



Colorado State 2011 FOOTBALL NOTES

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RAMS LAND 27 ON SIGNING DAY

CSU nabs Chicago's best offensive player

Signing Day storylines...

- ▶ Colorado State and Head Coach Steve Fairchild are officially announcing the addition of 27 new football players. It's the fourth signing class since Fairchild took over the Rams' reins in December 2007, but the third in which he and his staff have had a full calendar year to recruit and sign.
- ▶ The class includes Kapri Bibbs, named by ESPNChicago.com the best offensive player in the nation's third-largest city. It also includes Donnell Alexander, the son of the late Pro Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas.
- ▶ For the first time in program history, Texas has contributed the most recruits to a single CSU signing class. All told, 10 from the Lone Star State are headed to Fort Collins, more than any single class in CSU annals.
- ▶ The Rams inked five from Colorado, representing a diligent effort by the staff to keep the state's best players home to help the Rams, and not let them leave. CSU landed three of the state's top-rated recruits, in RB Dorian Brown, DL Joe Kawulok and OL/DL Justin Hansen.
- ▶ Four members of the class — Brown, Garrett Grayson, Colton Paulhus and Drew Reilly — already are enrolled this semester and will see their first spring practice with the Rams in April.

Weather or not: The historic storm making headlines across much of the country, especially in the Midwest where the Rams have several recruits, has affected delivery of the paperwork required for individual Rams signees to complete before CSU could announce their signings Wednesday.

- ▶ Davon Riddick, an underrated RB from Abilene, Texas, was overnighted his paperwork last week, but because of a glitch in the UPS system, had to have another parcel sent. When that second mailing arrived in Abilene Friday, it just missed his mom, who had to run to the grocery store, so it was returned to the UPS station. After an ice storm rocked the area over the weekend, shutting down roads and most transportation, the parcel still could not make it into the hands of Riddick. So, this morning, CSU assistant athletic director/compliance Shalini Shanker e-mailed a scan of the letter to Riddick, who then signed and returned it, in order to become officially announced as a Rams signing.
- ▶ Several signees, including TE Blake Jones from Tulsa, Okla., and CB DeAndre Carter from Dallas Carter High School, had their signing day press conferences and classes at their schools cancelled by the weather, and saw similar obstacles in getting their letters in this morning.

The first letter: According to Linda Krier, Steve Fairchild's administrative assistant, the first letter to arrive in the McGraw Center was that of QB Conner Smith, time stamped at exactly 6 a.m. MST. His letter was followed by that of TE Blake Jones at 6:10 a.m. and K/P Keenan Adams at 6:12 a.m. The NCAA allows Division I-eligible athletes in football, track, hockey, soccer and men's water polo to declare their future plans beginning at 7 a.m. in the player's time zone, on the first February Wednesday.

Colorado State's Class of 2011

High School (26)					
Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown/Last School	
Keenan Adams	K/P	5-10	186	Bainbridge, Ga./Bainbridge	
Donnell Alexander	RB/ATH	5-11	215	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs South	
Kapri Bibbs	RB	5-11	203	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield North	
+Dorian Brown	RB	6-1	220	Loveland, Colo./Thompson Valley	
Sam Carlson	OL	6-4	260	Wellington, Colo./Poudre	
Trey Cassidy	OL	6-3	276	Angleton, Texas/Angleton	
Lee Clubb	WR	5-10	185	Iowa Park, Texas/Iowa Park	
Aaron Davis	LB	6-0	192	Los Alamitos, Calif./Los Alamitos	
DeAndre Elliott	DB	6-1	175	Dallas, Texas/Carter	
Nu'uvali Fa'apito	LB	6-0	205	La Quinta, Calif./La Quinta	
+Garrett Grayson	QB	6-2	202	Vancouver, Wash./Heritage	
Justin Hansen	OL/DL	6-5	293	Longmont, Colo./Longmont	
Cory James	LB	6-0	210	Del Rio, Texas/Del Rio	
Blake Jones	TE	6-5	235	Tulsa, Okla./Union	
Joe Kawulok	DL	6-6	220	Louisville, Colo./Monarch	
Charles Lovett	WR	5-8	170	Tampa, Fla./Hillsborough	
Trent Matthews	DB	6-3	195	Converse, Texas/Judson	
George Maumau	FB	5-11	230	Denver, Colo./Valor Christian	
Steven Michel	LB	6-1	206	Orlando, Fla./Jones	
Isiah Norton	DL	6-6	295	Dallas, Texas/Kimball	
Robert Nunn	WR	5-11	180	Bastrop, Texas/Bastrop	
Kevin Pierre-Louis	DB	6-1	190	Del Rio, Texas/Del Rio	
*Beau Reilly	QB	6-4	175	Valley Center, Calif./Valley Center	
+Drew Reilly	DB	6-3	190	Valley Center, Calif./Valley Center	
Davon Riddick	RB	6-0	205	Abilene, Texas/Cooper	
Conner Smith	QB	6-5	220	Richmond, Texas/Travis	

Junior College (1)					
Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown/Last School	
+Colton Paulhus	DL	6-2	260	Granite Bay, Calif./American River Coll.	

+ — enrolled at Colorado State for spring 2011 semester; * — will depart on LDS mission

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Kapri Bibbs	kuh-PREE	Steven Michel	MIKE-uhl
N.Fa'apito	new-OO-vall-ee fah-ah-PEE-toe	Colton Paulhus	PAHL-us
Joe Kawulok	kuh-WALL-ik	Davon Riddick	dave-ONN
Charles Lovett	LOVE-itt		

BREAKDOWN

By position	By state	
▶ 15 offense (three OL, three QB, three RB, one RB/ATH, one FB, one TE, three WR).	Texas	10
▶ 11 defense (three DL, four LB, four DB).	California	5
▶ One specialist (K/P).	Colorado	5
	Florida	2
	Georgia	1
	Illinois	1
	Missouri	1
	Oklahoma	1
	Washington	1

Back to Colorado: The Rams have always emphasized their home state in recruiting, and this year, that continued effort has paid off. CSU landed three of the state's top 11 prospects, according to the Denver Post, in RB Dorian Brown (No. 5), DE Joe Kawulok (No. 10), and OL/DL Justin Hansen (No. 11). Additionally, Kapri Bibbs was born in Colorado Springs.

► "This is the best effort by our staff since we've been here," Fairchild said of the Rams' recruiting in Colorado. "We know it's very important for us to recruit our home territory well. I think any good football program does that. But the numbers do fluctuate from year to year, so we've always felt that we need to be prepared to supplement. But I think from a talent standpoint and a numbers standpoint, this is the best we've done so far in Colorado."

Battling adversity: New CSU lineman Justin Hansen, one of the state's highest ranked recruits, started on both sides of the ball at Longmont High School the past two years. He's now earned a major-college football scholarship and he's done it after battling Asperger's Syndrome, a disorder on the autism spectrum. An accomplished heavyweight wrestler, Hansen hopes to compete for the Class 4A state championship later this month at the Pepsi Center. He's also played basketball for Longmont, and earned all-conference recognition in track as a thrower.

Special parents: Coaches and players aren't the only beaming people associated with Signing Day today. The smiles of parents might be the brightest. And a few of the individuals some of the newest CSU signings know as their parents, are smiling even brighter, because of how far their families have come, and what they've had to overcome, to reach this day. While they may not be biological parents, they have no less love and pride for their sons.

► George Maumau was raised by aunt and uncle, Michele and Vili Maumau, the former defensive tackle at Colorado. The younger Maumau, part of Valor Christian's consecutive state championship teams, took the surname of his legal guardians. He's no longer known as Talanoa.

► Lee Clubb, from a small town called Iowa Park near Wichita Falls, Texas, finished his football career with consecutive district MVP awards. A talented baseball player, he could be drafted by a major-league organization in June. He's a special athlete, no doubt, but he also has special parents. His mom, a nurse, and his dad, who works for the local newspaper, adopted Lee when he was very young, and they could not be more proud of their youngest son.

Inspiration: Eight games into a promising senior season at Del Rio (Texas) High School, Cory James sustained a torn ACL. Devastated, the linebacker needed to look no farther than his own home for inspiration in overcoming the surgery and months of rehab. James' mom, Sheila, is a paraplegic, and his dad, Clarence, has faithfully supported and taken care of her since the car accident paralyzed her nearly two years ago.

Hitting close to home: The January 2010 earthquake in Haiti had a direct impact on new signee Kevin Pierre-Louis. Pierre-Louis, whose brother Wondy won two national championships at Florida under former CSU assistant Urban Meyer, is a first-generation American. His parents, aunts, uncles and cousins, are from Haiti. His family lost its home due to the devastating quake. Long before the quake, Kevin began living with his oldest brother and legal guardian, Jayden Richards. They moved from New York City to Del Rio, Texas, where Richards began working for the U.S. Border Patrol, just before Kevin began high school.

Dust off that FAX machine: The signing day process actually gives value to technology that is quickly becoming obsolete — the FAX machine. The FAX is critical on signing day because it allows a school's compliance department to proof the paperwork before giving the media relations office permission to announce the signing. Without the FAX, the process would be delayed by at least 24 hours. Colorado State still asks its signees to send the letter via overnight mail, because the school needs to submit the materials to the MWC.

Orlando to Fort Collins pipeline: Pat Meyer used his eye for talent to spot Orlando Jones LB Steven Michel, another athlete with special parents. Michel, who keeps in touch with his mom, Elucia Michel, lives with his godfather and godmother, Lorenzo and LeTecia Edwards. He wore No. 4 in high school in honor of his father, who passed away when Steven was only 4 years old. Michel owns a 3.2 GPA at Jones, an International Baccalaureate World School that has dramatically improved its academics over the past several years. Michel's head coach at Jones was Kenard Lang, the former University of Miami (Fla.) fullback that played in the NFL for the Redskins, Browns and Broncos. Both Lang and Meyer believe the Rams got a steal in Michel.

Four-for-four: Ted and Kim Kawulok, with CSU's signing of Joe Kawulok Wednesday, have incredibly now had four sons earn Division I football scholarships. And, despite playing at Monarch High School in Louisville, Colo., just down the road from Folsom Field, three of the sons — Chris, Michael and now Joe — have chosen to play for the Rams.

► Ted played college football at Northern Arizona and serves as an assistant on the Monarch coaching staff. Oldest son Chris was a tight end for CSU from 2004-08. Michael is a senior-to-be for the Rams and enters the spring as a starting linebacker. Matt was a tight end at San Diego State. And no, the family isn't all boys. Little sister, Lia, has four older brothers. Michael told the Denver Post recently that he feels sorry for any boyfriend Lia invites over for dinner.

► Signing Day is actually Michael's birthday, so in essence, Joe's signing could be interpreted as a birthday present for his older brother, who says Joe actually has never given him a birthday gift. Regardless, the signing does make the Kawuloks one of only a handful of three-brother families to play football for the Rams. But, according to team historian John Hirn (coloradoaggies.com), it's not the school record, believe it or not.

► The Pittsburgh Steelers, 55 years before their appearance Sunday in Super Bowl XLV, made Gary Glick out of Colorado State the NFL's No. 1 overall draft selection in 1956. While Glick might've been the most prominent in his family, he wasn't the only one to play football. Like the Kawuloks, the Glick family had four brothers play at the major-college level. But unlike the Kawuloks, all four Glick brothers played and lettered in Fort Collins: Leon, Ivan, and Fred, who played in the old AFL.

► Other three-brother families at CSU include the French brothers, Jay, Jack and Jasper from Julesburg, Colo. (Fort Collins' largest high-school football stadium, French Field, is named after Jay, a longtime Fort Collins High School coach).

► Perhaps the most prominent player in CSU history, consensus All-American Fum McGraw, also had two brothers play for the school: Bill and Hersh. Bill did not last on the football team long enough to get a letter, but the 1946, '47 and '48 media guides state that Fum was the third brother in a line of Aggies athletes. Bill played on the 1941 team, while Hersh played on the 1942 squad and lost his leg in action during World War II. He returned as a coach and administrator at CSU for many years.

► More recently, the Stratton family — from another arch-rival's territory, Wyoming — has sent three brothers through Fort Collins. Ben, a safety, and Dane, an offensive lineman, were both starters for the Rams in the last decade. Youngest brother Alex, also a DB, played briefly before injury cut short his career two years ago.

► Before Sonny Lubick became coach in 1993 (see list), several other brothers have played for the Aggies and Rams, even going back to the inception of football in 1893, when Henry and Richard Calkins played on the very first team. Other sets of brothers include the Emich (1899), Hartshorn (1921), Hyde (1923), White (Albert and Wilbur 1929-34), Ashbaugh (1954-59), Graves (1953-58), Driscoll (1974-81), Bell (1974-78), Call (1979-83), Bartalo (1982-88) and Chirico (1982-90) families.

DT: Donnell Alexander was not close to his biological dad, but shows similar athleticism. Alexander's father is the late Derrick Thomas, who still holds the NFL's single-game record with seven sacks. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009 after an 11-year career with the Kansas City Chiefs, who made him the fourth overall selection in the 1989 NFL Draft, out of Alabama



Band of brothers: The additions of Joe Kawulok and Beau and Drew Reilly in 2011 give the Rams four sets of brothers on the active roster, joining T.J. and Bobby Borcky and Austin and Crockett Gillmore, although Beau Reilly is expected to depart on an LDS mission this fall and return to enroll in the 2014 spring semester. All told, 17 sets of brothers have been in the program since Sonny Lubick became head coach in 1993:

Name, Pos	Years	Hometown	High School
T.J. Borcky, QB/WR Bobby Borcky, ATH	2007- 2010-	Orlando, Fla.	Lake Highland Prep
Mack Craft, CB Jason Craft, CB	1992-95 1997-98	Denver, Colo.	East
Justin Gallimore, CB Jason Gallimore, CB	1999-01 1999-01	Wheat Ridge, Colo.	Wheat Ridge
Austin Gillmore, LB Crockett Gillmore, DE	2010- 2010-	Bushland, Texas	Bushland
Jeff Horinek, LB Deone Horinek, P	2004-08 1998-99	Atwood, Kan.	Atwood
Chris Kawulok, TE Michael Kawulok, LB Joe Kawulok, DL	2004-08 2008- 2011-	Boulder, Colo.	Monarch
Klint Kubiak, DB Klay Kubiak, QB	2005-09 2007-	Englewood, Colo.	Regis
Wade Landers, DE Jake Landers, DL	2005-08 2008	Durango, Colo.	Durango
Kevin McDougal, RB Matt McDougal, K/P	1994-96 1996-99	Arvada, Colo.	Arvada West
Damon Morton, WR Dion Morton, DB	2004-07 2005-09	Riverside, Calif.	North
Nathan Pauly, LB Eric Pauly, LB	2003-07 2000-03	Conway Springs., Kan.	Conway Spgs.
Morgan Pears, OL Erik Pears, OL	1999-02 2000-04	Denver, Colo.	Kennedy
Drew Reilly, DB Beau Reilly, QB	2011- 2011-	Valley Center, Calif.	Valley Center
Brady Schneider, DB Brian Schneider, LB	1993-96 1990-93	Arvada, Colo.	Pomona
Aaron Sprague, DB Russell Sprague, WR	1998-01 2000-03	Holyoke, Colo.	Holyoke
Ben Stratton, DB Dane Stratton, OL Alex Stratton, S	2002-06 2004-08 2008-	Cheyenne, Wyo.	East
Bob Vomhof, DE Mike Vomhof, DE	2003-07 2001-05	Gillette, Wyo.	Campbell Cty.

Same-class brothers: Unique circumstances had to fall into place in order for the Rams to land brothers Drew and Beau Reilly in the same class. Drew initially signed by the Rams out of Valley Center (Calif.) High School in 2008, just returned from his LDS mission and enrolled at CSU this term. He'll compete for playing time immediately as a 21-year-old true freshman. Younger brother Beau, who guided Valley Center to consecutive CIF state championship berths the past two seasons, will follow in his brother's footsteps and depart on a mission this fall. He's expected to return, like his brother, and enroll at CSU in the spring of 2014.

► The last time the Rams announced brothers in the same class was 2004, when CSU landed twins Damon and Dion Morton from Riverside, Calif. Despite signing in the same class, they wound up two years apart in

What they're saying about the staff: Steve Fairchild attributes the success the Rams have had on the recruiting trail to the quality of the Fort Collins community and the university. But it's a people business, and more paramount than anything else in securing an outstanding recruiting class, are his people.

► "I've been impressed since I've been here with our staff," Fairchild said, "how good they are at recruiting and how hard they work at it. I think as we work together each year, we get a little bit better, in crossing over and helping each other. We get a little bit more comfortable with the evaluation process within our staff. This is a good recruiting staff. I'm very proud of how they've worked and what they've done.

► "I've said from Day 1," he reiterated, "that I thought the key to success around here was not only acquiring a good coaching staff but retaining a good coaching staff, which we have been able to do. Since we got here three years ago we put a plan in place and we continue to work it, and recruiting is a big part of that plan. I am very encouraged with not only the way our staff recruits but with the way the coaches mentor these players."

► But don't take Fairchild's word for it. Listen to what CSU's most recent signees told Rivals.com about the CSU coaches, and how they were different than those from other staffs:

"My visit went real, real good. It was good to get out there and see the facilities. I was born in Colorado. I go down there, too, so it wasn't a real surprise to me. It was beautiful. The coaches were the same as they were before and I just feel comfortable. I was with Bobby Borcky and we just kind of hung out. I was beating up on them in NCAA 2011. I saw the facilities. We got to see the reservoir. It was beautiful. I had a great time up there." — Kapri Bibbs

"I committed Sunday and told Coach Fairchild and Coach Wilkinson. Anthony Hill and Todd Stroud were there, too. They were really excited and happy. They have been the most supportive about my knee. I think their program is going to do good in the next couple years. They are starting a lot of freshmen this year. I think they are up-and-coming and I want to be a part of that." — Dorian Brown

"When I went to Colorado State I had a great feeling about the coaches and it is an offer I can't refuse. I have a chance to go in there and possibly play as a true freshman. They need leaders and it is a chance to be in the spotlight. I like being expected to perform. That really attracts me to Colorado State." — Drew Reilly

"I really liked the coaching staff. I talked to Coach Fairchild, and he said we have a lot of potential to win championships. I shook his hand, looked him in the eye and he said, 'We are going to win championships with you.' — Sam Carlson

"I really liked the facilities they had up there. They are equivalent to most of the major schools. They run a pro-set and I love that. I think that will help me out in the long run in terms of going to the next level. I think they will be a contender in the Mountain West." — Trey Cassidy

"I committed today. I want to go to Colorado State. I don't want to go anywhere else. I just loved the coaches, the way they didn't try to sell me things, they were just being themselves. I feel like Colorado State is the place for me. I felt comfortable with the situation. I talked to my parents today and we all agreed that I could commit." — Lee Clubb

"I liked it. I feel like I am wanted there. I feel like they really want me and I think that is one of the things you should look for. I just felt like it was the right place." — Conner Smith





In the final 2010 national rankings...

2010 RANKINGS	Colorado State		
	Avg	NCAA	MWC
Rushing Offense	113.00	103	7
Passing Offense	221.83	60	4
Total Offense	334.83	87	6
Scoring Offense	16.50	114	8
Rushing Defense	197.92	102	5
Pass Efficiency Defense	167.29	118	9
Total Defense	423.83	96	7
Scoring Defense	34.67	104	7
Net Punting	36.87	50	3
Punt Returns	6.93	78	6
Kickoff Returns	24.30	19	2
Turnover Margin	-0.67	105	8
Pass Defense	225.92	74	8
Passing Efficiency	123.92	79	6
Sacks	1.75	79	5
Tackles For Loss	5.33	80	5
Sacks Allowed	3.67	118	9

2010 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS & RANKINGS

	Avg/Gm	NCAA	Conf
Rushing			
CSU: Leonard Mason	.42.75	-	11
Passing Efficiency (Min. 15 Att./Game)			
CSU: Pete Thomas	.124.53	71	5
Total Offense			
CSU: Pete Thomas	.212.08	56	4
Receptions Per Game			
CSU: Tyson Liggett	.3.42	-	9
Receiving Yards Per Game			
CSU: Lou Greenwood	.39.50	-	13
Interceptions			
CSU: Dominique Vinson	.0.11	-	23
Punting (Min. 3.6 Punts/Game)			
CSU: Pete Kontokiakos	.43.75	27	2
Punt Returns (Min. 1.2 Ret./Game)			
CSU: No qualifiers	-	-	-
Kickoff Returns (Min. 1.2 Ret./Game)			
CSU: Derek Good	.25.75	35	4
Field Goals			
CSU: Ben DeLine	.1.33	T-25	1
Scoring			
CSU: Ben DeLine	.5.50	-	10
All-Purpose Runners			
CSU: Tony Drake	.78.27	-	11
Sacks			
CSU: Guy Miller	.0.54	T-59	T-2
Tackles			
CSU: Ricky Brewer	.8.92	44	4
Tackles For Loss			
CSU: Mychal Sisson	.1.25	T-28	2



terms of college eligibility, because Damon played as a true freshman, while Dion not only grayshirted, he also redshirted. Damon finished his career in 2007, while Dion played as a senior in 2009. Ironically, Dion was minutes older than Damon.

Tulsa to Siberia: New CSU tight end Blake Jones is an exceptional student that helped Tulsa Union, the school that produced former Rams starter Blake Smith, dominate the state of Oklahoma the past three years. One of his teammates might follow him to the Mountain West and see him on the gridiron whenever the Rams meet Air Force. Unfortunately, Blake's dad, Bobby, could only see about half of his games. That's because his career with an oil company takes him from Tulsa to Siberia every 21 days. The 52-hour trip requires five modes of transportation, including two planes, a bus and helicopter.

Strike: Chicago Offensive Player of the Year Kapri Bibbs, one of the headliners of the Rams' Class of 2011, isn't your average multi-sport athlete.

► Bibbs, a Colorado Springs native, is more than a football player. He's also a varsity bowler for his school, Plainfield North, excelling in the sport and following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who taught him the sport. And while he figures to win the Rams' August bowling competition during every fall camp, Bibbs — according to offensive coordinator Pat Meyer — came up on the short end of a December competition between the player and coach, on Meyer's visit to his hometown. Meyer claims to have beaten Bibbs by a few points in what figures to be the first of several one-on-one battles between the two over the next several years.

► Meyer recruited Bibbs, the best offensive player in the nation's third-largest city, according to ESPNChicago.com. Showing their ability to spot marquee talent, Meyer and CSU were one of the first staffs to actively recruit Bibbs, who after committing to CSU went on to make national headlines after breaking the Illinois single-game record with 520 yards. In a photo illustration following the game, the Chicago Tribune featured a giant Bibbs leaning on the Hancock Tower, noting that his 520 yards were more than the 376-yard height of the skyscraper.

Other unique sports: Don't be surprised to hear announcers call Nu'vali Fa'apito's name (hopefully, the announcers will read the pronunciation guides provided by the CSU sports information office) after officials unpile bodies scrambling for a fumble. That's because Fa'apito, whose name means painted village in Samoan, is also a rugby player. A linebacker in the fall at La Quinta High School near Palm Springs, Calif., he helped inaugurate his school's newest varsity spring sport, rugby, and loves it.

Tukey shoot: New kicker/punter Keenan Adams, from Bainbridge, Ga., is already a household name in the sport of turkey shooting. A world champion archer and rifleman, Adams has become the world's youngest hunter to accomplish the World Slam, bagging a wild turkey from every major species.

Loyalty: When Tampa, Fla., product Charles Lovett sees his name on the new CSU roster in 2011, he'll probably feel relief that it lists only one position, wide receiver. That's because Lovett, one of the most prolific receivers in city history through his junior season, carried a huge load for his Hillsborough team as a senior. After his 2009 campaign, Lovett had a chance as a senior to break nearly every career receiving record in Florida annals.

► After losing his quarterback Tarean Austin (New Mexico) to graduation, Lovett could've transferred to another school to help his own cause. Tampa doesn't penalize football players for transferring schools and he could've played for another team with a QB, without missing games.

► But not only did Lovett remain at Hillsborough, one of the oldest schools in Florida, he also unselfishly agreed to move to fill Austin's void at quarterback. Lovett was Hillsborough's field general for the first half of 2010 until the school had groomed a future starter.

► Lovett, called by longtime Hillsborough coach Earl Garcia the best all-around player he's had, also played running back and cornerback, and returned punts and kickoffs, in addition to wide receiver.

Same-name players: The addition of Texas QB Conner Smith gives the Rams two players with the same name. Smith joins senior-to-be Connor Smith, another Texas product, at CSU in 2011. The older Smith is an offensive lineman.

- ▶ The last time the Rams had two players with the same first and last name is believed to be the late 1970s, when Mark E. Bell and Mark R. Bell helped the Rams to one of their best seasons in program history, 1977.
- ▶ Both players were selected in the first five rounds of the NFL Draft. Mark E. Bell, a tight end, played for the Seahawks and Colts. Mark R. Bell, a wide receiver, played for the St. Louis Cardinals.
- ▶ Mark E. Bell's brother, Mike, was the No. 2 overall selection in the draft, and played 12 years for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Investment: Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on the viewpoint, an injury to a high-school football player can significantly affect his recruitment. CSU, which saw TE Kory Sperry overcome a torn ACL to become an all-conference tight end as a senior and play in the NFL, signed six players Wednesday that lost all or part of their junior or senior seasons due to injury. After doing their homework, and diligently investing the time and research to ensure the signees have an excellent chance to be successful in Fort Collins, the Rams are ecstatic to welcome them into the program.

- ▶ Bainbridge, Ga., kicker Keenan Adams sustained a season-ending knee injury in the second game of his senior season.
- ▶ Dorian Brown, an All-Colorado running back from Loveland, tore ligaments in his knee just six days before his senior-season opener. He graduated early from high school, has already enrolled at CSU, and will finish the rehab process under the care of the Rams' medical team.
- ▶ LB Cory James, from Del Rio, Texas, started 21 consecutive games until sustaining a torn ACL, ending his prep career in the eighth game of his senior season.
- ▶ Promising safety Trent Matthews, from Converse, Texas, was sidelined most of his junior year by a broken leg, but returned for the state playoffs, and wound up with 20 tackles and one interception in his season's only two games, both in the postseason.
- ▶ Denver fullback George Maumau sustained a broken fibula in Valor Christian's 2010 opener, and missed the ensuing four games, before returning for the balance of the regular season and run to the Colorado state title... Without him in their backfield, the Eagles (11-3) were just 3-3, losing three of their first four, then went 8-0 after his return.
- ▶ Robert Nunn, an explosive receiver from Bastrop, Texas, did not play as a junior in 2009 after breaking his ankle as a sophomore in 2008, limiting his recruiting. He enjoyed a stellar senior campaign.

Typically the best athletes: CSU believes that running backs and quarterbacks are many times the best athletes on a high-school football team.

- ▶ "We will find a way to get those guys on the field," Fairchild said. "Tony Drake is a wide receiver now, and he can play defensive back. Lou Greenwood I'm hoping can step up and play a key role in our success this fall at wide receiver. He was a high-school running back. Mychal Sisson just led the country in forced fumbles as a linebacker last year; he was a running back in high school. Those types of things sort themselves out. On special teams, if we have a guy that's a good-enough athlete and he can help us by returning, or covering kicks, we'll find a way to get him on the field."
- ▶ In addition to RBs Kapri Bibbs, Dorian Brown and Davon Riddick, and RB/Athlete Donnell Alexander, the Rams also signed six players with a great deal of experience behind the quarterback: Charles Lovett, Lee Clubb, DeAndre Elliott, Nu'uvali Fa'apito, Steven Michel and Kevin Pierre-Louis. That doesn't include true fullback George Maumau, who reminds Fairchild of NFL prospect Zac Pauga, who just graduated from CSU. The Rams have a pro-style offense, so they're one of few teams that use a true fullback, even though every NFL team uses a pro-style playbook.
- ▶ The Rams also have three QBs in this class, Garrett Grayson, Conner Smith and Beau Reilly, although Reilly will depart on an LDS mission. That doesn't include two players who were QBs in high school: Lee Clubb and Charles Lovett.

Black History Month: John Mosley

By John Hirn

Aggies to Rams: The History of Football at Colorado State University

Many fans of Colorado State know of John Mosley and his groundbreaking success as the first black player in modern football history within the state of Colorado. However, many are still unaware of what he faced at CSU and in the city of Fort Collins during his four years at Colorado State. We first interviewed Lt. Col. Mosley on Jan. 23, 2008, for a Black History Month feature and this time we have expanded upon that interview along with other historical notes.

In the fall of 1939, Mosley, a National Merit Scholarship recipient from Denver's Manual Training High School, decided to attend CSU, then known as Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to learn to be a veterinarian. The 18-year-old freshman followed his boyhood friend Charles Cousins to Fort Collins, where the two men joined seven other black students at CSC. While in high school, Mosley was an accomplished football player and wrestler, so he decided to try out for the Aggie freshman football team.

Cousins and the other students all told Mosley that he should not go out for football since there were no other black students on the team in the predominantly white school. Mosley saw no reason not to try out and he made the freshman team of 1939.

Although he was not CSU's first black freshman football player, it was rare to see any player who was not white on any football team at CSC. In 1940, Mosley was a sophomore and again he tried out for the football team, but this time as a varsity athlete. Not since 1906 had a black student played any varsity sport at Colorado State or any other school in Colorado. Mosley had great athletic talent and his coach, Harry W. Hughes, recognized that any player could make his team, regardless of skin color. The story was different on the practice field, though, when many players, "especially those from the Western Slope of Colorado" Mosley said, did not approve of his playing on the team.

On one occasion, Mosley was knocked out cold by a hit from one of his own teammates, which prompted his friend, Cousins, to exclaim, "I told you not to go out for football. See what happened?" However, Mosley's calm personality and exceptional athletic ability on the field allowed him to gain the trust of his teammates, especially Lewis "Dude" Dent, who became Mosley's best friend on the team.

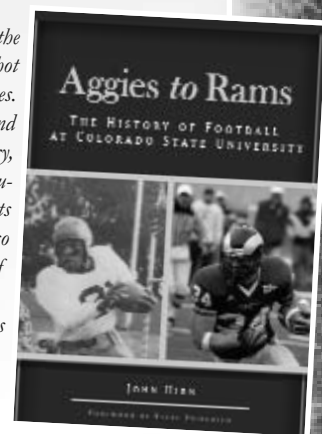
Needless to say, Mosley was not accepted very well at other area schools when he played against them in 1940. Since he was the first black athlete in the Skyline Conference, just as Jackie Robinson was the first in Major League Baseball, Mosley faced the same kind of treatment from opposing players. In his 2008 interview, Mosley stated that on several occasions opposing players would try to bait him into fighting by taking cheap shots at him. They figured if Mosley responded with fights, he could be kicked out of the league. Thanks to Mosley's teammate, Dent, he would "get in the opposing player's face to prevent the fight." Other Aggie players followed Dent's lead, but Mosley stated that Dent became a fast friend of his and a team leader as well. Mosley would respond to the cheap hit with a "clean and legal hit" of his own on the next play.

(Read the rest of Hirn's feature on Mosley on coloradoaggies.com.)

Aggies to Rams, the first definitive publication on the rich history of football at Colorado State University, is hot off the presses and now in the CSU and Rams bookstores.

The book, which contains countless pictures, stories and information spanning every era of CSU football history, is the life's passion of author John Hirn. A CSU graduate, Hirn is unselfishly donating 80 percent of net profits to the university's Athletic General Scholarship Fund, so readers can help future Rams continue the tradition of excellence at Colorado State.

Head Coach Steve Fairchild wrote the foreword this past spring.



CLASS NOTES *continued*

From Rams to Rams: Zac Pauga, who leaves a gaping void in the Rams' backfield as he prepares for the NFL, was a Ram in high school at Green Mountain in Lakewood, Colo. There are several such high schools across the country, and one of them, Del Rio in Texas, just gave the CSU Rams two more players: LB Cory James and DB Kevin Pierre-Louis.

Speaking of teammates: James and Pierre-Louis are the seventh set of teammates signed by CSU since 2004:

- 2011: Cory James, Kevin Pierre-Louis: Del Rio (Texas) HS
- 2010: Charles Favors, Marquis Hood, Marvin Ford: Dr. Phillips HS; Orlando, Fla.
- 2008: Justin Becker, Chris Nwoke: ThunderRidge HS; Highlands Ranch, Colo.
- 2007: Matt Yemm and Zach Donaldson: Fort Collins (Colo.) HS
- 2006: Ricky Brewer and Josh Dorsey: Mullen HS; Denver, Colo.
- 2004: Robert Herbert and Cleodis Floyd: Compton (Calif.) CC
- 2004: Damon Morton and Dion Morton: Riverside (Calif.) J.W. North HS

Unique connection: When Steve Fairchild came to CSU as a junior-college quarterback in 1978, one of his teammates was a walk-on kicker named Mark Mangelsen. Mangelsen's sister, Kim, is the mother of RB Dorian Brown.

NFL genetics: Colorado State now has six players, including brothers T.J. and Bobby Borcky, whose fathers played in the NFL.

- ▶ RB/ATH Donnell Alexander (Derrick Thomas, Kansas City Chiefs)
- ▶ DE Broderick Sargent (Broderick Sargent Sr., Arizona Cardinals, Dallas Cowboys).
- ▶ WR/QB T.J. Borcky & WR Bobby Borcky (Tim Borcky, Buffalo Bills)
- ▶ LB Davis Burl (Gary Burl, Miami Dolphins)
- ▶ K Ben DeLine (Steve DeLine, San Diego Chargers, Philadelphia Eagles)
- ▶ TE Cameron Moss (Martin Moss, Detroit Lions).

Meanwhile, 13 total players have relatives that currently play or formerly played in the NFL:

- ▶ OT Jared Biard (Jim Thorpe, several teams, distant cousin).
- ▶ WR/QB T.J. Borcky & WR Bobby Borcky (Dennis Borcky, N.Y. Giants, uncle).
- ▶ LB Aaron Davis (cousin is Manu Tuiasosopo, who played with the Seattle Seahawks and won a Super Bowl with the San Francisco 49ers... Other Tuiasosopo cousins include Marques (Oakland Raiders), and Zach (defensive end in the NFL).
- ▶ DE C.J. James (Tamarick Vanover, Kansas City, cousin).
- ▶ DT Nuku Latu (Duce Lutui, Arizona, cousin; Vai Sikahema, several teams, cousin).
- ▶ FB George Maumau's uncle and guardian, Vili Maumau was selected by the Carolina Panthers in the 1998 NFL Draft. Another uncle, Chris Maumalanga, was selected in the fourth round of the 1994 NFL Draft, and played for several teams... Another cousin, Mario Fatafehi, played in the NFL with the Cardinals, Panthers and Broncos.
- ▶ LB Mike Orakpo (Brian Orakpo, Washington, brother).
- ▶ DE Broderick Sargent (Chuck Beatty, Pittsburgh, St. Louis Cardinals, cousin).
- ▶ CB Momo Thomas (Bobby Sippio, Detroit, cousin).
- ▶ S Najee James has three NFL cousins, including 2009 Offensive Player of the Year Chris Johnson (Tennessee). Other cousins are former kick returner Kevin Williams and current Jacksonville wide receiver Mike Sims-Walker.
- ▶ QB Garrett Grayson's uncle, Danny Grayson, was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1990.
- ▶ QB Pete Thomas' cousin, Stephen Neal, has earned three Super Bowl rings with the Patriots.

How's this for a kicker?: Dallas Kimball defensive tackle Isiah Norton, 6-foot-6 and 295 pounds, was his team's kicker.

Position changes: Now that recruiting is complete, the Rams will shift their attention to spring ball. And with every spring comes position changes. The only position Head Coach Steve Fairchild is certain will change is that of senior-to-be Elijah-Blu Smith. The starting free safety the last two-plus years will shift back to his natural position, cornerback. As the staff prepares for spring ball, it is expected to make more position changes.

CSU QuickFacts

Colorado State University

Location	Fort Collins, Colo.	80523
Enrollment		26,348
Nickname, Colors	Rams, Forest Green & Gold	
Stadium	Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium	
Capacity		32,500
Conference	Mountain West	
President	Dr. Anthony A. Frank	
Director of Athletics	Paul Kowalczyk	
Head Coach	Steve Fairchild	
Career Record	13-24, third season	
Office Phone		970/491-6131
Offensive Formation	Multiple	
Defensive Formation	4-3	
2010 Record/MWC	3-9/2-6 (6th)	
2010 Total Lettermen		63
Lettermen Returning/Lost in 2011		43/20
Starters Returning (O/D) in 2011		13 (7/6)
2010 Starters Lost (O/D)		9 (4/5)

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General Information

First Year of Football	1893
All-Time Record	474-528-33 (.474)
Home	240-185-11 (.563)
Away	222-328-22 (.408)
Hughes Stadium	122-98-2 (.554)
Conference Championships	15
Last Championship	2002, Mountain West Bowl
Bowl Appearances	12 (5-7)
First Appearance	Jan. 1, 1949
Bowl	Raisin Bowl (Fresno, Calif.)
Result	Occidental 21, Colorado A&M 20
Last Appearance	2008
Bowl	New Mexico Bowl (Albuquerque, N.M.)
Result	Colorado State 40, Fresno State 35

Coaching & Support Staff

Larry Kerr	Assistant Head Coach/ Defensive Coordinator & LBs
Scott Brown	Defensive Line
Tim Duffie	Cornerbacks
Anthony Hill	Running Backs
Larry Lewis	Special Teams Coordinator & Safeties Coach
Pat Meyer	Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
Todd Stroud	Tight Ends & Fullbacks/ Recruiting Coordinator
Daren Wilkinson	Quarterbacks/ Assistant Recruiting Coordinator
Tom Ehlers	Director of Football Operations
Darrell Ballard	Graduate Assistant/Offense
Trevor Wikre	Graduate Assistant/Defense
Marcie Johnston	Admin. Asst.
Linda Krier	Admin. Asst.
Greg Scanlan	Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
Terry DeZeeuw	Head Athletic Trainer
Kris Young	Equipment Manager
Jeff Dotson	Video Coordinator
Mel Sanders	Director of Academic Services

2010 Mountain West Conference Standings

Team (USA/AP)	Conference							Overall						
	MWC	PF	PA	Hm	Rd	Pct	W-L	PF	PA	Hm	Rd	Nu	Pct	Streak
TCU (2/2)	8-0	520	137	4-0	4-0	1.000	13-0	541	156	6-0	5-0	2-0	1.000	Won 13
Utah (23/RV)	7-1	427	238	3-1	4-0	.875	10-3	430	264	5-1	5-1	0-1	.769	Lost 1
SDSU (RV/RV)	5-3	420	273	3-1	2-2	.625	9-4	455	287	6-1	3-3	0-0	.692	Won 2
Air Force (RV/RV)	5-3	387	267	3-1	2-2	.625	9-4	401	274	5-1	3-3	1-0	.692	Won 4
BYU (-/RV)	5-3	288	257	4-0	1-3	.625	7-6	340	281	5-1	1-5	1-0	.538	Won 1
Colorado State	2-6	198	416	2-2	0-4	.250	3-9	198	416	3-2	0-6	0-1	.250	Lost 3
UNLV	2-6	239	516	2-2	0-4	.250	2-11	239	516	2-4	0-7	0-0	.154	Lost 3
Wyoming	1-7	230	364	1-3	0-4	.125	3-9	230	364	2-4	1-5	0-0	.250	Won 1
New Mexico	1-7	190	532	1-3	0-4	.125	1-11	190	532	1-5	0-6	0-0	.083	Lost 3

