

The Bruins begin the fourth season of the Rick Neuheisel Era set to enter the first year of play in the Pac-12 Conference. Colorado and Utah join the league this season and both appear on the Bruins schedule (at Utah on Nov. 12; versus Colorado in the Rose Bowl on Nov. 19).

UCLA enters Fall camp with some new faces on the coaching staff, a solid recruiting class and plenty of familiar faces as 15 players on each side of the ball return who own previous starting experience.

A total of 43 lettermen, including eight positional starters on defense (DL Owamagbe Odighizuwa, DL Cassius Marsh, DL Damien Holmes, LB Patrick Larimore, LB Sean Westgate, CB Sheldon Price, S Tony Dye, CB Aaron Hester) and seven on offense (WR Nelson Rosario, OL Sean Sheller, OL Mike Harris, TE Cory Harkey, QB Kevin Prince/Richard Brehaut, RB Johnathan Franklin, WR Taylor Embree) along with one of the best punters (Jeff Locke) in the nation, give Neuheisel and staff reason for optimism.

In addition, three starters from the 2009 season are expected to be ready to return to action in the Fall after sitting out the 2010 campaign. Center Kai Maiava (fractured ankle), offensive guard/tackle Jeff Baca (academic ineligibility) and defensive end Datone Jones (fractured foot) each participated in parts of Spring ball with hopes of returning to the front line.

Defensively, two of the top tacklers in the Pac-10 in Dye (tied fourth) and Westgate (tied eighth), several of the conference's top young defenders in Marsh, Odighizuwa, LB Jordan Zumwalt and S Dietrich Riley, provide an exciting core group of players for the new defensive coordinator, Joe Tresey. The defensive linemen also will have a new coach, as former Pac-10 Morris Trophy winner Inoke Breckterfield has joined the staff.

On offense, new coordinator Mike Johnson welcomes back a 1,000-yard rusher in Johnathan Franklin (1,127 yards). In all, the top seven rushers from 2010 are expected back after UCLA upped its rushing total from the previous season by an average of over 60 yards per game. Nine of the top 10 receivers from a year ago also return, with Taylor Embree's 32 catches and 409 receiving yards leading the way. Harris and Sheller are returning starters along the offensive line which is expected to feature 2009 starting center Maiava and starting guard Baca. Both starting quarterbacks from last season - Brehaut and Prince - will be ready to compete in the Fall to take the first snap of the season. New assistant coach Jim Mastro comes on board from Nevada to help tutor the tight ends and the F-backs in the "Pistol" running game.

"Offensively, I was pleased with the growth of the ground game in 2010 and the mind set that comes along with it," said the Bruin head coach. "The return of Sheller, Harris, Baca and Maiava along the line, and all of our top running backs give us great promise going forward in this area. The passing game came alive down the stretch, but we need to make sure it flourishes all season long for us to maximize our success. Youngsters like Ricky Marvray, Malcolm Jones, Anthony Barr, Greg Capella and Chris Ward saw their first game action last year and I am anxious to see how that experience pays off.

"Defensively, we are excited about our returning nucleus of starters, and the strides made by several of our young players like Owa, Marsh, Zumwalt and Riley in such a short time. The return of Datone Jones to our defensive front should be a huge plus. The experience gained by the linebacking crew will pay dividends this season. We have four defensive backs returning with starting experience and several others who have logged significant playing time who are primed to battle it out for playing time.

"When it comes to special teams, we feel Jeff Locke is one of the nation's best punters and our punt coverage unit was ranked No. 1 in the nation (net punting). We will solidify our placekicker, holder and long snapper positions in the Fall and continue to work to improve our return game."

"We were all disappointed with last year's results and I expect the level of competition at virtually every position to be off the charts. Our staff needs to make sure it is prepared to bring out the best in each player."

Offensively, UCLA returns 15 players with starting experience. The receiving group boasts tight end Harkey (12g started in 2010/23 career starts); wideouts Embree (11/31), Randall Carroll (1/1), Rosario (8/10), Jerry Johnson (1/1), Marvray (4/4); as well as F-back Barr (4/4). At running back, Franklin (10/18) and Derrick Coleman (2/4) are set to return. Along the offensive line, Harris (10/28), Sheller (10/10), Maiava (0/12), Baca (0/21) are back. At quarterback, Prince (5/16) and Brehaut (7/7) return.

Defensively, UCLA also boasts 15 players with starting experience. The defensive line features Datone Jones (0/15), Nate Chandler (8/10), Justin Edison (3/3), Damien Holmes (6/6), Keenan Graham (6/6), Owamagbe Odighizuwa (6/6), and Cassius Marsh (4/4). At linebacker, returning Bruins

include Jordan Zumwalt (4/4), Sean Westgate (12/13) and Patrick Larimore (7/7). Defensive backs Aaron Hester (11/12), Sheldon Price (9/20), Andrew Abbott (5/6) and Tony Dye (12/26) also return.

On special teams, Locke ranked as one of the nation's best in 2010, earning All-America honors from rivals.com and second-team all-conference accolades. He ranked first in the Pac-10 and fourth nationally with his average of 45.84 yards per punt. UCLA led the nation in net punting average (41.27). In addition, fourteen of Locke's kickoffs resulted in touchbacks.

The schedule commences with a trip to high-scoring Houston, from Conference USA, followed by home games against San Jose State and Texas. The Pac-12 slate opens with road battles at Oregon State and at Stanford. UCLA will be part of the new Pac-12 South in 2011 which features Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, USC and Utah. One team from the North and one from the South will meet in the first Conference championship game on Dec. 2. Four of the Bruins' nine Pac-12 conference games in 2011 will be played at the Rose Bowl, beginning with an Oct. 8 battle against Washington State. The schedule also features a Thursday night nationally-televised affair at Arizona. The game with USC moves to the Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 26) at the Coliseum.

## OFFENSE

### QUARTERBACK

The Bruins return four quarterbacks with playing experience, including Kevin Prince (5 games started in 2010, 16 overall) and Richard Brehaut (7 starts in 2010) who each started games last season. Each will be looking to provide a consistent level of production and efficiency within the system of new coordinator Mike Johnson.

Redshirt junior **KEVIN PRINCE** (6-2, 223) opened 2010 as the starter and went on to start five games, including the big win at Texas. However, a knee injury sent him to the sidelines following the Cal game. He underwent knee surgery on Oct. 23 and missed the balance of the season. Prince was limited to seven-on-seven drills during Spring Practice while continuing the rehabilitation process on his knee but is expected to be ready to compete in Fall camp.

The strong-armed signal-caller completed 42 of 94 pass attempts for 384 yards, three touchdowns and five interceptions in the five games in which he played a year ago. In 2009, Prince's 173 completions and 2,050 passing yards ranked No. 2 on UCLA's all-time freshman list. He was listed seventh in the Pac-10 in total offense (202.64) that season. In addition to his exploits in the air, Prince has netted 289 yards on the ground over the last two seasons.

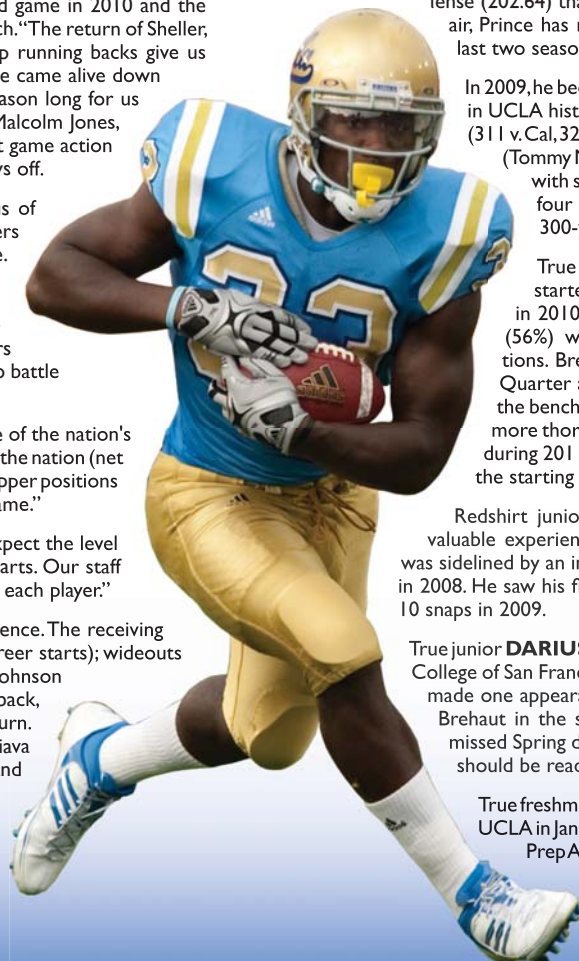
In 2009, he became just the second freshman quarterback in UCLA history to pass for over 300 yards three times (311 v. Cal, 323 at Oregon St., 314 at Wash. St.) in a season (Tommy Maddox in 1990). In fact, only Cade McNown, with six as a senior in 1998, and Tom Ramsey, with four as a senior in 1982, have produced more 300-yard passing games in a season.

True junior **RICHARD BREHAUT** (6-2, 226) started seven games and played in nine contests in 2010. He completed 119 of 212 pass attempts (56%) with six touchdowns and seven interceptions. Brehaut entered UCLA for the 2009 Spring Quarter and went on to see action in six games off the bench in his true freshman season. He displayed a more thorough understanding and added consistency during 2011 Spring Practice and will now compete for the starting job in August.

Redshirt junior **NICK CRISSMAN** (6-3, 221) gained valuable experience during Spring Practice. A year ago, he was sidelined by an injured shoulder and that was also the case in 2008. He saw his first game action at Washington State, with 10 snaps in 2009.

True junior **DARIUS BELL** (5-11, 226) transferred in from City College of San Francisco in time for the 2010 Fall Practices. He made one appearance last season, coming on for an injured Brehaut in the second half of the Washington game. Bell missed Spring drills due to February shoulder surgery, but should be ready for Fall camp.

True freshman **BRETT HUNDLEY** (6-3, 210), entered UCLA in January, 2011 after playing in the Under Armour Prep All-Star game. He showed during Spring drills



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that he has the talent to excel at this level and is only lacking the experience. A year ago as a senior at Chandler, AZ High School, he completed 139 of 225 passes for 2,348 yards and 20 touchdowns, two interceptions. In addition, he rushed for 856 yards and nine touchdowns and was rated among the top three prep prospects in the nation by at least one organization.

Freshman **JERRY NEUHEISEL** (6-1, 186) will join the Bruins next January, hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father. He missed much of his senior year in high school due to injury (concussion) after completing over 61% of his passes as a junior at Loyola High.

"Our quarterbacks must continue to improve their preparation, decision-making and performance at this position and I am confident that they will," said coach Neuheisel. "Kevin has been impressive at times and we expect he will continue to improve. We threw a lot at Richard in his first year as a starter and he responded well. His experience will certainly benefit him going forward. We also had the chance to work with Nick and Brett during the Spring and I am anxious to watch the competition evolve in Fall camp."

## RUNNING BACK

The Bruins return their top seven rushers from the 2010 season. The list includes three running backs, who carried the ball at least 55 times last season and two with starting experience. The competition figures to be intense right through the Fall.

Redshirt junior **JOHNATHAN FRANKLIN** (5-10, 193), a second-team All-Pac-10 selection, started 10 games in 2010 and appeared in all 12 contests. He led the Bruins in rushing with 1,127 yards, the 10th-best season mark in school history, and almost double the output of his freshman year. He ranked fifth in the Pac-10 and 27th in the NCAA with an average of 93.92 yards per contest. He also led the team with eight touchdowns and was ninth in the conference in all-purpose yards (99.17).

Franklin, a 2011 All-America candidate, became UCLA's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2006 (Chris Markey) and posted the highest Bruin rushing total since Skip Hicks ran for 1,282 yards in 1997. After adding five 100-yard games in 2010, Franklin has now gone over the century mark seven times in his career. He reached that milestone in three straight contests in 2010 (the last player to do so was Maurice Jones-Drew in 2004) and rushed for a career-high 216 yards against Washington State (most since Jones-Drew went for 322 in 2004).

True senior **DERRICK COLEMAN** (5-11, 240), who offers a good speed and size combination, has been the team's second-leading rusher in each of the past three seasons (487 yards in 2010, 244 in '09; 284 in '08). He saw action in all 12 games in 2010, made two starts, and ran for a career-high 185 yards versus Washington State.

True sophomore **MALCOLM JONES** (6-0, 227) saw action in 11 games off the bench last season and totaled 200 yards on the ground. His best effort came when he rushed for 52 yards in the game against Stanford.

Redshirt freshman **JORDON JAMES** (5-9, 192), a highly regarded speedster from Corona, CA HS, battled injuries early in 2010 and ended up utilizing a redshirt season. James has been highly impressive in practices and did well during Spring drills.

Freshman **STEVEN MANFRO** (5-10, 191), from Castaic, CA, will join the running back corps in August. As a senior at Valencia High, he ran for over 2,500 yards and accounted for almost 3,800 all-purpose yards while earning All-State and All-Region acclaim.

"We have a lot of talent and depth in the backfield and will watch them continue to push each other each day in practice," Neuheisel related. "Johnathan showed he has the ability to be a big time player for us. Derrick has become a more productive performer for us each year in the program. Malcolm's year of experience should pay off for him and we expect Jordon to become part of the rotation after a good Spring."

## WIDE RECEIVER

The receiver position features four wideouts who made at least 15 catches in 2010.

True senior **TAYLOR EMBREE** (6-3, 207) has enjoyed three straight highly-productive seasons. He started 11 games in 2010 and led the team with 32 catches for 409 yards. As a sophomore, he topped the team with 45 catches, after ranking second, with 40 receptions, as a freshman. His career total of 117 receptions ranks No. 11 on the all-time school list. Embree ranks 14th on the all-time school receiving yards list (1,548).

True senior **NELSON ROSARIO** (6-5, 219), who started eight of the nine games in which he appeared, once again finished the season on a high note. He was second on the team with 29 receptions and 309 receiving yards. Rosario made 15 catches for 172 yards in just the last three contests of the season.

Two speed receivers will be looking to expand their roles on the team. True junior **RANDALL CARROLL** (5-10, 189) appeared in all 12 games and made one start in 2010. He hauled in 15 passes for 242 yards on the season (16.1 avg.), including a pair of big scoring plays --- 68 yards against Arizona and 46 yards at Arizona State.

Redshirt sophomore **RICKY MARVRAY** (5-11, 187) saw action in 11 contests with four starts in 2010. He ranked third on the team with 20 catches for 188 yards and had a pair of touchdowns. His first career reception went for a 29-yard touchdown late in the game at Kansas State. Marvray made a one-yard scoring grab in the big road win at Texas.

Two players with good size and speed also figure to compete for spots in the receiver rotation. Redshirt junior **JERRY JOHNSON** (6-3, 219) came off the bench in eight games in 2010, and made five catches for 57 yards. Johnson fractured his left ankle and missed the last four games of the season. He did not participate in Spring Practice due to surgery on his injured ankle and is expected to be ready to return to action in August.

Redshirt senior **JOSH SMITH** (6-1, 213) appeared in 10 games off the bench in 2010 as a receiver and return man. He caught 11 balls for 127 yards and one touchdown (49 yds. v. Arizona) in his first season with the Bruins after transferring from Colorado. Smith also ranked eighth in the Pac-10 with a 22.59 kickoff return average on his 32 returns and 13th in the league in all-purpose yards (91.90).

Redshirt sophomore **SHAQUELLE EVANS** (6-1, 196) should also insert himself into the mix in August. A transfer from Notre Dame, Evans made three receptions for the Irish as a true freshman in 2009. He had shoulder surgery last Fall after joining the program and was limited to non-contact drills during Spring Practice.

Redshirt sophomore walk-on **JERRY RICE, JR.** (5-10, 182) will look to add depth.

In the Fall, freshman **DEVIN LUCIEN** (6-1, 185), who earned prep All-America honors after making 71 receptions at Crespi High in Encino, CA, will attempt to impress the staff.

"This group has a nice combination of experience, talent, speed, size and youthful potential," said the head coach. "Taylor and Nelson continue to be our most consistent performers. Randall and Ricky each stepped up last year and can become big-play receivers. Jerry was coming on before his injury sent him to the sidelines. Josh has the speed and elusiveness but needs to add consistency to become a difference-maker for us. Shaq can become a quality addition. All showed progress during Spring drills and the competition will be interesting to observe."

## TIGHT ENDS/F-BACKS

The Bruins have several experienced players returning at the tight end and F-back (motion) positions.

At tight end, true senior **CORY HARKEY** (6-4, 270) is a big, strong, athletic player who started all 12 games in 2010. He can be a force at the point of attack and caught 14 balls for 140 yards.

Redshirt junior **JOSEPH FAURIA** (6-8, 252) joined the Bruins in the Fall of 2009 after transferring from Notre Dame, where he played in three games as a freshman in 2008. He made three catches in 2010 for 21 yards and two accounted for touchdowns.

Redshirt freshman **JOHNNYOUNG** (6-4, 246), from Loyola HS, will look to get in the mix after sitting out 2010 due to injury. He gained some experience in Spring prior to a shoulder injury but will be ready for Fall camp. Two walkons - redshirt junior **AUSTIN HILL** (6-5, 255) and redshirt sophomore **JORDAN BARRETT** (6-3, 235), a transfer from UNLV who sat out the 2010 season, add depth.

Freshman **RAYMOND NELSON** (6-4, 250), who averaged over 21 yards on 27 receptions a year ago at Modesto, CA's Christian High, will also compete at the tight end spot this Fall. He is the brother of UCLA junior basketball forward Reeves Nelson.

At F-back, true sophomore **ANTHONY BARR** (6-4, 237) is a fine all-around athlete who can make an impact with both his running and pass-catching abilities. He appeared in all 12 games as a true freshman in 2010, starting four contests, and finished the year with nine receptions for 66 yards and six carries for 29 yards.

Speedy true junior **DAMIEN THIGPEN** (5-8, 182) saw action in eight games in 2010. He carried once for 22 yards, caught one pass for nine yards and returned nine kickoffs for a 21.3 yards average. He also recorded five tackles while on special teams coverage units.

"Our group of tight ends and F-backs must have an impact in our offensive scheme," said Neuheisel. "Cory has done a nice job for us. Joseph gives our quarterbacks a large target and Anthony possesses excellent all-around skills for the F position. Damien brings a speed element to the F."



## OFFENSIVE LINE

The offensive line brings plenty of quality starting experience to the table. The unit returns two players who started 10 of 12 contests a year ago and two others who started in 2009, but sat out last season.

Redshirt senior **MIKE HARRIS** (6-5, 326) has 28 career starts under his belt after starting at right tackle in 10 contests in 2010. He will look to build on his two previous seasons as a starter.

Redshirt senior **KAI MAIAYA** (6-1, 318) looks to rejoin the starting unit after missing the 2010 season due to an ankle injury. He started all 12 regular-season games at center for the Bruins in 2009. Maiaya transferred from Colorado where he started nine games at guard in 2007.

Redshirt senior **SEAN SELLER** (6-5, 304) is set to return for a sixth season after starting 10 games at left tackle in 2010 and will see action at tackle or guard. Seller, who battled injuries for much of his UCLA career, appealed for and was granted an additional season of eligibility. He returned to the offensive tackle position in 2010 after spending 2009 on the defensive line.

Redshirt junior **JEFF BACA** (6-4, 305), who started 21 games in 2008 and 2009 at tackle and guard, was forced to watch from the sidelines in 2010 due to academic ineligibility. He returned to action in the Spring only to suffer a fractured right ankle. It is uncertain when he will be back at full speed.

True sophomore guard **CHRIS WARD** (6-4, 330) made his debut in the win at Texas and saw action in three games in 2010, including most of the second half against USC. He figures to contend for a starting job at guard.

Redshirt sophomore center **GREG CAPELLA** (6-3, 292) saw his first game action in the win at Texas in 2010 and will compete for playing time along the line.

Redshirt junior **CONNOR BRADFORD** (6-6, 275), who split last year between offense and defense, returns to the offensive side of the ball and will compete for playing time at tackle after a productive Spring.

Redshirt junior **BRETT DOWNEY** (6-7, 290), who earned a scholarship in 2010, saw his first game action in 2009 at Washington State. He impressed the coaches with his work during Spring drills and is set to compete for playing time at tackle.

Redshirt freshman **WADE YANDALL** (6-4, 328) enrolled at UCLA in Spring of 2010. He impressed the coaches in practices and with his work on the scout teams in 2010 and figures to compete for playing time at guard or tackle.

Redshirt sophomore **CASEY GRIFFITHS** (6-4, 284) could compete for playing time at guard this season but missed Spring drills due to issues with his back. He spent the 2010 season adding some size and strength after transferring in last summer from American River City College.

Redshirt freshman **KODY INNES** (6-4, 291) stood out in his work last season on the scout team and will compete with Capella for playing time behind Maiaya at center.

Redshirt freshmen walkons **SAM SAULTZ** (6-2, 315) and **JAY BARLOW** (6-2, 310) add depth at the guard positions.

Four freshmen - **JACOB BRENDL** (6-5, 287), **WILL OLIVER** (6-7, 300), **TORIAN WHITE** (6-6, 292) and **BEN WYSOCKI** (6-4, 296) - will join this unit in the Fall. Brendl, a center from Plano, TX (East High) and White, a tackle from Lakewood, CA High and Wysocki, a prep tackle from Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos HS) each earned All-Region acclaim as seniors while tackle Oliver, from Brentwood, CA (Heritage High) possesses great size, but played at a smaller school.

"The offensive line has grown and developed together the last few seasons," Neuheisel noted. "We have some veterans with starting experience to form the nucleus and some young, talented guys eager to provide depth. We experimented with different combinations during Spring Practice to give us some flexibility. If we can stay healthy, I think we can have our best line since I returned to UCLA."

## DEFENSE

UCLA returns eight starters on this side of the ball plus a multitude of talented youngsters who will compete for playing time and starting jobs this Fall.

### DEFENSIVE LINE

This unit returns six players with starting experience and will add a healthy Datone Jones to that mix. Several youngsters appear primed to take their game to the next level after gaining a year of experience.

Redshirt junior end **DATONE JONES** (6-5, 275) will look to rejoin the starting lineup after missing last season due to a foot injury. In 2009, he started all 13 games and ranked third on the squad in quarterback sacks (4.0) and fourth on the team and 12th in the Pac-10 with his 11.0 tackles for loss. On the year, he made 30 tackles and earned Sophomore All-America honorable mention.

Redshirt senior tackle **NATE CHANDLER** (6-4, 292) saw action in 12 games and made eight starts at defensive tackle and end a year ago, collecting 21 tackles. Chandler made the switch to defense last season after contributing at tight end and offensive tackle during his first three years in the program.

Redshirt senior **JUSTIN EDISON** (6-4, 285) saw action in 12 games and made three starts at tackle in 2010. He was credited with nine tackles and one stop for loss.

True sophomore tackle **CASSIUS MARSH** (6-3, 289) was named to the Rivals.com 2010 Pac-10 All-Freshman team. He saw action in 11 games, making four starts, and finished with 23 tackles.

Redshirt junior end **DAMIEN HOLMES** (6-3, 270) appeared in all 12 games last season, making six starts. He finished second among the defensive linemen and ninth overall on the team with 28 tackles.

True sophomore end **OWAMAGBE ODIGHIZUWA** (6-4, 266) was also named to the 2010 Rivals.com Pac-10 All-Freshman team. He appeared in 10 games, making six starts, and accounted for 10 tackles, including three sacks.

Redshirt junior tackle **DONOVAN CARTER** (6-2, 295) saw action in 11 contests along the defensive front in 2010. He made seven tackles after moving up from a linebacker position in 2009.

Redshirt sophomore end **KEENAN GRAHAM** (6-3, 255) appeared in 12 games and made six starts in 2010. He totaled 18 tackles, including two sacks, after redshirting in 2009. Graham missed Spring Practice due to hip surgery but is expected to be ready for Fall camp.

Redshirt sophomore end **IUTA TEPA** (6-3, 260) was injured in game three of the 2010 season and will work his way back in the rotation after undergoing shoulder surgery. Tapa saw action in five games on defense or special teams in 2009.

True sophomore tackle **SEALI' I EPEUSA** (6-2, 308) saw action in seven games in 2010 and totaled two tackles.

A pair of redshirt freshmen ends, **WESLEY FLOWERS** (6-5, 254) from Fresno, CA and **DERRICK BRYANT** (6-3, 251) from Columbus, OH, figure to add depth.

True freshman tackle **SAM TAI** (6-4, 251) enrolled at UCLA in January, 2011 and gained some valuable experience during Spring drills. He made 70 tackles and 15 sacks as a prep senior at Liberty High in Henderson, NV.

Redshirt junior walkon **RYAN MEDINA** (6-2, 231) adds depth at end while redshirt freshman walkons **UCHE AMAJOYI** (6-0, 270) and **TRE HALE** (6-1, 315) will look to contribute at tackle.

In August, freshman tackles **KEVIN McREYNOLDS** (6-2, 304) and **BRANDON TULIAUPUPU** (6-2, 331) will look to inject themselves into the mix. McReynolds, from Washington, DC (St. John's College HS) earned All-America honors as a prep senior while Tuliaupupu, from Claremont, CA High was an All-Region pick.

"One of our Spring Practice goals was to develop the defensive line and take it to the next level and I think we made great strides in that area," detailed Neuheisel. "Last season, a lot of our players saw their first significant action. Now we have some experience to build upon and this has become one of our most competitive positions on the field. Datone is healthy and can reassert himself as one of the top ends in the Pac-12 and our leader in this area. The continued development of Holmes, Carter and Edison, combined with the growth of our younger players like Marsh, Owa, Tapa, Graham and Epenesa give us great depth up front."

### LINEBACKER

The Bruins return an exciting nucleus at the linebacker position, including three players with significant starting experience under their belts.

True senior **SEAN WESTGATE** (5-11, 225), a standout performer on special teams his first two seasons, moved into the starting lineup in 2010 and finished second on the squad with 90 tackles. He ranked eighth in the Pac-10 with 7.5 stops per game and earned honorable mention all-conference honors.

Redshirt junior **PATRICK LARIMORE** (6-3, 250) appeared in seven games at middle linebacker in 2010, all starts, before being sidelined with a shoulder injury that required surgery (he did not participate in Spring Practice). Despite sitting out five games due to the injury, he still finished tied for fifth on the team with 41 tackles and tied for third on the squad with 5.0 tackles for loss. He led the team with three forced fumbles. Larimore earned national recognition (Nagurski award) for his efforts in the win over Houston (11 tackles, three for loss).

Redshirt senior **GLENN LOVE** (6-4, 213) made the switch from strong safety to linebacker in the Spring of 2010. A big hitter, he played in all 12 games last season and was credited with 16 tackles. He added one sack. Love will compete for a starting berth and playing time at the outside spot opposite Westgate.

True sophomore **JORDAN ZUMWALT** (6-4, 236) was named to the Rivals.com 2010 Pac-10 All-Freshman team. He appeared in 11 games, making four starts. He ranked eighth on the team with 32 tackles and tied for fourth on the squad with 3.0 sacks. He played in the middle slot down the stretch a year ago but projects as an outside 'backer in 2011 and will battle with Glenn Love for playing time.

Redshirt sophomore **ISAIAH BOWENS** (6-3, 233), one of the top linebackers in the West as a prep senior, is an outstanding prospect who played well in the middle of the defense during Spring Practice and adds depth behind Larimore.

Two redshirt freshmen will attempt to work themselves into the rotation at the outside spots this season after playing well during Spring drills. **ARAMIDE OLANIYAN** (6-2, 212) also caught the eye of the coaches while working on the scout teams in 2010. He earned prep All-America honors as a senior. **ERIC KENDRICKS** (6-1, 228) is a quick learner and impressed during his work in practices and on the scout teams last season. He was an All-Region performer as a prep senior.

Redshirt junior **DAVID ALLEN** (6-2, 223) is a special teams standout who recorded two tackles in 2010. He will look to add depth at outside linebacker.

Redshirt sophomore **TODD GOLPER** (6-1, 230), looks to get back into the mix after redshirting in 2009 and sitting out most of 2010 due to injury. Redshirt freshman **JARED KOSTER** (6-1, 215) saw limited action on special teams before going down with an injury in the Houston game. He was limited to non-contact drills during Spring.

Two newcomers also gained valuable experience on the outside during Spring Practice. True freshman **AARON WALLACE** (6-3, 212) from Rancho Bernardo HS in San Diego, enrolled at UCLA in January, 2011. True sophomore **RYAN HOFMEISTER** (6-0, 220), who played during the 2010 season at Riverside (CA) City College, enrolled for Spring Quarter. Both took full advantage of the four-week practice period.

A pair of walk-ons, redshirt freshman **PHILLIP RUHL** (6-1, 230) and redshirt sophomore **ROBERT FRANCO** (5-11, 230) will compete to add depth in the middle.

Freshman **MIKE ORLOFF** (6-3, 215), a fine all-around athlete from Groton, MA, will join the linebacker group in August.

"We had several players at this position, who had little or no previous starting experience, come through for us in a big way last season," Neuheisel pointed out. "The future looks bright and there are still more talented young players anxious to get more involved. Sean had a very productive season for us. Patrick was a force in the middle prior to his injury and Jordan came on and played with a passion and skill level normally seen in a much more experienced player. We feel that Glenn can come on to make a big contribution and several of our young backers, such as Eric, Isaiah and AO, made great strides during the Spring."

## SECONDARY

The Bruins return three starters in the secondary plus several talented reserves who gained valuable experience in 2010.

True senior All-America candidate **TONY DYE** (6-0, 216) has shifted to free safety after starting all 12 games at strong safety a year ago. Dye led the team with 96 tackles and his 8.0 tackles per game average ranked tied for fourth in the Pac-10. He also led the team with nine pass break ups.

Redshirt junior cornerback **AARON HESTER** (6-1, 206) started 11 games in 2010 and led the team with three interceptions. He totaled 26 tackles and was credited with four pass break ups.

True junior cornerback **SHELDON PRICE** (6-2, 180) started nine games last season. He was credited with seven pass break ups and 26 tackles.

Redshirt junior **ANDREW ABBOTT** (5-9, 178) is also in the mix for a starting job and playing time at cornerback. Abbott, who was awarded a scholarship prior to the 2010 season, ranked seventh on the team in tackles with 34, including two for loss. He made five starts last season and appeared in all 12 contests.

True sophomore safety **DIETRICH RILEY** (6-1, 205) saw action in 11 contests off the bench in 2010 and was impressive at times. He was credited with 21 tackles on the year, including one for loss. He will compete for the starting strong safety spot with true junior safety **DALTON HILLIARD** (6-0, 200). Hilliard saw action in nine games on defense and special teams in 2010. He totaled 22 tackles on the year, one for loss. He did not participate in Spring Practice due to off-season knee surgery. Redshirt sophomore safety **STAN MCKAY** (6-1, 198), who appeared in all 12 games, mostly on special teams, and made two tackles, is also in the mix at strong safety.

Two youngsters will compete for playing time behind Dye at free safety. Redshirt sophomore safety **ALEX MASCARENAS** (5-10, 191) saw action in eight games, primarily on special teams, and made two tackles. Redshirt freshman safety **TEVIN McDONALD** (6-0, 195) from Fresno, CA, impressed the coaching staff with his play during practices and will see his first game action this Fall.

A pair of youngsters will be looking to earn playing time at cornerback. Redshirt sophomore **BRANDON SERMONS** (6-0, 180) sat out the 2010 season to recover from a knee injury. He played in nine games in 2009, mostly on special teams. Redshirt freshman **ANTHONY JEFFERSON** (6-1, 180) from Los Angeles, CA is an excellent athlete who broke his left foot in the game last season at California and missed the remainder of the year. He also sat out Spring Practice but should be ready for Fall camp.

Freshman **ANTHONY THOMPSON** (6-1, 205), from Montreal, Canada, enrolled in Spring Quarter and gained experience during Spring drills. He made eight career interceptions at Vanier College.

Two non-scholarship performers, redshirt junior **JEFF DICKMANN** (5-7, 184) and redshirt freshman **LIBRADO BAROCIO** (5-7, 178), will add depth at cornerback while redshirt freshman walkon **DYLAN PRICE** (5-11, 206) will compete at safety.

"The secondary is another area of our team which will be extremely competitive," stressed the fourth-year Bruin coach. "Tony has upped his game in each year in the program. At corner, Sheldon and Aaron both seemed to make more plays as the season unfolded. Veterans like Dalton and Andrew, along with youngsters like Dietrich, Alex, Stan, Brandon, Anthony and Tevin are coming on fast."

## SPECIALISTS

This group is headed by redshirt junior punter **JEFF LOCKE** (6-1, 214) who established himself as one the nation's best with another outstanding season in 2010. However, the Bruins will line up with a new long snapper, placekicker and holder in 2011.

In 2010, Locke led the Pac-10 conference and ranked fourth in the nation with a 45.8 yard average. The Bruins' net punt average of 41.3 yards led the nation. In 2009, Locke had been one of the 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award (the only freshman on the list).

In addition, Locke has handled the kickoff chores in his first two seasons, recording 34 touchbacks overall. He did not kick during 2011 Spring Practice due to off-season hip surgery but will also compete for the placekicking chores vacated by record-setting four-year starter Kai Forbath.

Redshirt freshman kicker **KIP SMITH** (6-0, 231), who earned All-America honors at Legacy High in Bloomfield, CO as a prep senior, will also compete for the placekicking job. He displayed good leg strength during Spring Practice.

Walkon redshirt junior **KEVIN McDERMOTT** (6-5, 247) has served as the backup at long snapper the past two seasons and is the leading candidate at the position following a good Spring.

Redshirt senior receiver **JOSH SMITH** (6-1, 213) served as the main kickoff returner in his first season on the field as a Bruin in 2010. The transfer from Colorado ranked eighth in the Pac-10 with his 22.59 kickoff return average and 13th in the conference in all-purpose yards (91.9).

True senior receiver **TAYLOR EMBREE** (6-3, 207) returned 15 punts for a 6.9 average in 2010, which ranked him sixth in the Pac-10.

"Jeff has quickly become one of the elite punters in the nation," Neuheisel pointed out. "We will look for Kip to step in as our placekicker, although Jeff will have his chance in Fall camp. Josh and Taylor gave us solid production in the kick return game last season but we will continue to look for candidates who can produce big plays."



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