

2011-12 Colorado Basketball Highlights

- Earned Colorado's first NCAA Tournament berth since the 2002-03 season (nine years) and only the third NCAA Tournament appearance since 1968-69 (43 years).
- Won the Pac-12 Conference Tournament and the automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament winning four games in four days at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The Buffaloes were the No. 6 seed.
- Carlton Brown named the Pac-12 Tournament's Most Outstanding Player averaging 15.8 points per game on 25-of-50 (50.0 percent) shooting in CU's four wins in four days. Brown also averaged 4.8 rebounds per game with nine steals.
- Against California in the semifinals, Brown had a breakaway windmill dunk that served as an exclamation point in the final minute of CU's victory. The play was No. 4 on SportsCenter's Top Ten plays of the day. Brown also had a highlight reel dunk in the final minute of the title game against Arizona, CU's final bucket of the game in a two-point victory which also snapped a streak of 8:19 without a field goal for the Buffs. Once again in the NCAA tournament win over UNLV, Brown had a breakaway tomahawk dunk in the final three minutes that provided CU with the spark to hold onto victory.
- Carlton Brown's dunk against UNLV appeared on CBS' One Shining Moment.

Individual Records: Andre Roberson set the single-season rebounding record (401) • Roberson set the single-season defensive rebounding record (290) • CU's freshman duo of Spencer Dinwiddie and Askia Booker added to their designation of the highest scoring frosh pair in CU history. Dinwiddie (360 points) and Booker (317) have combined for 677 total points, well outdistancing all other rookie twosomes (the only two with 250-plus points) • Austin Dufault set the school record for most games played in a career (136) • Nate Tomlinson tied the school record for three-point percentage (min. 250 att.) at 40.6 percentage.

Team Records: Tied the school-record for victories in a season (24) • Sixth team in school history to win 20 games in a season and first 20-win team to average under 70 points per game (67.5) • Set a school-record for conference total attendance (82,442) breaking 2010-11 total of 78,472 • Set a school-record for average attendance (7,804).

National Notes: Andre Roberson ranked third nationally in rebounds per game with 11.1. Roberson trailed the national leader (Siena's O.D. Anosike) by 1.4 rebounds per game. Roberson's third place finish is the highest finish by a CU player in rebounding was Alex Stivins who finished sixth in the nation with an 11.7 average in the 1984-85 season • Roberson finished the season with 20 double-doubles, fifth nationally • Roberson was No. 54 nationally in blocked shots (1.86). • Spencer Dinwiddie was No. 101st nationally in free throw percentage (81.6) • According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, CU went from 4,637 fans in 2009 to 7,804 in 2012 for a 68 percent increase. The 68 percent makes CU the biggest gainers in attendance and a No. 1 ranking. Among the top 10 schools listed, CU is the only Pac-12 school that improved in attendance, while five Pac-12 schools decreased in attendance.

Pac-12 Conference Leaders (Team/Individual All Games): CU finished first in field goal percentage defense (.404) and defensive rebounds (26.1) • Andre Roberson first in rebounding (11.1 rpg.), first in offensive (3.1 rpg.), defensive rebounding (8.1 rpg.) • Roberson tied for first in blocked shots per game (1.9) • Team high for margin of victory (58 points) vs. New Orleans (92-34, Dec. 28, 2011) • Tied lowest field goals allowed with two others: 12 vs. New Orleans, Dec. 28, 2011).

Pac-12 Conference Leaders (Team/Individual: Conference-Only): First in defensive rebounds (25.9 rpg.) and first in defensive rebounding percentage (.731) • Andre Roberson first in rebounding (10.9 rpg.), first in defensive rebounds (8.2), first in blocked shots (2.3) • Carlton Brown tied six others for most three-pointers made in a game (6) vs. Washington State (Jan. 7, 2012) • Fewest points allowed: 33 vs. Utah, Dec. 31, 2011 • Lowest field goal percentage allowed (.226) vs. Utah (Dec. 31, 2011) • Fewest field goals allowed 12 vs. Utah.

Other Team Notes: Under head coach Tad Boyle, the Buffs are 10-3 in postseason play (6-1 in conference tournaments, 1-1 in the NCAA, 3-1 in the N.I.T.); that's the most wins by any CU coach in the postseason.

- His 6-1 conference tournament record is a percentage of .857, ranking first among CU men's basketball coaches.
- Boyle is 48-26 in two seasons at CU (73-34 the last three years including a 25-8 record at Northern Colorado in 2009-10).
- First coach in CU history to win back-to-back 20 games in a season.
- CU won 14 home games, tied for second in school history behind 18 wins set in 2010-11.
- 32 home wins, best two-year win total in school history.
- CU allowed the opponent 63.0 points per game, lowest since 1963-64 (49 years).
- Allowed opponent 40.4 shooting percentage, third lowest since 1965-66 season (47 years). Since 1965-66, the 40.4 FG% ranks behind 2002-03 (20 wins, .402) and 1996-97 (22 wins, .400).
- 2011-12 Totals: 24 wins (ties 1st all-time) • 1,289 rebounds (3rd all-time) • 2,429 points scored (4th all-time) • 560 free throws made (4th all-time) • 572 3-point attempts (5th all-time) • 199 3-pointers made (6th all-time) • 810 free-throw attempts (6th all-time) • 835 field goals made (8th all-time) • 1,874 FG attempts (9th all-time).

SEASON AWARDS

Head Coach Tad Boyle: All-District National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Head Coach (District 20).

Carlton Brown: All-Pac-12 Second Team • Pac-12 Tournament Most Outstanding Player • Pac-12 All-Tournament Team • Chauncey Billups MVP Award (voted by the players) • Bank of the West Pac-12 Men's Basketball Player of the Week (Jan. 2-8) • NetScouts Basketball Pac-12 Player of the Week (Jan. 2-8).

Sabatino Chen: All-Pac-12 Conference Academic First Team Selection.

Spencer Dinwiddie: Pac-12 All-Freshman Team • Nominee in ESPN.com Page 2's "Coolest Name in the NCAA tournament" bracket (Round of 16).

Austin Dufault: Most Improved Player (voted by the players) • Most Inspirational Player (voted by the players).

Shane Harris-Tunks: Shoulder-To-Shoulder Award (Recognizes an underclassman that demonstrates on a consistent basis a strong work ethic, performance in the classroom and has a positive impact on the academic culture of the program) • All-Pac-12 Conference Academic Honorable Mention.

Andre Roberson: Stephane Pelle Rebounding Award • All-Pac-12 First Team • All-Pac-12 All-Defensive Team • Pac-12 All-Tournament Team • USBWA All-District 8 Team • NABC All-District 20 Second Team • College Hoops Net Pac-12 Conference First Team • NetScouts Basketball All-Conference Second Team • College Sports Madness Pac-12 First Team • College Sports Madness Pac-12 Men's Basketball Player of the Week (Jan. 30-Feb. 5) • Roundball Daily.com Conference Player of the Year Award.

Nate Tomlinson: Jay Humphries Assist Award • Best Defensive Player (voted by the players).

• CU became the first team to win four games in Pac-12 Conference Tournament history, and just the 10th team from the "big six" conferences to do so since 1952. Here is a look at those other nine and how they fared in the NCAAAs:

School	Year	Conference	Seed	Finished
Auburn	1985	SEC	11	Sweet Sixteen
Arkansas	2000	SEC	11	Round of 64
Iowa	2001	Big Ten	7	Round of 32
Syracuse	2006	Big East	5	Round of 64
Georgia	2008	SEC	14	Round of 64
Pittsburgh	2008	Big East	4	Round of 32
Mississippi St.	2009	SEC	13	Round of 64
*Connecticut	2011	Big East	3	Champion
Louisville	2012	Big East	4	Elite Eight
Colorado	2012	Pac-12	11	Round of 32

*UConn won five games in five days