

COLORADO BUFFALOES

ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Asst HC/Off Coord/QB: Eric Kiesau, 4th year

Kiesau enters his 4th year with Colorado and LY was promoted to OC after Mark Helfrich left for Oregon. He still will handle the WRs and Pass Game Coord duties, but also adds QBs and Asst HC to his tiltes in '09. He spent 2002-'05 on the California staff as the WRs coach. Prior to that he was the Utah St RB/WRs coach for 2 seasons. Kiesau played in college for Portland St and was a JCAA QB in 1992 at Glendale CC in southern CA.

Running Backs: Darian Hagan, 6th year

Hagan was a holdover from the Barnett staff and he has helped coach numerous spots the last 5 years. Hagan played QB for the Buffs from 1988-'91 helping the school to its 1st National Title. Hagan played 5 years in the CFL as this will be his 4th year as a full-time asst coach.

Wide Receivers: Dan Hawkins, 4th year

HC Dan Hawkins will tutor WR's in '09 as the last CU HC who coached a position was Bill McCartney, who oversaw the QB's in '93.

Tight Ends/Special Tms: Kent Riddle, 4th year

Riddle enters his 4th year at Colorado as the TE/Special Teams coach. He was the RBs/Special Teams Coach under Hawkins at BSU from 2001-'05. Riddle was at Army for 6 seasons as he coached FB's from 1995-'98 and then switched to ST/Recruiting Coordinator in '99 & '00.

Offensive Line: Denver Johnson, 1st year

Johnson begins his 1st ssn as the CU OL coach. He has spent the L/12 yrs on the FCS level as a HC. Johnson guided Illinois St to a 48-54 mark from 2000-'08 and prior to that was the HC at Murray St from 1999-'97 (21-12 rec). He spent 1994-'96 with Miss St, cched the OL at Okla St from 1989-'93 and was the Asst HC/OL coach at UT-Martin from 1986-'88. Johnson was a 2x All-MVC OL with Tulsa and later played in the NFL (4 years w/Tamp Bay Buccaneers) & USFL.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coordinator: Ron Collins, 4th year

Collins enters his 4th year at CU after serving as Boise St LB's coach from 2001-'05 under Hawkins. He was the Broncos' DC the final 4 ssn and will oversee all phases of the defense. In his 4 years as Boise St's DC, he had 26 players earn All-WAC honors. Prior to Boise St, he spent 13 years on the staff at Wash University (D3), DC for the last 12 seasons. Collins lettered 4 years at Wash St as a SS from 1983-'86.

Defensive Line: Romeo Bandison, 4th year

Bandison spent 5 years as the DL coach under Hawkins at Boise St & enters his 4th year in that same capacity here. He was a standout DE for Oregon from 1990-'93 and was a 3rd round DC of the Cleveland Browns, playing 4 years in the NFL (with the Browns & Redskins) and one ssn in the WFL.

Linebackers: Brian Cabral, 21st year

Cabral was an Asst HC 3 yrs ago, but has spent the majority of his career here taking care of LB's S/'90 (grad asst in '89) after having coached them at Purdue for 2 years. He will be CU's full time LB coach for the 4th year in a row as he is a holdover from the Barnett staff. Cabral is a CU grad who had 297 tkls for the Buffs (11th all-time). He played in the NFL for 9 yrs with three teams (Falcons, Packers & Bears) and was the ST captain for the 1985 SB Champion Chicago Bears.

Outside Linebackers: Bob Foster, 1st year

Foster has 4 decades of coaching experience. 2009 will mark the 3rd time he has come out of retirement as his last stop was with Cal in '06 as the LB cch (also there in '02). From 1998-'99, Foster was the DC/LB cch at Oregon. He spent 1995-'97 as a defensive consultant with Hawkins at Willamette. Foster was the DC at his alma mater UC Davis (lettered 4 yrs@RB from 1958-'61) when Hawkins was a player and later compiled a 30-1-1 record as HC from 1989-'92.

DBs: Greg Brown, 7th year (4th w/HC Hawkins)

Brown's 2nd time around coaching at CU as he was the Secondary Coach here from 1991-'93 & in 2008 added Defensive Passing Game Coordinator to his duties. He spent 2002-'05 as a def asst for the New Orleans Saints. Brown is a 15 yr NFL cching vet. He coached DBs for Wyoming in '87 & '88 and at Purdue in '89 & '90. Brown played CB at UTEP (1979-80)