Ex-CU Buff assistant Long lands position at AFA

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Drew Long, an assistant with the Colorado men's basketball program the past three years under Jeff Bzdelik, has been hired by Air Force head coach Jeff Reynolds.

Reynolds announced on Tuesday in a press release that Long will replace Kevin Carroll, who left the Falcons in April to become head coach at Maryville University-St. Louis, effective immediately.

"Drew brings a high energy level and will be a great fit for our staff," Reynolds said. "His insight as a player at Northwestern and coaching experience at the Division I level under coach Bzdelik will be a great asset to our program. We are very excited to have him join our staff."

Long was a volunteer assistant during his first two seasons in Boulder before being promoted to a full-time position prior to the 2009-10 campaign. He was responsible for recruiting, player development, game preparation and coordinated the video preparation at CU.

During Long's first season with the Buffs he met his wife, the former Melissa Schau, who was the team trainer that season. The couple has a daughter, Alice Kathleen, who was born in March of 2009.

Bzdelik's top assistant at CU, Steve McClain, is now an assistant at Indiana.

Derrick Clark, who was an assistant under Mike Dunlap at Metro State before working with Bzdelik at Air Force and CU, is believed to be a candidate for the vacant head coaching position at Metro State.

Bzdelik did not take any of his assistants with him after leaving CU for Wake Forest. New Buffs head coach Tad Boyle retained Tom Abatemarco and hired Jean Prioleau and Mike Rohn as his other assistants. Boyle hopes to name a director of basketball operations in the next few weeks.

CU-NU football

remains on Friday

The Big 12 announced the preliminary portion of its 2010 football television schedule on Tuesday, with three Colorado games included.

CU's annual Thanksgiving weekend game against Nebraska will be played on Friday again this year, with the game in Lincoln set to start at 1:30 p.m. and broadcast nationally by ABC.

Other CU games on the early television schedule include the Sept. 4 matchup with Colorado State at Denver's Invesco Field (noon, the mtn.) and the Sept. 11 game at California (1:30 p.m., FSN).

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