

2006 COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FOOTBALL



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2006 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sep. 2	at Washburn	L, 41-21
Sep. 9	Fort Hays State	W, 34-21
	<i>Tailgreat Event 2006</i>	
Sep. 16	Adams State*	L, 26-7
	<i>Hall of Fame Game</i>	
Sep. 23	at Chadron State*	L, 57-0
Sep. 30	Oklahoma Panhandle State*	12:00 pm
	<i>Parents Day</i>	
Oct. 7	N.M. Highlands*	1:00 pm
	<i>Homecoming</i>	
Oct. 14	at Western N.M.*	12:00 pm
Oct. 21	Fort Lewis*	12:00 pm
	<i>Take a Kid to the Game</i>	
Oct. 28	at Neb.-Kearney*	1:00 pm
Nov. 4	Mesa State*	12:00 pm
	<i>Senior Day</i>	
Nov. 11	at Western St.*	1:00 pm
	* RMAC Game	

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2006 RMAC STANDINGS

TEAM	RMAC	TOTAL
Fort Lewis	3-0	3-2
Adams State	2-0	3-1
Chadron State	1-0	4-0
Western N.M.	2-1	3-1
Western State	1-1	1-3
Mesa State	0-1	1-3
Nebraska-Kearney	0-1	1-2
N.M. Highlands	0-2	2-2
Colorado Mines	0-2	1-3

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OREDIGGER FOOTBALL NOTES

Overall Record: 1-3 RMAC Record: 0-2 Home: 1-1 Away: 0-2

GAME #5: vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State (0-3)

Time: 12:00 pm (MST)	Last CSM Win: 14-0 in 2002
Site: Brooks Field	Last OPSU Win: 55-19 in 2000
Series: Tied, 4-4	Current Series Streak: CSM (+2)
Last Meeting: CSM won, 14-0, in 2002	Largest CSM Win: 47-0 in 2001
First Meeting: OPSU won, 3-0, in 1957	Largest OPSU Win: 55-19 in 2000

ABOUT THE SERIES

Colorado School of Mines and Oklahoma Panhandle State have met on the gridiron eight times with the all-time series being tied, 8-8. The teams first met in 1957 with OPSU winning, 3-0. CSM has won the last two meetings, including a 14-0 win in 2002 and a 47-0 triumph in Golden in 2001. OPSU has not defeated Mines since a 55-19 win during the 2000 season.

THE HEADCOACHES

Bob Stitt is in his seventh season as the head coach at CSM and claims a 41-30 (.577) overall record. Stitt's .577 winning percentage is the highest by a CSM football coach who has coached in at least 20 games and the highest for a modern day coach at CSM. In addition, his 41 wins are the third most in CSM history and trail only Marv Kay (84 wins from 1969-1995) and Fritz Brennecke (78 wins from 1947-1969). Stitt is 2-1 all-time against OPSU

Oklahoma Panhandle State is led by Kyle Davis.

ALL-TIME RECORD

CSM claims a 365-510-30 all-time record since its first collegiate football game in 1888, a 6-4 win over Denver University.

CSM vs. THE "O's"

CSM is 8-6 all-time against schools that begin with the letter "O". The Orediggers are 4-4 against Oklahoma Panhandle State and 4-2 against Omaha University.

RMAC OPENERS

The game on Sept. 16 against Adams State was the RMAC opener for CSM, which is now 2-12-1 in 14 all-time RMAC openers since 1992. The two wins came in 2004 and 2005, both against Western State. The game against Adams State was the first time CSM opened the season against the Grizzlies.

Bob Stitt

Head Coach • Seventh Year

2004 RMAC Coach of the Year

2004 Division II AFCA Region 5 Coach of the Year

2004 d2football.com Southwest Region Coach of the Year

The 2006 campaign will be Bob Stitt's seventh season as the head coach of the Colorado School of Mines football squad.

During his first six years at the helm, Stitt has led the Orediggers to an overall record of 41-30, including a 27-23 mark in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Stitt's .577 winning percentage is the highest by a Mines football coach who has coached in at least 20 games and the highest for a modern day coach at CSM.

In 2005, Stitt guided CSM to a 6-5 overall record and a second place finish in the RMAC at 6-2. It marked the fifth consecutive winning season by the Oredigger football program, the first time that has happened in the 117 year history of the program. A total of 13 players earned All-RMAC honors and CSM also boasted the RMAC Wide Receiver and Special Teams Player of the Year in Justin Gallas, the RMAC Offensive Lineman of the Year in Travis Yenne and the RMAC Linebacker of the Year in Jared Heath. Gallas was also a Southwest Regional Finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy and earned AFCA First Team All-American honors.

Two seasons ago, Stitt led the Orediggers to the best season in school-history as the team won its first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title since 1958 by going 8-0 in conference play. In addition, the team posted a perfect 11-0 mark in the regular season and advanced to the NCAA Division II Playoffs for the first time in program history.

In the opening round, Stitt led CSM to a 52-33 victory over Lone Star Conference member Midwestern State at Brooks Field. Mines fell in the second round of the playoffs at No. 1-ranked Pittsburg State, the eventual national runner-up, to end its season and also snap its school-record 14-game winning streak, which was the second longest in Division II at the time.

The record-setting season helped Stitt be honored as the RMAC Coach of the Year, as well as the Division II American Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year in Region 5 and the d2football.com Southwest Regional Coach of the Year. In addition, Stitt was instrumental in helping senior quarterback Chad Frieauf win the 19th Annual Harlon Hill Trophy as the top player in Division II. He was the first player from CSM and the RMAC to win the award. In total, Stitt guided 18 players to All-RMAC and All-Colorado honors, six players to All-Region accolades and three players to All-American honors, including Frieauf and strong safety Daniel Leger who were First Team All-Americans.

In 2003, Stitt led Mines to a 6-5 mark and he guided the 2001 and 2002 teams to identical 7-4 marks. The seven wins in 2001 were the most by the program since 1958 (7 wins) and also the first winning season for Mines since 1991 (6-4). The 2001-02 seasons also marked the first time since 1975-76 that Mines football produced back-to-back winning seasons. In addition, it marked the first time in the history of the program that CSM teams produced a combined 14 victories in consecutive seasons.

During his tenure at CSM, Stitt has coached 67 All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference honorees, 14 All-Region players and four All-Americans.

Before coming to CSM, Stitt most recently served as an offensive coordinator at Harvard University, setting school records in total offense in a game (640 yards), passing yards in a game (405), first downs in a game (34), and points scored in an Ivy League Game (63). Stitt's 1999 offense ranked first among Ivy League teams in rushing, fourth in Ivy League total offense, and third in Ivy League scoring.

A Doane College (Neb.) graduate, Stitt received various accolades as a running back and a return specialist when he played there in the mid-80's, including the All-State College Offensive Player of the Year in 1985. He also played left field for the baseball team, and competed in the 4x100-meter relay on the track team.



The Bob Stitt File

Full Name: Robert Allen Stitt

Born: May 4, 1964

Birthplace: Tecumseh, Neb.

Wife: Joan Scherrer

Children: Joe and Sam

Coaching Experience

<u>Years</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
1986	Secondary Coach	Doane College
1987	Running Backs Coach	Nebraska Wesleyan
1988-89	Running Backs Coach	Northern Colorado
1990-93	Offensive Coordinator	Doane College
1994-99	Offensive Coordinator Assistant Head Coach	Austin College
1999	Offensive Coordinator	Harvard
2000-Pres.	Head Coach	Colorado Mines

Education

High School: Tecumseh High School

College: Doane College, 1986

Masters: University of Northern Colorado, 1989

The Bob Stitt Record

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>RMAC</u>
2000	Colorado Mines	2-8	1-7
2001	Colorado Mines	7-4	4-4
2002	Colorado Mines	7-4	4-4
2003	Colorado Mines	6-5	4-4
2004	Colorado Mines	12-1	8-0
2005	Colorado Mines	6-5	6-2
2006	Colorado Mines	1-3	0-2
Total	7th Year	41-30	27-23

Stitt returned to coach at his alma mater after receiving his Masters in Physical Education from the University of Northern Colorado in 1989. The offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for four years at Doane, Stitt produced three NAIA Division II All-Americans and 19 All-Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference Offensive Players during his tenure. He proceeded to coach at Austin College in Texas where he acted as the assistant head coach and the coordinator of the offense and special teams from 1994 to 1999 before he moved on to Harvard.

FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

2006 Team Information

Captains: Garrett Mehl & Charles Yarbrough

Offensive Formation: Pro/Wide

Defensive Formation: 3-4

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 37/15

Starters Returning/Lost: 14/12

Off. Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4

Def. Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6

Spcl. Team Starters Returning/Lost: 2/2

Head Coach

Bob Stitt (Doane College, 1986)

Years at CSM: Six seasons

Record at CSM: 41-30 (.577)

RMAC Record: 27-23 (.540)

Home: 22-14 (.611) **Away:** 19-16 (.543)

Assistant Coaches

Dave Bernard - Assistant Secondary

Stacy Coryell - Outside Linebackers

Clem Grinstead - Running Backs

Greg Jensen - Athletics Trainer

Jason Koltz - Linebackers/Special Teams

Curt Lessman - Offensive Line

Jason Munoz - Off. Coordinator/Receivers

Marty Heaton - Defensive Coordinator

Brent Symons - Offensive Line

Darren Townsend - Equipment Manager

Keith Wilson - Def. Line/Conditioning

School Information

School: Colorado School of Mines

Location: Golden, Colorado

Enrollment: 3,200

Founded: 1874

President: Dr. Myles W. (Bill) Scoggins

Athletics Director: Tom Spicer

Associate Athletics Director: Dan Lewis

Nickname: Orediggers

Mascot: Marvin the Miner

Colors: Reflex Blue and Silver

Conference: Rocky Mountain Athletic

Football Information

First Year of Football: 1888

Stadium (Capacity): Brooks Field (4,000)

2005 Season in Review

Overall Record: 6-5

RMAC Record: 6-2, 2nd place

Home/Away: 3-3 / 3-2

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UP NEXT FOR CSM

CSM will return to action on Oct. 7 when it hosts New Mexico Highlands at 1:00 pm at Brooks Field for the Homecoming Game. Presale tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students, while day of game tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.

LISTEN LIVE TO CSM FOOTBALL ONLINE

Now you can follow all the action of CSM football games on the internet, courtesy of Mines Internet Radio. Visit radio.mines.edu and click on the LISTEN LIVE link to follow all the live action of CSM football.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES ON THE INTERNET

Now you can get all the latest and most comprehensive news on Oredigger football and Colorado School of Mines athletics 24 hours a day by visiting the Colorado School of Mines Athletics Department official website at ... <http://athletics.mines.edu>.

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Get all the latest news on all of Colorado School of Mines Athletics by signing up for the Orediggers' E-Mail List. Receive daily updates, game recaps and press releases on all of CSM's athletic teams by emailing Sports Information Director Gregory Murphy at gjmurphy@mines.edu. You can sign up to receive updates on one sport, numerous sports or all sports. Please indicate in your email what sports you would like to be included on or if you would like to be included for all sports.

ALL ABOUT OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE

The Aggies enter the week at 0-3 overall and are coming off a bye week. In their most recent action, the Aggies fell to Southwest Oklahoma State, 33-14. OPSU has been outscored in its three games this year, 189-20.

WHEN THE AGGIES HAVE THE BALL

OPSU is led on offense by quarterback Brandon Warner who is 5-for-18 for 86 yards and one interception. He is also the teams leading rusher with 39 carries for 102 yards and a touchdown. Steven Jackson has caught four passes for 92 yards. As a team, OPSU is averaging 6.7 points and 143.7 yards per game.

AND WHEN THEY DON'T

OPSU is led on defense by Ranaoldo Davis who has posted 28 tackles, including 1.5 for losses. Chase Martin has been in on 13 tackles, while Hershell Alfred has recorded nine tackles, including the lone sack for the Aggies. As a team, OPSU is giving up 63.0 points and 578.7 yards per game.

IN THE POLLS

Neither Colorado School of Mines nor Oklahoma Panhandle State is not ranked in any of the national polls this week.

LAST TIME vs. OPSU (8/31/02)

The Colorado School of Mines football team opened the 2002 season with a 14-0 victory at Oklahoma Panhandle State. After three scoreless quarters to open the game, the Orediggers scored a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns to seal the victory. CSM jumped on the board with its first touchdown with 14:07 left in the fourth quarter as quarterback Nate Jackson hooked up with wide receiver Andrew Schmid from 2-yards out. The duo of Jackson and Schmid hooked up again with 4:52 left, this time from 6-yards out, to extend the CSM lead to 14-0. Jackson finished the game 20-of-30 for 168 yards and two touchdowns, while wide receiver Brian Sump caught eight passes for 84 yards. Schmid finished the game with three catches for 16 yards and the two scores. The Orediggers rushed 29 times for 224 yards and were led by Craig Van Horn who toted the ball 13 times for 107 yards. The Mines defense was led by strong saftey Daniel Leger who totaled 10 tackles, including two sacks. The Aggies were led offensively by quarterback Ty Sellers, who rushed 27 times for 120 yards and completed 8-of-11 passes for 68 yards. Bennie Claiborn posted nine tackles to lead the Aggie defense.

STITT IN OPENERS

CSM Head Coach Bob Stitt is 4-3 in season openers at CSM after a 41-21 loss on Sept. 2 at Washburn to open the 2006 season. CSM lost its first game under Stitt, 43-34, to MidAmerica Nazarene but rebounded to win four straight openers before losing to the Ichabods the last two season openers. In the last 20 openers, CSM is 15-5. In overall season openers, CSM is 57-56-5.

RED ZONE OFFENSE

<u>Times</u> <u>inside 20</u>	<u>Times</u> <u>Scored</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>
7	5	.714	5	0

RED ZONE DEFENSE

<u>Times</u> <u>inside 20</u>	<u>Times</u> <u>Held</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>
16	15	.062	10	5

3rd DOWN CONVERSIONS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Conv.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
52	11	.212

4th DOWN CONVERSIONS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Conv.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
16	8	.500

2006 TOP PERFORMANCES

Rushing

Att: 16, Florendo vs. Fort Hays State
Yards: 66, Florendo vs. Fort Hays State
TD: 2, Mehl at Washburn & vs. Fort Hays
LG: 33, Mehl at Washburn

Passing

Att: 49, Arciaga vs. Adams State
Comp: 34, Arciaga vs. Adams State
Yds: 246, Mehl at Washburn
TD: 1, Mehl, Twice / Arciaga vs. Adams State
LG: 46, Mehl vs. Fort Hays State

Receiving

Rec: 13, Dykstra at Washburn
Yds: 131, Dykstra at Washburn
TD: 1, Dykstra, Twice / Florendo vs. ASC
LG: 46, Dykstra vs. Fort Hays State

Returns

KO Ret: 6, Curl at Chadron State
KO Ret Yds: 200, Curl at Chadron State
LG: 93 (TD), Curl vs. Fort Hays State
Punt Ret: 4, Dykstra vs. Fort Hays State
Punt Ret Yds: 25, Dykstra vs. Fort Hays St.
LG: 10, Florendo/Dykstra vs. Adams State

Defense

Tackles: 13, Wardlaw at Washburn
Tackles for Loss: 3, Richardson vs. Ft. Hays
Sacks: 2.5, Richardson vs. Fort Hays State
Interceptions: 1, Harris vs. Fort Hays State



PRESEASON RMAC POLL

CSM was picked fourth in the Preseason RMAC Poll with 24 points. Fort Lewis was picked first with 14 points and four first place votes. The Skyhawks were followed by Nebraska-Kearney with four first place votes and 21 points, while Chadron State received the final first place vote and 22 total points. After Mines was Adams State (36 points), Mesa State (38), N.M. Highlands and Western New Mexico (55) and Western State (58)

PRESEASON ALL-RMAC SELECTIONS

CSM had four players named to the Preseason All-RMAC Team. Senior running back **Bryan Florendo** and junior kicker **Aaron Abel** were named to the offensive squad, while senior defensive lineman **Charles Yarbrough** and senior linebacker **Danny Sprague** were named to the defensive team.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Two CSM players were named to *Don Hansen's National Football Gazette* Preseason All-American Team. Senior running back **Bryan Florendo** and junior kicker **Aaron Abel** were both named to the squad.

SIX PACK

CSM has five straight winning seasons in the book and will be going after a sixth, a feat that has never been accomplished in program history. The five straight winning seasons are a record for CSM football.

RULE OF TWO

In 30 of the last 39 games, including all 13 in 2004, CSM had at least one player find the end zone two times. The Orediggers are 25-14 during that span.

THE HEAT IS ON

The CSM defense will have a new look this season thanks to **Marty Heaton** who is in his first year as Associate Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator. Heaton, who joined the CSM staff in January, consistently had one of the top defenses in the RMAC and Division II at Adams State where he worked from 1999-2005. Under Heaton, the ASC defense led the RMAC in both total and pass defense and sacks in 2003. In 2004, the Grizzlies were ranked at the top of nearly every defensive category in the RMAC and were named the NCAA Division II Defense of the Year by the College Sports Report. In addition, the defense finished the 2004 season ranked eighth in the nation in scoring defense, 11th in pass efficiency defense, 12th in total defense and 15th in rushing defense. In 2005, Heaton's defense led the RMAC in pass defense, total defense, pass efficiency defense, sacks and opponent first downs. It also ranked 27th in Division II in total defense and 35th in rushing defense. Heaton guided several All-RMAC and All-Region players, including three-time All-American and two-time RMAC Defensive Player of the Year Adam McGurk (2003, 2004), Charles Allgood, a 2004 All-American and Cactus Bowl participant, and 2005 RMAC Defensive Lineman of the Year Ernesto Villasenor.

LESS IS MORE

The Oredigger offensive line will have a new leader this year in Assistant Coach **Curt Lessman** who took over for Scott Carey when Carey departed for a similar position at Tarleton State. Lessman came to CSM from Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU) where he was an assistant coach (tight ends) last season and helped the Bearcats to a Division II National Runner-Up finish. Lessman also spent three years (1999-2001) at NWMSU as a player and was part of the 1999 team that won the Division II National Championship.

TOPPING THE CENTURY MARK

CSM has had at least one wide receiver top the 100-yard plateau in 28 of the last 33 games. The only four times it did not happen was the 2004 regular season finale at Adams State when Jonny Chan led the team with 83 yards, a Sept. 24, 2005 win at Chadron State when Brent Chacon led the squad with 40 yards, an Oct. 22, 2005 win at N.M. Highlands when Michael Curl posted a team-best 91 yards, the Sept. 16 loss to Adams State when Bryan Florendo had a team-high 55 yards and the Sept. 23 loss at Chadron State when Derek Dykstra had 17 yards.

WITH THE ARM AND LEGS

Senior quarterback **Garrett Mehl** has shown that he is capable of beating teams with his arm and his legs. Mehl has completed 44-of-64 passes for 485 yards and two scores this year and is also the leading rusher for CSM with 100 yards on 23 carries. He also has four touchdowns on the ground. For his career, Mehl has thrown for 2,379 yards and 15 touchdowns and has also run for 791 yards and 12 more scores.

CSM STAT LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
B. Florendo	52	153	2.9	0
G. Mehl	23	100	4.3	4

Passing	Att-Comp	Yds	TD	Int.
G. Mehl	64-44	485	2	4
R. Arciaga	72-44	260	1	3
D. Pesek	10-4	26	0	3

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
D. Dykstra	28	309	11.0	2
B. Florendo	26	148	5.7	1
M. Curl	16	153	9.6	0
B. Dickinson	7	70	10.0	0
B. Chacon	7	68	9.7	0

Punt Rtrn	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
D. Dykstra	6	35	5.8	0

Kick Rtrn	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
M. Curl	13	446	34.3	1
B. Dickinson	6	111	18.5	0

Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
H. Wardlaw	12	23	35	2-13	1.5-13
D. Sprague	7	20	27	45-26	3-23
I. Smart	13	11	24	4-20	3-19
M. Richardson	9	14	23	3-9	3.5-8
B. Koenig	7	13	20	3-13	2-8
K. Folly-Kossi	8	7	15	1-6	0-0

INTS	No	Yds	Avg.	TD
C. Harris	1	7	7.0	0

OPSU STAT LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
B. Warner	39	102	2.6	1
D. Daniels	24	89	3.7	1
S. Boone	36	83	2.3	1

Passing	Att-Comp	Yds	TD	Int.
B. Warner	18-5	86	0	1
C. Maynard	8-4	29	0	1

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
S. Jackson	4	92	23.0	0
T. Guidry	2	8	4.0	0
C. Saucedo	1	13	13.0	0

Punt Rtrn	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
S. Jackson	2	5	2.5	0

Kick Rtrn	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
D. Daniels	18	269	14.9	0
S. Jackson	7	126	18.0	0

Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
R. Davis	14	14	28	1.5-3	0-0
C. Martin	9	4	13	0-0	0-0
L. Paul	7	3	10	0-0	0-0
H. Alfred	4	5	9	2.5-17	1-8
M. Estala	6	3	9	0-0	0-0
T. Hearne	7	1	8	1-1	0-0

INTS	No	Yds	Avg.	TD
L. Thompson	1	11	11.0	0

ROWDY, ROWDY ARCIAGA

Sophomore quarterback **Rowdy Arciaga** saw his first collegiate start in the Sept. 16 loss to Adams State. He completed 34-of-49 passes for 206 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

GO FLO

Big things will be expected out of senior running back **Bryan Florendo** this year. One of the top returnees to the 2006 squad, Florendo is coming off a season in which he earned First Team All-RMAC honors after totaling 1,492 yards from scrimmage. He ran 191 times for 913 yards and 15 touchdowns and also caught 53 passes for 579 yards and three more scores. This year, he has 311 all-purpose yards through four games.

DOUBLE "D"

Junior wide receiver **Derek Dykstra** is has started the season with a bang The 6-foot-3 receiver caught a career-high 13 passes for 131 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown in the season opening loss at Washburn. The 13 receptions were one shy of the CSM single game record of 14 set by Dayven Johnston in a triple overtime win at Fort Hays State in 2001. He followed that up with a four catch, 124 yard game in the Sept. 9 win vs. Fort Hays. He leads the team in catches (28), yards (309) and touchdowns (2).

CURL'S ROUTE

Junior wide receiver **Michael Curl** is the speedster of the group and also led the team in yards per catch last season at 16.0 yards per reception. He has caught at least one pass in all 14 games he has played in at CSM. Curl ranks 5th in Division II in kickoff returns (34.3 ypg), which was highlighted by a 93-yard touchdown on the opening kickoff in the Sept. 9 win over Fort Hays State. Curl is also a member of the CSM track teams and ran a season best 6.95 seconds in the 60-meter dash during the indoor season and a 10.7 in the 100-yard dash during the outdoor season.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Senior wide receiver **Brent Chacon** has some good blood in his genes. He is the cousin of MLB pitcher Shawn Chacon, a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Shawn Chacon also served stints with the Colorado Rockies and New York Yankees. With the Yankees, he played a key role in their 2005 playoff run. Chacon has seven catches for 68 yards this year.

EXPERIENCE UP FRONT

The Oredigger offensive line is again one of the most experienced groups under Head Coach **Bob Stitt**. The line features four returning starters from last year's group, including center **Nick Belden**, a three-time All-RMAC honoree. In addition, junior left tackle **James Reeves**, junior right guard **Stephen Immel** and junior right tackle **Brian Fitzpatrick** all return after starting last season. Junior left guard **James Tyree** is penciled in as the starter this year after seeing significant action last year backing up two-time All-American Travis Yenne and also playing on the right side.

IT'S MILLER TIME

Senior free safety **Tim Miller** returns for his final year at CSM after posting 54 stops last season. He returns as the second leading tackler in 2006. As a sophomore, Miller played the role of "Jonny on the Spot" as he tallied a team-best six interceptions, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery en route to First Team All-RMAC accolades.

OH DANNY BOY

Senior linebacker **Danny Sprague** has come a long way since beginning his sophomore year as a backup linebacker. Sprague earned his first start on Oct. 18, 2003, in a 37-7 win against Fort Lewis and has not looked back. He finished the game with eight tackles and two sacks en route to RMAC Defensive Player of the Week honors. Since that game, Sprague has registered 249 tackles over 32 games (7.8 tpg). He has 27 tackles, including a team-best 4.5 for losses and three sacks this year.

MAR "IN" THE BACKFIELD

Junior defensive lineman **Marin Richardson** earned RMAC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance in the Sept. 9 win over Fort Hays when he posted nine tackles, including three for losses and 2.5 sacks. His tackles for losses totaled nine yards. He has three tackles for loss and a team-best 3.5 sacks this season.

CHARLES IN CHARGE

Senior defensive lineman **Charles Yarbrough** will be counted on to be one of the leaders on and off the field this season. This is evident as he was voted by his teammates as one of two Oredigger captains. Yarbrough, a Preseason All-RMAC selection, has tallied 14 tackles, including two sacks in 2006.

CSM IN THE POLLS

American Football Coaches Association

Preseason: Receiving Votes

CollegeSportsReport.com (Dopke.com)

Preseason: N/A

d2football.com

Preseason: N/A

Don Hansen's Football Gazette

Preseason: N/A

Street and Smith's Football Preview

Preseason: N/A

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Preseason: 2nd

CSM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

d2football.com

None in 2006

Don Hansen's Football Gazette

Spec. Teams - Michael Curl (9/9/06)

NFF - Pioneer Press Colorado Chapter

None in 2006

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Def. - Marin Richardson (9/9/06)

Spec. Teams - Michael Curl (9/9/06)

BEAU KNOWS DEFENSE

Senior defensive lineman **Beau Koenig** is getting a chance to start for the first time in his career at CSM. Koenig, who played in nine career games at CSM prior to this season, has posted 20 tackles, including three for losses this year. He had two sacks in the Sept. 16 loss to Adams State.

LAYING DOWN THE LAW

Redshirt freshman linebacker **Hunter Wardlaw** has had quite a start to his CSM career. The Broomfield native opened his collegiate career by posting a game-best 13 tackles in the season opening loss at nationally-ranked Washburn. He currently leads the team with 35 tackles.

ONE SMART FRESHMAN

True freshman rover **Isaiah Smart** has proven that he will be a force on the field over the next four seasons. Smart has amassed 24 tackles, which ranks third on the team, and has four tackles for losses and three sacks.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Sophomore cornerback **Kevin Folly-Kossi** has made an immediate impact for CSM. Folly-Kossi, a transfer from Santa Monica J.C. (Calif.) and a native of the Ivory Coast, leads all CSM defensive backs with 15 tackles and is also tops on the team with seven pass breakups. His 1.7 pass breakups per game ranks eighth in Division II.

READY, WILLING AND ABEL

Junior placekicker **Aaron Abel** is back for his third season as the Oredigger kicker. He has been solid at CSM as he has connected on 19-of-28 field goal attempts (.679), including 12-of-18 from 30 yards or more and 4-of-6 from 40 yards or more. Last season, Abel connected on a game-winning 27-yard field goal with three seconds left in a 27-26 win at Chadron State. Abel hit his first field goal of the 2006 season, a 44-yarder, in the Sept. 9 win over Fort Hays State. It was one yard shy of tying his career long of 45 yards. In Saturday's loss at Chadron State, Abel also did the punting for the first time in his career. He booted five punts for 203 yards (40.6 ypp), including two over 50 yards and one inside the 20-yardline.

SACK ATTACK

The CSM defense has recorded 18 sacks through the first four games of the 2006 season and is well on its way to breaking the school record of 28 sacks in 2002.

POINTS ON THE BOARD

CSM had its streak of 73 games in which it has scored, including all 71 games under Head Coach Bob Stitt, snapped in Saturday's 57-0 loss at Chadron State. The last time the Orediggers were shut out prior to that was Oct. 16, 1999, a 47-0 loss to Mesa State. During that same time period, CSM had shutout three opponents with the last time being Sept. 11, 2004, a 58-0 blanking of Western State. During Stitt's tenure as coach at CSM, the Orediggers have scored at least 30 points 41 times (out of 71 games).

2006 COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO	NAME	YR	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Ryan Schietinger	Jr.	K/P	5-10	175	Broomfield, Colo./Holy Family
2	Aaron Abel	Jr.	K	6-0	180	Cheyenne, Wyo./East
3	Michael Curl	Jr.	WR	5-10	170	Houston, Texas/Blinn J.C.
4	Drew Ferren	So.	DB	6-2	203	Lyons, Colo./Lyons
5	Jason Hobson	So.	DB	5-7	180	Aurora, Colo./Cherry Creek
6	Freddie Steinmark	Fr.	QB	6-1	220	Annapolis, Md./Air Force
7	Keenan Bruchez	Fr.	QB	6-4	190	Hayden, Colo./Hayden
8	David Pesek	RFR	QB	6-3	185	Centennial, Colo./Arapahoe
9	Kevin Folly-Kossi	So.	CB	5-9	178	Ivory Coast/Santa Monica JC
10	Nate Crawford	Jr.	SS	5-10	200	Arvada, Colo./Arvada West
11	Rowdy Arciaga	So.	QB	6-2	205	Bonita Vista, Calif./Bonita Vista
12	Kyle Sanderson	RFR	QB	6-0	175	New Castle, Colo./Rifle
13	Colby Harris	Fr.	R	6-2	205	Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton
14	Ryan Lavergne	Jr.	CB	6-0	185	Littleton, Colo./Chatfield
15	Garrett Mehl	Sr.	QB	6-2	195	Crete, Neb./Crete
16	Matt Clary	So.	DB	6-0	180	Louisville, Colo./Monarch
17	Jeff Hutsell	RFR	CB	5-11	180	Loveland, Colo./Loveland
18	Michael Pippens	RFR	RB	5-6	160	Aurora, Colo./Overland
19	Chip Eklund	So.	WR	6-2	197	Green River, Wyo./Green River
20	Jake Phillips	RFR	CB	5-8	170	Arvada, Colo./Arvada West
21	Corey Huck	So.	RB	5-7	182	Superior, Colo./Monarch
22	Eric Hurst	Fr.	RB	5-11	190	Dolores, Colo./Dolores
23	Kyle Goracke	Fr.	FS	6-3	180	Tecumseh, Neb./Tecumseh
24	Nick Haniszewski	RFR	FS	6-1	205	Honey Creek, Iowa/Omaha Roncalli
25	Tim Stockhausen	Fr.	CB	6-0	175	Broomfield, Colo./Holy Family
26	Ben Tiller	Fr.	DB	5-10	200	Fort Worth, Texas/Fossil Ridge
27	Braden Johnson	RFR	K/P	5-10	150	Littleton, Colo./Conifer
28	Jeff Morgan	RFR	DB	5-10	190	Fort Worth, Texas/Fossil Ridge
29	Andrew Bell	Fr.	WR	6-4	210	San Antonio, Texas/Warren
31	Joey Corder	Fr.	DB	6-0	185	Aurora, Colo./Grandview
32	Mitchell Matthews	Fr.	DB	6-1	180	Avondale, Ariz./Westview
33	Tim Gee	So.	RB	5-9	185	Wheat Ridge, Colo./Wheat Ridge
34	Kyle Edds	RFR	DB	5-9	165	Emporia, Kan./Emporia
35	Kevin Gallas	Fr.	DB	5-11	185	Mesquite, Ariz./Hamilton
36	Dane Osthoff	Fr.	LB	6-2	225	Greeley, Colo./Northridge
37	Ryan Peters	RFR	RB	5-11	180	Boulder, Colo./Boulder
38	JT Baum	Fr.	RB	6-0	205	Littleton, Colo./Columbine
39	Keegan Moyer	RFR	RB	5-9	190	McArthur, Calif./Fall River
40	Grant Dykstra	RFR	CB	5-9	170	Seibert, Colo./Hi-Plains
42	Tim Miller	Sr.	FS	6-2	215	Littleton, Colo./Columbine
43	Nate DiOrio	Fr.	LB	6-1	215	Canyon City, Colo./Canon City
44	Bryan Florendo	Sr.	RB	5-11	200	Crete, Neb./Crete
45	Justin Silva	RFR	LB	6-1	205	Parker, Colo./Chapparel
46	Danny Sprague	Sr.	LB	6-2	235	Wheat Ridge, Colo./Wheat Ridge
47	James Tucker	Fr.	LB	6-0	220	Highlands Ranch, Colo./ThunderRidge
48	A.J. Montalvo	So.	LB	6-0	220	Houston, Texas/The Woodlands
49	Beau Koenig	Sr.	DL	6-1	215	Florence, Colo./Florence
50	Kyle Miller	Fr.	LB	6-0	195	Superior, Colo./Monarch
52	Kyle Flanagan	RFR	LB	6-0	212	Huntington Beach, Calif./Marina
53	James Bailey	Fr.	LB	6-0	225	Aurora, Colo./Overland
54	Brock Rouch	RFR	LB	6-2	200	Loveland, Colo./Loveland
55	Nick Belden	Sr.	OL	6-2	290	Denver, Colo./Denver East
56	Trevor McIntosh	Fr.	OL	6-2	250	Superior, Colo.
57	Isaiah Smart	Fr.	LB	6-1	195	Phoenix, Ariz./Moon Valley
58	Hunter Wardlaw	RFR	LB	6-2	210	Broomfield, Colo./Broomfield
59	Ben Hahn	RFR	LB	6-0	208	Castle Rock, Colo./Douglas County
60	Ryan Yopps	Fr.	OL	6-2	220	Elko, Nev./Elko
61	Zach Meints	RFR	OL	6-2	285	Cortland, Neb./Norris
62	Stephen Immel	Jr.	OL	6-6	330	Richardson, Texas/J.J. Richardson
63	Josh Ross	Fr.	OL	6-3	250	Arvada, Colo./Arvada West
64	Randy Anderson	Fr.	OL	6-4	260	Littleton, Colo./Dakota Ridge
65	James Tyree	Jr.	OL	6-1	265	Corpus Christi, Texas/W.B. Ray
66	Travis Sauers	Fr.	OL	6-3	250	Santa Fe, Texas/Santa Fe
67	Brandon Joy	RFR	OL	6-1	260	Castle Rock, Colo./Douglas County
68	Brian Lincoln	RFR	OL	6-3	270	Grand Junction, Colo./Grand Jctn.
69	James Reeves	Jr.	OL	6-2	240	Denver, Colo./Bishop Machbeauf
70	Miles Porter	Fr.	OL	6-2	310	Centennial, Colo./Mullen
71	Adam Sprouse	Fr.	DL	6-2	230	Colo. Springs, Colo./Colo. State
73	Chris Heger	So.	OL	6-2	245	Longmont, Colo./Longmont
74	Nick Zoller	Fr.	OL	6-6	240	Centennial, Colo./Littleton
75	Brian Fitzpatrick	Jr.	OL	6-6	270	Superior, Colo./Monarch
76	Gary Ontai	RFR	OL	6-0	310	Honolulu, Hawaii/Damien Mem.
77	Will Ard	Fr.	OL	6-3	260	Highlands Ranch, Colo./ThunderRidge
79	Kyle Smith	Fr.	DL	6-1	210	Boulder, Colo./Fairview
80	Zak Hanneman	Fr.	WR	5-11	175	Chandler, Ariz./Hamilton
81	Brent Chacon	Sr.	WR	6-1	185	Gilcrest, Colo./Valley
82	Brent Dickinson	RFR	WR	6-0	189	Englewood, Colo./Cherry Creek
83	Geoff Heller	Fr.	WR	6-2	195	Del Norte, Colo./Del Norte
84	Adam Saur	RFR	WR	6-3	188	San Antonio, Texas/Clark
85	Greg Foster	So.	WR	6-4	195	Fort Collins, Colo./Fort Collins
86	Donald Markley	Fr.	WR	5-11	175	Colleyville, Texas/Colleyville
87	Derek Dykstra	Jr.	WR	6-3	200	Seibert, Colo./Hi-Plains
88	Matt Bourget	Fr.	WR	6-1	195	Salida, Colo./Salida
89	Nathan Dirks	Fr.	DE	6-3	210	Littleton, Colo./Littleton
90	Scott McDowell	RFR	DL	6-1	260	Lakewood, Colo./Green Mtn.
91	Marin Richardson	Jr.	DE	6-2	262	Colo. Springs, Colo./Mitchell
92	Charles Yarbrough	Sr.	DL	6-4	265	Lakewood, Colo./Green Mtn.
93	Blaine Sumner	Fr.	DL	6-2	265	Conifer, Colo./Conifer
94	Marc Schiechl	Fr.	DE	6-3	205	Littleton, Colo./Bear Creek
95	Vincent Hecker	RFR	DL	6-4	245	Loveland, Colo./Loveland
96	Phil Supinski	Sr.	DE	6-3	250	Arvada, Colo./Wheat Ridge
97	Byron Meals	Fr.	DL	6-2	230	Chipita Park, Colo.
98	Daniel Sorensen	RFR	DE	6-4	220	Arvada, Colo./Arvada West
99	Kaleb Anderson	Fr.	DL	6-3	200	Littleton, Colo./Dakota Ridge
RS	Dominic Bravo	RFR	DB	6-4	200	Westminster, Colo./Northglenn
RS	Koehler Anderson	Fr.	DL	6-0	238	Niwot, Colo./Holy Family
RS	Chad Daigle	Fr.	DE	6-5	200	Keenesburg, Colo./Weld Central
RS	Tom Kastens	Fr.	WR	6-1	190	Golden, Colo./D'Evelyn
RS	Jason Lehman	Fr.	WR	5-11	170	Colo. Springs, Colo./Pine Creek
RS	Kevin Lock	Fr.	LB	6-0	187	Windsor, Colo./Rocky Mountain
RS	Ian Mestdagh	Fr.	DB	5-11	190	Arvada, Colo./Arvada West
RS	Bobby Munz	Fr.	OL	6-3	235	St. John, Kan./Great Bend
RS	Austin Powell	Fr.	OL	6-2	230	Louisville, Colo./Monarch
RS	Tony Ross	Fr.	DE	6-3	230	Madrid, Neb./Perkins
RS	James Schroeder	Fr.	CB	5-11	168	Santa Fe, Texas/Santa Fe
RS	Collin Smith	Fr.	WR	6-1	170	Centennial, Colo./Smoky Hill
RS	Robbin Vinnola	Fr.	WR	6-3	175	Arvada, Colo./Arvada West
RS	Nick Zehring	Fr.	LB	6-0	205	Mesa, Ariz./Mountain View
RS	Peter Gertonson	Fr.	DL			Eaton, Colo.
RS	Branson Gilley	Fr.	OL			Brewster, Kan.
RS	Joey Gindi	Fr.	DB			Boulder, Colo.
RS	Cameron Leuthey	Fr.	OL			Denver, Colo.
RS	Matt Miller	Fr.	DB			Glenwood Springs, Colo.

2006 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY CLASS

Seniors: 9
 Juniors: 11
 Sophomores: 12
 Redshirted Freshmen: 28
 True Freshmen: 53

Total: 113



BY GEOGRAPHY

Colorado: 80
 Texas: 10
 Arizona: 6
 Nebraska: 5
 California: 3
 Kansas: 3
 Wyoming: 2
 Iowa: 1
 Hawaii: 1
 Maryland: 1
 Nevada: 1
 Ivory Coast: 1



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OREDIGGER OFFENSE

Quarterback

15 Garrett Mehl Sr. 6-2 195
11 Rowdy Arciaga So. 6-2 205

Running Back

44 Bryant Florendo Sr. 5-11 200
38 JT Baum Fr. 6-0 205

H-Back

33 Tim Gee So. 5-9 185
21 Corey Huck So. 5-7 182

Wide Receiver

81 Brent Chacon Sr. 6-1 185
3 Michael Curl Jr. 5-10 170

Wide Receiver

87 Derek Dykstra Jr. 6-3 200
85 Greg Foster So. 6-4 195

Wide Receiver

82 Brent Dickinson RFr 6-0 189
84 Adam Saur RFr 6-3 188

Left Tackle

69 James Reeves Jr. 6-2 240
67 Brandon Joy RFr 6-1 260

Left Guard

65 James Tyree Jr. 6-1 265
61 Zach Meints RFr 6-2 285

Center

55 Nick Belden Sr. 6-2 290
75 Gary Ontai RFr 6-0 310

Right Guard

62 Stephen Immel Jr. 6-6 330
73 Chris Heger So. 6-2 245

Right Tackle

75 Brian Fitzpatrick Jr. 6-6 270
67 Brandon Joy RFr 6-1 260

OREDIGGER DEFENSE

Defensive End

91 Marin Richardson Jr. 6-2 262
95 Vince Hecker RFr 6-4 245

Nose Tackle

92 Charles Yarbrough Sr. 6-4 265
96 Phil Supinski Sr. 6-3 250

Defensive End

98 Danny Sorenson RFr 6-4 220
49 Beau Koenig Sr. 6-1 215

Rover

57 Isaiah Smart Fr. 6-1 195
31 Joey Corder Fr. 6-0 185

Outside Linebacker

58 Hunter Wardlaw RFr 6-2 210
45 Justin Silva RFr 6-1 205

Inside Linebacker

46 Danny Sprague Sr. 6-2 235
42 Tim Miller Sr. 6-2 215

Outside Linebacker

24 Nick Haniszewski RFr 6-1 205
5 Jason Hobson So. 5-7 180

Rover

26 Ben Tiller Fr. 5-10 200
10 Nate Crawford Jr. 5-10 200

Cornerback

9 Kevin Folly-Kossi So. 5-9 178
40 Grant Dykstra RFr 5-9 170

Cornerback

28 Jeff Morgan RFr 5-10 190
14 Ryan Lavergne Jr. 6-0 185

Safety

13 Colby Harris Fr. 6-2 205
4 Drew Ferren So. 6-2 203

OREDIGGER SPECIALISTS

Punter

1 Ryan Schietinger Jr. 5-10 175
2 Aaron Abel Jr. 6-0 180

Field Goals/PAT's

2 Aaron Abel Jr. 6-0 180
1 Ryan Schietinger Jr. 5-10 175

Kickoffs

1 Ryan Schietinger Jr. 5-10 175
2 Aaron Abel Jr. 6-0 180

Long Snapper

87 Derek Dykstra Jr. 6-3 200
13 Colby Harris Fr. 6-2 205

Holder

81 Brent Chacon Sr. 6-1 185
15 Garrett Mehl Sr. 6-2 195

Punt Returns

44 Bryant Florendo Sr. 5-11 200
87 Derek Dykstra Jr. 6-3 200

Kick Returns

3 Michael Curl Jr. 5-10 170
82 Brent Dickinson RFr 6-0 189

THE LAST TIME ...

A CSM TEAM ...

Shutout an opponent at Western State (58-0) 9/11/04
Was shutout **at Chadron State (57-0), 9/23/06**
Was shutout in the first half **at Chadron State (43-0), 9/23/06**
Had a game end in a tie at New Mexico Highlands (13-13) 10/1/94
Played an overtime game vs. South Dakota (L, 44-41), 9/17/05
Won a game in the final minute at Chadron State (27-26), 9/24/05
Scored 40+ points vs. Adams State (W, 42-27), 11/5/05
Scored 50+ points vs. Midwestern State (52-33), 11/13/04
Scored 60+ points at New Mexico Highlands (75-40), 10/25/04
Scored 70+ points at New Mexico Highlands (75-40), 10/25/04
Had an opponent score 40+ points **at Chadron State (L, 57-0), 9/23/06**
Had an opponent score 50+ points **at Chadron State (L, 57-0), 9/23/06**
Had an opponent score 60+ points at Pittsburg State (70-35), 11/20/04
Did not commit a turnover vs. Adams State (W, 42-27), 11/5/05
Committed 5+ turnovers at Mesa State (L, 21-14, 5 TO), 10/29/05
Forced 5+ turnovers vs. Midwestern State (W, 52-33, 6 TO), 11/13/04
Was penalized 100+ yards vs. Fort Lewis (W, 42-41; 134 yds), 10/15/05
Rushed for 300+ yards vs. Missouri Rolla (W, 48-12, 314 yds), 9/4/04
Gave up 300+ yards rushing at Pittsburg State (L, 70-35, 359 yds), 11/20/04
Passed for 400+ yards at Fort Hays State (W, 46-10, 416 yds), 10/1/05
Gave up 400+ yards passing vs. Missouri Rolla (W, 48-12, 449 yds), 9/4/04
Amassed 500+ yards of offense at Fort Hays State (W, 46-10, 566 yds), 10/1/05
Gave up 500+ yards of offense **at Chadron State (L, 57-0; 538), 9/23/06**
Had two players rush for 100 yards vs. Mesa State (Craig Van Horn - 110 and Chad Frieauf - 110), 10/30/04
Had two players have 100+ receiving yards vs. Fort Lewis, 10/15/05 (Justin Gallas - 133 and Bryan Florendo - 108), 10/15/05
Came back from a 20+ point deficit at Fort Hays State (32-9 to win 52-45 in OT), 9/22/01

A CSM PLAYER ...

Had 30+ rushing attempts N/A
Had 200+ rushing yards N/A
Had a 70+ yard run Craig Van Horn (71 yds) vs. Missouri Rolla, 9/4/04
Had 3+ rushing touchdowns Bryan Florendo (3) at New Mexico Highlands, 10/22/05
Had a 70+ yard pass Chad Frieauf to Jonny Chan (82 yds TD) vs. N.M. Highlands, 10/25/04
Had 4+ passing touchdowns Chad Frieauf (5) vs. Midwestern State, 11/13/04
Had 30+ completions **Rowdy Arciaga (34) vs. Adams State, 9/16/06**
Had 300+ yards passing Danny Medina (321) vs. Fort Lewis, 10/15/05
Had 100+ yards receiving **Derek Dykstra (124) vs. Fort Hays State, 9/9/06**
Had 200+ yards receiving Justin Gallas (202) vs. Mesa State, 10/25/04
Had 10+ receptions **Bryan Florendo (10) vs. Adams State, 9/16/06**
Had 3+ receiving touchdowns Jonny Chan (3) at New Mexico Highlands, 10/25/03
Had a 40+ yard field goal **Aaron Abel (44), vs. Fort Hays State, 9/9/06**
Had 10+ punts in a game Josh Hodsdon (12) vs. Chadron State, 9/16/00
Had a 60+ yard punt Scott Hahn (68) vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 10/11/03
Had a punt return for a touchdown Brian Sump (45 yds) vs. South Dakota Tech, 9/7/02
Had a kick return for a touchdown **Michael Curl (93 yards) vs. Fort Hays State, 9/9/06**
Had an interception return for a touchdown Kyle Smith (27 yds) vs. Western New Mexico, 8/30/03
Had a fumble recovery for a touchdown Joe Roseberry (20 yds) at New Mexico Highlands, 10/25/03
Had 3 interceptions in a game Grant Newton (3) at Adams State, 11/9/02