

## Jeremy Adams transfers, CU scores

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If you're looking for the next Alec Burks or Cory Higgins, they're not on campus.

However, Jeremy Adams has arrived at Colorado looking to make a name for himself. The 6-foot-5 sophomore shooting guard is already busy taking summer classes and working out with his new teammates.

The Buffs, coming off a memorable 24-win season, need all the help they can get as the program attempts to reload and fill the void left by the graduation of Higgins and the early departure of Burks for the NBA.

"It's exciting. I wouldn't say there's any pressure," Adams said during an interview with the Camera on Tuesday. "I'm just coming in and trying to play my best. There's no pressure with that. If I play my best, I will exceed everybody's expectations."

Adams is counting the days until the construction of CU's new practice facility is completed. He would probably be willing to throw on a hard hat and lay brick if it would help get the doors open sooner. For now, the returning CU players are spending plenty of quality time with strength and conditioning czar James Hardy. Adams, who signed with Texas A&M coming out of high school two years ago, said the workout regiment in Boulder has been an eye-opener.

"I'm pretty sure nobody else in Division I is doing what we've been doing in the weight room. This is pretty hard," Adams said. "I was at Texas A&M, and this is harder than what we were doing there. ... Just the overall intensity level in the weight room and then the conditioning, it's pretty tough."

Adams averaged 27.2 points and 7.3 rebounds as a senior at Central High School in Madison, Miss. He redshirted as a freshman at Texas A&M and then transferred to Navarro (Texas) Junior College last season, where he averaged 12.4

points, 3.5 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.4 steals per game.

"Jeremy will really help us fill the void of production we lose from the perimeter," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "He is a skilled wing who brings experience and maturity to our team."

During a visit to CU in March, Adams watched the Buffs beat Kent State to advance to the NIT Final Four in New York. He was impressed with the team's success at a rowdy Coors Events Center and intrigued by Boyle's style of play.

"I think it is a fresh start. Things could have worked out at Texas A&M, but I wanted to go somewhere where I probably had a better chance to play my game," said Adams, whose coach at Texas A&M, Mark Turgeon, left College Station to take the Maryland job this spring. "So I'm excited to come to Colorado. I think coach Boyle will allow me to play my game, and I'm pretty sure things will go real well."

Burks averaged 20.5 points and 6.5 rebounds last season transitioning from Jeff Bzdelik's Princeton-style offense to Boyle's aggressive running style. Higgins added 16.1 points per game, while fellow seniors Levi Knutson (11.7 ppg) and Marcus Relphorde (11.2 ppg) also averaged double figures.

Two other transfers who sat out last season, Carlon Brown (Utah) and Sabatino Chen (Denver), and freshmen guards Spencer Dinwiddie and Askia Booker will also be new faces in the CU backcourt this season. Point guards Nate Tomlinson and Shannon Sharpe return from the 2010-11 rotation.

"I met most of them when I was here on my visit. They're all pretty funny, talkative," Adams said of his new teammates. "They're a good group of guys, and I enjoy being around them."

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