

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS RODNEY BILLUPS



Rodney Billups begins his first year with the University of Colorado men's basketball coaching staff as the Director of Basketball Operations. Billups is the younger brother of former CU great Chauncey Billups, who played with the Buffaloes from 1995-97. The younger Billups is a Colorado native graduating from George Washington High School in 2001. He later was a three-year standout with the University of Denver Pioneers from 2002-05.

"Rodney's a Colorado guy; loves Colorado basketball and that means a lot to me," CU men's basketball coach Tad Boyle said. "He's a tremendous mentor and role model to the players we have in our program, as well as the group of players that we are bringing into the program in the coming years. Rodney's a bright, young coach who has a tremendous future in this business. He'll have an opportunity to learn from the ground up with this staff."

At DU, Billups averaged 10.2 points, 6.4 assists, and 3.2 rebounds during his 2004-05 senior year. In addition to leading the Sun Belt Conference in assists, he also ranked 17th nationally. He was named an All-SBC third team selection in 2004-05, the same season he helped the Pioneers win 20 games and a National Invitational Tournament berth.

Billups' 199 assists in his senior season, ranks third all-time in school history, while his 58 steals, ranks seventh. Over his three years at DU, Billups ranks fourth all-time in assists (418) and steals (154). For his career, he averaged 8.5 points per game, in addition to 4.6 assists, 2.7 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game.

In 2004-05, Billups was named co-recipient of the Floyd M. Theard Jr. Memorial Award. The award is presented each year to the DU men's basketball player who best displays the qualities of leadership, scholarship and sportsmanship.

Billups earned his business management degree from DU in 2005. After his collegiate days, he played professional basketball for ASK Riga in Latvia (2005-06), where he led the league in steals and assists. He also played one year in Finland (2006-07).



Bill Cartun Coordinator of Operations

Bill Cartun begins his first year with the Colorado men's basketball staff as the Coordinator of Operations.

Cartun comes to Boulder after spending the last three years (2007-10) with the Charlotte Bobcats of the NBA as the basketball operations assistant and assistant video coordinator. While there he prepared video scouting edits for the coaches and players, scouted collegiate talent, and assisted in NBA draft preparation.

He is a 2005 graduate of Bates College where he received his bachelor's degree in economics. He received a master's degree in sport management from the University of Connecticut in 2007. While at Connecticut he worked with the men's basketball team as a student assistant.

Cartun is a 2000 graduate of Avon High School in Avon, Conn., where he was a two-time All-State selection in basketball.

Cartun and his wife, Ashley, reside in Superior.



Trae Tashiro Athletic Trainer

Trae Tashiro begins his first year at the University of Colorado as the athletic trainer for the men's basketball program and spirit squad.

Tashiro is a Colorado native and graduated from Skyline High School in 1995. He continued his education with an undergraduate degree in kinesiology in 2001 from the University of Northern Colorado. From there, Tashiro earned his master's degree in sports medicine at the University of Virginia (2003).

After UVA, Tashiro spent the following year working at the University of Denver as an athletic trainer intern where he was responsible for the men's soccer and women's lacrosse programs. Over the next three years, Tashiro crafted his expertise as an assistant athletic trainer at the University of Arizona (2004-07). He would later return to the Centennial State becoming an assistant athletic trainer with the Denver Broncos from 2007-2010.

Tashiro and his wife, the former Kimberly Bender are June of 2010 newlyweds.

Tashiro enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

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