

2020-21 IN REVIEW

THE BUFFALOES: Colorado finished the 2020-21 season at 23-9 overall and third in the Pac-12 Conference at 14-6. The Buffaloes were the runner up at the 2021 Pac-12 Tournament and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Buffaloes ended the season having won seven of nine, 10 of 14 and 16 of their last 22.

CU's 14 conference wins are the most in program history, surpassing the 13 by the 1961-62 Big Eight Conference championship team (13-1). The previous Pac-12 high was in 2011-12. The Buffaloes finished 11-7 and would go on to win the inaugural Pac-12 Tournament.

Colorado's five road conference wins are the program's most since the 1961-62 team had six (6-1). The Buffaloes' 6-6 overall road record is their best since the 2000-01 team also finished 6-6. CU's six overall road wins are its most since 2003-04 (6-7 road record). The Buffaloes won at least once on all four two-game Pac-12 road trips this season.

CU finished with a 6-2 record on a neutral court, tying for the most wins in a season at a neutral site. The '11-12 Buffs, in Tad Boyle's second year, were 6-3.

The 12 wins away from home are the most in CU history; topping 10 in each of the 1941-42, 1954-55 and 2011-12 seasons (the 11 in the regular season tied for the seventh-most in the NCAA).

20 WINS: Colorado has 12 20-win seasons in program history, eight of which have come under head coach Tad Boyle, including the last three. It's the seventh time the Buffaloes have 20 wins during the regular season (1968-69, '96-97, 2012-13, '13-14, '15-16, '19-20 & '20-21). Last year's squad tied the school mark for regular season wins at 21 eventually tying for the seventh best overall mark in team history.



D'Shawn Schwartz

Colorado's 23 wins tie for the third most in one season. Boyle coached teams now own the top five and six of the top seven single-season win totals in team history.

Most Wins In One Season:

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| 1. 24 - 2011-12 | 22 - 1996-97 |
| 24 - 2010-11 | 8. 21 - 2019-20 |
| 3. 23 - 2020-21 | 21 - 2012-13 |
| 23 - 2018-19 | 21 - 1968-69 |
| 23 - 2013-14 | 11. 20 - 2005-06 |
| 6. 22 - 2015-16 | 20 - 2002-03 |

Colorado finished second in the nation in free throw shooting at 81.9 percent, just a fraction behind Oral Roberts which made 82.1 percent. The Buffaloes fell just short of their quest for the season national title, and NCAA record for that matter, after making 7 of 11 (.636) in the NCAA Second Round loss to Florida State.

Overall, Colorado shot 80 percent or better in 21 games and at least 90 percent in five.

The Buffaloes, who made at least 10 free throws in 27 of 32 games, had 22 contests where they missed three or fewer and 13 with just one or two misses.

Along with owning the Pac-12's top spot in free throw percentage, the Buffaloes took conference statistical titles in scoring defense (63.8 ppg) and rebounding defense (30.6 rpg). Colorado, which ranked 30th in the nation in scoring defense, held its opponents under 70 points in eight of the final 13 and 10 of the last 17 contests.

On other Pac-12 charts, Colorado ranked second in scoring margin (+9.3) and 3-point percentage (.372), third in 3-pointers made (7.7 3mpg), 3-point defense (.333), turnover margin (+1.8), turnovers (11.4 topg) and rebounding margin (+4.2) and fourth in field goal defense (.421).

Three-time All-Pac-12 guard and Cousy Award finalist **McKinley Wright IV** led the Buffaloes at 15.2 points, 5.7 assists and 1.1 steals per game. He was second in free throws made (103) and attempted (122) and third in rebounding at 4.3 per game.

Wright averaged 14.8 points and 5.6 assists over five postseason games. He scored 12 points and dished out a CU postseason record 13 assists against Georgetown.

Wright earned All-Pac-12 Tournament Team honors averaging 17.3 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.7 assists. He had 24 points in the semifinals against USC, hitting the 20-point mark for the eighth time this season and 25th time in his career. He tied a career high with four 3-point field goals in that contest.

On the Pac-12 charts, Wright ranked first in assists, third in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.7), sixth in free throw percentage (.844) and 13th in scoring.

Wright's 182 total assists led the Pac-12 and ranked fourth in the nation. He was 19th in the nation in assist average and 23rd in assist-to-turnover ratio.

WRIGHT FIRST PAC-12 PLAYER WITH 1,800-600-600: McKinley Wright IV became the first Player in Pac-12 history to reach 1,800 points, 600 rebounds and 600 assists after a 24-point performance against USC. He had already been the first in league history to reach 1,600, 600 and 600. He's one of six in NCAA Division I dating back to 1985-86 to reach 1,800 points, 600 rebounds and 600 assists.

The 1,800, 600, 600 Club (DI since 1985-86)

Name, School	Years	GP	Pts	Reb	Ass
Jon Elmore, Marshall	2015-19	133	2,638	636	783
Nate Wolters, South Dakota St	2009-13	127	2,352	601	668
Greivis Vasquez, Maryland	2006-10	136	2,171	647	772
DaAndre Kane, Marshall/Iowa St	2010-14	132	2,110	743	645
D.J. Cooper, Ohio	2009-13	143	2,075	620	934
McKinley Wright IV, Colorado	2017-	131	1,857	644	683

Graduate transfer **Jeriah Horne** led Colorado in rebounding at 5.8 per game while ranking second in scoring at 10.8 points per contest and third in steals (19). He led the team in 3-pointers with 52 and ranked second in 3-point percentage among those Buffs attempting at least two per game (.397).

On the Pac-12 charts Horne was sixth in defensive rebounds (4.7 drpg), ninth in 3-point percentage, 12th in rebounding and 14th in 3-pointers made (1.6 3mpg).

Junior **Evan Battey** averaged 10.1 points on 49.8 percent from the field while ranking second on the team in rebounding at 5.3 per game. Battey shot 62 percent (21 of 34) while averaging 10.8 points over five postseason games.

Battey earned Pac-12 All-Tournament Team honors after averaging 12.3 points and 6.3 rebounds while shooting 62.5 percent from the field (15 of 24). He scored 16 points, hitting 7 of 9 from the field, with eight rebounds in the championship game. Battey had a game-high 15 points to lead Colorado over California in the quarterfinals.

Battey was seventh in the Pac-12 in free throw shooting (.825), 10th in offensive rebounds (1.9 orgp), 13th in field goal percentage and 16th in overall rebounding.

Senior **D'Shawn Schwartz** was fourth on the team in scoring (9.3 ppg) and assists (38). He was second on the Buffaloes in 3-pointers made with 46 while leading the team in 3-point percentage (.400).

Schwartz averaged 12.0 points in five postseason games while shooting 61 percent from 3-point range (14 of 23). Schwartz scored 18 points and tied his career best with five 3-pointers made against Georgetown. In the process he became the 37th Buffalo

to reach 1,000 career points (1,013). He scored 11 points hitting 3 of 4 from downtown in the Pac-12 championship game.

Freshman forward **Jabari Walker** averaged 7.6 points and ranked third on the team in rebounds at 4.3 per game. He had career-highs in points (24) and 3-pointers made (5) against Georgetown. His shooting percentages - both overall (9-10, .900) and 3-pointers (5-5, 1.000) - are CU records for an NCAA Tournament game.

Junior **Eli Parquet** averaged 5.2 points while hitting 48 percent from the floor. He led Colorado in blocked shots (23) and was second in steals (26) and third in assists (40).

Parquet ranked 14th in the Pac-12 in blocked shots (0.7 bpg). In league only games he was 12th in steals (1.2 spg) and 13th in blocks (0.8 bpg).

Senior **Maddox Daniels** averaged 5.3 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. He was third on the team in 3-pointers with 38, hitting 37 percent from downtown.

Dallas Walton averaged 6.5 points and 2.8 rebounds while shooting 55 percent from the field. He was second on the team with 17 blocked shots.

Freshman guard **Keeshawn Barthelemy** averaged 3.7 points while ranking second on the team in assists with 42. He had eight points and tied his personal best with two 3-point field goals in the Pac-12 semifinal win against USC.

TEAM AWARDS: McKinley Wright IV received the Chauncey Billups Award as the team's Most Valuable Player. The Chauncey Billups MVP Award is one of five voted on by Colorado men's basketball student-athletes. **Eli Parquet** won the Best Defender Award and shared the Most Improved Award with **Tristan da Silva**. **Evan Battey** repeated as the Most Inspirational Award winner as did **Alexander Strating** with the Tebo Family P.A.S.S. Award.

In addition, two annual statistical champion awards were recognized. **Jeriah Horne** won the Stephane Pelle Rebounding Award while Wright earned the newly renamed McKinley Wright IV Assist Award.



McKinley Wright IV