

# Darrell Scott yet to ask for release from CU Buffs

**Fall semester ends this week with no word from running back**

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Colorado athletic director Mike Bohn said former CU running back Darrell Scott still has not asked for a release from his scholarship or permission to contact other schools and coaches.

Bohn conducted an exit interview with Scott in early November after the former five-star recruit announced he was leaving coach Dan Hawkins' program. At the time, Bohn said he would not comment on any possible scholarship release until the end of the semester.

Bohn said his message to Scott was one of encouragement to finish strong in the classroom so that he would be eligible for a scholarship elsewhere and wouldn't have a more negative impact on the football program's Academic Progress Rate score.

Now that the end of the semester is near with finals ending on Thursday and commencement on Friday, Bohn said he hasn't had any recent discussions with Scott and doesn't know when he might.

When asked if there is any possibility that Scott could remain at CU and return to the program, Bohn said, "That's decision is between the football staff and Darrell."

Scott initially said he was hoping to transfer to UCLA to join his uncle, former CU wide receiver Josh Smith, but several media outlets covering the Bruins reported in November that the program, led by for-mer CU coach Rick Neuheisel, had no interest in Scott.

Arizona could be another possible destination for a player dubbed, the No. 1 running back recruit in the nation in the 2008 recruiting cycle.

Scott has not responded to the Camera's attempts to reach him.

## **Bulldogs still coming**

Bohn and associate athletic director Dave Plati both confirmed they are not actively working on any schedule changes for next season's football slate and do not anticipate changes in the coming months.

Georgia athletic director Damon Evans has been rumored to be considering buying out of the CU game slated for Oct. 2, 2010, but Bohn and Plati said Evans told them the Bulldogs intend to visit Boulder. The game contract calls for an \$800,000 buyout if one of the teams decides to cancel.

It will be only the second time a Southeastern Conference team has visited Boulder. The only other came Sept. 15, 1979, when Louisiana State came to town and beat the Buffs 44-0.

It will be CU's first meeting against an SEC team since the 2007 Independence Bowl, when CU lost to Alabama, 30-24, and the first regular-season game against an SEC foe since 2006, when CU lost at Georgia, 14-13.

## **Notable**

Clayton Hamilton, CU associate athletic director for business, is leaving Colorado to take a similar position at the University of Arkansas, his alma mater. Bohn said CU will assemble a search committee with hopes of filling the position early in the new year. Hamilton had oversight of all financial, information technology, and human resource operations of the department as well as financial and administrative oversight of the football program. Bohn said the job description is not expected to change at all.

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## Kensler on the soap box

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I had written weeks ago that changes to Colorado's football staff are likely, but I was hoping that they would not include defensive backs coach Greg Brown. Brown, who is taking a co-coordinator's job at Arizona, was CU's best assistant coach. How do I know? A little birdie told me that Will Muschamp phoned Brown on more than one occasion to pick his brain about defensive secondary play. Yes, the same Will Muschamp that is the University of Texas head coach in waiting. Plus, Brown is such a good guy.

For those of you that don't know, Greg Brown is the son of local radio talk-show host Irv Brown. In a previous life, as Irv might say, he was a Colorado assistant football coach and the last CU head baseball coach before that sport was dropped by the school in the early 1980s. As one of college basketball's best-ever refs, Irv Brown officiated six Final Fours.

Don't be surprised if CU's wide receivers coach in waiting, Ashley Ambrose, remains instead with the DBs. Ambrose, of course, played 13 seasons in the NFL as a defensive back. He was named AFC defensive back of the year in 1996, when he made all-pro with the Cincinnati Bengals. Ambrose was a technical intern on defense the past two years but had been pegged to coach wideouts in 2010 as a full-time assistant.

It will be interesting to see how newly hired Kansas coach Turner Gill fares in Lawrence. My guess: Turner — or any coach, for that matter — will be hard-pressed to duplicate the accomplishments of disposed coach Mark Mangino. Yes, Kansas has top-notch football facilities now. But it will be forever known as a "basketball school." High school hoops blue-chippers grow up wanting to be Jayhawks. Prep football players do not.

Can Southeastern Conference football fans brag about "Southern speed" when newly crowned Heisman Trophy winner, Mark Ingram of Alabama, is from Flint, Mich.?

The SEC almost always ranks as the nation's top collegiate football conference. But for 2009, I'd put the Pac-10 on top. Top to bottom, it had more depth this year. And I do not evaluate conferences on the basis of their bowl-game results. Bowls are about matchups. And with a layoff of several weeks, some teams invariably come out flat. Also, most bowls are in the South. I won't insult anybody's intelligence and mention which conference that favors.

Some folks in these parts seem to be worked up about Mullen, Valor Christian and Faith Christian winning state high school football championships and are promoting the idea of split divisions for private and public schools. First, I'm not sure there are enough private schools in this state to make that feasible. In any case, don't even consider a split. That's what they have in Texas, where private/Catholic schools are all but forgotten during the playoff season. That's not fair, either. Colorado has open enrollment, right? Instead of complaining, parents of public schools should help make their school/program stronger. That's what happened in Ohio. Catholic schools such as Cincinnati Moeller and Cleveland St. Ignatius dominated in the 1980s and 1990s, but public schools have won big-class championships in recent years.

A correction is needed, if I may, to my Heisman Trophy page that ran on Saturday. I stated that Oregon State's Terry Baker (1962 Heisman winner) just missed playing in the 1962 Final Four because the Beavers were eliminated in the "Elite Eight." That's true, but Baker did play in the 1963 Final Four. He is the only Heisman Trophy winner to reach college basketball's four-team finale.

Was Steve Alford a great basketball coaching hire by New Mexico, or what? Alford has the 10-0 Lobos in the top 25 polls (No. 19 in both) following a weekend win at Texas A&M. This leads to the old saying of, "Be careful what you wish for." Some fans/boosters in Iowa couldn't wait for Alford to leave. His replacement, former Butler coach Todd Lickliter, stands 31-43 in his third season with the Hawkeyes. Those who clamor for coaching changes always believe that the next coach will be more successful. It doesn't always happen that way.

This may be the year that the nation takes notice of Big 12 basketball, and not just of Kansas and Texas. Entering this week, the Big 12 was the only conference that had every team winning at least 60 percent of its games. Against the five other "big six" conferences, Big 12 teams were a combined 16-8.

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