

Boyle's CU Buffs to face Dayton in Charleston

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The college basketball season begins in November, not January.

That was Tad Boyle's message to fans earlier this week when the third-year head coach challenged the base to sell the Coors Events Center out for the Nov. 9 opener against Wofford.

Boyle's players will hear a similar refrain as preparations for the 2012-13 season begin with extra practices and a foreign trip next month:

Make this a November to remember.

CU has finished non-conference play strong, started conference play fast, and saved its best for March the past two seasons.

But there have been several uninspired early-season performances by the Buffs.

Boyle is 7-6 (.538) in November at CU with some costly losses (San Francisco, Harvard) and missed RPI opportunities (at Georgia, vs. Wichita State).

"What I've figured out is you better win the games that are on your schedule," Boyle said last March on the sore subject of trying to impress the NCAA Tournament selection committee. "You better win them in November, you better win them in December, and you better win them in league play.

"That's the only thing I've figured out. We will continue to try to schedule up."

On Thursday, the Buffs -- who will play 15 home games, 12 true road games and three neutral-court games during the regular season -- learned that their opening round opponent at the Charleston Classic will be Dayton on Nov. 15 at TD Arena (10:30 a.m., ESPN3). CU will play either Baylor or Boston College on Nov. 16 and a third game on Nov. 18. Charleston, St. John's, Murray State and Auburn are on the other side of the bracket.

"It's an opportunity to play quality teams on a neutral floor and give us a good base of where we need to go as the season progresses," Boyle said.

Home games against Air Force (Nov. 25) and Texas Southern (Nov. 28) round out the first month of the season.

Boyle's 11-2 (.846) spectacular record in December at CU will be put to the test with true road games at Wyoming (Dec. 1), Kansas (Dec. 8) and Fresno State (Dec. 12) sandwiched around a home game against rival Colorado State (Dec. 5).

There figures to be some turbulence along the way for a talented roster that includes seven new players (six freshmen) and one senior.

"I think those games in November and December are really good, especially for a young team," junior center Shane Harris-Tunks said. "If we can go up against high-caliber teams like Kansas and Baylor, win or lose, we're going to learn a lot in those games."

During Boyle's first season at CU, the Alec Burks- and Cory Higgins-led squad stumbled through a 3-3 November.

The Buffs responded by winning 12 of 13 games and opening up 3-0 in Big 12 play.

At last year's Puerto Rico Tip-off, the Buffs lost their first two games before avoiding a last-place finish in the eight-team tournament with a comeback win over Western Michigan.

After losses to Front Range rivals Colorado State (65-64 in Fort Collins) and Wyoming (65-54 in Boulder), Boyle's team was a disappointing 5-4.

Then the Buffs responded with six consecutive wins and a 3-0 start in Pac-12 play.

"It might not be fun for the coaches, but I know our players would rather have a tougher schedule," Boyle said.

CU opens Pac-12 play at Arizona State (Jan. 3) and Arizona (Jan. 5) this season.

In the unbalanced schedule, the Buffs won't travel to Los Angeles to face UCLA and USC and won't welcome Washington and Washington State to Boulder.

The regular season concludes with Oregon (March 7) and Oregon State (March 9) visiting the Coors Events Center before CU attempts to repeat as Pac-12 Tournament champions March 13-16 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Over the last two seasons in March, the month that defines college basketball programs, CU is 11-6 (.647) overall with an amazing 10-3 (.769) record in postseason tournaments (4-0 Pac-12 Tournament, 2-1 Big 12 Tournament, 3-1 NIT, 1-1 NCAA Tournament).

Notable

One of the reasons CU's schedule has been released as "tentative" is because the Coors Events Center is double-booked for Nov. 9 when Boyle's team begins its season against Wofford. The CU volleyball team is scheduled to host UCLA at 7 p.m. that night. The programs will all have to agree on starting times for a two-sport doubleheader. ...

Times and television information for most games probably won't be released until September as the Pac-12 Network determines its broadcast schedule. ...

Depending on how the Charleston Classic unfolds, CU could face as many as five teams this season that were in the NCAA Tournament. CSU, KU, Baylor, Murray State and Cal were all in Big Dance.

CU's 2012-13 schedule

Nov. 9 -- WOFFORD

Nov. 15 -- vs. Dayton*

Nov. 16 -- vs. Baylor or Boston College*

Nov. 18 -- vs. Auburn, Charleston, Murray State or St. John's*

Nov. 25 -- AIR FORCE

CU Buffs to meet Dayton in opening round of Charleston Classic

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Baylor will take on Boston College to open the Charleston Classic in November.

Tournament organizers released pairings of the eight-team tournament Thursday. Baylor reached the round of eight in the NCAA tournament before losing to eventual national champion Kentucky.

The Bears and Eagles will be the second of four games Nov. 15. The tournament opens with Dayton taking on Colorado. The last two games feature St. John's against College of Charleston and Murray State against Auburn.

"The Charleston Classic is a great field for us to be in, in terms of finding out where our program is on a national level," said CU men's basketball coach Tad Boyle in a statement. "There are some nationally ranked caliber teams in this tournament and it's an opportunity to find out with a young team (six freshmen) like we're going to have real quick. It will be much like Puerto Rico was for us last year."

The tournament will be played at the TD Arena. Winners and loser's bracket games take place Friday. The tournament will conclude Sunday with the seventh, fifth, third and championship games.

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Bracket reveal: Charleston Classic

By Jason King

[Tournament bracket](#) for the 2012 Charleston Classic presented by Foster Grant

When and where: Nov. 15-16, 18 at TD Arena in Charleston, S.C.

Initial thoughts: This could turn out to be one of the better nonconference tournaments. ... Baylor advanced to the Elite Eight last season, Murray State went 31-2 and returns the bulk of its team and Colorado beat UNLV in the NCAA tourney and has plenty of momentum under Tad Boyle. ... Some of the country's top freshmen post players will be in action. Baylor's [Isaiah Austin](#) is projected as a top-five pick in next summer's NBA draft. His teammate, [Ricardo Gathers](#), was a top-40 recruit along with Colorado's [Josh Scott](#). ... It will be good to see St. John's coach Steve Lavin back on the sideline. Lavin missed almost all of last season while recovering from prostate cancer. ... Archie Miller won 20 games in his first season as Dayton's head coach in 2011-12. Will be interesting to see how the Flyers follow up. ... It also will be interesting to see what kind of improvements -- if any -- have been made at Auburn, which is regarded as one of the worst programs in the SEC but has recruited well lately. ... After the retirement of Bobby Cremins, College of Charleston has a new coach in Doug Wojcik, who spent the past seven seasons at Tulsa.

Matchup I can't wait to see: Dayton vs. Colorado. Of the four first-round games, this is probably the only one where both teams have the potential to earn NCAA tournament at-large berths. Colorado touts a potential lottery pick in forward [Andre Roberson](#), who ranked fourth in the country in rebounding last season with 11.1 boards per game. Dayton returns three of its top five scorers, including Josh Benson, who missed the second half of last season with a knee injury.

Potential matchup I'd like to see: Baylor vs. Murray State. Event organizers -- and college basketball fans -- would certainly be pleased with a championship game featuring two of the top five point guards in the nation. [Pierre Jackson](#) (Baylor) and [Isaiah Canaan](#) (Murray State), both Cousy Award finalists a year ago, would put on a hell of a show. The game, however, would likely be decided in the frontcourt. Murray's [Ed Daniel](#) is poised for a breakthrough season, but the Racers might have trouble matching Baylor's overall size and depth down low.

Five players to watch

Isaiah Austin, Baylor: The 7-foot freshman has a unique skill set. On offense, Austin is hardly limited to the paint. He has a nice touch from mid-range and can also handle the ball on the perimeter and swish 3-



Baylor's Pierre Jackson, one of the nation's quickest

pointers. Austin is also expected to be one of the nation's top shot-blockers.

point guards, has some sizeable help down low.

Isaiah Canaan, Murray State: There may not be a better all-around point guard in the nation. Canaan shoots from long range, slashes to the basket with ferocity and generally makes good decisions. He averaged 19.0 points last season for a squad that went 31-2.

[D'Angelo Harrison](#), St. John's: As painful as it was to lose Maurice Harkless to the NBA draft, the Red Storm couldn't be more excited about the return of Harrison, a shooting guard who averaged a team-high 16.8 points last season. Harrison, though, shot just 37 percent from the field, a number that will have to improve in 2012-13.

Pierre Jackson, Baylor: The 5-foot-10 junior-college transfer changed the culture of Baylor's entire program last season by bringing swagger to a squad that was often criticized for being soft. Jackson averaged a team-high 13.8 points and 5.9 assists. There might not be a quicker point guard in America.

Andre Roberson, Colorado: The 6-7 Roberson may be a bit undersized in the paint, but that hardly showed last season when he averaged 11.6 points, 11.1 rebounds and 1.9 blocks for a team that won the Pac-12 tournament before upsetting UNLV for its first NCAA victory in 15 years. Roberson will likely be a first-round pick in next summer's NBA draft.

Title-game prediction

Baylor over Murray State: Isaiah Austin, Ricardo Gathers, [Cory Jefferson](#) and J'Mison Morgan will be too much for the Racers down low.

Whom others are picking:

Eamonn Brennan: Baylor over St. John's

Andy Katz: Baylor over Murray State

Myron Medcalf: Baylor over Murray State

Dana O'Neil: Murray State over Colorado

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Overcoming Adversity: The Jeremy Adams Story

By Jason Hurst



It's been quite a basketball journey for former Madison Central star Jeremy Adams. He didn't like being redshirted at Texas A&M, so he transferred to a junior college. Now he's at the University of Colorado, facing plenty of adversity along the way, but it hasn't slowed him down.

Jeremy Adams has been to 3 colleges in 3 years.

"This is actually my first year at being able to come back to the same college and it's kind of relaxing being able to know that I know what to expect once I get back," Jeremy Adams said.

At each of his stops Adams played with a chip on his shoulder, then he faced a bigger challenge, being diagnosed with diabetes.

"Sometimes I just can't like turn on then go on the court and hey I'm gonna go in and try to get 20 or 30 on this guy just cause I'm mad at the world. It's hard to do that sometimes," Adams said.

Health concerns were not going to stand in his way.

"If the doctors said hey you can still play basketball or hey you can't, I was still going to play basketball," Adams said.

Adams didn't take diabetes serious at first but it has his attention now.

"The minds telling my body to do something but the body wont do it. This past year slowed me down and even yesterday I was working out with my dad and I hit a low during a workout and I really should've stopped but just kept going," Adams said.

And diabetes wasn't Adams only health concern last season.

"I got a concussion against Creighton, we scrimmaged Creighton, got a concussion. I was out for a month because it took longer for my brain to heal because of diabetes so I came back, missed the first 5 or 6 games, I was out of shape.

then he got a scare in the Wisconsin game

"I had to get on the IV before the game and I still went out and played I feel terrible and for the next month I dont know what was going on but I would run up and down the court a few times and I could barely breathe. Found out I had a deficiency in vitamin D so I got that taken care of and then a month or two later the same thing comes back, I have a deficiency in iron so by the time I got everything straightened out it was basically close to the end of the season," Adams said.

All of this adversity would break a lot of people, but not Jeremy.

"I cant quit its hard I just can't do that. I cant picture myself quitting," Adams said.

Because Adams didn't quit he was able to help Colorado defy the odds, win the Pac-12 tournament and make their first NCAA tournament since 2003. Adams realizes he has plenty to be thankful for. Last weeks tragedy hit 30 miles from the Colorado campus with the Aurora shootings.

"Because Batman is my favorite superhero, so, but I don't think I was going to go to the midnight premiere but somebody could have talked me into it and one of my friends being from Aurora maybe she would've been in Aurora that night. I could've said hey lets go to the midnight premiere so thoughts like that they do cross my mind but thankfully I wasn't there, but I'm sorry for the people who were," Adams said.

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