

CU to add Air Force to men's basketball schedule

Coors Events Center gets upgrades

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Jeff Bzdelik is gone and Air Force is returning to the schedule.

Falcons head coach Jeff Reynolds told the Colorado Springs Gazette that Air Force and Colorado have agreed to play a four-year home and home series beginning in the 2011-12 season.

"It's definitely a go," said Reynolds, who replaced Bzdelik at Air Force when he left to take over the CU program in April 2007.

Bzdelik and Reynolds said they put the series on hold due to their friendship after CU's victory at Clune Arena three seasons ago. Bzdelik left Boulder to become Wake Forest's head coach in April.

First-year Buffs head coach Tad Boyle told the Camera recently that he was also working to get Wyoming back on the schedule. The series with the Cowboys was halted after Bzdelik's first season, perhaps due to the fact that Steve McClain, CU's former top assistant, had been fired by Wyoming.

Boyle has said he is willing to play his former school, Northern Colorado, but not until all of the players he recruited have graduated.

The only Front Range team on the Buffs' 2010-11 schedule is Colorado State. The Rams will visit the Coors Events Center on Dec. 8.

Coors upgrades

The interior of the Coors Events Center will receive some much-needed technological upgrades before the new practice facility is completed a year from now. New Daktronics light emitting diode (LED) video displays, which will measure more than 10 feet high by nearly 19 feet wide, are going to be installed and will allow fans to watch live video, instant replays and real-time statistics.

"This is just another step forward with the industry leader to upgrade our Daktronics video board system to have our fans and student-athletes have a world-class game experience," Tom McGann, CU's Director of Game Management and Operations, said in a prepared release.

Two ribbon displays will accompany the video boards, each measuring two feet high by 120 feet wide.

Lobos is Las Vegas

CU will play New Mexico at the Las Vegas Classic at 6 p.m. on Dec. 22. The Buffs will face either Indiana or Northern Iowa on Dec. 23. The games will be played at Orleans Arena.

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