

HEAD COACH TAD BOYLE



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11th Year at CU (15th Year Overall)

Birthday..... Jan. 6, 1963

Birthplace.... Pueblo, Colo.

Family..... Wife, Ann

Daughter, Claire; Sons, Jack and Pete

Hometown... Greeley, Colo.

High School . Greeley Central, 1981

College..... Kansas, 1985

(Bachelor of Science: Business Administration)

COACHING CAREER

2010-Present:

Head Coach, University of Colorado

2006-10:

Head Coach, University of Northern Colorado

2000-06:

Associate Head Coach, Wichita State University

1998-2000:

Assistant Coach, Jacksonville State (Ala.)

University

1997-98:

Director of Basketball Operations,

University of Tennessee

1994-97:

Assistant Coach, University of Oregon

PLAYING HISTORY

University of Kansas

Two NCAA Tournament Teams (1984, 1985)

Named Team Captain Senior Season

"Most Unselfish Player" 1985

"Most Inspirational Player" 1982

Greeley Central High School

Led Wildcats to 1981 State Championship

Colorado Player of the Year

Converse All-American Team

In 10 years, Tad Boyle has accomplished only what a select few have done before him in the annals of the University of Colorado men's basketball program. And yet, Boyle continues to rewrite and lead the Buffaloes to greater heights not seen in a half of century.

Boyle, 57, is in his 11th year with the Buffaloes and his 210 victories rank second all-time in program history.

He is 210-134 as Colorado's head coach; his .610 winning percentage ranking second in school history with a minimum of four years on the bench; just behind CU Athletic Hall of Fame coach Forrest B. "Frosty" Cox who won 62.3 percent of his games between 1936-50.

Entering his 15th overall season as a collegiate head coach, Boyle has won 57 percent of his games with a record of 266-200.

He owns seven of Colorado's 11 all-time seasons of 20-plus wins. Boyle is the first CU coach to lead the Buffaloes to seven consecutive postseason appearances and the first to guide the program to three consecutive NCAA Tournaments. His record at the CU Events Center is stellar, leading the Buffaloes to a 141-27 mark at home (.839) over the last 10 seasons. He is the first CU coach to win 20 games in each of his first four years.

"Tad continues to make Colorado more than relevant," NCAA.com Basketball Writer Andy Katz said. "He has made them into one of the top teams in the West. Now you can count on Colorado being in play for the top tier in the Pac-12 and an NCAA bid. Colorado may have joined the Pac-12 for football first but the Buffaloes have been a boon in basketball."

Boyle has led Colorado to 19 wins over ranked opponents, by far the best in team history. In fact Boyle coached teams, with a record of 19-34, have accounted for 30 percent of the program's wins over ranked opponents (63) since 1949-50.

Boyle's postseason success is highlighted by a memorable run of four wins in four days to claim the 2012 Pac-12 Tournament championship. He owns more than half of Colorado's all-time conference tournament wins, with a 15-9 mark in that span (13-8 in the Pac-12, 2-1 in the Big 12). Boyle has led the Buffaloes to a conference semifinal or better four times. Overall Boyle's 22 postseason wins and .564 winning percentage (22-17) are tops in Colorado history.

Six former Buffaloes coached by Boyle have made NBA rosters during his time in Boulder. Five have been selected in the NBA Draft, led by 2011 lottery pick Alec Burks, the 12th selection by the Utah Jazz. Colorado has been represented in two of the last three NBA Drafts with Derrick White in 2017 (San Antonio) and George King in 2018 (Phoenix).

Off the court, he has graduated every CU senior student-athlete on his roster (32)..

The 18th head coach in school history, Boyle has also represented the Buffaloes on a national, and world, stage. Boyle was an assistant coach for USA Basketball's 2017 Men's U19 World Cup Team that earned a bronze medal in Cairo, Egypt. He also earned bronze as an assistant for USA Basketball's 2015 Pan American squad in Toronto. Boyle was one three court coaches for the 2013 USA Basketball Men's World University Games training camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Boyle is also an active ambassador in the community throughout the Centennial State. He is a five-time participant in the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Infiniti Coaches' Charity Challenge where coaches across the country compete against each other to raise money for their charities. In 2018, he helped Special Olympics Colorado earn \$13,000 through the program.

In September 2012, Boyle was invited to Washington, D.C. with other college basketball coaches to urge Congress to protect federal funding for cancer research and prevention programs on Capitol Hill. In September 2011, Boyle joined 20 other coaches from the Front Range for a two-day coaching seminar with former Denver Nuggets head coach George Karl, the 2012-13 NBA Coach of the Year.

Boyle and his teams have also participated in a multitude of events. The Buffaloes participated in the 2015 Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America in Boulder. He was the official starter of the 34th Annual Bolder Boulder (May 2012), the largest road race in the United States where all participants are timed and the fifth largest road race in the world.

In December 2012, the men's basketball team visited the Children's Hospital at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. In December 2011, the team volunteered with the non-profit Share-A-Gift program, an organization helping families of need acquire children's toys for the holidays. Both programs are part of the CU Athletics Leadership Development Program. The program is designed to develop a culture of leadership in which CU student-athletes act with personal responsibility, integrity and accountability while staying committed in both principle and actions to the greater good.

"This is it (my dream job), there's no doubt," Boyle said after being named head coach on April 19, 2010. "I remember talking with (Maryland men's head coach) Mark Turgeon once when he asked me where I wanted to be in 10 years, and I said, the head coach at the University of Colorado. This is a destination job. I'm humbled and honored."

In his first season (2010-11), Boyle began to set the standard for exciting things to come, capping the

season with a trip to the World's Most Famous Arena — Madison Square Garden and a National Invitation Tournament semifinal appearance. The Buffaloes won a school-record 24 games, including 18 school-best wins at the CU Events Center, establishing one of the best home court advantages in all of college basketball.

His initial season saw CU rank fifth nationally in free throw percentage (77.8), 12th in scoring (79.6 ppg) and 19th in field goal percentage (47.3).

Boyle earned National Coach of the Week honors (Hoops Report, Jan. 10-16) after leading the Buffs to a 3-0 conference start, including wins over No. 9/8 Missouri and No. 21/20 Kansas State. The win over the Wildcats gave CU its first road win over a nationally ranked opponent since January 1997 (No. 20 Texas Tech). CU defeated four ranked teams, including a 22-point comeback win (second greatest comeback in school history) upsetting No. 5/5 Texas, 91-89.

In year two (2011-12), Boyle became the first CU coach to begin the conference season with back-to-back 3-0 starts, and was the first coach since Frosty Cox (1935-36, 1936-37) to win his conference opener in back-to-back years. He also won his 40th game (home win vs. Oregon) in just 61 games tying Cox (1935-39).

Boyle continued to make most of his "dream job" a reality for CU fans guiding the Buffaloes to the 2011-12 NCAA Tournament (third round), another 24-win season, and a conference championship in its inaugural season of the Pac-12, winning four games in four days at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

For his efforts, Boyle became the first CU head coach to earn the District 20 Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), an award voted among his coaching peers. The 48 wins were a school-best in any two-year span of the program.

TAD BOYLE YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORD

Season	Team (Position)	Record	Pct.	Note
1994-95	Oregon (AC)	19-9	.679	NCAA Tournament; 11-7 in Pac-10
1995-96	Oregon (AC)	16-13	.551	
1996-97	Oregon (AC)	17-11	.607	NIT Tournament
1997-98	Tennessee (DOBO)	20-9	.690	NCAA Tournament
1998-99	Jacksonville State (AC)	8-18	.308	
1999-00	Jacksonville State (AC)	17-11	.607	12-6 in TAAC
2000-01	Wichita State (AC)	9-19	.321	
2001-02	Wichita State (AC)	15-15	.500	9-9 in MVC
2002-03	Wichita State (AC)	18-12	.600	NIT Tournament; 12-6 in MVC
2003-04	Wichita State (AC)	21-11	.656	NIT Tournament; 12-6 in MVC
2004-05	Wichita State (AC)	22-10	.688	NIT 3rd Round; 12-6 in MVC
2005-06	Wichita State (AC)	26-9	.743	NCAA Sweet 16; MVC Regular Season Champs (14-4)
2006-07	Northern Colorado (HC)	4-24	.143	Bears' first year in Big Sky Conference
2007-08	Northern Colorado (HC)	13-16	.448	
2008-09	Northern Colorado (HC)	14-18	.438	Qualified for first Big Sky Tournament
2009-10	Northern Colorado (HC)	25-8	.758	CIT Quarterfinals; most wins in school history
2010-11	Colorado	24-14	.632	NIT Semifinal; most wins in school history; most home wins (18)
2011-12	Colorado	24-12	.667	NCAA Tournament Second Round; Pac-12 Tournament Title; Tied school record for wins in a season
2012-13	Colorado	21-12	.636	NCAA Tournament First Round; First CU coach in 50 years to lead Buffs to NCAA Tournament in back-to-back seasons
2013-14	Colorado	23-12	.657	NCAA Tournament First Round; First time with four-straight 20+ winning seasons; three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances.
2014-15	Colorado	16-18	.471	CBI Quarterfinals
2015-16	Colorado	22-12	.647	NCAA Tournament First Round
2016-17	Colorado	19-15	.559	NIT First Round; seventh-straight postseason appearance
2017-18	Colorado	17-15	.531	9 Newcomers, wins over two Top 15 teams
2018-19	Colorado	23-13	.639	NIT Quarterfinals
2019-20	Colorado	21-11	.656	#25 Final NET Ranking. Postseason cancelled due to pandemic
Totals (CU Head Coach)		210-134	(.610)	
Totals (Overall HC)		266-200	(.571)	
Totals (Overall)		474-347	(.577)	



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In year three (2012-13), Boyle guided the Buffs to another NCAA Tournament appearance, the second year in-a-row, becoming the first CU coach in 50 years to guide the program to back-to-back tournament appearances. CU won 21 games, the third straight season the program eclipsed the 20-win plateau, also a school-first. After the team won their first mid-season tournament since the 2002-03 season, the Charleston Classic, the Buffs reached the nation's Top-25 polls for the first time since 2005-06 (No. 19 AP/USA Today Coaches' Poll, Nov. 26); AP No. 23 ranked, Nov. 19).

Attendance records also set a brand new high standard as the men's basketball team proved to be the best ticket in town setting a number of school records, including seven sellouts; 12 of 15 home games exceeded 10,000 fans or better, in addition to season total (155,884); season average (10,392); conference total (94,371); and conference average (10,486). The attendance surge ranked third nationally among all Division I programs for largest increased average from the previous year.

Success continued for Boyle and his coaching staff in year four (2013-14) as the Buffs won 23 games, the third most victories in school history. Another NCAA Tournament followed for a school record third consecutive season, in addition setting a pair of attendance records (season total: 173,429; non-conference total: 84,133). The staff enjoyed their best start to a season in four years (14-2 record) with a No. 15 nationally ranking, the highest a CU team has seen since 1997.

In 2014-15, a 16-18 record marked the first time in five years the program failed to notch a winning season, however the Buffaloes reached the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) quarterfinals. The Buffs did defeat NCAA Sweet 16 participant UCLA and the National Invitation Tournament Champion Stanford during the season.

Attendance remained steady for the fifth straight year, finishing with third place numbers across the board in all-time marks in season total, season average, and conference total. Conference average was fourth. Overall, Boyle and his CU teams, hold the top five attendance marks in season and conference total, and conference average since 2010-11; and the four of the top five attendance figures in season average.

The Buffaloes rebounded nicely in 2015-16, sporting a record of 22-12 and finishing in fifth place in the Pac-12 at 10-8. Boyle led Colorado to 11 straight wins during the nonconference schedule, the fifth longest in program history and best run since 1961-62. Colorado's 21 regular season wins tied a school record — joining the 2013-14 and 1996-97 teams — and 22 overall tied for fourth in the school annals. Colorado reached the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time under Boyle.

Boyle's 2016-17 team marked seven-straight years with a postseason tournament appearance; a school record. The Buffaloes were 19-15 overall and 8-10 in the Pac-12, earning a spot in the NIT. Colorado's regular season was highlighted by wins over three ranked teams, including No. 13/14 Xavier and No. 10/10 Oregon, teams that would eventually end up in the Elite Eight and Final Four respectively.

In 2017-18, Boyle had the youngest team of his tenure, with nine players that had not played a minute in a Buffaloes' uniform prior to the season. He led Colorado to 17 wins, the program's seventh winning season in the last eight years. Last year's young group had some bright moments including back-to-back wins over Top 15 teams for the first time in program history.

In 2018-19, Boyle led Colorado to a 23-13 record, tying for fourth place in the Pac-12 (10-8). The 23 wins tied for the third most in team history and just one off the school record. Boyle's teams now own the top four season win totals in team history and five of the top six.

Last season, Boyle guided to Buffaloes to what undoubtedly would have been a fifth NCAA Tournament appearance during his tenure before the cancelation of the postseason due to the coronavirus pandemic. Colorado spent a school-record 13 weeks in the Associated Press Top 25, peaking at No. 16 in mid February. The Buffaloes ended at 21-11 on the season and ranked No. 25 in the final NCAA Evaluation Tool (NET) ratings.

Prior to his arrival to Boulder, Boyle resurrected the basketball program at the University of Northern Colorado, where he guided the Bears to a 56-66 record (.459) the past four seasons, including a breakout season in 2009-10, when the Bears were 25-8 (.758) and finished second in the Big Sky Conference. For his efforts, he was awarded the NABC Division I All-District Coach of the Year, the Big Sky Coach of the Year by both The Sporting News and Collegelinsider.com, where he was also named a finalist for the National Mid-Major Coach of the Year award.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ...

"Tad has bought back a resurgence to Colorado basketball with his energy and enthusiasm. I am impressed with his knowledge of the game and his ability to communicate to his Buffaloes team."

— Dick Vitale, ESPN College Basketball Analyst

"Tad has done something few thought possible -- turn Colorado into a basketball school. The Buffaloes have as much of an impact in their new conference as any other team transitioning to a new league and that is a credit to Tad and his staff."

— Andy Katz, NCAA.com Basketball Writer

"I'm a believer in Tad Boyle. He is not only a terrific teacher of the game with great basketball knowledge, he keeps it simple and gives his players an understanding of what you need to do to win, but a firm understanding of how teams lose, too. Boyle has tremendous toughness in him. He is demanding without being demeaning, and he puts his players in position to achieve together without fear of failing. That's what truly outstanding coaches do, and Tad Boyle is a truly outstanding coach."

— Jay Bilas, ESPN College Basketball Analyst

"I've been blessed to work with many hall of fame caliber coaches during my career and I can say without reservation that Tad Boyle is as talented as any coach I've been around! Whether you're talking about X's-and-O's, in-game adjustments, or recruiting...he's the total package. And, best of all...he's an even better human being."

— Mark Johnson, Colorado Director of Audio Broadcasting

"This exciting process was all about both the young men we have currently and those in the future who will be joining our program, and is an investment in them and represents the competitive spirit, teamwork, passion and dedication they stand for," then-CU athletic director Mike Bohn said.

"Tad Boyle represents everything that is right about college basketball. We look forward to his leadership, poise and competitive drive to unite all our collective Buff interests to support our team and this enterprise that has so much promise for the long term."

A Greeley, Colo., native, Boyle was named the 17th coach in UNC history on April 25, 2006. At that point, the Bears were in the midst of a transition to Division I in its first season as a member of the Big Sky Conference. Northern Colorado finished 4-24 in his first season when squad finished last nationally in the final RPI rankings for that season. There were, however, flashes of times to come that season, including close losses to both Colorado (88-86) and Colorado State (75-66).

Over the next two seasons at UNC, he improved the team's win total from four to 13 and then 14. The Bears defeated Colorado State, 72-59, in his second season and also knocked off San Diego State, 72-59. The Aztecs were ranked among the nation's top 50 teams in the RPI rankings at that time. In year three, the Bears had improved from one conference win his first season to an even 8-8 mark and earned the school's first Division I post season trip, to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

It all came together for Boyle in his fourth season in Greeley, as the Bears advanced to the post season for the first time in school history, advancing to the quarterfinals of the CollegeInsiders.com Tournament while racking up a school record 25 victories. He coached one first-team All-Big Sky member and also the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Prior to Northern Colorado, he spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Wichita State and was part of another turn around that saw the Shockers improve from 9-19 (.321) his first year there to one of the nation's top mid-major teams in 2006 when Wichita State went 26-9 and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The Shockers eventually lost to Final Four Cinderella George Mason in the regional semifinals, but not before they had secured the No. 21 ranking in the final collegiate polls.

Boyle played collegiately for legendary coach Larry Brown at Kansas (1981-85). He was a member of two NCAA Tournament teams (1984, 1985) and was part of the 1984 Big Eight Tournament championship squad. As a senior, Boyle captained the Jayhawks, which featured freshman Danny Manning, who three years later led the Jayhawks to the NCAA Championship.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Kansas in 1985, Boyle went on to serve six years as a high school basketball coach at various Colorado programs. He was the sophomore basketball coach at Greeley (Colo.) West for a year and then was an assistant coach at Loveland (Colo.) High School for two years.

From there, he served at Longmont (Colo.) High School for three years before returning to the college ranks.

It was at Kansas that Boyle played alongside Turgeon, whom he also coached with at Oregon under Jerry Green. Boyle's first collegiate coaching job in 1994 was on Green's Ducks staff, where he spent three seasons and helped the Ducks to the 1995 NCAA Tournament and the 1997 National Invitational Tournament. In 1997, Boyle followed Green to Tennessee, where he was director of basketball operations when the Vols won 20 games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Boyle reconnected with Turgeon the following year, this time as an assistant coach at Jacksonville State (Ala.), where they helped turn a team that was 8-18 into a 17-11 squad in just one season.

Before heading to play collegiately at Kansas, Boyle was a standout performer at Greeley Central High School, where he led the Wildcats to a state championship as a senior in 1981 and earned Colorado Player of the Year honors as well—as being selected to the Converse All-American team. His high school jersey was retired at the conclusion of his senior season.

Boyle is married to the former Ann Schell of Greeley, and they have two sons, Jack and Pete, and a daughter, Claire.

BOYLE VS. THE NATION

Arkansas State.....	1-0	Mercer	1-0
Alabama	0-1	Missouri	1-1
Alcorn State.....	1-0	Montana	2-7
Air Force	9-2	Montana State.....	4-4
Auburn.....	2-0	Murray State	1-0
Arizona	6-15	Nebraska	1-1
Arizona State.....	10-8	New Mexico	2-1
Ball State	0-1	New Orleans.....	1-0
Baylor.....	1-3	Nicholls	1-0
Bowling Green.....	1-1	Norfolk State.....	1-0
Brigham Young.....	1-1	North Dakota	2-0
California	10-6	Northern Arizona.....	6-3
UC Irvine.....	1-0	Northern Colorado	3-0
UC Santa Barbara	1-0	Northern Iowa	0-1
Cal State Bakersfield	2-0	Notre Dame.....	0-1
UCF.....	0-1	Oklahoma	0-2
Charlotte	1-0	Oklahoma State.....	1-1
Citadel, The	1-0	Omaha.....	2-0
Clemson	1-0	Oregon.....	9-8
Colorado	0-1	Oregon State	11-9
Colorado Christian	1-0	Pacific.....	0-1
Colorado State.....	8-6	Penn State.....	1-0
Connecticut.....	0-1	Pittsburgh	0-1
Creighton	0-1	Portland	5-1
Dayton.....	3-0	Portland State	1-7
Denver.....	5-2	Prairie View A&M.....	1-0
DePaul	1-0	Purdue	0-1
Drake	2-0	Quinnipiac.....	1-0
Drexel.....	1-0	Sacramento State.....	8-2
Eastern Michigan	0-1	San Diego	1-2
Eastern Washington	5-4	San Diego State	1-1
Elon	1-0	San Francisco.....	1-1
Fort Hays State.....	1-0	San Jose State	1-1
Fort Lewis College.....	2-0	Seattle	1-1
Fresno State	2-1	Southern	1-0
Gardner-Webb	1-0	Southern California.....	11-4
Georgia.....	2-2	Southern Methodist.....	0-1
George Washington	0-1	South Dakota	1-0
Gonzaga	0-1	South Dakota State.....	1-0
Hampton.....	1-0	Southern Utah	1-0
Hartford.....	1-0	Stanford.....	10-4
Harvard	1-1	Texas	2-1
Hawai'i	1-2	Texas A&M	0-1
Idaho State.....	5-5	Texas Christian	1-0
Illinois.....	0-1	Texas-Pan American.....	1-0
Illinois-Chicago	1-0	Texas Southern.....	4-0
Indiana	1-0	Texas State.....	1-1
Indiana State.....	0-1	Texas Tech.....	1-0
Iona	1-0	UCCS.....	0-1
Iowa	0-2	UCLA.....	5-9
Iowa State.....	2-2	UNLV.....	1-0
Jackson State	1-0	Utah	8-11
Johnson & Wales	4-0	UT Martin.....	1-0
Kansas	1-5	VMI.....	1-0
Kansas State.....	3-0	Washington	6-10
Kent State	1-0	Washington State.....	13-5
Liberty	0-1	Weber State.....	2-6
Lipscomb	1-0	Western Michigan	1-0
Longwood	1-0	Western New Mexico.....	1-0
ULM.....	2-0	Wichita State	0-1
Loyola Marymount	1-0	Wofford.....	2-0
Maryland	0-1	Wyoming.....	2-4
Maryland Eastern Shore.....	1-0	Xavier.....	1-1
McNeese State	1-0	Total.....	266-200

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/HEAD RECRUITING COORDINATOR

MIKE ROHN



ROHN FILE

Family: Wife, Stephanie;

Daughters, Raegen and Rylee

Hometown: Colby, Kan.

High School: Colby

College: McPherson College 1990 (bachelor's); Fort Hays State 1993 (master's)

COACHING CAREER

2017-Present:

Associate Head Coach, University of Colorado

2010-17:

Assistant Coach, University of Colorado

2007-10:

Director of Basketball Operations, Texas A&M University

2000-07:

Assistant Coach, Wichita State University

1997-2000:

Head Coach, Dodge City (Kan.) Community College

1993-97:

Assistant Coach, Dodge City CC

1991-93:

Graduate Assistant Coach, Fort Hays State University

1990-91:

Assistant Coach, Colby Community College

1989-90:

Assistant Coach, McPherson College

Mike Rohn is in his 11th year as a coach and head recruiting coordinator with the University of Colorado men's basketball program. He was elevated from assistant to associate head coach on Oct. 18, 2017.

Rohn is an integral part of the coaching staff that has re-energized the basketball program to national prominence and continues to do so each and every year.

"One of the steadiest people I have ever worked with," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "Mike is the ultimate grinder; works extremely hard and he's a guy that thinks, a forward-thinker. He's ready to be a head coach. He has all the tools in what it takes to be a head coach, and is invaluable to our staff, and to me."

During Rohn's tenure in Boulder, the Buffaloes' have accumulated 210 victories, the most wins in any 10-year span of the program (117 years). In addition he has helped guide the Buffaloes to postseason appearances in eight of nine seasons (there was no postseason in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic), including seven in a row (2010-17), a program first. CU's three straight trips to the NCAA Tournament (2012, '13 & '14), are also school firsts.

Rohn has helped build the CU Events Center into a dominant home court advantage, making the Buffs' one of the most feared arenas to play in with a nine-year mark of 141-27 (.839).

As the recruiting coordinator, Rohn helped deliver the 25th ranked recruiting class in the nation in 2017 according to Rivals and Scout.

The groundwork of the program's success was built during the first two years where Rohn assisted with back-to-back 24-win campaigns of 2010-11 and 2011-12. The 24 victories continue to be a school record for victories in a single-season. The 24 wins in his first season were part of CU's run to the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden in New York City, the school's last year in the Big 12 Conference.

The following year (2011-12), the program equaled another 24 victories, CU's first year in the Pac-12 Conference. The Buffaloes became just the 10th team in the nation to win at least four games in four days to capture the tournament title at the inaugural conference tournament. The tournament title was the Buffaloes first since winning the Big 8 in 1968-69.

With the automatic tournament berth, CU earned its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2002-03 and saw the Buffs upset No. 6 UNLV in the first round.

Another successful season followed in 2012-13 (21 wins), where Rohn and the Buffs earned back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths for the first time in 50 years (1961-62 & 1962-63). The following year (2013-14), another NCAA Tournament followed with 23 wins, setting a school record with three consecutive NCAA Tourney appearances and four-straight 20-winning seasons.

The 2013-14 campaign saw CU register 23 wins, the third-most victories in school history. That CU team also tallied a third place finish in the final Pac-12 Conference standings, the program's highest placing in 18 years.

After a 16-18 campaign, and a trip to the CBI Quarterfinals in 2014-15, Colorado rebounded with its fifth 20-win season in six years in 2015-16. The Buffaloes sported a record of 22-12 and finished fifth in the Pac-12 at 10-8. Rohn helped Colorado to 11 straight wins during the nonconference schedule, the fifth longest in program history and best run since 1961-62. Colorado's 21 regular season wins tied a school record — joining the 2013-14 and 1996-97 teams — and 22 overall tied for fourth in the school annals.

Colorado made its seventh-straight postseason appearance in 2016-17 with a 19-15 overall record and a berth in the NIT.

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Last season, Rohn helped the Buffaloes to a 21-11 mark, and what would have certainly been a fifth NCAA Tournament appearance during his tenure before the postseason was canceled due to the coronavirus





pandemic. Colorado was ranked for a school-record 13 weeks in 2019-20, peaking at No. 16 in mid February.

During his 10 years in Boulder, Rohn has mentored six former CU student-athlete standouts who have made the next step professionally in their respective basketball careers.

Alec Burks, a sophomore, was CU's second-ever lottery pick and selected No. 12 overall by the Utah Jazz in the 2011 NBA Draft; Andre Roberson left after his junior year, was the No. 26 overall selection by the Minnesota Timberwolves in 2013 (later traded to Oklahoma City).

Spencer Dinwiddie, also a junior, was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in the 2014 NBA Draft (second round, No. 38 overall); and Cory Higgins, the school's all-time co-leader in points, played with the Charlotte Bobcats during the 2011-12 season.

Colorado has been represented in two of the last three NBA Drafts with Derrick White in 2017 (San Antonio) and George King in 2018 (Phoenix).

Rohn has also coached a number of CU student-athletes to conference excellence.

In 2010-11, Burks was a Wooden Award Top-20 finalist and unanimous All-Big 12 first team selection; Levi Knutson was the Big 12 Conference Sixth Man of the Year, and Higgins was All-Big 12 third team.

In CU's first year of the Pac-12, Roberson (first team, All-Defensive, All-Tournament team), Carlton Brown (second team, tournament's Most Outstanding Player), and Dinwiddie (freshman team) garnered all-Conference honors.

In year two of the conference, Roberson (first team, Defensive Player of the Year, All-Defensive team); Dinwiddie (first team) and Josh Scott (All-Freshman

team) earned post-season accolades, and in year three, Scott continued CU's prominence among the elite Pac-12 Conference players selected to the first team.

Scott repeated his all-conference honor in 2015-16 and was a finalist for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, given to the nation's best big man. Scott was also on the Pac-12 All-Defensive team while front-court mate Wesley Gordon earned honorable mention. George King was named the Pac-12's Most Improved Player of the Year.

White earned 2017 All-Pac-12 First Team honors while also being selected to the league's All-Defense team.

King was named to the 2018 All-Pac-12 Second Team. McKinley Wright IV was a Pac-12 All-Freshman Team member while earning honorable mention to the overall All-Conference and All-Defensive teams.

In 2018-19, Wright and Tyler Bey both earned All-Pac-12 First Team honors. Bey was named the conference's Most Improved Player of the Year. Last season, Bey was the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year while Wright earned his second straight All-Pac-12 First Team honor.

In August 2014, Rohn was the head coach the Athletes In Action team, a school-first for any CU assistant. AIA is a worldwide Christian sports organization was also comprised of then-CU sophomore Tre'Shaun Fletcher and other college basketball players from around the nation embarking on an eight-day Baltic tour of Russia. Team USA won three of four games against professional competition.

Prior to his arrival to Boulder, Rohn spent the three years as the director of basketball operations at Texas A&M (2007-10) where he was part of the coaching staff



that helped the Aggies to a trio of NCAA Tournament Round of 32 appearances. During those three years in College Station, the Aggies won 73 games, in addition to 28 Big 12 Conference games. A&M also led the conference in scoring defense (65.8 ppg.) for the first time in league history during the 2009-10 campaign.

During the 2009-10 season, Rohn helped the development of current NBA players Deandre Jordan, Kris Middleton, and Donald Sloan.

At Wichita State, where Rohn spent seven years (2000-07) as an assistant coach to Mark Turgeon, in addition with current CU Associate Head Coach, Jean Prioleau, the Shockers engineered an impressive resume, earning three-straight NIT trips (2003, 2004, 2005). During the 2005-06 season, the Shockers not only won their first Missouri Valley Conference championship in 19 years, they capped off a 26-9 record with a 2006 NCAA Tournament berth and a Sweet 16 appearance, a school-first in 18 years.

Rohn also helped coach fifth-year student-athlete Paul Miller cap off one of the best careers of any Shocker center by being named the MVC Player of the Year, the first Shocker to earn the award in 21 years, in addition to Jamar Howard (Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year).

Prior to Wichita State, Rohn served three seasons as head coach from 1996-2000 at Dodge City (Kan.) Community College, where he built a 55-38 record and coached the Conquistadors to three consecutive state playoff appearances, including a 21-10 mark in 1999-2000. Rohn was also an assistant coach at Dodge City from 1993-96. In 1997, Dodge City was crowned the 1997 Jayhawk West Conference Champions.

Rohn was a graduate assistant coach at Fort Hays State (1991-93) while earning a master's degree in sports administration and coaching. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1990 from McPherson College, where he was a two-time all-conference selection. There he was named the league's newcomer of the year as a junior and was the conference player of the year as a senior. He also was named McPherson's Male Athlete of the Year in 1989. On Oct. 11, 2019, Rohn was inducted into the McPherson College Athletics Hall of Fame.

He also served as an assistant coach at Colby Community College (1990-91) and at his alma mater, McPherson College (1989-1990). Rohn transferred to McPherson after playing two seasons at Dodge City Community College.

Rohn, and his wife, Stephanie, have two daughters, Raegen and Rylee.

ASSISTANT COACH BILL GRIER



GRIER FILE

Family: Wife, Nicole; Daughters, Giselle and Ashley

Hometown: Cottage Grove, Ore.

High School: Cottage Grove

College: Oregon 1990

COACHING CAREER

2013-present

Assistant Coach, University of Colorado

2015-16

Assistant Coach, Oklahoma State University

2007-15

Head Coach, University of San Diego

1992-2007

Assistant Coach, Gonzaga University

1990-91

Head Coach, Creswell (Ore.) High School

Bill Grier is in his fifth season as an assistant coach for the University of Colorado's men's basketball team.

In his first season, Grier helped the Buffaloes to a 19-15 overall record and a spot in the 2017 Postseason NIT. It was Colorado's seventh-straight postseason appearance; a school record. The Buffaloes' regular season was highlighted by wins over three ranked teams, including No. 13/14 Xavier and No. 10/10 Oregon, who would eventually advance to the 2017 NCAA Elite Eight and Final Four respectively.

Five Buffaloes have earned All-Pac-12 Conference honors in Grier's first four seasons. He helped mentor Derrick White, a 2017 First Team pick along with George King a 2018 Second Team selection.

The last two seasons, McKinley Wright IV and Tyler Bey have both garnered All-Pac-12 honors. Wright is a two-time first team pick, while Bey was first team in 2018-19 and second team last season. Bey was also the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year in 2019-20.

In his second season, he helped guide a young Buffaloes' team to 17 wins. Despite suiting up nine players who had never played a minute in a Colorado uniform prior to the season, the Buffaloes earned their seventh winning season in the last eight years which included back-to-back wins over ranked teams for the first time in team history.

That core group returned in 2018-19 finishing with a 23-13 record, advancing to the NIT Quarterfinals. The 23 wins tied for the third most in team history and just one off the school record.

Last season, Grier helped the Buffaloes to a 21-11 mark, and what would have certainly been his first NCAA Tournament appearance with the Buffaloes before the postseason was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Colorado was ranked for a school-record 13 weeks in 2019-20, peaking at No. 16 in mid February.

"We're fortunate to have a guy like Bill Grier to our coaching staff because he brings a wealth of experience," Boyle said. "Most importantly he has recruiting contacts on the west coast, and internationally. He's one of those

guys that I knew if I ever had an opening on our staff, he was a guy that I wanted to go after...we're lucky to have him."

Grier has assisted a pair of Buffaloes who would go on to be selected in two NBA Drafts. White was selected with the 29th overall pick by the San Antonio Spurs in 2017 and King was taken 59th overall by the Phoenix Suns in 2018.

Grier gives Colorado an extra asset in West Coast recruiting. An Oregon native, Grier is in his 27th season as a collegiate coach, with 24 years spent in Washington and Southern California. That expertise was noted in the fall of 2017 as Colorado was able to secure a Top 25 recruiting class according to Rivals and Scout.

Grier won 117 games in eight seasons as the head coach at San Diego (2007-15) and played an integral role in Gonzaga's rise to prominence in 15 years as an assistant with the Bulldogs (1992-2007). Most recently,



Grier spent the 2015-16 season as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State.

The span of his experience, from serving as an assistant on a top-level program, to being head coach, to spending a year in the Big 12 Conference, enhances the abilities of the Colorado coaching staff.

"Anytime you have the opportunity to hire a former head coach it's a plus," Boyle said. "It's not a requirement to be a good assistant, but I think when guys have been head coaches and then they become assistant coaches they're better assistant coaches because they understand what the head coach is going through; they understand the issues, they understand the decisions that have to be made."

Now residing in Colorado, it gives his family a sense of home being back in the west. He grew up in Oregon and met his wife, Nicole, in Spokane where they lived before moving to San Diego. Colorado is a place the Grier's are thrilled about to raise their two daughters, Giselle and Ashley.

"My wife is from Montana, we met in Spokane," Grier said. "We like that Colorado, Boulder, is that type of setting that we've become so accustomed to. I'm really excited for our children to be in that environment."

Grier led the Toreros to the 2008 West Coast Conference Tournament championship, and rode that momentum into the NCAA Tournament with a first-round upset of No. 4 seed Connecticut - the only NCAA Tournament win in school history.

He led San Diego to six wins over top 25 teams, took down Kentucky in Rupp Arena and racked up eight All-West Coast Conference selections and nine WCC All-Academic Team nods during his tenure. In 2014, the Toreros advanced to the quarterfinals of the CollegiateInsider.com Tournament.

Grier finished his time in San Diego with a 117-144 record, including 51 WCC wins, which ranks 24th in the conference's history.

During his time at Gonzaga as the program's defensive coordinator, the Bulldogs led the WCC in field goal percentage defense six times, including the third best mark in the nation in 2004.

Grier served as the recruiting director for his last 10 years with the Zags, and his 2007 class was the program's best to that point. That class ranked 11th in the nation by Rivals, and boasted four recruits among the top-100 in the country.

"He was extremely well prepared and you could tell that in his practice and game preparations," said Dan Dickau, former WCC Player of the Year at Gonzaga and current Pac-12 Network analyst. "He's a guy that knows how to relate to coaches and players; parents during the recruiting process... a great hire by Boyle."

Grier also successfully developed both post players (1997-2003) and perimeter players (2003-2007). Post players Bakari Hendrix (1998) and Casey Calvary (2001) were both WCC Players of the Year. Perimeter players he worked with included Derek Raivio (2007), the WCC Player of the Year; Adam Morrison (2006), a First Team All-American and WCC Player of the Year; and Blake Stepp (2004), a Second Team All-American and two-time WCC Player of the Year.

"He is one heck of a basketball mind," said Gonzaga head coach Mark Few, prior to Grier's appointment to Oklahoma State. "Bill is hard working and loyal, and he played a huge part in building Gonzaga basketball to where it is now. I leaned on him heavily up here at Gonzaga, especially on the defensive side of the floor."

When he went to San Diego he really evolved on the offensive side, and did some special things with those teams. Bill is an unbelievable student of the game who is always looking to learn and get better."

Grier started his coaching career at his alma mater, Cottage Grove High School in 1986. After serving two years as a freshman coach, Grier was elevated to junior varsity coach and varsity assistant. Grier left Cottage Grove to be the head coach at Creswell High School during the 1990-91 season.

He played two years in junior college (Central Oregon and Southwestern Oregon), then transferred to Oregon where he received a B.S. degree in Leisure Studies and Services in 1990.



ASSISTANT COACH RICK RAY



RAY FILE

Family: Wife, Breyana; Sons, Deacon and Mason; Daughter, Katriece

Hometown: Kansas City, Kan.

College: Grand View (Iowa) 1994/
Nebraska-Omaha 1997

COACHING CAREER

2020-present

Assistant Coach, University of Colorado

2015-20

Head Coach, Southeast Missouri State

2012-15

Head Coach, Mississippi State

2010-12

Associate Head Coach, Clemson

2006-10

Assistant Coach, Purdue

2004-06

Assistant Coach, Northern Illinois

1997-04

Assistant Coach, Indiana State

1995-97

Graduate Assistant Coach, Nebraska-
Omaha

Former Mississippi State and Southeast Missouri State head coach Rick Ray is in his first season as an assistant coach for the University of Colorado men's basketball team, joining the program on July 20, 2020.

Ray has 23 years of experience coaching at the NCAA Division I level, the last eight as a head coach. He spent the previous five years at Southeast Missouri State after initially joining the head coaching ranks at Mississippi State from 2012-15.

"I have a ton of respect for coach Boyle and what he's done at CU," Ray said. "He's well renown in this business for doing it the right way. I want to work for people in that same ilk; Brad Brownell (Clemson head coach), Matt Painter (Purdue head coach), just reminds me of those guys who do it the right way and are in it for the right reasons."

Boyle has known Ray for more than two decades, dating back to their days as assistant coaches in the Missouri Valley Conference; Boyle at Wichita State and Ray at Indiana State in the early 2000s.

"He's a tremendous coach on every level," Boyle said. "He can teach the game, knows the game, recruits and builds relationships with players. We are very fortunate to be able to bring him on board."

Ray brings a wealth of relationships and recruiting experience in the Southeast and Midwest, and now turns his attention to the Mountains, and West, of the Pac-12 Conference.

"I'm in this business to help young men," Ray said. "I'm there to help them on and off court. I want (the

players) to know there's no ego, I'm humble, I just want them to reach their goals and dreams in classroom and on the court. Recruiting is about relationships. I'm a person who is honest and truthful to recruits and parents and people appreciate that."

Ray's best year at SEMO came in his second season (2016-17) where he led the Redhawks to 10 more wins than the year before, ranking 22nd among Most Improved Teams in NCAA I. SEMO finished at 15-18 and second in the Ohio Valley Conference West Division with a 9-7 record after going 5-24 and placing last in the league in 2015-16.

His three-year tenure at Mississippi State was highlighted by the development of two All-SEC Freshmen in Craig Sword and Gavin Ware, as his recruiting classes received national attention. Ray also led the Bulldogs to a pair of SEC Tournament wins including an upset over Vanderbilt in 2014.

Before embarking on his first head coaching position with MSU, Ray was an assistant coach, or associate head coach, at four schools over 15 seasons. During that span Ray's teams went to seven NCAA Tournaments, including a pair of Sweet 16 appearances.

Ray spent two seasons at Clemson (2010-12), where he was the associate head coach. Ray also spent four successful years on the staff at Purdue (2006-10) and two seasons at Northern Illinois (2004-06). He began his Division I coaching career at Indiana State, serving seven seasons (1997-2004).

All three programs participated in the NCAA





Tournament.

While at Clemson coaching in the highly-competitive Atlantic Coast Conference, the Tigers won 38 games during Ray's two-year stint as associate head coach. In 2010-11, the Tigers finished the year with a 22-12 overall record and 9-7 mark in the ACC en route to making the NCAA Tournament for the fourth-straight season. Clemson advanced to the second round of the tournament that year.

Ray was an assistant coach from 2006-10 under Painter at Purdue, where the Boilermakers won 103 games during his first four years on staff, including 15 victories over Top 25 competition. During his tenure, Purdue advanced to the NCAA Tournament each season and made the Sweet 16 his last two years there.

In 2009, the Boilermakers won the Big Ten Tournament and secured a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament. A year later, Ray helped the Boilermakers to 29 wins, tied for the most in Purdue history for a single season. Purdue earned a No. 4 seed and lost in the round of 16 to eventual NCAA champion Duke during the 2010 NCAA Tournament.

Ray was part of the 2006-07 Purdue staff that signed arguably the top class in school history, a group that was rated No. 5 nationally by Scout.com and No. 6 by Rivals.com. That class included All-Americans Robbie Hummel and JaJuan Johnson and current NBA player E'Twaun Moore.

While at Purdue, Ray was on Painter's staff that also included Cuonzo Martin (Missouri head coach) and Paul Lusk (former head coach at Missouri State).

Ray coached at Missouri Valley Conference member Indiana State for a period of seven years (1997-2004), helping ISU to consecutive 20 -win seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances in 1999-2000 and 2000-01. In 1999-2000, the Sycamores compiled a 14-4 record in the MVC and won the regular season title. ISU then won the MVC Tournament the following season. The Sycamores later upset No. 4 seed Oklahoma in the first round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament. In addition, Ray was part of the ISU staff that defeated perennial power Indiana in back-to-back seasons.

Following his time at ISU, Ray spent two seasons (2004-06) as an assistant coach and recruiting

coordinator at Northern Illinois. In 2005-06, the Huskies were regular season Western Division champions in the Mid-American Conference for the first time in school history with a 17-11 overall record and 12-6 ledger in the MAC.

Ray began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, a Division II program. He helped orchestrate a seven-win turnaround during his second season in 1996-97.

A standout player for Grand View College (Iowa), Ray was an All-American Scholar-Athlete and honorable mention all-conference performer in 1993. He earned his undergraduate degree in applied mathematics and secondary education from Grand View in 1994. Ray received his master's degree in athletic administration from Nebraska-Omaha in 1997. In 2013, he was the recipient of Grand View's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ray and his wife, Breyana, have two sons, Deacon and Mason, and a daughter, Katriece.