado, as he joined the Buffaloes as a member of the coaching staff assembled by new head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Kiesau, 33, came to CU from the University of California at Berkeley, where he coached the receivers for four seasons (2002-05). He was a significant contributor to the Bears' high-powered passing attack in his four years at the "other" UCB.

Though Kiesau had only six years as a collegiate assistant coach under his belt prior to arriving at Colorado, he seemingly mastered the art of both tutoring the accomplished performer as well as molding walk-ons into top-notch players, doing so at his previous two institutions before coming to Boulder. He personally thrives on the teaching and developmental relationship with his players, working on the total person concept in academics, athletics and character.

In 2005, his receiving corps produced four 100-yard receiving games. Robert Jordan and DeSean Jackson were his stars at the starting positions, with Jackson having two of the century games, 128 versus UCLA and 130 at New Mexico State, the latter being the most yards ever by a Cal freshman. Jordan's top performance came at Washington, when he caught 11 passes for 192-yards, the sixth-best single game total in school history; he also had three touchdowns, all in the first half, tying a school record. And with Jackson and Jordan sidelines due to injury, former walk-on LaReyelle Cunningham caught five balls for 112 yards and a score in his first career start.

Though injuries sidelined four of his top five receivers for much of 2004, the Bears continued to field first-rate pass catchers in a Cal offense triggered by quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Second-team All-American Geoff McArthur set school career marks for receptions (202) and receiving yards (3,188). In 2003, McArthur ranked second nationally and set a school season receiving record with 1,504 yards on 85 catches. That same year, Kiesau developed two walk-ons, Burl Toler and Vincent Strang, as the pair combined for 65 receptions for 814 yards and eight touchdowns, as both blossomed as they emerged in the regular rotation of receivers.

In 2002, his first campaign at Cal, he developed a wide receiving corps that featured Jonathan Makonnen (54-682, 7 TDs), LaShaun Ward (39-709, 9 TDs) and McArthur (36-454, 1 TD), a trio that combined for 129 receptions, 1,845 yards and 17 TDs.

Kiesau earned his bachelor's degree in business communications at Portland State in 1996, where he lettered at quarterback (he was PSU's starter as a senior in 1995). He was an All-American junior college quar-

terback as a sophomore in 1992, as selected by JC Gridwire, at Glendale Community College in southern California.

Upon graduation from PSU, he worked the better part of five years in private business, for Corporate America in Portland, and then for Eclipse Specialties, Inc., a family-owned and operated company, in North Hollywood, Calif. He first entered coaching while employed by his JUCO alma mater, Glendale Community College. He then made a brief four-month stop at the University of Oregon as head coach Mike Bellotti's teamwork coordinator in the winter and spring of 2000.

His first full-time collegiate coaching position followed later that year, when he was named running backs and receivers coach at Utah State University under Mick Dennehy. In 2000, he tutored Emmett White, Utah State's third team All-American who led the nation in all-purpose yards and ranked 13th in NCAA rushing, including a school-record 322-yard effort against New Mexico State in 2001. In his second year at USU, he coached wide receiver Kevin Curtis, who would earn *Associated Press* All-American honors that season with an NCAA-high 100 passes (while ranking third in yards per game and eighth in all-purpose yards). He was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, accomplished after walking on at Utah State the previous year.

He was born November 24, 1972 in Pasadena, Calif., and graduated from Glendale (Calif.) High School, where he lettered in football and baseball. He is married to the former Wendy Kanan, and they have a daughter, Tayler (8) and a son, Blake (2). (*His last name is pronounced key-saw.*)

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Americans (3): Kevin Curtis, Geoff McArthur, Emmett White. All-Pac-10 Performers (1): McArthur. All-Big West Performers (1): White. NFL Players/Draft Picks (2): Curtis, Chase Lyman.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 72 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 42-30 (33-17 in four seasons at Cal and 9-13 in two years at Utah State); he has coached in three bowl games.

# Romeo BANDISON

**Defensive Line**



Romeo Bandison is in first year as defensive line coach at Colorado, as he was one of four assistants to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Bandison, 35, was Boise State's defensive line coach for five seasons. Under Bandison, the Bronco defensive line anchored one of the top rushing defenses in the country for four seasons (2002-05), as the Broncos ranked in the top 16 in rushing defense all four of those years: 15th in 2005, 10th in 2004, 11th in 2003 and 16th in 2002.

In 2005, two of his players garnered all-Western Athletic Conference honors, Alex Guerrero (first-team) and Andrew Browning (second-team); both were honorable mention performers the previous year. In fact, in his final four years in Boise, he had two linemen recognized with postseason honors each of those seasons, as defensive end Julius Roberts earned first-team All-WAC honors, while Dane Oldham was an honorable mention all-WAC selection in 2003, and in 2002, both Ryan Nelson and Oldham were named to all-WAC teams.

Bandison began his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Oregon, where he was a standout player for the Ducks before joining the coaching staff. During the 1999 and 2000 seasons, he served as a graduate assistant for the Ducks, working with the defensive line and coordinating the defensive scout team. Oregon made



consecutive postseason bowl appearances in those two seasons, winning both the Sun Bowl (1999) and Holiday Bowl (2000).

He also served a two-week internship with the Oakland Raiders in the National Football League prior to the 2002 season.

Bandison earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1994 from the University of Oregon, where he lettered as a defensive end and nose guard for the Ducks from 1990-93. Oregon advanced to two bowl games during his playing career, the Freedom Bowl in 1990 and the Independence Bowl in 1992.

Following his senior season, Bandison played in the Hula Bowl and East-West Shrine Classic all-star games before being selected in the third round of the 1994 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns. Bandison continued his NFL career the next three years (1995-97) as a defensive tackle with the Washington Redskins. He completed his professional playing career in 1998 with the Amsterdam Admirals of the World Football League.

He was born February 12, 1971 in The Hague, The Netherlands, and moved to the United States as a youth and would graduate from Tamalpais High School (Mill Valley, Calif.), where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Amy Kowalewski, and the couple has fraternal twins born this past January 18, Dominic and Olivia. (*His first name is pronounced row-may-oh.*)

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Western Athletic Conference Performers (2): Alex Guerrero, Julius Roberts.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 64 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 53-11 (all at Boise State); he has coached in four bowl games. Oregon was 19-5 in his two seasons as a graduate assistant coach.

## Greg BROWN

### Secondary



Greg Brown is in first year as secondary coach, as he has returned to the state of Colorado for the third time in his professional career, the second time as a member of the Buffalo coaching staff.

Brown, 48, returned to CU in January 2006, named to the staff of new Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the completion of the 2005 National Football League season. He wrapped up his fourth and final season as a defensive assistant with the NFL's New Orleans Saints under coach Jim Haslett. In that 2005 season, the Saints' pass defense ranked third in the entire NFL, allowing a paltry 178 yards per game.

A 15-year NFL coaching veteran, developing top notch defensive backs became his specialty as he was often sought after for new coaching staffs around the league, working with six different teams in his professional career.

He coached the secondary for three years (1991-93) at Colorado under coach Bill McCartney, tutoring a pair of Jim Thorpe Award winners during his first days at CU: cornerbacks Deon Figures (the 1992 winner) and Chris Hudson (the '94 winner). Colorado led the nation in pass completion defense and the Big Eight in pass defense in 1992; he also coached the kickoff coverage unit on special teams for the Buffs. He joined the CU staff days after the Buffs won their first national championship (January 7, 1991), and returned to the NFL in 1994, joining the Atlanta staff as defensive backs coach; the Falcons finished second that season in the league with 23 interceptions.

He spent the 1995-96 seasons as the secondary coach for San Diego, with the Chargers finishing in the top five both years in fewest yards allowed per completion. He also coached Rodney Harrison, who eventually would become one of the league's top safeties. He moved on to the Tennessee Oilers, coaching the secondary in both 1997 and 1998; he again coached three of the top defensive backs in the game, cornerback Samari Rolle and safeties Blaine Bishop and All-Pro Marcus Robertson.

In 1999, he served as the defensive backs coach for the San Francisco 49ers; a twist with this was that had he not received an NFL offer, he was set to return to Colorado as a member of Gary Barnett's staff when he replaced Rick Neuheisel in January of that year. He rejoined the Atlanta Falcons as secondary coach for the 2000 and 2001 seasons before moving on to New Orleans, where he was a defensive assistant for quality control in 2002 before being promoted to defensive assistant/cornerbacks coach in 2003, a position he held for three seasons with the Saints.

He began his coaching career in 1981 as a graduate assistant at the University of Texas-El Paso, his alma mater, where he worked with the secondary. The following year, 1982, he came back to Colorado, working that fall as a defensive coach at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood.

He made his first move to the professional ranks the following spring, joining the staff of the Denver Gold of the United States Football League (USFL). He coached the secondary for the Gold for two seasons (1983, 1984) before moving on to the National Football League for the first time in the summer of 1984, joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Staff. For the Bucs, he coached three different positions: defensive quality control (1984), offensive quality control (1985) and the U-backs/tight ends (1986).

Brown returned to the college game in 1987, coaching the defensive backs for two seasons at the University of Wyoming before doing the same at Purdue University for the 1989 and 1990 campaigns. He then returned home to Colorado for a second time in joining McCartney's staff in 1991.

He graduated from the UTEP in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in education (history/physical education). At UTEP, he lettered twice at cornerback under Bill Michael, and received the Coca-Cola Hold Helmet Award for his play against San Diego State in September 1979. He earned his A.A. degree from Glendale (Ariz.) Junior College in 1978.

He was born October 10, 1957 in Denver, and graduated from Arvada (Colo.) High School, where he lettered in both football and track. His father, Irv, is Denver radio (KKFN) personality and the former head baseball coach and one-time assistant football coach at the University of Colorado. He is married to the former Stacie Bible, and the couple has two daughters, Hannah (5) and Grace (3).

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Americans (2): Deon Figures (Thorpe Award winner), Chris Hudson (Thorpe Award winner). All-Big Eight Performers (4): Ronnie Bradford, Figures, Eric Hamilton, Hudson. NFL Players/Draft Picks (5): Ronnie Bradford, Dennis Collier, Figures, Hudson, Steve Rosga. NFL All-Pro Performers (15): Ashley Ambrose, Blaine Bishop, Fahkir Brown, Ray Buchanan, Dale Carter, Scott Case, Rodney Harrison, Darrell Lewis, Tim McDonald, Mike McKenzie, Marcus Robertson, Samari Rolle, Kevin Ross, Lance Schulters, Fred Thomas.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 84 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 51-30-3 (25-8-3 in his first stint at Colorado, 21-5 at Wyoming and 5-17 with Purdue); he has coached in five bowl games, including one New Year's Day. Professionally, he coached in 241 National Football League games, including one playoff game, with six different teams (Atlanta twice, New Orleans, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa Bay, Tennessee), as well as in 36 United States Football League games with the Denver Gold.



## Brian **CABRAL**

### Linebackers



Brian Cabral is in his 18th season at the University of Colorado, his 17th as a full time assistant coach, as he joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989.

His 17 years as a full-time assistant rank as the third most in CU history, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head coaches for 18 years. Since he joined the staff, he has always coached the inside linebackers, and occasionally has had the outside players under his direction as well. From 1999 through 2005, he also coached the punt return unit on special teams. He also served as the director of CU's summer football camps from 1995 through 2005 and as a brief time as recruiting coordinator.

Cabral has worked for four head coaches during his tenure, Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett and now Dan Hawkins. For all seven seasons under Barnett, Cabral also served as assistant head coach, which included a three-month period in 2004 as interim head coach when Barnett was on paid administrative leave. In that role, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award.

Cabral, 50, tutored the inside linebackers his first year in Boulder as a grad assistant, and assumed full-time duties in the same capacity in 1990 and has coached the position at CU to this day. He returned to Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88).

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, and all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, all of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League. He also recruited Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prided himself on the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 11th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached five of the players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown and Michael Jones. A sixth, Jashon Sykes, is the player he is tied with.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected as the Frito-Lay Unsung Hero in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga, but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three children, Kyle (27), Maile (23) and Mele (18). He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Americans (2): Roman Hollowell (punt returner), Matt Russell (Butkus Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (6): Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Hollowell, Ted Johnson (Butkus Award runner-up), Michael Jones, Russell. Big 12 Defensive Newcomers-of-the-Year (1): Jordon Dizon. NFL Players/Draft Picks (8): Biekert, Brown, Johnson, Ron Merkerson, Hannibal Navies, Russell, Sean Tufts, Drew Wahlroos.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 218 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 129-63-4 at Colorado (140-64-4 including his graduate assistant year); Purdue was 7-14-1 when he was on the Boilermaker staff. He has coached in 13 bowl games (six New Year's Day).

## Darian **HAGAN**

### Running Backs



Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his first season as running backs coach, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by new CU head coach Dan Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005.

Hagan, 36, 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.

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 in the mid-1990s to work as CU's 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.

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, 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.

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.

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 the father of a son, Darian, Jr. (17), and a daughter, Danielle (10).

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—N/A (one season).

**RECORD**—He has coached in 13 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, all at Colorado, with a record of 7-6.

## Kent RIDDLE

### Tight Ends/ Special Teams



Kent Riddle is in first year as tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Colorado, as he was one of four assistants to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Riddle, 37, was Boise State's running backs and special teams coach for five seasons, all under Hawkins. Many of his special team units finished regularly in the NCAA top 25, as the kickoff return team was in the top 21 all five years and the punt return team placed in the top 18 the last four seasons. And over the course of his five years, precision reigned in the kicking game, as BSU kickers converted 96.8 percent of their PAT kicks (330-of-341) and 73.1 percent of their field goal tries (68-of-93).

In 2005, Boise State ranked 12th in the nation in kickoff returns (24.2), anchored by Lee Marks, who was 10th nationally as an individual (27.9, 1 TD). The Broncos were also 18th in punt returns (12.8), with Quinton Jones second in the country with a gaudy 20.9 yards per return, including three scores. The coverage units were exceptional as well; BSU was 17th in punt return defense (5.9) and 29th in kickoff return defense (18.7).

Riddle coached placekicker Tyler Jones to an All-American season and a spot as one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award in 2004. Overall, BSU's special teams proved to be as good as any unit in the country. In addition to Jones, punter Kyle Stringer was named second-team all-WAC, averaging 43.9 yards per punt. The Broncos finished third in the nation in punt returns (16.6), 21st in kickoff returns (23.0) and 29th in net punting (37.3 yards). The Broncos also blocked four kicks for the second straight season, including a possible game winning field goal by San Jose State. Following the 2004 season, he spoke at the American Football Coaches Association convention on special teams, one of his many personal highlights.

In 2003, the Broncos ranked 15th in the country in both kickoff and punt returns, following up a 2002 campaign when both finished 13th in the NCAA. The Broncos also led the WAC in punt returns and kickoff coverage, allowing just 17.0 yards per return. In 2001, David Mikell was seventh in the nation in kickoff returns (28.4, 1 TD), leading the team to a 19th place national ranking.

He achieved significant success as the Broncos running back coach as well. Though the perception is out there that Boise State makes its bones as a passing team, the 2005 edition under Riddle's tutelage finished 19th in the NCAA, averaging 202.5 yards per game. That followed up a 2004 effort which saw the Broncos finish 14th nationally (229.8 per game), which was good for second in the WAC, as the "tail-back-by-committee" scheme that featured six different players scored a school record 49 touchdowns.

In his first three seasons at Boise State, the Broncos produced a 1,000-yard rusher every year. In 2003, David Mikell earned honorable mention all-WAC honors after rushing for 1,142 yards and 13 touchdowns. In 2002, Brock Forsey was named the WAC Offensive Player of the Year, as he rushed for 1,611 yards (11th in the NCAA), and led the nation in scoring with 26 touchdowns. In his first year, 2001, Forsey was a first-team all-WAC performer after gaining 1,207 yards.

Riddle had moved on to Boise State after serving as an assistant coach at the United States Military Academy for six seasons. At Army, his first full-time coaching position, he coached the fullbacks for his four seasons there (1995-98), and then switched to special teams coach and recruiting coordinator for the 1999 and 2000 seasons. He worked his first five years there under head coach Bob Sutton, and was retained when Todd Berry was named coach in 2000. Additionally, he worked as Army's junior varsity head coach and offensive coordinator, while also overseeing the program's summer camp. In 1996, he helped coach Army to its only 10-win season in history, as the Black Knights went 10-2, including a loss to Auburn in the Independence Bowl.

Prior to joining the Army staff, Riddle began his coaching career in 1991 as a student assistant football coach at Oregon State University. In 1992, he was promoted to a graduate assistant position with the Beavers, first working one year as the video G.A. before working as the offensive grad assistant in both 1993 and 1994, helping tutor the running backs while also being in charge of preparation for the defensive scout team.

He earned his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management from Oregon State in 1992, after completing his playing career for the Beavers, as he played quarterback for coach Dave Kragthorpe.

He was born June 25, 1969 in Iowa City, Iowa, and graduated from City High School in Iowa City, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. His grandfather, Bucky O'Connor, was the legendary men's basketball coach at Iowa, where he led the Hawkeyes to a 108-54 record in seven seasons; he coached the '54-55 Hawkeye team that lost to Colorado in the national third place game. He is married to the former Camaren Matlock, and the couple has a son, Connor (5).

**TOP PLAYERS COACHED**—All-Americans (2): Quinton Jones, Tyler Jones (Lou Groza Award finalist). All-WAC Performers (6): Chris Carr, Brock Forsey, Tim Gilligan, Q.Jones, T.Jones, Kyle Stringer. NFL Players/Draft Picks (2): Carr, Forsey, T.Jones. CFL Players/Draft Picks (1): Gilligan.

**RECORD**—He has coached in 131 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 79-51-1 (53-11 in five seasons at Boise State, 26-40-1 in six years at Army); he has coached in five bowl games. He also worked 44 games in his various roles at Oregon State.

# FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



## DAVID HANSBURG

Associate AD/  
Coordinator of Football Operations

David Hansburg is now in his second "tour of duty" on the Colorado football staff, as he returned to the Buffalo program in January 2002 as the coordinator of football operations. In his role, he also oversees the administrative side of recruiting. In the summer of 2005, CU's new athletic director Mike Bohn promoted him to an associate athletic director.

Hansburg, 37, held the same position at Colorado for the 1999 season before leaving Boulder for the University of Idaho where he was an assistant coach (safeties) for the Vandals in both 2000 and 2001. He also was the special teams coordinator his second year there under former CU offensive coordinator Tom Cable, who took Hansburg with him when he was named head coach.

He was associated for five years (1994-98) with Northwestern under Gary Barnett, working the first three years as a graduate assistant coach with the defensive backs. He was present for the Wildcats' 1995 and 1996 Big 10 championship seasons, which earned Northwestern appearances in the '96 Rose Bowl and '97 Citrus Bowl. In the spring of '97, he was hired full-time as the coordinator of football operations. He joined Barnett when he moved on to Colorado, and then was retained by Dan Hawkins following the coaching change following the 2005 season.

Hansburg graduated from Amherst (Mass.) College in 1990, where he lettered in football as a free safety and four times in lacrosse (defenseman) while earning his bachelor's degree in history. He earned his master's while working in the football office at Northwestern, receiving his degree in higher education administration in 1996.

He was the head junior high football coach at Dwight-Englewood (N.J.) High School for two years (1990-91), and coordinated the defense there for the varsity lacrosse team for four seasons (1991-94). In 1992, he was named head coach of the varsity football team at DEHS, serving in that capacity for two years. As a head coach, he oversaw the entire program, was the offensive coordinator and worked specifically with the offensive and defensive backs. He was the youngest head coach in the New Jersey High School ranks when he was hired at the age of 23 in 1992.

He was born October 1, 1968 in New York City, and graduated from Roslyn (N.Y.) High School, where he lettered in football, lacrosse and track. He is married to the former Holly Kreiman and they have three children, Paxton (5), Zoe (4) and Quincy (1).



## ROBERT TUCKER

Assistant Director/  
Recruiting & Operations

Robert Tucker is in his first year as the assistant director for football recruiting and operations at the University of Colorado, having joined the CU staff in January 2006, continuing his long association with head coach Dan Hawkins.

Tucker, 32, came to Colorado with Hawkins from Boise State, where he spent five seasons as the Broncos safeties coach and recruiting coordinator. In four of those five seasons, he coached one of his safeties to first-team All-WAC honors, including Quintin Mikell, who was the 2002 Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of

the Year who has gone on to play in the National Football League with the Philadelphia Eagles.

He first joined the Boise State coaching staff in 2000, working as a defensive graduate assistant for the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl champions. He was then promoted to full-time status the next season.

Prior to arriving at Boise State, Tucker served as teamwork coordinator at the University of Oregon for the 1999 season (from June to January), spending most of his time with the Ducks specializing in recruiting.

Tucker graduated from Willamette University in 1997 with a degree in psychology, where he played for Hawkins. He earned four letters in football, playing defensive back, and earned NAIA Honorable Mention All-American honors at safety as a senior in 1996.

His first coaching position came at his alma mater, as for the 1997 and 1998 seasons, he was the assistant defensive backs and defensive line coach, the first year under Hawkins and the next for Mark Speckman. In his two years as an assistant coach, Tucker helped Willamette go 20-4, win a conference championship and advance to the NAIA National Championship game in '97.

Following each of those seasons, from January to June, Tucker crossed the Atlantic and was a player/coach for the semi-pro Molosses team in Asnieres of the French Federation of American Football. Tucker led the team to an overall two-year record of 17-6-1 as the team's head coach, including playing in the 1999 French National Championship. He then moved on to Division I-A football for the first time and joined the Oregon program.

While coaching at Boise State, Tucker earned his master's degree in physical education and athletic administration from Idaho State University in 2001.

He was born July 10, 1974 in Tucson, Ariz., and graduated Grant High School (Sacramento, Calif.) in 1993, where lettered in football and baseball. He is single.



## ANDY AVALOS

Graduate Assistant

Andy Avalos is in his first year as the defensive graduate assistant, joining the Colorado staff in January 2006, shortly after CU hired his college head coach, Dan Hawkins.

He works with most aspects of the defense, but specifically helps linebacker coach Brian Cabral with the outside linebackers.

Avalos, 24, was a teacher and coached football at his prep alma mater, Corona (Calif.) High School, prior to coming to CU.

He graduated with a degree in criminal justice in 2004 from Boise State University, where he lettered four times in football between 2001 and 2004. A three-year starter for the Broncos, Avalos earned All-Western Athletic Conference honors at outside linebacker as a junior and senior. He ended his career fourth all-time in tackles in BSU history with 355, including team-highs of 107 as a sophomore, 113 as a junior and 86 as a senior. He had a 92-yard interception return for a touchdown in BSU's 44-40 loss to No. 10 Louisville in the 2004 Liberty Bowl, a game that Boise State entered undefeated and ranked No. 7 in the nation.

He was born November 5, 1981 in Corona, Calif., and graduated from Corona High School in 2000, where he lettered in football and baseball. In the summer of 2005, he appeared in Gridiron Gang, a movie due out this September in which he was an extra performing football skills. He is single.



## MIKE BABCOCK

### Offensive Technical Intern

Mike Babcock is in his second year as the offensive technical intern on the Colorado staff, as he joined the program in June 2005. He works with the offensive coaches in addition to other administrative chores.

Babcock, 27, came to CU from his alma mater, UCLA, where he spent the last five seasons as a member of the coaching staff. He spent three years (2002-04) as a graduate assistant coach after working the two previous years as an undergraduate assistant coach. He worked with both the offense and defense, working under offensive coordinator Tom Cable (a one-time assistant at Colorado) in 2004.

Babcock played three seasons as an inside linebacker at UCLA, and was a member of the Bruins' 1997 and 1998 Pacific-10 Conference championship teams, which played in the Cotton and Rose bowls, respectively. He earned his bachelor's of arts degree in sociology from UCLA in 2002.

He was born February 13, 1979, in Walnut Creek, Calif., and graduated from Miramonte High School (Orinda, Calif.), where he lettered in football (all-league as a senior) and baseball. He is single.



## DONNELL LEOMITI

### Defensive Technical Intern

Donnell Leomiti is in his second year as the defensive technical intern, as he assumed the role in March 2005, returning to his alma mater to continue working in the football coaching ranks.

Leomiti, 33, joined CU from Boulder High School, where he coached the linebackers for four years while coaching an after school youth program for the Boulder County School District, which he had done since graduating from CU in 1998. The last two years he worked as a counselor for at-risk minority students and low-income families for the Family Learning Center in Boulder.

He completed his playing career in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day 1996, signed as a free agent with the San Francisco but a previous neck injury eventually ruled out his pursuing a pro football career. He returned to CU and finished up his degree in communication in the spring of 1998. He then started coaching, working as an assistant at Denver North High School for two years (1999-2000), also while working his Boulder County job.

Starting out as a receiver at CU, he saw action in 11 games including the Fiesta Bowl as a true freshman in 1992, but was moved to the safety the following year, where he would earn three letters and start at strong safety his junior and senior years. He had 159 career tackles, including 98 as a senior (the third most on the team), along with three interceptions, three fumble recoveries and seven pass deflections. Two of his biggest plays came his junior year (1994): he returned an interception for a touchdown at Missouri and had a key fumble recovery in the fourth quarter at Michigan, a big play in the game now referred to as both "The Miracle in Michigan" and "The Catch."

He was born June 10, 1973 in Santa Ana, Calif., and graduated from Leone High School in Pavaiai, American Samoa, in 1992 where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He was a two-time Ashaa League most valuable player on offense, earning the honor his junior and senior years. He married the former Veronica Barajas in 1996, and the couple has two children, Donnell Jr. (10) and Siliaga (8).



## JOE BEVER

### Administrative Intern

Joe Bever is in his first year as an administrative intern, as he joined the Colorado staff in February 2006. He will shift into the offensive graduate assistant role once enrolled in graduate school, as he will pursue studies in engineering management.

Bever, 25, came to CU from Boise State University, where he worked as a volunteer for the football program for one year. He joined the BSU staff after working in private business (construction) in Boise for a year. He was the quarterback and running backs coach for St. Peter's College (Jersey City, N.J.) for the 2004 season.

He earned his bachelor's degree in finance in 2003 from Clemson University, where lettered as a senior for the Tigers in 2002. A walk-on member of the football team, he was a reserve quarterback for three seasons.

He was born October 23, 1980 in Reedsport, Ore., and graduated from Evergreen High School (Vancouver, Wash.), where he lettered in football and baseball. He is single.



## MARK NOLAN

### Assistant Director/On-Campus Recruiting

Mark Nolan is in his first year as the assistant director for on-campus recruiting, as he officially joined the Colorado staff in June 2006.

Nolan, 33, joined the CU staff from Brophy Prep in Phoenix, Ariz., where he spent the last four years teaching history and was the school's defensive coordinator.

He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Willamette University in 1995, where he lettered four seasons as a defensive back and earning all-conference honors as a senior. He played two seasons under current CU coach Dan Hawkins. He also lettered four times in track (sprints and relays).

He began his coaching career at his alma mater, coaching the defensive line in 1995 and the defensive backs in 1996, both under Hawkins, with one of his players being current CU assistant operations director Robert Tucker that season. He then moved on to Gilbert (Ariz.) High School, where he taught classes (history and physical education) and was the school's defensive coordinator from 1997-2001. He then moved on to Brophy.

He was born October 13, 1973 in Stayton, Ore., and graduated from Stayton High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He is married to the former Aspen Phelps, and they have a daughter, Barrett (3).



**Jean Onaga** is in her 21st year with the Colorado football program, and she handles all secretarial duties for the assistant coaches. She graduated from Kapiolani C.C. in Honolulu, Hawaii, with a degree in business. Onaga's first season with the Buffaloes was in 1986, and she is the longest continuous employee in the football department. A native of Honolulu, she is married (Loren).

**Megan Rogers** is in her first year as the administrative assistant for head coach Dan Hawkins, and her third year overall as an employee in the football office. In her previous role, she worked closely with both the offensive and defensive coordinators and handled almost all the administrative duties in recruiting. She graduated from the University of Colorado in 2002 with a degree in psychology, and as an undergraduate, worked five years as a student equipment manager for the football team.

