## **COLORADO DO BUFFALOES**

## 2021-22 IN REVIEW

ABOUT THE BUFFALOES: Colorado finished the 2021-22 season at 21-12 overall and in sole possession of fourth place in the Pac-12 Conference regular season standings at 12-8. The Buffaloes advanced to the semifinals of the Pac-12 Tournament and earned a bid to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

20 WINS: Colorado has 13 20-win seasons in program history, nine of which have come under head coach Tad Boyle. The Buffaloes have won at least 20 games the last four seasons, a feat equaled by only teams of 2010-14 - Boyle's first four seasons.

The Buffaloes have won 20 games by the close of the regular season eight times and three in a row (1968-69, '96-97, 2012-13, '13-14, '15-16, '19-20, '20-21 & '21-22). Boyle coached teams own the top five and six of the top seven single-season win totals in team history.

## Most Wins In One Season:

| 1. | 24 - 2011-12 |     | 22 - 1996-97 |
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|    | 24 - 2010-11 | 8.  | 21 - 2021-22 |
| 3. | 23 - 2020-21 |     | 21 - 2019-20 |
|    | 23 - 2018-19 |     | 21 - 2012-13 |
|    | 23 - 2013-14 |     | 21 - 1968-69 |
| 6. | 22 - 2015-16 | 12. | 20 - 2005-06 |
|    |              |     | 20 - 2002-03 |
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The Buffaloes finished above .500 for the 11th time in Boyle's 12 seasons. Colorado finished with a .500 or better conference record for the fourth-straight year and ninth time in his 12 seasons (eight Pac-12, one Big 12).

Boyle will enter the 2022-23 season with 254 wins at Colorado, seven from Sox Walseth's program record of 261. Boyle has 110 Pac-12 regular season wins, tying California's Ben Braun (1997-08) for 19th in conference history.

Overall, Colorado finished the season having won eight of 11 and has won 44 of 65 (44-21) over the past two seasons.

**SEASON LEADERS:** Colorado led the Pac-12 in 3-point accuracy both overall, at 36.6 percent, and in league-only games at 38.9 percent. The overall mark ranks as the seventh-best single-season percentage in team history:

Colorado made 227 3-pointers on the season which ranks as the ninth-most in one season on the team charts, but also the fewest since 2014-15 (179):

Colorado was second in the Pac-12 in free throw accuracy at 75.6 percent, and much like its season 3-point shooting effort, increased that number to 76.9 percent during the conference schedule.

The Buffaloes didn't quite match last year's team and Pac-12 record-setting 81.9 percent, but the 2021-22 season mark still ranks as the fourth-best in team history:

Colorado had the second-best rebounding defense team (32.0 rpg) in the Pac-12 and ranked fourth in rebounding offense (37.1 rpg) and rebounding margin (+5.0). The Buffaloes' rebounding margin ranks as the 10th best in one season in team history.

Sophomore forward **Jabari Walker** led the Buffaloes at 14.6 points and 9.4 rebounds per game while shooting 46 percent from the field and 78 percent from the foul line. He averaged a double-double during the conference season at 15.7 points and 10.4 rebounds an outing. He averaged 18.5 points, 10.5 rebounds and made 7 of 11 from 3-point range at the Pac-12 Tournament.

Walker topped the Pac-12 in overall rebounding, defensive boards (7.3 drpg) and double-doubles (17) while ranking fourth in scoring, 11th in offensive boards (2.1 orpg) and 13th in free throw percentage.

On the national leaderboard, Walker finished 10th in double-doubles, 14th in defensive rebounds and 26th in overall rebounding.

Walker's 310 rebounds ranked 12th on CU's single-season list and he became the eighth different player to reach 300 in one season, joining Cliff Meely (three times), Andre Roberson (twice), Jim Davis (twice), Shaun Vandiver (twice), Tyler Bey, Stephane Pelle and Burdette Haldorson.

Walker's 17 double-doubles is tied for eighth on CU's season-single list and most since Tyler Bey also had 17 in 2018-19. His 19 career double-doubles is 14th on CU's all-time list.

Senior forward **Evan Battey** averaged 12.4 points and 4.7 rebounds over his final season while shooting a team-best 50 percent from the field. He led the Buffaloes in scoring during postseason play at 14.3 per game.

Battey led the Pac-12 in 3-point accuracy overall (.488) and in conference play (.541). He was ninth in overall field goal percentage and 18th in scoring.

Against Oregon in the Pac-12 Tournament, Battey had a team-high 19 points and added 12 rebounds for his first double-double of the season and the eighth of his career. Battey had a career-best and team season-high 27 points to lead the Buffaloes over Utah. He hit 10 of 17 from the field including 6 of 9 from 3-point range, all career-highs.

Sophomore guard **Keeshawn Barthelemy** led Colorado in free throw shooting (.826) and 3-pointers made (43) while ranking second in assists (78) and third in scoring at 11.1 points per game. Barthelemy ended his season on a high-note, averaging 12.0 points and shooting 54 percent in three postseason games.

Barthelemy was second in the Pac-12 in free throw shooting during conference games at 85.7 percent. He had a season-best string of 16 consecutive made end at Arizona State and followed that up with 15 in a row which ended at Washington. During second run, he had a career-best 9 for 9 performance at Oregon, which at the time was the best mark in the Pac-12 this season and ended up being tied for second.

Sophomore **Tristan da Silva** averaged 9.4 points and 3.5 rebounds while shooting 48 percent. He was third on the team in assists with 61. Da Silva was 12th in the Pac-12 in overall field goal percentage while third in the Pac-12 in 3-point percentage during conference games (.477) and sixth in free throw percentage (.822).

**Nique Clifford** tied Walker for the team lead in blocked shots (22) and was third in rebounding (4.6 rpg) while averaging 6.7 points an outing. He ranked 13th in the Pac-12 in blocked shots during conference games (0.9 bpg).

K.J. Simpson is averaged 7.4 points and 2.5 rebounds per game while leading the Buffaloes in assists (86). Simpson's 86 assists tied for the seventh-best by a freshman in team history.

FOUR-YEAR HISTORIC NUMBERS: Colorado's 88 wins since the beginning of the 2018-19 season, is second most in any four-year span in team history. The 88 wins trails only the 92 recorded from 2010-14, Tad Boyle's first four seasons on the CU bench which included three NCAA Tournaments, the 2012 Pac-12 Tournament title and the 2011 NIT semifinals. Colorado's win at Stanford put this four-year group ahead of the previous four years, 2017-21, that had won 84.

**Evan Battey** is the only one of the four-year seniors (**Elijah Parquet** and **Benan Ersek** the others) to have been on the floor for all 88 games, giving him the title of playing in the most wins in team history. The 2010-14 run had only one four-year player, Ben Mills, who appeared in 58 games in his career.

Battey has also appeared in more conference games in team history with 76, passing former teammate D'Shawn Schwartz who played in 74 from 2017-21.