

# Sports

## First Guard college hoopster treks to Colorado

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LAKEWOOD, CO. - This past season, Spencer Denmon of Brook Hill broke some new ground for the Guard basketball program as their first-ever, basketball signee this past season.

The 6'8, Denmon is going to play at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado which is 10 minutes west of Denver, Colorado.

CCU is a Division II university, coached David Daniels.

Colorado Christian posted a 18-13 record overall last season and went 13-6 in conference for a tie for first-place finish in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

After the Guard finished second in district with a 9-3 record, and made it to state, and beat the defending state champs in a blow out game in at regionals.

The Guard season eventually ended as they lost at state to Northeast Kingwood by seven points at the state tournament.

Denmon already possesses the ability to play several slots with his ball-handling ability, but with his size, he knows CCU will be counting on him for inside play.

"This summer I have mainly been in the gym lifting weights, and working on getting my release quicker," Denmon said. "Also earlier this summer I worked with my former coach (Reed Rawlings) who has bounced around the league for a few years and is now overseas



Pictured with last year's Brook Hill squad is Spencer Denmon no. 42. Brook Hill's first college hoops signee.

playing in Europe."

When asked about his decision on the Colorado school, Denmon was quick to answer.

"I have lived in Tyler, Texas my entire life, so any big move is dramatic," Denmon added. "I made this decision based off what I felt was God leading me there.

"I had some other offers that I felt would have kept me in my comfort zone, which there's nothing wrong with, but I felt Colorado Christian was right for me."

Upon making his visit to the campus, Denmon had nothing but praise.

"When I first visited CCU I fell in love with it because of the small school atmosphere, and I felt comfortable there because it felt like a college version of Brook Hill."

The coaches were a big decision maker for Spencer was the head coach.

"CCU head coach, Daniels made a great impression on me when I visited because of the concern he showed for his players' well being, and not just how many points they're putting up per game."

Denmon has some goals set and high expectations for the next level.

"For my freshman year I am expected to fill my role," Denmon said. "I will probably be coming off the bench as the six or seven man, but we'll see how the preseason goes."

Last season alone, Denmon averaged 19.4 points per game, grabbed 12.7 rebounds each game and blocked 2.3 opponents shots per game.

One thing for certain, Brook Hill made on Denmon's life.

"When I transferred from Robert E. Lee I had no idea

how different my life would be in the future, the future Cougar concluded. "Before I left I felt I was lukewarm in my faith, but when I arrived at Brook Hill I met good friends, knowledgeable teachers, and committed coaches." And I owe a lot to their development of me as a person and student as much as anything else."

"Two years ago I never would have thought I would be in a position to play college basketball, Denmon said wrapping things up, "Brook Hill did not only give me that opportunity, but also made me a man of God."

"Although I'm leaving, I look forward to seeing how the team does with new Coach Wally Dawkins. Dawkins was one of the first coaches to ever work with me. He is a well known coach, and I can't wait to see what he does with the program."

## Brook Hill dominates Mustangs in scrimmage



Guard celebrates scrimmage win over-ton.

Tyler Baker, Luke Moidor, and Jereme Chappelle.

Molidor, ran for touchdowns of two-yards and 45-yards and amassed 160-yards on the day toting the pigskin.

Chappelle made one 70-yard touchdown catch from Tyler Baker for one score, and the Jacksonville transfer added another score returning a fumble recovery to paydirt.

Quarterback, Baker capped off the scoring for Brook Hill with a run from

seven-yards out on a quarterback option play.

"Our offensive line did a good job of controlling the game up front, we just need to get the timing down in the backfield better than what we did against Overton, but hopefully that will just come with time," added Klaczak.

"This year has been so different after having to teach the basics last season

and we had to keep things simple," said the coach with

state championships in Hawaii. "But you can tell the kid's have worked hard in the summer and in off-season which allows us more time to work on the same itself and not worry as much about conditioning.

"We have more tools to work with this year and out per-

sonnel has allowed us to change our defense to fit the people we have which is another nice addition for us.

The Guard will scrimmage Cayuga on Thursday at 6 p.m. and open the season against San Augustine on Friday, Sept. 12.

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OVERTON - After the Overton Mustangs started the scrimmage with an attempt at intimidation with consecutive unsportsmanlike penalties, the Brook Hill Guard turned the table and took it to the Mustangs winning by a scrimmage score of 5-1.

That means five TD's for The Guard and one for Overton.

"Our defensive unit just played outstanding," said Guard head coach Jim Klaczak on Monday after reviewing film from Saturday's matchup. "I think we only gave up one first down and that was on their long touchdown, and we only had to restart drives only once the entire day."

Cited for outstanding play on defense were linebacker Ross Nichols and defensive end, Austin Pyle.

The defensive would have accounted for another score but an interception by J.B. Moss was whistled dead before they let him enjoy crossing the goalline.

Paying without all-state sophomore running back, Julius Johnson, the Guard had things well in-hand behind the offensive juice of

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