



## State of Colorado Cup Set For Sunday at Ballyneal In Holyoke

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BOULDER - The University of Colorado and Colorado State University had two of the best men's golf teams in the nation last year, and despite the two campuses being less than 50 miles apart, were never in the same field at any point during the season.

That will change with the 2009 opener for both schools, as they will compete in the inaugural State of Colorado Cup this Sunday, August 30, at Ballyneal Golf & Hunt Club, located south of Holyoke on the northeastern Colorado plains.

Colorado was ranked No. 42 in the Golfweek and No. 44 in the GolfStat final computer rankings for the 2008-09 season, while CSU held spots No. 27 and No. 29 respectively. Both qualified for NCAA regional competition but did not advance to the finals.

"We're excited about this opportunity and this match," said CU head coach Roy Edwards, who is beginning his fourth season in Boulder. "It's something coach (Jamie, CSU) Bermel and I have discussed and wanted to get done. We feel Ballyneal is a perfect site for this type of an event. It's one of the world's great modern golf courses as it is a unique test of golf that is similar to links golf found in Great Britain and Ireland that you only have at a handful of courses in the United States."

The format calls for seven participants from each team to do battle. At 8 a.m., there will be three Four-Ball matches, one point per match and a half-point for halved matches. At 1 p.m., there will be seven individual match play pairings with the same scoring. Thus, there will be 10 total combined points, Ryder Cup style, with the pairings to be determined Saturday night at a dinner for the teams.

Representing the Buffaloes will be senior Justin Bardgett, junior Michael Imperato, sophomores Sebastian Heisele, Kevin Kring and Johnny Widmer, and redshirt freshmen Josh Creel and Jason Burstyn. Bardgett is coming off competing in the U.S. Amateur, where he advanced to match play after scoring a birdie on the second playoff hole (he was one of 27 players vying for four spots). He lost in the first round, 2 up, to Mark Anderson.

Edwards' third Colorado team finished second in the Big 12 Conference and racked up seven top five finishes, including a win. He must find a way to replace seniors Pat Grady and Derek Tolan, CU's co-Male Athletes of the Year

for all sports, both of whom turned professional upon graduation last May. The aforementioned seven players plus three recruits will provide for one of the youngest teams in CU history, with just the two upperclassmen in Bardgett and Imperato.

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