



## **Colorado Head Coach Tad Boyle**

### **ON CU BASKETBALL PROGRAM LOSING STARS TO NBA**

"Well, it doesn't make it any easier, but I just came off the recruiting trail and we talk a lot about what Spencer [Dinwiddie's] done since he's been here on campus, what Andre [Roberson] did when he was here... you always have to use everything that happens in a positive light as best you can. It's hard as a coach, and I don't let myself think about it too often, but sometimes you're driving down the road and think, 'Okay, if we had a healthy Spencer and Andre together this year with the rest of the squad, how special could that be?' or, 'How good can we be next year with Spencer coming back?' Those are questions that float into your mind but they have to get out of their quickly. This program is bigger than any one person, any one coach, any one player, and I think with what this team did this year without Spencer, it's a testament to the rest of our players and we are going to continue to recruit good players."

"At some point in time when we're here, everything's going to come together and the stars are going to align; guys will be healthy and we'll hopefully have a couple of NBA players playing together on the floor at the same time."

### **ON SPENCER DINWIDDIE GOING TO NBA**

"[During recruiting,] we knew what his [Spencer Dinwiddie's] dreams and goals were, and when you see a kid, a young man, now, realize those dreams, it's a good day for your program. Obviously, there's a lot of work to be done between now and when he gets to where he wants to get, but there's no question in my mind that he's an NBA player; he's going to be in the NBA and the journey will unfold before us."

### **ON SPENCER DINWIDDIE'S SELF-CONFIDENCE AND DECISION**

"Spencer's never lacked in confidence and I think that says a lot. When you come to decisions like this, it's such a personal decision; it's easy for the outside world, whether it's me, you, Buffs fans and even people who aren't Buff fans, to look at the decision he's making and cast judgment. In reality, it's his decision and it's a very personal decision. I respect it and we're going to support him every step of the way. He will always be a Buff and he will be a part of this family forever."

### **ON LOOKING TO FILL THE VOID WITH DINWIDDIE GONE**

"You don't replace Spencer with one guy; it's the same thing I talked about when Andre [Roberson] left and when Alec [Burks] left. We don't have another Spencer Dinwiddie in the fold. We've got some talented guys, I look at Jaron Hopkins and the ability he has in being a big guard like Spencer with a lot of athleticism. His offseason now becomes really critical to us. Xavier Talton made great strides this year as a combo guard that can alongside 'Ski' [Askia Booker] and you can even look at [incoming recruit] Dom [Collier] coming in. There's a guy who may be counted on a bit more heavily and we recruited Dom with that in mind."

"When one door closes, another door opens. I think the players in our program who are coming back understand that now is their time to step up and shine. We will not replace Dinwiddie with one guy."

### **ON POTENTIAL RECRUITING HELP WITH A FIRST ROUND PICK**

"If he doesn't go in the first round, there's going to be an asterisk by that in our footnotes because he's a first rounder in my opinion, but to answer your question, it helps. A lot of the players that we're recruiting have the same dreams that Spencer has; a lot of players in our program right now have the same dreams that Spencer has. It helps on the recruiting trail and you have to use every situation as positively as you can and again, this is a very positive day."

### **ON THE PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD**

"Our program is in good shape. With all joking aside, I don't expect to take any steps backward and I expect to continue to compete for Pac-12 Championships. I expect to continue to recruit and attract quality student-athletes to this great place and university."

### **ON WHAT NBA TEAMS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DINWIDDIE**

"He's a 6' 6" guard that can do everything. You know, everybody knocks his shooting but I think he's a better shooter than he's getting credit for. These teams are getting the complete package. It is a deep draft, it is a good draft, he is coming off an ACL injury, but somebody is going to get a hell of a player for bargain prices."