

# COLORADO BUFFALOES

## HEAD COACH TAD BOYLE



### BOYLE FILE

**Family:** Wife, Ann;

Daughter Claire; Sons, Jack and Pete

**Hometown:** Greeley, Colo.

**High School:** Greeley Central

**College:** College: Kansas, 1985

(B.S., Business Administration)

### COACHING CAREER

#### 2010-Present:

Head Coach, University of Colorado

#### 2006-2010:

Head Coach, University of Northern Colorado

#### 2000-2006:

Associate Head Coach, Wichita State University

#### 1998-2000:

Assistant Coach, Jacksonville State (Ala.) University

#### 1997-1998:

Director of Basketball Operations,

University of Tennessee

#### 1994-1997:

Assistant Coach, University of Oregon

### PLAYING HISTORY

#### University of Kansas

Two NCAA Tournament Teams (1984, 1985)

Named Team Captain Senior Season

"Most Unselfish Player" 1985

"Most Inspirational Player" 1982

#### Greeley High School

Led Wildcats to 1981 State Championship

Colorado Player of the Year

Converse All-American Team

In only three years, Tad Boyle has accomplished only what a select few have done before him in the annals of the University of Colorado men's basketball program. And, yet Boyle continues to rewrite and lead the Buffaloes to greater heights not seen in a half of century.

Boyle, 50, enters his fourth year with CU men's basketball program having already established a .645 winning percentage, the best among all CU basketball head coaches with a minimum of three years. Under his tutelage, he has won an impressive 69 games at CU, the fastest win total in the shortest time in school history, and his postseason winning percentage of .688, also ranks first (with a school-best 11 victories).

"Tad has done something few thought possible -- turn Colorado into a basketball school," ESPN.com Senior College Basketball Writer Andy Katz said. "The Buffaloes have as much of an impact in their new conference as any other team transitioning to a new league and that is a credit to Tad and his staff."

In only three seasons, Boyle and his coaching staff have rewritten the CU record book:

- First CU head coach in 50 years since Sox Walseth (1961-62 & 1962-63) to lead the Buffs to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances (2011-12 & 2012-13).
- First CU coach to lead Buffs to three consecutive post-season appearances (2010-11 NIT semifinal; 2011-12 NCAA 3rd Round; 2012-13 NCAA 2nd Round).
- First CU coach to win 20 games in each of his first three years.
- First coach to have three, 20+ winning seasons.
- Owns three of CU's seven 20+ winning seasons.
- Three-straight fifth conference place finishes (school-first with fifth place or better three-straight season since 1968-71: first, third, fifth).
- 44 home wins, the second-most victories in a three-year span.
- 94-46 (.671) coaching record over the last four years (including a 25-8 record at Northern Colorado, 2009-10).

Those are just a few examples of a three-year synopsis of what Boyle's coaching staff has accomplished. The 2012-13 season also saw school-firsts not seen in some time on the CU campus:

- AP No. 23 ranked (Nov. 19): first time CU was ranked in a major poll since back-to-back No. 25 rankings in the 2005-06 Coaches' Poll.
- No. 19 Associated Press/USA Today Coaches' Poll (Nov. 26)
- 2012 Charleston Classic Champions (3-0); first mid-season title since 2002-03.

• Seven attendance records: season sellouts (7); game (11,708); season (155,884); season average (10,392); conference (94,371); conference average (10,486); games over 10,000 fans (12). The Buffs have now enjoyed the best three consecutive years in attendance numbers ever (421,028, an 8,255 average for 51 games; no previous coach averaged over 6,500 for a three-year run).

- No. 1 in Pac-12 Conference-only defense (62.2 ppg.).
- No. 1 in Pac-12 Conference Team (all games)
- No. 1 in 3-Point Percentage Defense (32.0).

Not just a presence at the Coors Events Center, Boyle, CU's 18th head coach in school history remains active in the community throughout the Centennial State:

- One of three court coaches for the 2013 USA Basketball Men's World University Games training camp (assisting the 2013 USA Basketball Men's World University Games coaching staff during the June 24-July 1 training camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.).
- Official starter of the 34th Annual Bolder Boulder (May 2012), the largest road race in the United States where all participants are timed and the fifth largest road race in the world.
- In December 2012, the men's basketball team visited the Children's Hospital at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora.
- September 2012, Boyle was invited to Washington, D.C. with other college basketball coaches to urge Congress to protect federal funding for cancer research and prevention programs on Capitol Hill.
- December 2011, the team volunteered with the non-profit Share-A-Gift program, an organization helping families of need acquire children's toys for the holidays. Both programs are part of the CU Athletics Leadership Development Program. The program is designed to develop a culture of leadership in which CU student-athletes act with personal responsibility, integrity and accountability while staying committed in both principle and actions to the greater good.

• In September 2011, Boyle joined 20 other coaches from the Front Range for a two-day coaching seminar with former Denver Nuggets head coach George Karl, the 2012-13 NBA Coach of the Year.

"This is it (my dream job), there's no doubt," Boyle said after being named head coach on April 19, 2010. "I remember talking with (Maryland men's basketball head coach) Mark Turgeon once when he asked me where I wanted to be in 10 years, and I said the head coach at the University of Colorado. This is a destination job. I'm humbled and honored."



In his first season (2010-11), Boyle began to set the standard by a first-year head coach, capping the season with a trip to the World's Most Famous Arena - Madison Square Garden and a National Invitation Tournament semifinal appearance. The Buffaloes won a school-record 24 games, including 18 school-best wins at the Coors Events Center, establishing one of the best home court advantages in all of college basketball.

"They're the heartbeat of this arena, they are the difference makers," Boyle said of the Coors Events Center crowd after a home victory in 2011-12. "To have that (student) section full was key, and I just want them to know that we appreciate and need them."

CU ranked fifth nationally in free throw percentage (77.8), 12th in scoring (79.6 ppg) and 19th in field goal percentage (47.3).

Boyle earned National Coach of the Week honors (Hoops Report, Jan. 10-16) after leading the Buffs to a 3-0 conference start, including wins over No. 9/8 Missouri and No. 21/20 Kansas State. The win over the Wildcats gave CU its first road win over a nationally ranked opponent since January 1997 (No. 20 Texas Tech). CU defeated four ranked teams, including a 22-point comeback win upsetting No. 5/5 Texas, 91-89.

In year two (2011-12), Boyle became the first CU coach to begin the conference season with back-to-back 3-0 starts and the first coach since Frosty Cox (1935-36, 1936-37) to win his conference opener in back-to-back years. He also won his 40th game (home win vs. Oregon) in just 61 games tying Cox (1935-39).

For his efforts, Boyle became the first CU head coach to earn the District 20 Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), an award voted among his coaching peers. The 48 wins

## TAD BOYLE YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORD

| Season              | Team (Position)         | Record  | Pct. | Note  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|------|---|
| 1994-95             | Oregon (AC)             | 19-9    | .679 | NCAA Tournament; 11-7 in Pac-10   |
| 1995-96             | Oregon (AC)             | 16-13   | .551 |   |
| 1996-97             | Oregon (AC)             | 17-11   | .607 | NIT Tournament  |
| 1997-98             | Tennessee (DOBO)        | 20-9    | .690 | NCAA Tournament   |
| 1998-99             | Jacksonville State (AC) | 8-18    | .308 |   |
| 1999-00             | Jacksonville State (AC) | 17-11   | .607 | 12-6 in TAAC  |
| 2000-01             | Wichita State (AC)      | 9-19    | .321 |   |
| 2001-02             | Wichita State (AC)      | 15-15   | .500 | 9-9 in MVC  |
| 2002-03             | Wichita State (AC)      | 18-12   | .600 | NIT Tournament; 12-6 in MVC   |
| 2003-04             | Wichita State (AC)      | 21-11   | .656 | NIT Tournament; 12-6 in MVC   |
| 2004-05             | Wichita State (AC)      | 22-10   | .688 | NIT 3rd Round; 12-6 in MVC  |
| 2005-06             | Wichita State (AC)      | 26-9    | .743 | NCAA Sweet 16; MVC Regular Season Champs (14-4)   |
| 2006-07             | Northern Colorado (HC)  | 4-24    | .143 | Bears' first year in Big Sky Conference   |
| 2007-08             | Northern Colorado (HC)  | 13-16   | .448 |   |
| 2008-09             | Northern Colorado (HC)  | 14-18   | .438 | Qualified for first Big Sky Tournament  |
| 2009-10             | Northern Colorado (HC)  | 25-8    | .758 | CIT Quarterfinals; most wins in school history  |
| 2010-11             | Colorado (HC)           | 24-14   | .632 | NIT Semifinal; most wins in school history; most home wins (18)   |
| 2011-12             | Colorado (HC)           | 24-12   | .667 | NCAA Tournament Third Round; Pac-12 Tournament Title; Tied school record for wins in a season                     |
| 2012-13             | Colorado (HC)           | 21-12   | .636 | NCAA Tournament Second Round; First CU coach in 50 years to lead Buffs to NCAA Tournament in back-to-back seasons |
| Totals (Head Coach) |                         | 125-104 | .546 |   |
| Totals (Overall)    |                         | 333-251 | .570 | Eight 20 win seasons, 11 postseason appearances   |

are a school-best in any two-year span of the program.

Boyle continued to make most of his "dream job" a reality for CU fans guiding the Buffaloes to the 2011-12 NCAA Tournament (third round), another 24-win season, and a conference championship in its inaugural season of the

Pac-12, winning four games in four days at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

"I'm a believer in Tad Boyle," said Jay Bilas, ESPN College Basketball Analyst. "He is not only a terrific teacher of the game with great basketball knowledge, he keeps it simple and gives his players an understanding of what you need to do to win, but a firm understanding of how teams lose, too. Boyle has tremendous toughness in him. He is demanding without being demeaning, and he puts his players in position to achieve together without fear of failing. That's what truly outstanding coaches do, and Tad Boyle is a truly outstanding coach."

Prior to his arrival to Boulder, Boyle resurrected the basketball program at the University of Northern Colorado, where he guided the Bears to a 56-66 record (.459) the past four seasons, including a breakout season in 2009-10, when the Bears were 25-8 (.758) and finished second in the Big Sky Conference. For his efforts, he was awarded the NABC Division I All-District Coach of the Year, the Big Sky Coach of the Year by both The Sporting News and CollegeInsider.com, where he was also named a finalist for the National Mid-Major Coach of the Year award.

"Tad Boyle represents everything that is right about college basketball," then-CU athletic director Mike Bohn said. We look forward to his leadership, poise and com-





petitive drive to unite all our collective Buff interests to support our team and this enterprise that has so much promise for the long term."

A Greeley, Colo., native, Boyle was named the 17th coach in UNC history on April 25, 2006. At that point, the Bears were in the midst of a transition to Division I in its first season as a member of the Big Sky Conference. Northern Colorado finished 4-24 in his first season when squad finished last nationally in the final RPI rankings for that season. There were, however, flashes of times to come that season, including close losses to both Colorado (88-86) and Colorado State (75-66).

Over the next two seasons at UNC, he improved the team's win total from four to 13 and then 14. The Bears defeated Colorado State, 72-59, in his second season and also knocked off San Diego State, 72-59. The Aztecs were ranked among the nation's top 50 teams in the RPI rankings at that time. In year three, the Bears had improved from one conference win his first season to an even 8-8 mark and earned the school's first Division I post season trip, to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

It all came together for Boyle in his fourth season in Greeley, as the Bears advanced to the post season for the first time in school history, advancing to the quarterfinals of the CollegeInsiders.com Tournament while racking up a school record 25 victories. He coached one first-team All-Big Sky member and also the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Prior to Northern Colorado, he spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Wichita State and was part of another turn around that saw the Shockers improve from 9-19 (.321) his first year there to one of the nation's top mid-major teams in 2006 when Wichita State went 26-9 and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The Shockers eventually lost to Final Four Cinderella George Mason in the regional semifinals, but not before they had secured the No. 21 ranking in the final collegiate polls.

Boyle played collegiately for legendary coach Larry Brown at Kansas (1981-85). He was a member of two NCAA Tournament teams (1984, 1985) and was part of the 1984 Big Eight Tournament championship squad. As a senior, Boyle captained the Jayhawks, which featured freshman Danny Manning, who three years later led the Jayhawks to the NCAA Championship.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Kansas in 1985, Boyle went on to serve six years as a high school basketball coach at various Colorado programs. He was the sophomore basketball coach at Greeley (Colo.) West for a year and then was an assistant coach at Loveland (Colo.) High School for two years.

From there, he served at Longmont (Colo.) High School for three years before returning to the college ranks.

It was at Kansas that Boyle played alongside Turgeon, whom he also coached with at Oregon under Jerry Green. Boyle's first collegiate coaching job in 1994 was on Green's Ducks staff, where he spent three seasons and helped the Ducks to the 1995 NCAA Tournament and the 1997 National Invitational Tournament. In 1997, Boyle followed Green to Tennessee, where he was director of basketball operations when the Vols won 20 games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Boyle reconnected with Turgeon the following year, this time as an assistant coach at Jacksonville State (Ala.), where they helped turn a team that was 8-18 into a 17-11 squad in just one season.

Before heading to play collegiately at Kansas, Boyle was a standout performer at Greeley Central High School, where he led the Wildcats to a state championship as a senior in 1981 and earned Colorado Player of the Year honors as well as being selected to the Converse All-American team. His high school jersey was retired at the conclusion of his senior season.

Boyle is married to the former Ann Schell of Greeley, and they have two sons, Jack and Pete, and a daughter, Claire.



## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ...

"Tad has bought back a resurgence to Colorado basketball with his energy and enthusiasm. I am impressed with his knowledge of the game and his ability to communicate to his Buffaloes team."

— Dick Vitale, *ESPN College Basketball Analyst*

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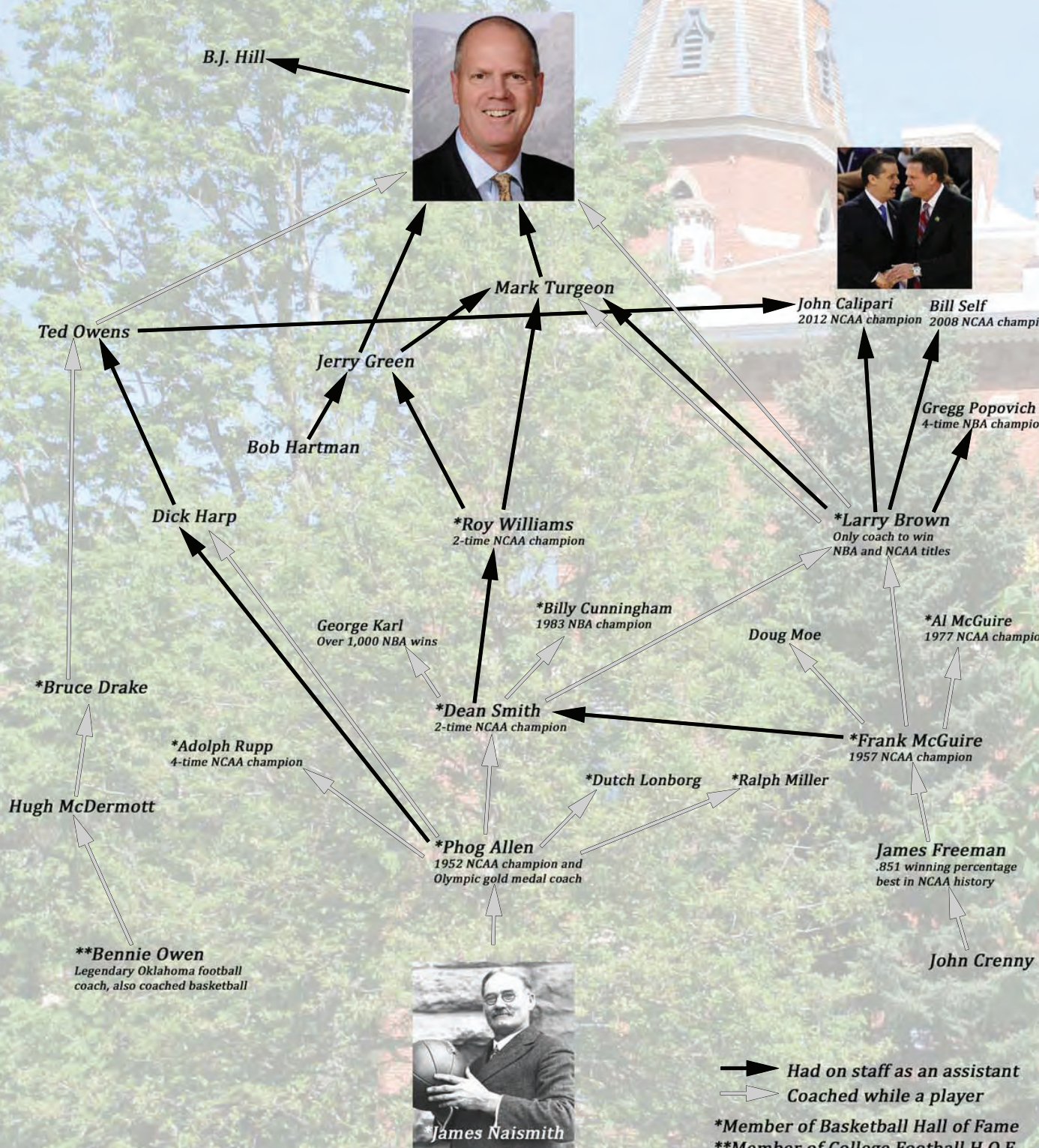
"I've been blessed to work with many hall of fame caliber coaches during my career and I can say without reservation that Tad Boyle is as talented as any coach I've been around! Whether you're talking about X's-and-O's, in-game adjustments, or recruiting...he's the total package. And, best of all...he's an even better human being."

— Mark Johnson, *Sports Director Newsradio 850 KOA*



# ***TAD BOYLE COACHING TREE***

Below is a diagram of all the head coaches that Boyle played for or coached under at the college level, and all the mentors those coaches played for or coached under, etc. going all the way back to Dr. James Naismith. The shortest route tracing Boyle back to the game's inventor is only four generations (going either from Larry Brown to Dean Smith to Phog Allen to Naismith, or from Ted Owens to Dick Harp to Allen to Naismith). Boyle is a direct descendant of seven members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as well as a charter member of the College Football Hall of Fame. Notable "cousins" along the way are also mentioned:





## ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH JEAN PRIOLEAU



### PRIOLEAU FILE

**Family:** Wife, Janelle; Son Elijah

**Hometown:** Teaneck, N.J.

**High School:** Teaneck

**College:** Fordham 1992

### COACHING CAREER

#### 2013-present

Associate Head Coach,  
University of Colorado

#### 2010-2013:

Assistant Coach, University of Colorado

#### 2008-2010:

Assistant Coach, Texas Christian University

#### 2006-2008:

Assistant Coach, Iowa State University

#### 2005-2006:

Assistant Coach, Marquette University

#### 2000-2005:

Assistant Coach, Wichita State University

#### 1999-2000:

Assistant Coach, Fordham University

Jean Prioleau enters his fourth year as the associate head coach with the University of Colorado men's basketball staff. Prioleau brings a wealth of expertise on and off the court in making the Buffaloes program one of the elite teams in the Pac-12 Conference.

"Jean is ready to be a head coach, deserves to be a head coach," CU head coach Tad Bole said. "He is multiple-faceted in terms of his recruiting and coaching ability, relationship with the players, and his professionalism. Jean does a tremendous job and has for many years, not just CU's staff, but any staff he's been on."

In his three years in Boulder, Prioleau has helped the Buffaloes enjoy their finest three-year span in the program's history. Back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths in 2011-12 and 2012-13, respectively happened for the first time in 50 years, in addition to a school-first, three-straight 20-win seasons. The Buffs also advanced to the NIT semifinals in 2010-11, making the last three seasons in Boulder, three seasons to remember with a school-first three-straight post-season appearances.

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In year two of the conference, Roberson (first team, defensive player of the year, all-defensive team); Dinwiddie (first team) and Josh Scott (all-freshman team) all earned post-season accolades, and in CU's last year of the Big 12 Conference in 2010-11, Alec Burks (first team, Big 12 All-Tournament team), Cory Higgins (second team), Levi Knutson (co-sixth man award) were all recognized.

Prior to his arrival to CU, Prioleau was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas Christian University from 2008-2010. With the Horned Frogs, Prioleau not only served as the program's recruiting coordinator, but also was responsible for working with the TCU guards. Prioleau guided the development of TCU freshman Ronnie Moss as he became the first freshman since the 2001-2002 campaign to average double-digits as well as the progression of guards Edvinas Ruzgas and Keion Mitchem.

Prior to TCU, Prioleau spent two years on the coaching staff at Iowa State (2006-2008) where he helped the Cyclones record 29 victories during his time. In his two seasons, the Cyclones had three All-Big 12 Conference performers in Mike Taylor, Wesley Johnson and Jiri Hubalek. All three were ranked in the top-100 among in a pair of defensive categories.

Soon after accepting the position at Iowa State, Prioleau played an instrumental role in signing one of the top players for the Cyclones in Wesley Johnson. The 6-7 forward from Corsicana, Texas, proved to be a valuable find for the Cyclones as he garnered All-Big 12 Rookie Team accolades as well as honorable mention freshman All-American laurels during the 2006-2007 campaign.

Prior to joining the Iowa State program, Prioleau spent the 2005-2006 season as an assistant coach under former Marquette head coach and current Indiana University head coach Tom Crean. In his lone season with the Golden Eagles, Marquette recorded a 20-11 overall record and a 10-6 mark in Big East Conference en route to securing a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Prioleau was part of a Marquette program that ranked 11th in the country in three-point field goal percentage, 22nd in three-point field goals made per game and 43rd in the nation in scoring offense in his lone campaign. That season, Prioleau watched as the Golden Eagles posted victories over a trio of nationally-ranked opponents, including a 94-79 triumph over top-ranked UConn.

Before his stint with Marquette, Prioleau spent five seasons on the coaching staff at Wichita State (2000-2005) where he played a vital role in the resurgence and success of the Shockers in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Shockers earned a berth in the National Invitation Tournament on three occasions during Prioleau's tenure. During his five-year tenure, the Shockers never finished below a .500 overall or conference mark while winning 18 or more games in four of five seasons. The Shockers collected 94 total victories during Prioleau's tenure,





and sixth in scoring. Prioleau guided the Rams to back-to-back Patriot League titles, including hitting the game-winning three-pointer in the 1992 Patriot League Championship Game.

The Rams advanced to the NCAA Tournament during the 1991-92 season for the first time since the 1971 campaign while Prioleau was selected as a first team All-Patriot League selection. He also guided the Rams to a pair of NIT Tournament appearances during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons, including a 25-8 overall record during his junior campaign.

A 1992 graduate of Fordham University with a degree in physics, Prioleau is a member of both the NABC (National Association of Basketball Coaches) and BCA (Black Coaches Association).

After his collegiate career, Prioleau was the last cut of the Indiana Pacers as an undrafted rookie in the fall of 1992. From there he would play professionally with the Yakima Sun Kings of the Continental Basketball Association. In the fall of 1995, he once again tried the NBA, only to be the last cut of the New York Knicks. Prioleau would then finish his pro career in Turkey and Italy.

Prioleau and his wife, Janelle, have a son, Elijah, born January 2011.

including a pair of 20-win seasons in each of his final two campaigns with the program.

In addition to signing the top recruiting class in 2001 in the Missouri Valley Conference, Prioleau helped ink Sean Ogirri (Colorado Player of the Year), Paul Miller (2006 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and 2001 Freshman of the Year), Jamar Howard (Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year) and Randy Burns (Missouri Valley Conference Rookie of the Year).

"Jean has grown tremendously in this business in a very short period of time and what I like about him, the fact he's not only a good recruiter, a good basketball coach, he has a great basketball mind," Boyle said. "He's the full package in terms that some guys are labeled one thing or another, but he's got all the goods. I'm really fortunate to have him. He's been in the Big 12, the Big East, the Mountain West, so he knows this level of basketball and he's well-connected throughout the country."

During his professional career, Prioleau played in both domestic and international territories with stints coming in the USBL and CBA as well as pre-season training camps for the NBA's New York Knicks and Indiana Pacers. He also spent time overseas where he competed in Turkey, Italy and Switzerland. Following his graduation, Prioleau played professionally for the USBL's Long Island Surf prior to attending training camp for the Indiana Pacers Rookie/Free Agent Summer League. Prioleau was invited to the Pacers' veteran camp where he was the final cut

made by the team one day prior to the start of the season.

In 1992-1993, Prioleau played for Yakima of the CBA before rejoining the Surf that summer. Prioleau made his second appearance at the Indiana Pacers' veteran camp before competing for Grand Rapids and Sioux Falls of the CBA. The following summer, he played for the New Jersey Nets' summer league team then signed a professional contract in Switzerland during the 1994-1995 season.

Prioleau began his coaching career at his alma mater - Fordham University - following an eight-year professional basketball career. During the 1999-00 campaign, Fordham recorded a 14-15 overall record and a 7-9 mark in Atlantic 10 Conference action in the lone season with Prioleau on the coaching staff. That season, Duke Freeman-McKamey was selected as the Most Improved Player in the Atlantic 10 Conference while Bevon Robin earned third team all-conference accolades.

A former standout at Fordham, Prioleau was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000 after concluding his career ranked second in all-time steals and assists, third in free throw percentage, fourth in field goals made





## ASSISTANT COACH/HEAD RECRUITING COORDINATOR

### MIKE ROHN



#### ROHN FILE

**Family:** Wife, Stephanie;

Daughters, Raegen and Rylee

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**High School:** Colby

**College:** McPherson College 1990  
(bachelor's); Fort Hays State 1993  
(master's)

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Head Coach, Dodge City (Kan.)  
Community College

##### 1993-1997:

Assistant Coach, Dodge City CC

##### 1991-1993:

Graduate Assistant Coach,  
Fort Hays State University

##### 1990-1991:

Assistant Coach, Colby Community College

##### 1989-1990:

Assistant Coach, McPherson College

Mike Rohn enters his fourth year as an assistant coach/head recruiting coordinator with the University of Colorado men's basketball team.

"One of the steadiest people I have ever worked with in my life," said CU head coach Tad Boyle. "Mike is the ultimate grinder, works extremely hard and he's a guy that thinks; a forward-thinker and ready to be a head coach. He has all the tools in what it takes to be a head coach, and is invaluable to our staff and to me."

In his three years in Boulder, Rohn has helped the Buffaloes enjoy their finest three-year span in the program's history. With back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths for the first time in 50 years in 2011-12 and 2012-13, respectively, the CU basketball team has also enjoyed a school-first, three-straight 20-win seasons. With a successful pair of NCAA Tournament appearances, the Buffs also advanced to the NIT semifinals in 2010-11, making the last three seasons in Boulder, another first, three-straight post-season appearances.

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At Wichita State, where Rohn spent seven years (2000-2007) as an assistant coach to Mark Turgeon, in addition with current CU assistant, Jean Prioleau, the Shockers engineered an impressive resume earning three-straight NIT trips (2003, 2004, 2005).

During the 2005-06 season, the Shockers not only won their first Missouri Valley Conference championship in 19 years, they capped off a 26-9 record with a 2006 NCAA Tournament berth and a Sweet 16 appearance, a school-first in 18 years.

Rohn also helped coach fifth-year student-athlete Paul Miller capped off one of the best careers of any Shocker center by being named the MVC Player of the Year, the first Shocker to earn the award in 21 years, in addition to Jamar Howard (Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year).

Prior to Wichita State, Rohn served three seasons as head coach from 1996-2000 at Dodge City (Kan.) Community College, where he built a 55-38 record and coached the Conquistadors to three consecutive

the coaching staff that helped the Aggies to a trio of NCAA Tournament Round of 32 appearances. During those three years in College Station, the Aggies won 73 games, in addition to 28 Big 12 Conference games. A&M also led the conference in scoring defense (65.8 ppg.) for the first time in league history during the 2009-10 campaign.

state playoff appearances, including a 21-10 mark in 1999-2000. Rohn was also an assistant coach at Dodge City from 1993-96. In 1997, Dodge City was crowned the 1997 Jayhawk West Conference Champions.

Rohn was a graduate assistant coach at Fort Hays State (1991-1993) while earning a master's degree in sports administration and coaching. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1990 from McPherson College, where he was a two-time all-conference selection. There he was named the league's newcomer of the year as a junior and was the conference player of the year as a senior. He also was named McPherson's Male Athlete of the Year in 1989.

He also served as an assistant coach at Colby Community College (1990-91) and at his alma mater, McPherson College (1989-1990). Rohn transferred to McPherson after playing two seasons at Dodge City Community College.

Rohn, and his wife, Stephanie, have two daughters, Raegen and Rylee.





## ASSISTANT COACH RODNEY BILLUPS



Rodney Billups enters his fourth year with the University of Colorado men's basketball team and begins his second year as an assistant coach on Tad Boyle's staff.

During his two years as the director basketball operations, Billups was an integral part of the behind-of-the-scenes success of the Buffaloes program with travel, scheduling, and the day-to-day operations of the program. In the summer, he is director of the CU basketball summer camps.

In his previous three years in Boulder, Billups has helped the Buffaloes enjoy their finest seasons to date with back-to-back 24-win campaigns in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, and a 21-win season in 2012-13. In 2011-12 and 2012-13, CU earned NCAA Tournament berths in back-to-back years for the first time in 50 years (1961-62 & 1962-63). Billups also helped the Buffaloes to three consecutive 20-wins seasons, a school-first, and the 69 wins are the most victories in any three-year span in school history.

In 2011-2012, he helped CU earn its first NCAA Tournament appearance in nine years, upsetting No. 6 UNLV in the second round and advancing to the third round. At the inaugural Pac-12 Conference tournament, the Buffs became just the 10th team in the nation to win at least four games in four days to capture the tournament title (a CU first since winning the Big 8 in 1968-69).

In CU's first year of the Pac-12, Andre Roberson (first team, All-Defensive, All-Tournament team), Carlon Brown (second team, tournament Most Outstanding Player), and Spencer Dinwiddie (freshman team) were named all-conference.

In year two of the conference, Roberson (first team, Defensive Player of the Year, All-Defensive team); Dinwiddie (first team) and Josh Scott (All-Freshman team) earned post-season accolades.

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 continues to bring a lot of value to our staff," men's basketball head coach Tad Boyle said. "Each year, he gets more and more comfortable in his recruiting role, and continues to develop into a fine, young coach."

At DU, Billups averaged 10.2 points, 6.4 assists, and 3.2 rebounds during his 2004-05 senior season. 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).

