

## DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS RODNEY BILLUPS



Rodney Billups enters his second 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).



## COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS BILL CARTUN



Bill Cartun enters his second 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 coordi-

nator. With the Bobcats, 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. Cartun earned 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.





## ATHLETIC TRAINER TRAE TASHIRO



Trae Tashiro begins his second 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 is married to the former Kimberly Bender. The Tashiro's have a son, Grayson Bruce, born in April 2011.

## JAMES HARDY – SPEED, STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING



James Hardy enters his fifth year as a member of the University of Colorado speed, strength and conditioning staff, and his third year with the CU men's basketball team.

Hardy also works with the volleyball, women's basketball and football programs. He came to the Buffs after spending the two years at Auburn

University as a graduate assistant in the Tiger's strength and conditioning department. Hardy received his master's degree in biomechanics from AU in 2006. His certifications include CSCS and CSCCA.

Hardy was the assistant strength coach at Christopher Newport University (Va.) from 2004-05. He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from CNU in 2003.

Hardy was born on December 5, 1981 in Danville, Va. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 2000 and lettered in soccer. Hardy's hobbies include fishing and surfing.



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