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CU mines San Antonio connection to sign George King

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Colorado filled its vacancy of San Antonio standouts after losing Andre Roberson by adding Express-News area Boys Player of the Year George King of Brennan to a National Letter of Intent.

King, a 6-5, 205-pound forward, averaged 16.6 points, 11.5 rebounds and 1.6 blocks in leading the Bears to a 39-3 record and an appearance in the Class 4A state semifinals. He shot 60 percent from the field and was named both TABC All-State and District 28-4A MVP.

"He can rebound, block shots, shoot and defend," Colorado coach Tad Boyle said.

Much like Roberson, Boyle said that Colorado was "kind of late to the party" in recruiting King. The Colorado coach said King was a "late bloomer" and didn't start attracting major attention until late in his senior season and went through the April signing period unsigned.

As a senior, King notched 25 double-doubles and had two 20-20 games with 23 points and 20 rebounds against Warren and 20 points and 20 rebounds against Lanier.

"They believe in me and I believe in them," King told Rivals.com on signing with the Buffaloes. "I've only been to Colorado a handful of times and it was my first time in Boulder," he said. "I knew I liked it as soon as I stepped foot in Boulder. It has a beautiful campus, really nice people."

"They have a really good coaching staff, the players and I really clicked. I got up and down with the guys and got a good feeling. (The coaches) like that I'm good sized, I'm skilled, that I can shoot and that I have a lot of potential."

Even without Roberson, the Buffaloes should have their top collection of talent returning in many seasons. They return two seniors (Ben Mills, Kevin Nelson) on the 2013-2014 roster; along with three juniors (Askia Booker, Spencer Dinwiddie, Beau Gamble); and four sophomores (Xavier Johnson, Josh Scott, Eli Stalzer, Xavier Talton).

He joins a strong freshman class that include:

Tre'Shaun Fletcher (Wing • 6-6 • 195 • Tacoma, Wash./Lincoln HS)

Wesley Gordon (Forward • 6-8 • 225 • Fr. • Colorado Springs, Colo./Sierra HS)

Chris Jenkins (Forward • 6-7 • 180 • Fr. • Detroit, Mich./University of Detroit Jesuit HS)

Jaron Hopkins (Guard, Multi-Purpose • 6-5 • 185 • Mesa, Ariz./Dobson HS)

George King (Forward • 6-5 • 205 • San Antonio, Texas/Brennan HS)

Dustin Thomas (Combo Forward • 6-7 • 210 • Texarkana, Texas/Pleasant Grove HS)

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Tim Griffin has been a journalist for more than 30 years working at a variety of newspapers and websites, including more than 25 years at the San Antonio Express-News. He has covered all four Spurs NBA championship series victories, along with 12 national championship football games and five Final Fours. Griffin has been honored nationally and regionally for his writing and enterprise and was a former national president of the Football Writers Association of America. He is a graduate of the University of Memphis and is married with one son.

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