

# Boyle hopes schedule will boost CU hoops recruiting

## Bufs playing six non-conference games on road

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### 2010-11 CU Men's Basketball Schedule

#### Day/Date -- Opponent -- TV, Time

**Friday, Nov. 12** -- #Idaho State -- TBD

**Tuesday, Nov. 16** -- at Georgia -- TBD

**Saturday, Nov. 20** -- at San Francisco -- TBD

**Tuesday, Nov. 23** -- Alcorn State -- TBD

**Sunday, Nov. 28** -- at Harvard -- TBD

**Tuesday, Nov. 30** -- Texas-Pan American -- TBD

**Saturday, Dec. 4** -- Oregon State -- ESPNU, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8** -- #Colorado State -- TBD

**Friday, Dec. 17** -- The Citadel -- TBD

**Sunday, Dec. 19** -- Longwood -- TBD

**Wednesday, Dec. 22** -- %vs. New Mexico -- TBD

**Thursday, Dec. 23** -- %vs. Indiana or Northern Iowa -- TBD

**Wednesday, Dec. 29** -- Maryland-Eastern Shore -- TBD

**Sunday, Jan. 2** -- at Cal State Bakersfield -- TBD

Dan Hawkins will not be the only Colorado coach preparing for a key non-conference game against Georgia this fall.

Tad Boyle's Buffs -- after a season-opening home game against Idaho State on Nov. 12 -- will travel to SEC country to face the Bulldogs in Athens on Nov. 16. Georgia's football team visits Folsom Field on Oct. 2.

CU will play a total of six non-conference games outside the friendly confines of the Coors Events Center during Boyle's first season on the bench.

"We're not going to ease into the scheduling at all. I think the whole key with the non-conference schedule is to prepare yourself for what you're going to face in the league," Boyle said during an interview with the Camera on Tuesday after releasing the 2010-11 men's basketball schedule. "One of the things we're going to have to learn to do is win on the road. We're going to have some opportunities to do that in the preseason and gain some confidence going into league play."

The Buffs are coming off a 15-16 campaign in which they were 2-13 outside the Boulder city limits.

CU will also play in the Bay Area (at San Francisco on Nov. 20), in Boston (at Harvard on Nov. 28) and in the Las Vegas Classic (vs. New Mexico, Indiana or Northern Iowa on Dec. 22-23) during non-conference play.

"We want to recruit nationally," said Boyle, who hopes to sign at least three prominent high school seniors this November to replace Cory Higgins, Marcus Relphorde and possibly Alec Burks a year from now. "We're going to be on the West Coast twice, we'll be down in the south, we'll be on the East Coast, we'll be in Las Vegas ... so we're going to be in a lot of different parts of the country getting this basketball team some exposure. That's going to help us with recruiting down the road."

A road victory over an SEC opponent (Georgia) and the potential Ivy League champion (Harvard) would probably be considered "quality wins" by the NCAA Tournament selection committee in March. The Buffs could also enhance their postseason resume by beating Oregon State (Dec. 4) in the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series and in-state rival Colorado State (Dec. 8) in back-to-back home games.

"You want to test yourself in the non-conference," Boyle said. "Those games certainly will do that. ... The one thing we're really going to stress to our team is every time we step on the floor we've got to be ready to play."

The opener against Idaho State at the Coors Events Center will be a doubleheader with the women's team facing Regis. CU will also host CSU for a doubleheader.

The other home non-conference games are against Alcorn State (Nov. 23), Texas Pan-American (Nov. 30), The Citadel (Dec. 17), Longwood (Dec. 19) and Maryland-Eastern Shore (Dec. 29). Boyle plans to add one more non-conference

**Saturday, Jan. 8** -- Missouri -- Big 12 Network, 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 12** -- at Kansas State -- ESPNU, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 15** -- Oklahoma State -- Big 12 Network, 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 18** -- at Nebraska -- ESPN2, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 22** -- at Oklahoma -- Big 12 Network, 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25** -- Kansas -- Big 12 Network, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 29** -- at Baylor -- Big 12 Network, 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 2** -- Iowa State -- TBD

**Saturday, Feb. 5** -- at Missouri -- TBD

**Wednesday, Feb. 9** -- Texas A&M -- ESPNU, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 12** -- Kansas State -- ESPNU, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 19** -- at Kansas -- ESPN, Noon

**Wednesday, Feb. 23** -- at Texas Tech -- TBD

**Saturday, Feb. 26** -- Texas -- Big 12 Network, 11:30am/2 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 2** -- at Iowa State -- TBD

**Saturday, March 5** -- Nebraska -- TBD

**Wed.-Sat., March 9-12** \*\*Big 12 Basketball Championships -- TBD

**TBD, TBD** -- NCAA Opening Rounds -- CBS, TBD

**Thr.-Sun., March 17-20** -- NCAA

game to the schedule to be played at the Coors Events Center.

The new staff has been recruiting the state of California heavily this summer, which is why the Buffs decided to play at Cal State Bakersfield on Jan. 2 in the final tune-up before conference play.

CU opens up what could be its final Big 12 season at home against Missouri on Jan. 8. Kansas, Boyle's alma mater, visits the Coors Events Center on Jan. 25.

"A lot of people always circle the Kansas game. With how close and exciting the game was last year, that's a game certainly our fans get excited about. I know our players get excited about it," Boyle said of facing the Jayhawks. "But when you're talking about the conference, they don't give you two wins for beating Kansas. Just one. We have to take care of business every time we step out on the court."

The Buffs were able to establish a strong home court advantage during Jeff Bzdelik's third season in Boulder with a 13-3 record at the Coors Events Center. CU upset Baylor and gave No. 1 KU an overtime scare during the run.

"I don't care where you are, you have to take care of your home court," Boyle said. "Hopefully with the style of play we plan on playing -- getting up and down, playing a fast tempo game, and playing at altitude -- that home court should be a great advantage for us."

Second and Third Rounds --  
CBS, TBD

**Thr.-Sun., March 24-27** -- NCAA  
Regionals -- CBS, TBD

**Sat, Mon., April 2, 4** -- &NCAA  
Final Four -- CBS, TBD

% - 10th Annual Las Vegas  
Classic (Las Vegas, Nev.,  
Orleans Arena)

- Big 12/Pac-10 Harwood Series

\* - Big 12 Conference

\*\* - Big 12 Championships (Sprint  
Center, Kansas City, Mo.)

# - Doubleheader with CU  
women's team  
& - Reliant Stadium (Houston,  
Texas)

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# Ryan Thorburn breaks down the CU men's basketball schedule

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## Date opponent -- comment

**Nov. 12 vs. IDAHO STATE** -- Tad Boyle's debut as CU head coach

**Nov. 16 at Georgia** -- Bulldogs will come to Boulder in 2011

**Nov. 20 at San Francisco** -- Dons lost 78-54 at Coors last season

**Nov. 23 vs. ALCORN STATE** -- Buffs 6-0 all-time vs. SWAC teams

**Nov. 28 at Harvard** -- Difficult road trip against Ivy League favorites

**Nov. 30 vs. TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN** -- Start of key five-game homestand

**Dec. 4 vs. OREGON STATE** -- Chance to beat a future Pac-10 foe

**Dec. 8 vs. COLORADO STATE** -- Rams embarrassed CU last season

**Dec. 17 vs. THE CITADEL** -- Front Range fans would rather see Air Force

**Dec. 19 vs. LONGWOOD** -- Another layup for the Buffs

**Dec. 22 vs. New Mexico\*** -- Steve Alford's Lobos won 30 games last season

**Dec. 23 vs. Indiana or Northern Iowa\*** -- Chance for another quality neutral-floor win

**Dec. 29 vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore** -- Hawks lost 21 games last season

**Jan. 2 at Cal State Bakersfield** -- Another winnable West Coast road game

**Jan. 8 vs. MISSOURI** -- The Tigers owned Jeff Bzdelik's Buffs

**Jan. 12 at Kansas State** -- Last trip to the Little Apple?

**Jan. 15 vs. OKLAHOMA STATE** -- Big 12 POY James Anderson now in the NBA

**Jan. 18 at Nebraska** -- Site of CU's breakthrough road win last season

**Jan. 22 at Oklahoma** -- CU plays Jeff Capel's Sooners very well

**Jan. 25 vs. KANSAS** -- Chance to end 15-game losing streak to Jayhawks

**Jan. 29 at Baylor** -- Bears have enough talent to win the conference

**Feb. 2 vs. IOWA STATE** -- New 'Clones coach Fred Hoiberg is out of eligibility

**Feb. 5 at Missouri** -- Only 40 more minutes of hell left for Buffs?

**Feb. 9 vs. TEXAS A&M** -- Boyle faces mentor Mark Turgeon

**Feb. 12 vs. KANSAS STATE** -- Wildcats could be in the top 10 again

**Feb. 19 at Kansas** -- Boyle, an ex-Jayhawk, returns to Allen Fieldhouse

**Feb. 23 at Texas Tech** -- Red Raiders stole CU's NIT bid last March

**Feb. 26 vs. TEXAS** -- If you can't beat 'em, join the Pac-10

**March 2 at Iowa State** -- Buffs choked in Ames last winter

**March 5 vs. NEBRASKA** -- Perfect opponent for CU's final Big 12 home game?

**March 9-12 at Big 12 Tournament\*\*** -- Buffs should be on NCAA Tournament bubble

\* Las Vegas Classic, Orleans Arena

\*\* Kansas City, Mo., Sprint Center

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## Boyle's Buffs face challenging basketball schedule

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New Colorado men's basketball coach Tad Boyle will get to face his former college teammate, Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon, in Boulder on Feb. 9 as a highlight of CU's 2010-2011 schedule released today.

Boyle and Turgeon played in the backcourt together at Kansas under Larry Brown in the 1980s. Boyle later worked for Turgeon at Jacksonville State (Ala.) and Wichita State.

Other highlights of Colorado's schedule include home games against Oregon State (Dec. 4), Colorado State (Dec. 8) and Texas (Feb. 26), in addition to home dates against all Big 12 North opponents.

The Dec. 8 game against CSU will be part of a double-header also involving the schools' women's teams.

Challenging nonconference road games include Georgia, New Mexico and either Indiana or Northern Iowa. The latter two games will be played in the 10th Annual Las Vegas Classic, Dec. 22-23.

With Colorado's impending move to the Pac-10, this likely will mark CU's final Big 12 schedule. As perhaps is fitting, the Buffaloes will complete their regular-season schedule against rival Nebraska, March 5 in Boulder.

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