

SHAQ BELL

Defensive Back | 5-11 | 178 | Osceola High School, Kissimmee, Fla.

High School: A three-year letterman at Kissimmee-Osceola High School south of Orlando, helped the Kowboys to a 30-10 record over his final three seasons...Played in a senior class that included three D-I signees, including two defensive teammates, a DB expected to sign with Georgia, and DE expected to sign with Louisville... Rated by the Orlando Sentinel the No. 21 overall prospect and No. 6 DB in the Central Florida region... Helped guide his team to the second round of the state playoffs each of his final two years, after a District 4 title and berth in the Florida Class 5A state championship as a sophomore...Replaced his former prep teammate, CSU CB Momo Thomas, as Osceola's do-everything playmaker from 2008-09...A two-year starter, played primarily cornerback and running back...Earned consecutive all-district honors in 2008 and 2009, and all-county recognition as a senior...Started every game in 2009, totaling 39 tackles, one for a Kowboys safety, and six passes broken up, as well as one blocked punt...Also started every contest as a junior, when the Kowboys were 8-4; had 53 tackles, one interception and six PBUs...Head football coach was Jeff Rolson...Also ran track for the Kowboys...Owns a 3.14 GPA...Has 4.51-second speed in the 40-yard dash.

Personal: Given name Shaquille C. Bell...Nicknamed Shaq and Kisti...Born Aug. 27, 1992, in Kissimmee, Fla. ...Mother is Bertia Williams... Has an older sister ...Older brother, T'Sharvan, is a DB at Auburn...Momo Thomas, his teammate again at Colorado State, also considers him a brother, having grown up with him...All three contributed to a district title and berth in the Florida Class 5A state championship in 2007...Cousin, Bobby Sippio, played at Western Kentucky, in the Arena League, and with the Kansas City Chiefs and Detroit Lions...Undecided on a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Kissimmee, Fla.

BERNARD BLAKE

Defensive Back | 6-0 | 177 | Bastrop High School; Bastrop, Texas

High School: A four-year letterman at Bastrop (Texas) High School, east of Austin, played exclusively on defense his final two years...A first-team all-district and all-CenTex DB as a senior, garnered Bastrop County Defensive Player of the Year honors, leading the Bears to a 9-2 mark and the state playoffs, turning around a program that had combined to go 6-24 over the previous three seasons...Also in 2009 received all-state recognition from Rivals.com (second-team) and the Associated Press (honorable mention), in Texas' highest classification, 5A; was listed next to a prospect expected to sign with the University of Texas on the Rivals team...Blocked three kicks in 2009, along with 49 tackles (one for a safety), 12 passes broken up, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and two INTs...Served as a team captain his junior year, when he was honorable mention on the all-district team, with 41 stops, nine PBUs, two INTs and one forced fumble ...Also lettered two years in track entering his senior campaign, and played basketball...Head football coaches were Gerald Perry, David Halbrook and Ron Schroeder...Earned academic all-district honors with a 3.52 GPA...Has 4.51 speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by TCU, Colorado, UTEP, Texas-San Antonio, North Texas and Air Force.

Personal: Given name Bernard Maurice Blake Jr. ...Born Feb. 28, 1992, in Austin, Texas...Son of Charlotte Garrett and Bernard Blake Sr. ...Has two older sisters and a younger brother...Cousin, Raymond Long, played football at Trinity Valley CC and Tarleton State...Interested in education as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Bastrop, Texas.

JAMES BOONE

Wide Receiver | 6-1 | 183 | St. Cloud High School; St. Cloud, Fla.

High School: The No. 6 wide receiver and No. 29 overall prospect on the Orlando Sentinel's all-Central Florida Top 100...A four-year letterman at St. Cloud High School outside Orlando, established the Osceola County records for receptions in a career and season...Played quarterback, running back, cornerback and safety, but excelled as a wideout, authoring back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons to close his prep career...Earned three consecutive first-team all-Orange Belt Conference and all-Osceola County selections (2007-09), and two straight offensive team MVP awards, for a Bulldogs squad that went 16-7 from 2008-09...Combined as a junior and senior, had 115 catches for 2,227 yards (19.4 avg.) and 15 TDs, including four of 80-or-more yards...Scored nearly 30 career touchdowns, 11 on the ground...The county Offensive Player of the Year (Osceola News-Gazette) as a senior, also earned first-team all-state, first-team all-Central Florida (Orlando Sentinel), and Pinellas County/Florida Athletic Coaches Association first-team all-district honors, helping St. Cloud to a runner-up finish in its district...On SCHS's initial 2009 snap, against Osceola, caught an 84-yard TD...Also completed 1-of-3 passes in 2009, while as a ball carrier, mostly on direct snaps out of the Wildcat formation, had 68 attempts for 540 yards (8.0 avg.) and nine TDs, including a 61-yard burst in a 28-21 win over Harmony...In the air, caught 58 passes for 1,003 yards (17.3 avg.), with seven TDs, including 86-, 84-, and 80-yard strikes...In the first round of the playoffs against Lake Gibson, finished his prep career with 12 catches for 214 yards and two TDs, the nation's sixth-best performance by a receiver that weekend...Also topped 200 yards, caught two TDs, and ran for a 61-yard score out of the wildcat in a 28-21 win over Harmony to vault the Bulldogs into the playoffs...Found the end zone 18 times in 2009, and scored 110 points, including a kick-return touchdown and two-point conversion...Caught another TD in the Central Florida All-Star Game...As a junior, led SCHS to a 9-2 record and a 3A/District 7 championship, garnering second-team all-state and second-team all-Central Florida honors (Orlando Sentinel)...Completed his only pass in 2008, averaged 4.2 yards on 19 carries (79 yards) with two TDs, and caught 57 passes for 1,224 yards (21.5 avg.), including

eight TDs, the longest of which was an 82-yard bomb to help dispatch Eustis...Also made 27 tackles as a DB and broke up four passes, in addition to returning kickoffs...Picked off seven passes and made 34 tackles as a sophomore, playing primarily on defense, but still combined for 802 yards and five TDs from scrimmage...Began high school as a 5-foot-7 running back before hitting a growth spurt...A three-sport athlete, lettered every year in basketball and began running track as a junior...Head football coach was Mark Jackson...Has 4.45-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Owns a 3.2 GPA...Also recruited by Florida, Florida State, Missouri, South Florida, Central Florida and Western Kentucky.

Personal: Given name James Boone...Nicknamed Mae Mae...Born Jan. 25, 1992, in Newburgh, N.Y. ...Son of Alexis Camacho...Has an older brother, older sister and younger brother...Cousin, Jihad Morris, was a cornerback at Western Kentucky...Interested in criminal justice or business as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: St. Cloud, Fla.

BOBBY BORCKY

Athlete | 6-2 | 190 | Lake Highland Prep; Orlando, Fla.

High School: The No. 4 quarterback and No. 34 overall prospect on the Orlando Sentinel's Central Florida Top 100, also played running back, wide receiver and cornerback as a four-year letterman...Accounted for 60 touchdowns and 5,301 yards from scrimmage in his career at Lake Highland Prep in Orlando, a program that produced NFL player Max Starks (Steelers)...A two-year team captain, earned consecutive all-state and all-district selections as a junior and senior...Threw for 2,313 yards and 25 touchdowns in three years as a passer, and finished his career with 34 TDs and 2,565 yards on the ground...As a senior, led the Highlanders to a 10-2 record and the second round of the Florida 2B playoffs, where they lost to the eventual state runner-up...Earned 2009 all-state, all-county and all-district recognition, in addition to a spot in the Orlando Sentinel's top 25 quarterbacks in all of Florida...Passed for 1,094 yards and 12 touchdowns, and ran for 560 yards and 11 more scores as LHP finished second in its loaded district...As a junior, garnered all-state and all-district honors after averaging better than 11 yards per carry (1,130 yards) and scoring 14 rushing touchdowns; also completed 61 percent of his passes for 762 yards and nine scores in 2008...Neared 1,000 yards on the ground as a sophomore, racking up 875, and ran for nine TDs, while throwing for 457 yards and four TDs...Lettered as a freshman wide receiver in 2006, with 423 receiving yards and one TD...Also lettered in track and weight lifting...Head football coach was Tim Borcky, his father...Owns a 3.1 GPA...Has 4.5-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by Air Force, Navy, Rutgers, Georgia Tech, Syracuse, Army, Mississippi State and Memphis.

Personal: Given name Robert Tyler Borcky...Nicknamed Bobby...Born Dec. 11, 1991, in Memphis, Tenn. ...Parents are Tim and Marie Anne Borcky...Has one older brother, T.J., his teammate again at Colorado State...Father, Tim, was an offensive tackle at Memphis State who was drafted in the seventh round of the 1988 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills...Three uncles also played college football, Dennis Borcky (Memphis State), Kevin Borcky (Memphis State) and Paul Borcky (Syracuse)...Dennis also played in the NFL, for the New York Giants...Another uncle, Rich Borcky, played basketball at Millersville College...Aunt, Anne Borcky, played basketball at Holy Cross, and another aunt, Patty Borcky, played basketball and volleyball at Wilmington...Plans to major in business at Colorado State...Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

NORDLY CAPI

Defensive Line | 6-3 | 242 | Ocoee High School; Ocoee, Fla.

High School: Ranked No. 93 on the Orlando Sentinel's Central Florida Top 100...A two-year starter at Ocoee (Fla.) High School west of Orlando, played defensive end, linebacker and tight end...Collected 24 sacks in only 19 games from 2008-09...Used his unusual speed for a defensive lineman to return fumbles for touchdowns of 80-plus yards on two occasions...Established the single-season school record with 15 sacks as a senior, en route to first-team all-district, all-Orange County and defensive team MVP honors...A team captain in 2009, led Ocoee to a 7-4 record, turning around a program that had finished 2-8 the year before...Totaled 83 tackles as a senior, with two passes batted down, one forced fumble, a blocked punt and a fumble recovery, in which he returned for a school-record 81-yard touchdown in a 29-7 win over Wekiva...Had four sacks in final prep game, 34-9 triumph over Orlando Cypress Creek...Entered the offensive game plan in conference finale against highly ranked Apopka, taking a carry 48 yards for a touchdown (had two carries for 65 yards on the year)...Dropped the passer in seven of the Knights' 11 games...As a junior, played just eight contests, but still compiled nine sacks, among 82 tackles, with two forced fumbles, one blocked kick and two fumble recoveries, including an 80-yard touchdown return...Has 4.72-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Also competed in track and field, basketball and water polo...Head football coach was Clint Moles...Also recruited by Illinois, Marshall and Jacksonville State.

Personal: Given name Nordly Capi...Last name is pronounced KAPP-ee...Unique first name translates to mean strength...Nicknamed Cap...Born July 11, 1992, in Orlando, Fla. ...Son of Windia St. Fluer...Has two older brothers and an older sister; also has a younger sister...Sister, Nagela, plays basketball at Hill College...Interested in communication as a major at Colorado State...Contemplating a career as a firefighter after his playing career...Hometown: Ocoee, Fla.

KIVON CARTWRIGHT

Tight End | 6-4 | 215 | Pueblo South High School; Pueblo, Colo.

High School: A three-sport athlete, played football and basketball, and also ran track at Pueblo (Colo.) South High School, a program that also produced CSU All-American and NFL Draft selection Anthony Cesario...Follows in the footsteps of another CSU TE from Pueblo, Kory Sperry, who now plays in the NFL; Pueblo also produced Earl (Dutch) Clark, a charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame...Limited by a knee injury and an offense that rarely used its tight end strategically, did not play most of his senior season...An all-city and first-team all-conference selection, combined with his brother to help PSHS to consecutive undefeated regular seasons (2007-08) and back-to-back Foothills Conference championships, before the Colts bowed out in the early rounds of the Class 4A playoffs each season...As a linebacker in 2008, topped 100 tackles and earned honorable-mention all-state recognition...Also lettered three years in basketball...Has 4.6-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Owns a 3.65 GPA...Also recruited by Wyoming and Air Force.

Personal: Given name Kivon DeAnte Cartwright...Nicknamed Kiki...First name is pronounced KEE-vonn...Born March 3, 1992, in Oahu, Hawaii...Son of Pam Cartwright...Has two older brothers and two younger sisters...Both brothers, John and DaQuan (a current wide receiver), played football at CSU-Pueblo...Interested in civil engineering as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Pueblo, Colo.

THOMAS COFFMAN

Wide Receiver | 5-10 | 170 | Stephen F. Austin High School; Austin, Texas

High School: Compared by many analysts to New England Patriots receiver Wes Welker, was a dangerous playmaker at Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin, Texas, playing wide receiver and defensive back, in addition to returning punts and kickoffs...A four-sport athlete, excelled in football, where he was a first-team all-district 5A-25, third-team all-state (5ATexasFootball.com), third-team all-Central Texas and honorable mention all-state selection as a senior captain...In 2009, caught 82 passes for 1,098 yards and 10 TDs...Had four multi-TD games, including six grabs for 193 yards and a pair of scores in a 34-31 win over Harker Heights...Also returned four punts (17.3 avg.), including a 60-yarder against rival Anderson, and averaged 26.1 yards on nine kickoff returns during the '09 season...Caught just more than 30 passes for nearly 400 yards as a junior...Played one game at QB in 2008 and completed 16 of 27 passes for 199 yards, all against rival Connally, in a 25-21 win...Also lettered in basketball, wrestling and track, playing each sport since his freshman season...As a sophomore wrestler, was the District 25 champion and qualified for regionals...As a junior, served as a wrestling captain and qualified for state...Has 4.53 speed in the 40-yard dash...Owns a 3.0 GPA...Football coaches were Larry Don Williams and Rodney Vincent...Lined up opposite fellow CSU signee and 2009 all-district DB Bernard Blake (Bastrop HS) during high school...High school also produced former Colorado Rockies manager and AL MVP Don Baylor, as well as broadcaster Verne Lundquist and former first daughters Barbara and Jenna Bush...Also recruited by Baylor, Rice, SMU, TCU, Texas and Texas Tech.

Personal: Given name Thomas Coffman...Born April 4, 1991, in Austin, Texas...Son of Tom and Roxan Coffman...Older brother, Chuck, played at Texas Tech in the late 1980s...Father graduated from Texas Tech and mother from Texas...Interested in studying real estate at CSU, and already is close to earning his real-estate license...Family friend and advisor is former Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini...Also has worked as a ranch hand and lifeguard...Hometown: Austin, Texas.

TONY DRAKE

Running Back | 5-8 | 176 | Skyline High School; Dallas, Texas

High School: Rated the No. 8 all-purpose back in the nation and No. 53 overall prospect in talent-rich Texas by Rivals.com...Called by Tom Lemming (USA Today Super 25) the No. 25 tailback/slotback in the country...A three-year starter for a perennial state power, Dallas Skyline (one of Texas' largest high schools), played mostly as a running back, but also saw time as a wide receiver in his career, scoring more than 50 touchdowns...Helped the Raiders advance deep into the 64-team playoffs each of his final three seasons, including consecutive appearances (2007-08) in the regional final...An all-state honorable mention and second-team all-district choice in 2009, ran for 1,373 yards, averaging 8.6 yards per carry with 13 touchdowns, helping the 14-1 Raiders capture their district title and advance to the fourth round of the Texas 5A Division I playoffs...Ran for 126 yards and a touchdown in 41-36 playoff victory over DeSoto...Also registered 12 receptions for 119 yards in '09...One of 18 players in his senior class to receive a scholarship offer, joined Division I signees who will play at Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Air Force and Cal, among other schools, playing for a school that has produced several NFL players as well as gold-medalist sprinter Michael Johnson and former NBA all-star Larry Johnson...As a junior, was Skyline's second-leading rusher, behind James White, an Iowa State signee and 1,000-yard rusher who earned consecutive all-district selections in 2007-08...Had 429 yards on 55 carries (7.8 avg.) and seven catches for 73 yards in 2008, on a 12-2 team that fell just two games shy of the state title contest...The year before, 2007, was an all-district selection as a sophomore for a Skyline club that also reached the state's Elite Eight...The Raiders' second-leading receiver in '07, combined for better than 1,800 rushing and receiving yards, averaging 10.5 yards per touch, and scored 32 touchdowns...Head football coach was Reginald Samples...Has 4.35-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by Michigan, Boise State, Colorado, Kansas, Mississippi, TCU, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tulsa, Kansas State, Utah and Wake Forest.

Personal: Given name Tony Lakeith Drake Jr. ...Nicknamed Lil Tony...Born July 1, 1991, in Dallas, Texas...Parents are Tony Sr. and Jacqueline...Has two older sisters...Interested in graphic design as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Dallas, Texas.

CHARLES FAVORS

Linebacker | 6-1 | 235 | Dr. Phillips High School; Orlando, Fla.

High School: The No. 2-ranked linebacker in Central Florida (Orlando Sentinel) behind only a five-star recruit (the No. 2 LB in the nation according to Rivals.com)...Was called the 11th-best overall prospect in the region, the No. 13 linebacker in all of Florida and the state's No. 86 overall prospect regardless of position...A two-time all-state selection at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, established the Panthers' record for career tackles early in his senior season, playing for a program that has sent more than 75 players to the next level since its inception in 1987...Voted by teammates the DPHS Defensive MVP in both 2008 and '09, and earned MVP honors at the Florida Athletic Coaches Association North-South All-Star Game...A middle linebacker, helped the Panthers to three straight berths in the second round of the state playoffs, and consecutive district and conference titles (2008-09)...Team combined to go 21-3 over his final two seasons...Earned all-Orange County honors as a senior, when the 11-1 Panthers registered a school record in wins before bowing out in the second round of the Florida 6A playoffs in a 58-52, five-overtime loss to Apopka ...In 2009, broke the school's career tackles mark in Week 2 against Kissimmee Osceola and new CSU teammate Shaq Bell, en route to 132 stops, seven behind the line of scrimmage, two passes broken up, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery...As a junior all-state player, had a single-season school-record 151 tackles, including a single-game school mark 22 in a playoff contest...Played with new CSU teammate Nico Ranieri in 2008, contributing three sacks, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and a pair of blocked field goals in helping to lead DPHS to a 10-2 record and the second round of the 6A state playoffs...Lettered three years, playing fullback and defensive line in addition to his linebacking duties... Also lettered in track and weightlifting...Head football coaches were Dale Salapa and Kevin Pettis...Has 4.84-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by Michigan, Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisville, Rutgers, Wake Forest, West Virginia, Mississippi State, South Florida, Eastern Michigan and Western Kentucky.

Personal: Given name Charles Edward Favors III...Born March 28, 1992, in Orlando, Fla. ...Son of Charles II and Egeria Meus...Has two older brothers and one younger brother...Uncle, Phillip Hales, played at Alabama A&M...Interested in a business major at Colorado State...Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

MARVIN FORD

Running Back | 5-9 | 185 | Dr. Phillips High School; Orlando, Fla.

High School: Ranked as the No. 4 running back and No. 49 overall prospect on the Central Florida Top 100...A four-year letterman and two-year team captain, started at running back for Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, helping the Panthers to consecutive district and conference titles and a combined 21-3 record over his final two seasons...Also played defensive end and fullback, and returned kickoffs...Earned all-Metro Conference honors as a senior, when the 11-1 Panthers registered a school record in wins before bowing out in the second round of the Florida 6A playoffs in a 58-52, five-overtime loss to Apopka...In 2009 on offense, ran for 10 touchdowns and 798 yards on 114 carries, and caught five passes for 101 yards...A starter in only three games on defense as a senior, still notched three forced fumbles and four sacks, including a fourth-down sack in DPHS' 23-22 victory over Olympia in the Florida regional quarterfinals; earned Apex Player of the Game honors for his efforts... Earlier, scored three touchdowns to help defeat Gateway, clinching the Panthers' third district title in four years and clinch home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs ...As a junior, played with new CSU teammate Nico Ranieri, helping to lead DPHS to a 10-2 record and the second round of the 6A state playoffs...In 2008, just missed 1,000 yards rushing, with 904 yards on 109 carries and 12 TDs, including a 72-yard score...Also caught nine passes for 140 yards...As a sophomore, had 594 yards on 54 carries (11.0 avg.) and six TDs, and two grabs for 45 yards...Battled injury as a freshman, but still ran for five touchdowns and 315 yards on 22 carries...Also lettered three years in track, where he won a 2009 district championship in the long jump...Has 4.4-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Head football coaches were Dale Salapa and Kevin Pettis...Also recruited by Cincinnati, Miami (Fla.), North Carolina, Marshall, Bowling Green, Central Florida, The Citadel, Florida State, South Florida, Purdue and Notre Dame.

Personal: Given name Marvin Tyrone Ford...Nicknamed Kody and JT...Son of Charles A. Ford III and Shavonda Campbell...Step father is Thomas Lewis...Has an older brother and five younger siblings, two more brothers and three sisters...Brother, Charles Ford, plays basketball at Santa Fe College...Interested in studying sports management at Colorado State...Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

JOHN FROLAND

Defensive Line | 6-5 | 250 | Glacier Peak High School; Snohomish, Wash.

High School: Rated by Rivals.com the No. 9 overall prospect in Washington, and the No. 60 defensive tackle in the nation...Earned first-team all-state selections on both offensive and defensive lines as a senior, and first-team all-state honors on defense as a junior, playing his final two seasons at Glacier Peak High School in Snohomish, Wash., about 30 miles northeast of Seattle...Helped inaugurate the football program at a school that opened in 2008...A two-year starter on both lines of scrimmage, played offensive tackle, defensive end and defensive tackle ...As a blind-side offensive tackle, allowed just two sacks in two years as a starter,

protecting a QB that threw for 3,322 yards and 34 TDs in '09...Was among the oldest on his team for two seasons (the school did not have a senior class in its first year; member of GPHS' first graduating class)...The North Puget Sound Area Defensive Player of the Year (Everett Herald) as a senior, was all-state on both sides of the ball, helping the second-year Grizzlies to the Class 3A state quarterfinals and a 9-3 record...In 2009, finished second on the team and ranked among Washington state leaders at his position with 42 tackles; also had 13 stops behind the line of scrimmage, three forced fumbles and three passes batted down, but only one sack as opponents double- and triple-teamed him all season...An occasional power back, also had two carries for 5 yards and one TD...During the playoffs, made critical plays in helping GPHS win a double-OT contest one week, then defeat a previously unbeaten team the next before bowing out to the state's top-ranked program, Bellevue...Also invited to the state's all-star game...As a junior, started on both sides of the ball and led the 5-5 Grizzlies to a playoff berth in their first season, earning first-team all-state honors as a defender, and first-team all-Wesco Conference recognition as both an offensive and defensive lineman...Spent his sophomore season at Snohomish High School, lettering for a team that went 9-2 and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs...Began high school as a freshman at Seattle O'Dea, where he played football and lettered in track...Also earned all-state and all-area honors in track...With his 3.96 GPA, was academic all-conference in both football and track, in addition to several other academic honors...Can run the 40-yard dash in 5.0 seconds...Head football coaches were Rory Rosenbach (GPHS), Mark Perry (Snohomish) and Monte Kohler (O'Dea)...Also recruited by Northwestern, New Mexico and Air Force, but not highly recruited because 2-year-old GPHS was not yet in most college databases, according to coaches.

Personal: Given name John Michael Froland...Nicknamed J-Fro...Born Oct. 6, 1991, in Seattle, Wash. ...Parents are Curtis Froland and Kristie Buchanan...Has a younger sister...Cousin, Garth Enger, was an offensive lineman at Montana...Another cousin, Grant Enger, is an offensive lineman at Oregon State...Enjoys several types of hunting, including bear, in addition to fishing, skiing and snowboarding in his spare time; built his own boat as a teenager...Plans to major in construction management at Colorado State...Hometown: Snohomish, Wash.

CROCKETT GILLMORE

Tight End | 6-6 | 235 | Bushland High School; Bushland, Texas

High School: Garnered first-team all-district honors as both a wide receiver and defensive end, in multiple years at both positions, at Bushland (Texas) High School, near Amarillo in the Texas panhandle...Was a four-year starter for a program that began in his freshman year; helped team win 34 of its 38 games over his final three seasons...The first 1,000-yard receiver in school history, caught a BHS record 22 TD passes as a senior, and also racked up 26 career sacks on the defensive front...Caught at least one TD in 13 consecutive games, from 2008-09...A team captain in 2009, guided the Falcons to the Texas Class 2A Division II state championship game, where BHS sustained its season's only loss to finish 15-1...Had 45 catches for 1,142 yards (25.4 avg.) and 22 scores – one TD for every two receptions – to earn 2009 honorable-mention all-state, first-team all-district, the Golden Spread 2A-3A Player of the Year, and the Amarillo Globe-News Offensive Player of the Year...Defensively, picked up Class 1-2A Defensive MVP honors (Rivals.com), first-team all-district, and first-team all-Golden Spread honors, collecting 88 tackles, nine sacks, three passes broken up, four fumble recoveries and one interception...In 2008, again earned first-team all-district and all-Golden Spread honors as a wide receiver, helping BHS to a 10-1 record with 35 receptions for 644 yards and 14 TDs...Also secured first-team all-state, first-team all-district and all-Golden Spread recognition as a defensive end, where he had 81 tackles, nine sacks, eight passes batted down, three fumble recoveries and five forced fumbles...As a sophomore in 2007, received first-team all-district and all-Golden Spread honors on defense, sparking the Falcons to a 9-2 mark with 67 tackles, five sacks, one INT and five forced fumbles...Saw limited offensive action as a freshman and sophomore, picking up 12 combined catches and six TD...Had three sacks, six interceptions and three fumble recoveries as a freshman...A four-sport athlete, also lettered three times in basketball, twice in track and twice in wrestling (had planned to continue participation in wrestling and track as a senior)...The district high-jump champion in 2009, he took home first-team all-district honors in 2009, and second-team all-district in 2008...Head football coach was David Flowers...Has 4.72 speed in the 40-yard dash...Gained 25 pounds after his junior season...Also recruited by Missouri, New Mexico, TCU, UTEP, Oklahoma State and Utah.

Personal: Given name Crockett Allen Gillmore...Born Nov. 16, 1991, in Amarillo, Texas...Son of Phil and Rose Gillmore...Has three older brothers and one younger sister... Follows new Colorado State teammate Weston Richburg from Bushland to the Rams...Has worked construction during the summer months...Interested in business and education as areas of study at Colorado State...Hometown: Bushland, Texas.

GARRETT GRAYSON

Quarterback | 6-2 | 200 | Heritage High School; Vancouver, Wash.

High School: The No. 22-ranked all-purpose quarterback in the nation and No. 17 overall prospect from the state of Washington (Rivals.com)...Appeared three times as both the first-team quarterback in his conference and the first-team quarterback in his region, at Heritage High School in Vancouver, Wash., just across the Oregon border from Portland...Broke most of Washington's Class 4A state passing records, and had the nation's highest completion percentage as a senior, 73.2 percent...Topped 10,000 yards in total offense during his prep career...Garnered consecutive Greater St. Helens League MVP honors, in 2008 and '09...A three-year starting quarterback and three-year letterwinner, also played free safety, cornerback and wide receiver, and served two seasons as a team

captain...Guided the Timberwolves to three straight Class 4A playoff berths and a GSHL championship in 2008...His conference's Player of the Year in 2009, completed 73.2 percent of his passes (238-for-325), for 2,720 yards, with 18 TD and only five INT...Also as a senior, averaged 8.2 yards on 117 carries (958 yards), with nine TDs, and caught two passes for 22 yards and a 20-yard TD...Among his top games in 2009, led the Timberwolves to a critical 30-29 conference win over Kelso with 361 yards, among national leaders that weekend, on 32-of-41 passing, with three TDs...Three of his team's losses as a senior were by a combined 12 points...As a junior, received his first GSHL MVP and guided HHS to a league title by throwing for 3,129 yards, connecting on 69.2 percent of his passes (236-for-341), with 18 TD and 11 INT...Also in 2008, had 541 yards on 75 carries (7.2 avg.), with three TDs...Threw to a Division I receiver and was protected by a Division I offensive lineman in 2008...Went 7-3 in his first year as a starter, 2007, completing 72.9 percent of his passes (186-for-255) with 23 TDs and eight INTs, in addition to 318 yards on 38 carries (8.4 avg.), with three TDs...Also played basketball (three letters), serving as a team captain and averaging 6.7 points per game, and ran track (four), winning district titles in both the 300- and 110-meter hurdles...Runs the 40-yard dash in 4.63 seconds...Earned academic all-conference honors in all three sports, with a 3.1 GPA...Head football coach was Nate Becksted...Also recruited by Notre Dame, Oregon, Tennessee, Louisville, Miami (Ohio), Idaho State and Eastern Washington.

Personal: Given name Garrett Bradley Grayson...Nicknamed G-Man...Born May 29, 1991, in Vancouver, Wash. ...Parents are Brad and Jody Grayson...Has an older sister...Uncle, Danny Grayson, was an All-American linebacker at Washington State, selected in the seventh round of the 1990 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers...Undecided on a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Vancouver, Wash.

CHARLES GREEN

Defensive Line | 6-2 | 221 | Seminole High School; Sanford, Fla.

High School: Rated No. 53 on the Orlando Sentinel's all-Central Florida team as a senior, helped the Seminole Seminoles in Sanford, Fla., north of Orlando, go 21-5 over his final two seasons, including a 2008 state championship...A three-year letterman, played both offensive and defensive lines, serving one year as a full-time starter and team captain (both in 2009) for a program that has produced several NFL players, including QB Jeff Blake, LB D'Qwell Jackson and C Jeff Faine...As a senior, garnered second-team all-conference honors by leading a 9-3 team in sacks (six), among 59 tackles, including a season-high 10 against DeLand, a Class 6A finalist...Additionally registered a safety, forced three fumbles and recovered three others, one of which he returned 28 yards for a touchdown, helping SHS to the region semifinals...One of five Division I signees from his senior class...As a junior, played for a Seminole team that went 13-2 and knocked off Miami Northwestern to capture the 2008 Florida Class 6A championship; backed up an eventual Division I signee at defensive end, and played with two five-star recruits, the No. 1-ranked athlete in the nation, Ray Ray Armstrong (Miami), and the country's No. 2 receiver, Andre Debose (Florida)...Also played basketball, averaging six points and 10 rebounds per game...Head football coach was Mike Cullison...Has exceptional upper- and lower-body strength, and sheer speed, with 4.6-second speed in the 40-yard dash...School also produced World Series MVP David Eckstein...Also recruited by Central Florida, New Mexico, East Carolina, Tulane, North Alabama, Tennessee-Chattanooga and Middle Tennessee State.

Personal: Given name Charles Anthony Green...Born April 28, 1991, in Sanford, Fla. ...Parents are Fredrick and Celeste Thompson...Has a younger brother and younger sister...Uncle, Daniel Johnson, played football at College of the Sequoias...Interested in criminal justice as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Sanford, Fla.

VANCE GREEN

Linebacker | 6-0 | 211 | Gilmer High School; Gilmer, Texas

High School: A breakneck running back and linebacker, ran the 100 meters in 10.6 seconds at Gilmer (Texas) High School in a town of less than 6,000 on the East Texas plains...Lettered four years and started three for a powerhouse program that went 15-0 in 2009, 12-2 in 2008 and 14-1 in 2007, advancing to two state title games...Helped the Buckeyes win 24 of his final 25 games, including the 2009 Texas 3A championship; Gilmer's only loss in that stretch was the 3A state semifinal game in 2008...As a senior, filled a key void in the offensive backfield over the season's final eight games, replacing the team's injured starting tailback...Averaged 12.4 yards per carry in 2009 (63 attempts, 780 yards), with six TDs, for a team that scored 35 or more points in all 15 contests...Also had 15 receptions for 170 yards and another TD, as well as 29 tackles and a fumble recovery as a linebacker in the 3-4...Played primarily on defense as a junior in 2008, helping GHS to a state semifinal finish, with a team-leading 141 tackles, one interception and two fumble recoveries to earn second on his team in MVP voting...Also had better than 100 tackles as a sophomore linebacker in 2007, earning all-state honors as the Buckeyes advanced to the Texas 3A championship...As a freshman, lettered as a reserve linebacker for a 10-1 team in 2006...Played for a program that has produced two NFL players, Kenny Pettway and Manuel Johnson, and dozens of current and former Division I players...Was one of five Division I signees from his senior class alone...Has 4.48-second speed in the 40-yard dash...A letterman in track, also earned all-district honors and qualified for regionals as a sprinter...Head football coach was Jeff Traylor.

Personal: Given name Vance Cortez Green...Nicknamed Tez...Born July 10, 1992, in Tyler, Texas...Son of Devlyn and Keith Harris...Interested in computer technology as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Gilmer, Texas.

MASON HATHAWAY

Offensive Line | 6-5 | 270 | Carroll High School; Southlake, Texas

High School: A unanimous first-team all-district selection competing in Texas' largest classification, helped lead Carroll High School, in the DFW Metroplex, to a district title and the third round of the Class 5A Region I state playoffs...Awarded three stars by Rivals.com, who ranked him the No. 80 offensive tackle in the nation...Was the only offensive lineman from his 2009 CHS team to earn an FBS scholarship, joining teammates that signed with Alabama, Texas Tech, Houston, Miami (Fla.) and Tulsa...Joins a group of Carroll football alumni that includes Chase Daniel (Missouri/New Orleans Saints), Greg McElroy (Alabama), Scott Chandler (Iowa/New York Giants), Garrett Hartley (Oklahoma/New Orleans Saints), Kris Brown (Nebraska/Houston Texans) and McKay Jacobson (BYU)...Started only one season, backing up all-state selection Matt Boyles as an underclassman...However, in that senior campaign, also garnered first-team all-area recognition (Fort Worth Star-Telegram Area Super Team), and mention in the Star-Telegram Top 50, the Dallas Morning News Metroplex Top 100, and Dave Campbell's Texas Football/maxpreps.com Top 300 in Texas...Additionally, ESPN Rise selected him as one of 26 all-combine players among 900 in attendance at the 2009 Nike Dallas Combine...Led the Dragons' offensive line in overall point production, including all three playoff contests...Did not allow a sack during the 13-game season (more than 400 passing plays) for an offense that threw for 3,675 yards and 29 TDs, protecting a QB that could eventually replace Case Keenum at Houston...Helped lead Carroll to a double-overtime win over Allen in the second round of the playoffs at Dallas Cowboys Stadium in front of 45,000 fans...Also served as team captain and offseason training program captain...Lettered twice in football and also threw the shot in track...Recognized on the Texas All-Scholastic Team in 2009 (Randy Rodgers Recruiting) with a 3.5 GPA...Top time in the 40-yard dash is 5.07... Head football coach was Hal Wasson...Recruited by Arkansas, Iowa State, Kansas State, Missouri, Northwestern, Oklahoma State, Purdue, San Diego State, Tulane, Tulsa, UTEP, Rice, Mississippi State and Wyoming.

Personal: Given name Mason L. Hathaway...Born Jan. 29, 1992, in Germantown, Wis. ...Parents are Craig and Dawn Hathaway...Has an older sister...Interested in construction management as a Colorado State major...Hometown: Southlake, Texas.

MARQUIS HOOD

Linebacker | 6-0 | 203 | Dr. Phillips High School; Orlando, Fla.

High School: Served as a team captain and started at outside linebacker for Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, helping the Panthers to consecutive district and conference titles and a combined 21-3 record over his final two seasons...Earned all-Orange County honors as a senior, when the 11-1 Panthers registered a school record in wins before bowing out in the second round of the Florida 6A playoffs in a 58-52, five-overtime loss to Apopka...In 2009, had 103 tackles, seven for loss, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries, earning selection to the Orange County All-Star Game...Voted player of the game after a 38-9 triumph over Evans and new CSU teammate Najee James...As a junior, played with new CSU teammate Nico Ranieri, helping to lead DPHS to a 10-2 record and the second round of the 6A state playoffs...Had 67 tackles, two sacks, two passes broken up and three forced fumbles in 2008, his first year as a starter...Has 4.64-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Head football coaches were Dale Salapa and Kevin Pettis...Also recruited by The Citadel, Michigan State, Marshall, Florida Atlantic and Northern Illinois.

Personal: Given name Marquis Jamal Hood...Born Aug. 6, 1991, in Ft. Myers, Fla. ...Parents are Mia Rogers and James Hood...Has an older sister, a younger brother and younger sister...Cousin is former first-round draft choice Phillip Buchanon, a 10th-year NFL veteran now with the Lions...Interested in studying criminal justice at Colorado State...Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

JAY JAMES

Wide Receiver | 6-3 | 215 | Jones High School; Orlando, Fla.

High School: Went to five high schools in two states during his four years of high school, moving from Georgia to Florida as a freshman...Played wide receiver, quarterback, running back and free safety for three programs in the Orlando area, earning three total letters...Was ineligible and didn't play his junior year (2008), although he drew serious recruiting attention after earning MVP honors at a skills camp in Chapel Hill, N.C., and attending a Nike camp in Tallahassee, Fla., following that 2008 season...Attended three high schools as a senior...Began the '09 season at Orlando Colonial, where his brother, current CSU player C.J. James, played in 2008...Because schools didn't have much film on him since he missed the '08 campaign, opted to transfer early in the '09 season from Colonial to Jones, whose coach, former University of Miami and Redskins, Browns and Broncos fullback Kenard Lang, featured a passing attack that would throw the ball more often...But due to state transfer rules, unexpectedly had to sit out most of the '09 season, and wound up seeing only limited action at Jones late in the year...As a result of the transfer rules, played sparingly at both schools, combining for 28 tackles and six sacks on the defensive side, and eight catches for 119 yards as a receiver...Saw his JHS season ended in the first round of the Class 2A state playoffs by eventual state champion Cocoa...With Colonial earlier in the year, posted a 15-tackle effort...After the season, transferred again to Oak Ridge, in order to graduate from the school where his mother teaches English ...Before transferring and sitting out his junior campaign, as a sophomore at Orlando Olympia caught 17 passes for 238 yards and a pair of TDs, in addition to 24 tackles...Played home games in the Florida Citrus Bowl...Head football coaches in Orlando were

Bob Head, Steve Breitbeil and Kenard Lang...Was a team captain...Also lettered three years in basketball...Owns 4.45 speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by Auburn, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, South Carolina and Central Florida.

Personal: Given name Joshua Nicholas James...Nicknamed Jay and The Jet...Born Nov. 14, 1991, in Savannah, Ga. ...Son of Daniel Jr. and Vanessa...Has an older sister and an older brother, C.J., a defensive lineman on the Colorado State roster...Father, Daniel, has coached at all levels of football, including with the Arena Football League's D.C. Armor and the United Football League's Florida Tuskers, as well as Division II St. Paul's College...Plans to major in theater at CSU...Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

NAJEE JAMES

Defensive Back | 6-0 | 187 | Evans High School; Orlando, Fla.

High School: Rated the No. 6 defensive back and No. 38 overall prospect in the Orlando Sentinel's Central Florida Top 100... Returned kicks and played free safety, strong safety, cornerback, running back and wildcat quarterback at Maynard Evans High School in Orlando, Fla. ...Blocked nine kicks in his career, six as a junior...A team captain in 2009, didn't see many passes thrown his direction as a senior CB, as opposing offenses game planned away from him...Opponent coaches still voted him a first-team all-Metro cornerback, in addition to second-team all-conference recognition as a DB, and selection to the Central Florida All-Star Game, where he earned defensive MVP honors...Also earned the city's Defensive Player of the Week honors from the Orlando Touchdown Club for his efforts in an 18-6 triumph over archrival Jones...Scored a touchdown as a RB in his final prep game, against eventual state semifinalist Apopka...Earned a spot on the Orlando Sentinel's Top 100 Florida Players to Watch entering the 2009 season after blocking six kicks – five FGs and one punt as a junior...That year, in 2008, helped MEHS to a heartbreaking 5-5 record, as the Trojans missed the playoffs after two last-second losses...Earned honorable-mention all-conference honors as a junior DB, with 48 tackles, two INTs and five passes broken up, four of which were dropped interceptions...Also ran track for the Trojans...Head football coach was Greg Thompson...Top speed in the 40-yard dash is 4.59 seconds...Also recruited by Indiana, Iowa State, Kentucky, Memphis, Minnesota, Mississippi, Pitt, Purdue, South Florida, Tennessee Florida Atlantic and Florida International.

Personal: Given name Najee Andrew James...First name is pronounced nah-G...Born Aug. 8, 1991, in Tampa, Fla. ...Parents are Nadine James Rodriguez and Ellis Daniley...Has two older sisters, two younger sisters and a younger brother...Sister, Patricia Daniley, competes in track and field at South Carolina State...Has three NFL cousins...Chris Johnson was Tennessee's 24th overall selection in the 2008 NFL Draft and earned the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year honors in 2009...Return man Kevin Williams played eight years in the NFL for Dallas, Arizona, Buffalo and San Francisco...And WR Mike Sims-Walker was Jacksonville's third-round draft choice in 2007...Interested in communications as a major at Colorado State, and has thought about becoming a broadcaster after his playing career...Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

MAX MORGAN

Linebacker | 6-1 | 213 | Greeley West High School; Greeley, Colo.

High school: Rated by Rivals.com the No. 1 DB in Colorado and the No. 14 overall prospect in the state...Led Greeley (Colo.) West High School to consecutive Northern League championships in 2008-09, the Colorado Class 4A state championship game as a junior, and the state quarterfinals as a senior...A three-year letterman, and team captain and defensive MVP as a senior, had 305 career tackles and eight interceptions in three varsity seasons, playing linebacker and strong safety...Earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior and senior, playing a key role in the team's 29-6 record over his three years as a starter...In 2009, garnered first-team all-state and All-Colorado recognition from the Denver Post, leading the Spartans on an 11-1 season, with 124 tackles, four interceptions, one sack and one fumble recovery...Also was a first-team all-conference halfback as a senior, averaging 7.8 yards on 33 carries, with four TDs, and catching 29 passes for 483 yards and six scores...As a junior, led GWHS to an 11-2 record and a berth in the state championship at Invesco Field in Denver, picking up second-team all-state recognition on defense (97 tackles, two INTs)...As a sophomore, totaled 84 stops and picked off two passes...An all-conference outfielder, also will letter four years in baseball after concluding his senior campaign...Garnered academic all-state honors in both football and baseball (currently owns a 3.6 GPA)...Head football coach was Mark Roggy...Has 4.68 speed in the 40-yard dash...Drew recruiting interest from BYU, Wyoming and Northern Colorado.

Personal: Given name Maxwell Jaques Morgan...Born June 2, 1992, in Greeley, Colo. ...Parents are Mike and Natalie Morgan...Has two older brothers, two older sisters and one younger brother...Dad, Mike, was an all-WAC defensive tackle in 1982 at BYU, where he played with Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Kyle Whittingham...Oldest brother, Blake, is a junior DB at BYU, while other brother Rex will be a redshirt freshman DB for the Cougars when he returns from his mission...Interested in studying accounting at Colorado State...Hometown: Greeley, Colo.

TREVOR MURPHY

Defensive Line | 6-3 | 290 | Jefferson High School; Jefferson, Texas

High School: A four-year starter, played defensive tackle, defensive end, center, tight end and fullback at Jefferson High School on the East Texas plains...The school, in a city with a population less than 2,000, has already produced three NFL players: Montrae Holland (Florida State, New Orleans Saints, Denver Broncos, Dallas Cowboys), Rafael Robinson (Wisconsin, Seattle Seahawks, Houston/Tennessee Oilers) and Bobbie Williams (Arkansas, Cincinnati Bengals), as well as CSU's cornerbacks coach Tim Duffie, who played at Texas Tech and recruited Murphy...As a defensive lineman, earned first-team all-district recognition three consecutive years, and second-team honors as a freshman...Also received second-team all-state honors (Associated Press) as a senior, and honorable-mention all-state and second-team all-East Texas accolades as a junior...Earned first-team all-district recognition as a center in both 2008 and '09...In 2009, earned second-team all-Texas as a center from Smoaky.com, which ranks the top Lone Star State prospects from more than 140 teams across Classes 1A-5A, and first-team all-Harrison and Marion County as both a center and defensive tackle...Racked up 256 total tackles, 46 behind the line of scrimmage, 13 sacks and 10 fumble recoveries during a decorated career, helping JHS advance to the second round of the state playoffs three times...A captain in 2009, had a career-best 80 tackles, including 12 for loss, five sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries...In 2008, earned Defensive Player of the Year honors on the all-county team after recording 66 tackles, 14 for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick; also scored a touchdown as a tight end...Helped JHS to a 9-2 record as a sophomore, with 57 stops, including 11 for loss, three sacks, eight hurries and three fumble recoveries, in addition to his lone touchdown, as a fullback...Notched 53 tackles, nine for loss, two sacks and four fumble recoveries as a freshman in 2006...Also will letter four years in baseball, as a catcher, earning District Newcomer of the Year honors as a freshman and first-team all-district recognition as a sophomore and junior, entering his final season...Will compete on the Bulldogs golf team as a senior...Participated in National Honor Society and student council, and served as president of the JHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a junior and senior...Owns a 3.8 GPA and has impressive 4.85 speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by Stanford and Sam Houston State.

Personal: Given name Trevor Patrick Murphy...Born Nov. 12, 1991, in Houston, Texas...Son of Pat and Melinda...Has a younger brother...Dad, Pat, lettered as a defensive lineman for Stephen F. Austin in the 1980s, and uncle, Lee Murphy, played football at Sam Houston State...Has been involved in his family's lawncare business since age 12...Plans to study education at Colorado State, and wants to coach when he's finished playing...Hometown: Jefferson, Texas.

MASON MYERS

Offensive Line | 6-3 | 285 | Southmoore High School; Oklahoma City, Okla.

High School: Ranked as the No. 30 prospect in Oklahoma by Rivals.com, was a three-year captain and four-year football letterman, playing just one season at newly established Southmoore High School in suburban Oklahoma City...Played his freshman, sophomore and junior campaigns at Westmoore High School in Oklahoma City...Played on four consecutive city championship teams (2006-09)...Started on both sides of the line, including every game as a senior center at SHS...As a junior in 2008, started at center, offensive tackle and defensive tackle on the WHS lines, after playing primarily as a defensive end the year prior, starting 10 of Westmoore's 12 games as a sophomore...A first-team all-state selection as a senior (Daily Oklahoman/Jim Thorpe Association), helped guide the Sabercats (11-2) in only their second season of play to city, district and regional championships, and the semifinals of the Oklahoma 6A playoffs...All told in the SHS senior class, 17 players received scholarship offers, including at least four FBS signees (he was the only member of the quartet not to sign with Oklahoma)...Also garnered first-team all-district and first-team all-Big City (Oklahoman) as a senior center, compiling 72 knockdown blocks while grading out at 85 percent or better in every game...As a junior at WHS, had 25 tackles as DT and 40 knockdowns as a center and offensive tackle, helping the Jaguars to an Oklahoma City title...Missed only two starts as a sophomore defensive end in 2007, compiling 38 tackles in helping WHS to a 9-3 record, a city crown and the second round of the playoffs...As a freshman, lettered as a reserve defensive lineman for a district championship team in 2006...A Masonic award winner in 2007, currently holds a 4.2 GPA and will graduate with honors...Fastest time in the 40-yard dash is 5.2 seconds...Also played baseball, as a first baseman...Head football coaches were Chris Jensen and Mike Whaley...Also recruited by Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, Duke, Iowa State, Kansas and North Texas.

Personal: Given name Mason Montgomery Myers...Nicknamed Moose...Born April 30, 1991, in Oklahoma City, Okla. ...Son of Mike and Inge Myers...Has a younger sister...Plans to major in construction management at Colorado State...Hometown: Oklahoma City, Okla.

ERIC NIEDERBERGER

Linebacker | 6-1 | 210 | Nevada Union High School; Nevada City, Calif.

High School: One of the top defensive players in Northern California, helped Nevada Union to a combined 20-3 record over his junior and senior seasons...A team captain during each of those seasons, his only years on the varsity, totaled 180 tackles and 16 sacks in helping the Miners to consecutive conference titles...Started as a defensive end as a junior, playing exclusively on defense in 2008, then served as a linebacker, running back and kick returner during his senior campaign...The Delta Valley Conference Defensive

Player of the Year as a senior, led Nevada Union to a 20-2 victory in the Sac-Joaquin Section championship before the CIF Bowl Committee denied the 13-1 program another postseason game (California is too large to have a true state champion)...A first-team all-metro, all-section and all-league linebacker in 2009, had 107 tackles, nine sacks, one INT returned for a touchdown, two passes broken up and two forced fumbles...In the Miners' wing-T offense, averaged 11.0 yards on 50 carries (550 yards), with eight TD, and caught 10 passes for 155 yards and two more scores...Also returned nine punts for 160 yards and a TD...In a 31-28 semifinal win over Pleasant Grove, vaulted NU to the section title by scoring on runs of 41 and 62 yards, making nine tackles and forcing a late fumble...As a junior, garnered first-team all-league honors at defensive end, leading NU to a 10-2 record, a conference title and the second round of the section playoffs...In 2008, picked up 73 tackles, seven sacks and two fumble recoveries, one of which he returned for a touchdown, earning Hitter of the Year recognition from his teammates...Head football coach was Dave Humphers...Owns 4.54 speed in the 40-yard dash...School also produced NFL player Spencer Havner, who played for CSU defensive coordinator Larry Kerr at UCLA...Also recruited by Washington State, Wyoming, Nevada, Hawaii, San Diego and Utah State.

Personal: Given name Eric Gatlin Niederberger...Last name is pronounced NEED-er-BER-ger...Nicknamed Nasty, and ESPN...Born Jan. 26, 1992, in Grass Valley, Calif. ...Parents are Bruce and Lisa...Has an older sister and older brother...Plans to major in business at Colorado State...Hometown: Nevada City, Calif.

MIKE ORAKPO

DB | 6-1 | 200 | Westbury High School; Houston, Texas

High School: A first-team all-District 21-4A selection as a safety at Westbury High School in suburban Houston, an area that produced CSU's all-time leading career tackler, Willie Taylor (Missouri City, Class of 1994)... Westbury alums include two Olympian hurdlers and four NFL players, including former New York Giants All-Pro Michael Strahan...Led his team in tackles as both a senior and a junior, in 2007-08...As a senior, made 88 tackles, three interceptions -- one of which he returned for a touchdown -- and two sacks, leading the Rebels to an 8-2 record and the second round of the 4A playoffs in Texas...Had a 24-yard run on a fake punt against Sharpstown...Named all-district as a junior at linebacker after registering 92 tackles, three sacks and two interceptions...Was listed by MaxPresps.com as one of the top 20 linebackers in Texas...A team captain as a senior...Head coach was Keeath Magee, who described him as a true leader on and off the field...Selected to participate in the National Down Under Bowl...Also recruited by Oklahoma State, Houston, Boise State, New Mexico, Central Arkansas and Prairie View.

Personal: Given name Michael Orakpo...Born Feb. 5, 1991, in Houston, Texas...Son of Aurthur and Gloria Orakpo...Has an older brother and an older sister...Older brother, Brian, was a first-team All-American at Texas in 2008, when he also won the Nagurski Trophy and Hendricks and Rotary Lombardi awards, before the Washington Redskins selected him 13th overall in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft ...Interested in business administration at Colorado State...Hometown: Houston, Texas.

TY SAMBRAILO

Offensive Line | 6-5 | 275 | St. Francis Central Coast School; Watsonville, Calif.

High School: The Santa Cruz Coast Athletic League Offensive and Defensive Lineman of the Year and a first-team all-state selection as a senior, lettered three years at St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School in Watsonville, Calif., south of San Jose...A three-year team captain, played offensive tackle, defensive end, defensive tackle, tight end and placekicker for the Sharks, who advanced to the CIF north Division II playoffs in both 2008 and 2009...As a senior, garnered all-state recognition among small-school players from ESPN.com/CalHiSports.com and picked up second-team all-Northern California accolades from Scout.com/GoldenStatePreps.com, both for his efforts as an offensive lineman...Also earned first-team all-conference honors on both the offensive and defensive lines, as well as all-county recognition (Santa Cruz Sentinel) as an offensive tackle...Helped turn around a program that had lost all 10 games in 2007, finish a combined 13-8-1 and qualify for the CIF postseason his junior and senior campaigns...A second-team all-conference kicker as a junior, led the Sharks to a 7-4 mark and added first-team all-conference honors on offense and second-team honors on defense...Received honorable-mention all-conference respect as a sophomore...Also played soccer (one letter), basketball (one letter), and baseball...Head football coach was Joseph Gregorio...Has a 3.56 GPA and runs the 40-yard dash in 5.2 seconds...Drew recruiting interest from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Southern Utah, Cal Poly, Washington State, New Mexico State, Sacramento State and Weber State.

Personal: Given name Tyler William Sambrailo...Nicknamed Sambo...Last name is pronounced sam-BRY-loh...Born March 10, 1992, in Watsonville, Calif. ...Parents are Mark and Karen Sambrailo...Has an older brother and older sister...A versatile, athletic big man, can do back flips and freestyle skiing flips and tricks...Dad, Mark, graduated from the University of Colorado, where he was a pole vaulter...Mom graduated from the University of Denver...Brother, Erik, also is a CU graduate and competed as a skier in the Junior Olympics...Sister, Kiersten, currently plays volleyball at Oregon State...Grandfather, Bill Sambrailo, played football at Santa Clara, helping the team to a berth in the Orange Bowl...Interested in finance as a major at Colorado State...Hometown: Watsonville, Calif.

CHRISTIAN STEFO

Offensive Line | 6-6 | 316 | Pomona High School; Arvada, Colo.

High School: An all-state and all-conference player who earned 2009 first-team All-Colorado honors, among players ranked from across every state classification by the Denver Post, anchored the offensive line at Pomona High School in Arvada, Colo., a suburb of Denver...Served as a team captain in 2009, when Pomona finished 12-2 and advanced to the state championship game at Invesco Field, where the Panthers lost a 27-24 heartbreaker to Mullen...Key in his team's 22-4 combined record over his junior and senior years, started at left tackle for two years at Pomona, which also sent Brian Schneider – an all-WAC linebacker who now serves as Pete Carroll's special teams coach in Seattle – to CSU...Allowed just one sack, compiled 91 dominating blocks, and graded out at 92 percent in 2009 for a squad that shared the 5A Big 8 Conference championship...The line's only returning starter, and only senior, led the way for the top single-season rusher in school history (2,035 yards) and the top single-season all-purpose yards leader in PHS annals...A second-team all-conference selection in 2008, led Pomona to a 10-2 record and Big 8 championship, before the Panthers lost in the second round of the state playoffs...Allowed just three sacks and contributed 4.7 dominating blocks per contest as a junior...Also lettered two years in track (2007-08), earning all-conference recognition...Head football coach was Jay Madden... Has 5.3 speed in the 40-yard dash...Also recruited by Marshall, Eastern Washington, Northern Colorado and South Dakota.

Personal: Given name Christian Charles Stefo...Last name is pronounced STEFF-oh...Born Dec. 25, 1991, in Denver, Colo. ...Parents are Charlie Stefo and Andrea Scull...Has two younger siblings, a brother and sister...Plans to major in business at Colorado State...Hometown: Arvada, Colo.

PETE THOMAS

Quarterback | 6-5 | 220 | Valhalla High School; El Cajon, Calif.

High School: Rated the No. 6 pro-style QB in the nation by Tom Lemming (USA Today Super 25)...Also ranked by Rivals.com the country's No. 16 pro-style quarterback and given four stars by both Rivals.com and Scout.com...Was Rivals' No. 48 overall prospect from the state of California...A three-year starter, three-year captain and two-time team MVP at Valhalla High School in El Cajon, Calif., guided the Norsemen to a 19-5 record over his final two seasons...Combined over those junior and senior seasons, threw for 5,553 yards, 52 TDs and only 11 INTs, completing better than 66 percent of his passes to capture consecutive Grossmont South League Offensive Player of the Year honors, in both 2008 and '09...Including the last three games of his freshman year, started 36 games in a storied prep career, finishing with back-to-back first-team all-state recognition as a junior and senior...As a senior in 2009, guided the Norsemen to the first conference championship in the 34-year-old program's history, and the first round of the CIF Division II state playoffs, completing 64 percent of his passes for 2,392 yards, 24 scores and only six INTs; also carried for six TDs...As a junior in 2008, threw for 3,161 yards, 28 touchdowns compared to five interceptions, and completed 68 percent of his passes in helping VHS advance to the San Diego section final at Qualcomm Stadium, where the 11-2 Norsemen lost to eventual Division II state bowl champion Cathedral...Also served as his team's kicker, earning first-team all-league honors as a junior...Owns single-season and career VHS passing records for completions, completion percentage, yards and touchdowns, as well as career field goals...Selected first-team all-conference as a junior and senior, and second-team all-league as a sophomore...Earned sophomore all-state honors in 2007...Lettered four years in football, and two in baseball, where he played varsity ball as a freshman and sophomore before opting to concentrate on football...Played in the Jan. 2 Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Myrtle Beach, S.C. ...Head football coaches were Steve Slaton and Dave Hostetler...Has 4.9 speed in the 40-yard dash...Graduated one semester early with a 4.0 GPA, helping him earn *San Diego Union-Tribune* Scholar-Athlete award four times, and the publication's Student-Athlete of the Year among prep football players in San Diego County after his senior year...Chose Colorado State over offers from Arizona State, Harvard, Boston College, Northwestern and Maryland.

Personal: Given name Peter Alan Thomas...Born Oct. 11, 1991, in San Diego, Calif. ...Son of Dan and Avis Thomas...Has one brother, Chris...Mother is one of 10 children, and many of his nearly 50 cousins have competed collegiately, the most prominent of which is New England Patriots guard Stephen Neal, a world-champion wrestler who never played college football but now owns three Super Bowl rings...Both parents hold graduate degrees, including his father, who completed undergraduate coursework at West Point...Older brother is a wrestler at the Air Force Academy...Enjoys snowboarding in his spare time...Would like to major in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice, or communications...Hometown: El Cajon, Calif.

ALEX TUCCI

Offensive Line | 6-3 | 295 | Cypress Bay High School; Weston, Fla.

High School: Selected first-team all-county as an offensive tackle by both the South Florida Sun-Sentinel and the Miami Herald as a senior, playing on both the offensive and defensive lines at Cypress Bay High School, west of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ...A team captain as a senior, helped the Lightning to the first round of the Florida Region 3-6A playoffs in 2009, and consecutive District 11 championships (2007-08)...Served on the front lines for one of the state's premier rushing attacks, in Florida's largest classification, 6A...A pillar on an offensive line that averaged better than 225 rushing yards per game in 2009, earned an invitation to the prestigious Aloha Prep Bowl, a Dec. 12 contest in Honolulu pitting mainland all-stars against those from the Pacific Islands...As a junior, started on

a 10-2 team that advanced to the second round of the state playoffs; the squad featured five Division I signees, including RB Jason Douglas, a 1,000-yard rusher who signed with Pitt...CBHS went 20-4 over his sophomore and junior campaigns, including a 10-2 mark in 2007, when the Lightning had a pair of 1,000-yard rushers and topped 300 yards per game on the ground, again advancing to Round 2 of the playoffs...Also played rugby, a sport that allowed him to carry the ball...Head football coach was Mark Guandolo...Has 5.23-second speed in the 40-yard dash...Recruited by Southern Miss, Western Michigan, Troy, Liberty and Middle Tennessee State.

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