

## Pac-12 commissioner feels school will be fine after Mike Bohn firing

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Pac-12 Conference commissioner Larry Scott said he enjoyed working with former Colorado athletic director Mike Bohn, but that he is confident CU has a solid plan for the future.

Scott spoke with the media on a conference call Monday afternoon. He said he's not worried about CU playing catch-up during a key fund-raising period, despite firing Bohn last week after eight years on the job. Ceal Barry is serving in that role on an interim basis while CU forms a search committee to find its next full-time AD.

"Colorado is compatible with our conference academically and with athletic caliber and aspiration," Scott said. "I know the chancellor (Phil DiStefano) is very focused on being competitive across the board in the conference."

Scott said he spent some time with DiStefano last weekend during the Pac-12's summer meetings and came away confident in the Buffs' ability to move forward with what he called "an ambitious plan" for the future.

In February, CU unveiled a \$170 million plan to upgrade athletic facilities. The athletic department said it would need \$50 million in private donations to help fund the project.

"They are very proud of the heritage of Colorado football," Scott said. "They understand that correlates being aggressive, in terms of fund-raising and in terms of facility development and other areas. I'm delighted with what I hear from chancellor DiStefano in terms of their aspiration, their focus, their commitment. How they go about it, I will trust them."

In firing Bohn, DiStefano said he wants an athletic director who will eventually double the fund-raising efforts.

"I certainly respect the prerogative and decision of the leadership of Colorado to make that change," Scott said. "I had a very close relationship with Mike. I worked extremely closely with he, chancellor DiStefano and president Bruce Benson on the integration of Colorado into the conference. I have a tremendous amount of admiration for Mike as an individual, what he stands for and the job that he did at Colorado up until now."

"(Bohn) has got a tremendous amount of respect from his colleagues amongst the athletic directors in our conference and others and I'm sure he has a very bright future ahead of him."

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