

# Skyview WOLVERINES



## WHO THEY ARE

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Coach: Bill Nelson,  
6th season  
2010: 6-4  
Last Playoffs: 2003  
Home Field: DiTirro Stadium

## Skilled Skyview looks to finish job

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The Skyview Wolverines are hoping to turn the heartbreak of a missed opportunity into the inspiration for reaching even greater heights.

Skyview enjoyed its most successful campaign in close to a decade in 2010, climbing into the state rankings for the first time in school history and winning its first five Class 3A Metro North League games of the year. The Wolverines were on the verge of locking up their first playoff spot since 2003, needing only one win in their final two games to head into the postseason.

But Skyview lost both of those contests and, despite finishing with its first winning season in seven years (6-4 overall, 5-2 in league), the Wolverines once again found themselves on the outside looking in.

"That was rough," running back Kyle Bowers said. "It took a couple of months to get over everything. I still haven't watched the film of the last couple of games."

Still, 2010 was a remarkable season for a program that had finished with identical 1-9 marks in 2008 and 2009 and had lost 22 consecutive games at one point during the past decade. Skyview was able to knock off a pair of ranked opponents in D'Evelyn and Holy Family, and Bowers established himself as one of the premiere running backs

in the state.

"It was a good building stone," said Wolverines' coach Bill Nelson, who is entering his sixth season with the club. "Now our mantra this year is to finish."

"We've got more players this year. We're a little stronger and have a little more depth. We've got some things we have to retool, but there's some very, very good football players still here."

Chief among them is Bowers, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound wrecking ball in cleats. Bowers is a rare combination of strength and speed, and he tore through opponents for 1,539 yards rushing and 23 touchdowns a year ago. He was also pretty dangerous catching balls out of the backfield, adding 418 yards and five scores through the air.

"He's pretty good," Nelson said. "He's got the size and the work ethic, and he can run."

Bowers is not the only weapon in the Wolverines arsenal, however. Quarterback Cody Childerston is back under center after throwing for more than 1,500 yards as a junior, and his favorite target from last season, Sergio Lara, returns as well.

In fact, most of Skyview's skill position players return from a year ago. The big question facing the Wolverines heading into the season is in the trenches, as the team lost almost all of its linemen to graduation.

"We've got a lot of people there (on the line), but not a lot of them have played very much," Nelson said. "They've got good attitude and good heart. It will be a learning process but I've been pleasantly surprised."

"They don't have to be perfect; they just have to give (Kyle) a little crease. He doesn't need much."

Bowers also sees time at linebacker on defense, and the Wolverines feature one of the



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Skyview quarterback Cody Childerston, 4, returns to start this fall.

conference's better defensive backfield, led by Lara and senior Drew Martinez, who had seven interceptions last season.

With all that skill back, Skyview believes it can complete the job it started last season. Childerston, for one, likes what he's seen from the team during the preseason.

"We still have a lot of work to be done, but we're making progress," Childerston said. "That's all that matters. We'll be able to tell a lot more at our first game."

## SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	at Denver West
Sept. 10	vs. Ridgeview Academy
Sept. 17	vs. Weld Central
Sept. 22	at Alameda
Oct. 1	vs. D'Evelyn
Oct. 6	at Holy Family
Oct. 15	vs. Arvada
Oct. 22	at Denver North
Oct. 29	vs. Kennedy
Nov. 5	at Centaurus



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Sergio Lara, 7, was Skyview's leading receiver in 2010.

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

RB/LB Kyle Bowers  
6-1 195 Sr.

QB Cody Childerston  
5-10 165 Sr.

WR/DB Sergio Lara  
6-0 160 Sr.

SE/DB Drew Martinez  
6-1 170 Sr.

OL Adolfo Bustos  
5-10 215 Jr.

OL Mario DeoCompos  
5-9 175 175

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