

CU Buffs' Tad Boyle not leaving for Texas A&M

Source: Aggies were interested in Turgeon's for assistant

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Tad Boyle remains loyal to Colorado.

Major newspapers in the Lone Star State have suggested that Boyle should be the target of Texas A&M's search for a new head coach.

A source close to the situation has told the Camera that there was some real interest in the Buffs' first-year head coach by Texas A&M, but Boyle will not pursue the opportunity to remain in the Big 12 and is committed to coaching CU in the Pac-12 next season.

Boyle was an assistant for Mark Turgeon, who left the Aggies to take the Maryland job earlier this week, before taking the Northern Colorado job. He left Northern Colorado to lead the Buffs to a program-record 24 wins last season.

Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne paid Turgeon \$1.7 million last season. With bonuses Boyle made about \$750,000 during his first season in Boulder.

Houston Chronicle columnist Jerome Solomon wrote:

"Colorado's Tad Boyle looks like he could be the early favorite. Turgeon has said that Boyle, a close friend and former college teammate (at Kansas), is the best assistant coach he has ever had. Boyle might even be a better fit in College Station than Turgeon. He is just as competitive, fiery and tough. Aggies would love this guy."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Mike Jones wrote:

"My guess is that one of (Byrne's) stops would be in the Centennial state of Colorado, the residence of one Tad Boyle. ... There's some history between Byrne and Boyle and a ton of history between Boyle and Turgeon. But more important, Boyle, in my opinion, is one of the best college basketball coaches in the country who relatively few know about."

A lot of coaches would be looking for greener pastures after losing All-Big 12 First Team selection Alec Burks to the NBA, as well as key seniors Cory Higgins, Levi Knutson and Marcus Relphorde.

But Boyle, a Greeley native, has described CU as a "dream job." He will welcome an impressive recruiting class to campus this summer, and the program will break in a new practice facility as it prepares for the transition to the Pac-12.

With increasing interest in Boyle's services and CU set to receive \$21 million annually from the new Pac-12 television deal beginning in 2012-13, athletic director Mike Bohn will likely be looking to give the men's basketball coach a raise.

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