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GREELEY, CO -

The Bears will carry 25 players on their roster for the 2019-20 season. There will be 22 rostered skaters and three rostered goalies.

Even with losing their top two scorers from last season, the Bears' roster is loaded with experience. This year's team returns ten seniors, including six of whom have played in over 100 games with the team. Up front, the Bears will rely on seniors Truman Gonzales and Brantt Heble, both of whom recorded double-digit goal tallies last season. They also bring back their core group of defensemen, highlighted by Chase Upson, Tim Knudson, and Michael Viera who all took fewer than 30 penalty minutes a piece across 36 games.

In other returning news, sophomore Scott Robinson will play more defense, his natural position, this season. Robinson was a converted forward who was limited to just seven games last year after ankle injuries. Additionally, junior Mitch Porter will move to the forward position permanently after splitting 23 games between wing and defense. Finally, senior Sean Cuscaden is primed to step into the starting job in net as the only returning goaltender from last season's squad.

The Bears welcome six new players to the roster for 2019-20, including two true freshman and a DIII transfer. Freshman Jonathan Broadribb has two years of junior hockey experience prior to joining the squad and forward Jaden Opperman played four years of varsity hockey at Columbine High School. Junior forward John Meakins transfers in from ACHA DIII UC-Colorado Springs, where he recorded six points across five games.

The Bears will return all three members of their coaching staff, with head coach Ken Fikis behind the bench for his sixth year with the team. Also rejoining the staff will be assistant coaches Ryan Kenney and Corbin Fitzgibbons.

The Bears begin their 2019-20 season on Friday, September 20th versus the University of Colorado. Puck drop is at 8:30 PM at the Greeley Ice Haus and will also be broadcast on Black Dog Hockey.

# 2019-20 University of Northern Colorado Bears Roster

#	POS	Player	HT	WT	Year	DOB	Hometown	Previous Team
1	G	Quinton Reynolds	6' 1"	210	SO	3/29/1996	Aurora, CO	University of Northern Colorado (ACHA DII)
2	D	Chase Upson	5'10"	185	SR	12/2/1996	Lakewood, CO	Columbine HS (CO)
3	LW	Jared Riley	5'10"	155	SO	7/27/99	Highlands Ranch, CO	Littleton Hawks (CCYHL)
6	F	Mitch Porter	5'10"	187	JR	6/4/96	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	Adrian College (ACHA DII)
7	F/D	Paul Norris	5'11"	185	JR	10/8/96	Anchorage, AK	Pikes Peak Miners (RMJHL)
8	F	Garrett Wood	6'0"	185	SR	8/25/95	Greeley, CO	Elite Florida Jr. Eels (USPHL)
9	C	Liam McKee	5'9"	180	SR	3/13/95	Plymouth, MA	Elite Bay State Breakers (USPHL)
10	C	Jake Seibold	6'2"	180	JR	8/17/97	Littleton, CO	Superior RoughRiders (WSHL)
11	D	Michael Viera	6'4"	200	SR	7/6/94	Vail, CO	Florida Junior Eels (USPHL)
12	D/F	Scott Robinson	6'6"	240	SO	2/1/97	Penticton, BC, CAN	Summerland Steam (KIJHL)
13	F	Gannen Erickson	6'5"	190	SO	5/26/99	Arvada, CO	Colorado Thunderbirds (U18 AAA)
14	F	Brant Heble	6'0"	210	SR	5/19/95	Parker, CO	Fresno Monsters (WSHL)
15	RW	John Meakins	6' 7"	235	JR	4/21/96	Colorado Springs, CO	UCCS (ACHA DIII)
16	D	Tim Knudson	6'2"	185	SR	11/12/95	Dickinson, ND	Dakota College at Bottineau (ACHA DII)
18	F/D	Jonathan Broadribb	5'11"	170	FR	4/2/99	Colorado Springs, CO	Louisiana Drillers (NA3HL)
19	LW	Brad Pershing	5'10"	185	SR	5/26/94	Evans, CO	Colorado Junior Eagles (WSHL)
20	F	Colby Schaeffer	5'6"	150	JR	2/29/96	Brighton, CO	Colorado Junior Eagles (WSHL)
21	F	Cade Boreing	5'11"	180	JR	6/3/96	Littleton, CO	Gillette Wild (NA3HL)
23	RW	Truman Gonzales	6'0"	210	SR	5/10/95	Arvada, CO	Brookings Blizzard (NAHL)
25	F	Nick Sheridan	5'11"	190	FR	1/26/98	Ann Arbor, MI	Mid Cities Jr. Stars (NA3HL)
26	D	Talon Bartolo	6'2"	205	SR	10/95/95	Belmont, CA	Atlanta Knights Elite (USPHL)
27	F	Nick Buchholtz	5' 7"	160	SR	4/27/95	Windsor, CO	Fresno Monsters (WSHL)
28	F	Jaden Opperman	5'11"	190	FR	6/27/00	Littleton, CO	Columbine HS (CO)
30	G	Sean Cuscaden	6'4"	180	SR	8/8/96	Arvada, CO	Vermont Lumberjacks (EHL)
31	G	Jacob Wedhorn	6' 2"	170	JR	12/2/98	Glenwood Springs, CO	Aspen HS (CO)

## Class:

Senior: 10  
 Junior: 7  
 Sophomore: 4  
 Freshman: 3

## State:

Colorado: 18  
 California: 2  
 Michigan: 1  
 North Dakota: 1  
 Alaska: 1  
 Massachusetts: 1  
 Canada: 1