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Colorado booster George Solich says new Buffs AD Rick George is "really good guy"

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I spoke on the phone Tuesday with University of Colorado supporter and benefactor George Solich for a story related to the PGA Tour's 2014 BMW Championship at Cherry Hills announcing a Priority Ticket Program in advance of general sales in late August.

Solich, a Denver oilman, is the 2014 BMW Championship General Chairman. Of course, I had to also ask Solich if he had met newly hired CU athletic director Rick George.

Little did I know that, ironically, Solich met George a few years ago when George worked for the PGA Tour and Solich was engaged in early discussions with tour officials about bringing the BMW Championship to Cherry Hills.

"I think (George) is a really good guy," Solich told me. "I'm rooting for the Buffs. I'm rooting for him. I rooting for (football coach) Mike MacIntyre and (basketball coach) Tad Boyle and all of CU's coaches.

"But I will say, it's not just about one guy (to make an athletic department successful). It takes a lot of different things to come together to have the kind of success we're looking for."

Next year's BMW Championship, the third of four rounds of the PGA Tour's FedExCup Playoffs, is scheduled for the week of Sept. 1-7, 2014, including practice rounds.

At no charge, fans can register for the Priority Ticket Program at www.BMWChampionshipUSA.com for an opportunity to purchase tickets 48 hours in advance of the general public sale. No advance purchase is required.



Rick George, Colorado athletic director. (The Associated Press)

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Colorado Buffaloes Win Award for Most Economically Efficient Athletic Department

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COLLEGE STATION, July 29, 2013 – The University of Colorado has been crowned the 2013 national champion of the Excellence in Management Cup, presented by Texas A&M University's Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics (LSIA).

The purpose of the EM Cup is to determine which university athletic departments are maximizing fiscal resources leading to championship victories. In essence, the cup awards departments that win the most conference and national championships, while at the same time have the lowest expenses.

In recent years, the EM Cup has shown that small to mid-size universities that spend money wisely are just as effective in winning titles compared to their larger counterparts.

The University of Oregon placed second in the rankings. San Diego State University, West Virginia University and the University of Southern California round out the top five.

The EM Cup also recognized winners from conferences participating in Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) sports. The University of Connecticut was named winner for the Big East, University of Tulsa from Conference USA, and the University of North Texas of the Sun Belt Conference.

Other conference winners include the University of Virginia (ACC), University of Michigan (Big Ten), University of Florida (SEC), and 2010 EM Cup winner Kent State University (MAC).

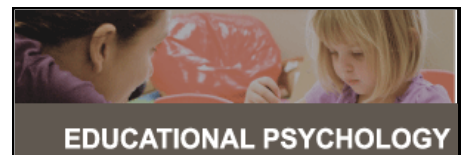
The scores are calculated in a formula that accounts for total athletic department spending, number of sports played and the number of conference and national championships won by each FBS university. For the complete list of rankings for the EM Cup, visit the Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics' website <http://lsiasports.com> (<http://lsiasports.com>).

Established in 2003, The Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics is an interdisciplinary research and training laboratory supported by the Division of Sport Management program in the Department of Health and Kinesiology, College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University. The Laboratory examines major concepts and issues related to the management and conduct of all levels of intercollegiate athletics.

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