



Baker's Dozen: Q&A with Colorado head basketball coach Jeff Bzdelik

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Coach [Jeff Bzdelik](#) took on the challenge of rebuilding the Colorado Buffalo program from the ground up. After a successful run at Air Force and in the NBA with the Denver Nuggets he is now in the process of bringing back respectability to the Buffs. With a solid recruiting class and a system that can utilize the talents of one of the best players in the Big 12 (Cory Higgins). Let's see what Coach Bzdelik cooks up in the Baker's Dozen.



Colorado head basketball coach Jeff Bzdelik.

1. What is your favorite song?

Lay Lady Lay by Bob Dylan

2. What is your favorite movie?

Grease

3. Who would play you in a movie and why?

Paul Newman because he is able to show such a range of emotions.

4. Who was the biggest influence in your life?

My father

5. Why did you go into coaching?

I didn't want a 9 to 5 job sitting behind a desk and because I am a very competitive person.

6. What activity would we find you doing away from basketball?

Bass fishing

7. If you weren't coaching what would you be doing?

I would be a Bass fishing guide.

8. What is your favorite name of a play?

Rip Action

9. What does your birthday dinner consist of?

Grilled salmon salad with tomatoes and cucumbers (I can see why he is in such good shape.)

10. If you were named the Czar of the NCAA what rule would you change?

I would add a restricted arc (like NBA) to help clarify the block-charge call.

11. What was your first coaching mistake?

I was trying to be professional and I listened a little too long to a parent. (We have all found ourselves listening to a parent, but as Coach Bzdelik and I agree you can talk to them about anything except basketball.)

12. What was your first coaching success?

My first win against Northern Arizona when I was at UMBC and my first win in the pros (vs. Portland)

13. What is your biggest superstition?

On game day I listen to Hill Songs from Australia to gain focus.

Coach Bzdelik has a great intuition and perspective on the game of basketball and there is no doubt in my mind he will get the Buffs up and running. Until next season thanks for taking your turn in the kitchen.

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