

# 2005 COLORADO BUFFALO GOLF

## Big 12 Conference Championships Notes

**QUICKLY** The 9th Annual Big 12 Conference Golf Championships will be held at Whispering Pines Country Club in Trinity, Texas from April 29 through May 1; play each day begins at 7 a.m. with the field to be repaired daily... It is the first time the Big 12 Championship will be spread over three days, as well as the first time CU will participate in a league meet that does not include 36 holes on the first day; every 54 hole league title meet since 1951 (Big Eight/Big 12) had two rounds the same day to open the meet... Prairie Dunes (Hutchinson, Kan.) hosted the first six meets before Southern Hills (Tulsa) served as the site in 2003; Prairie Dunes had it again last year and Southern Hills will host in 2006... Colorado enters the meet ranked No. 72 (GolfStat) and No. 79 (*Golfweek*) in the country in the most recent rankings, all as of April 26... There are six consensus top 40 teams participating in this year's title meet, including No. 1 Oklahoma State, once again making the conference one of the premier golfing leagues in the nation... CU tied for fifth with two others in 2004, its sixth first division finish; only OSU and Texas have finished in the first division all eight times in Big 12 meet history, with CU and Oklahoma next at six... CU's best are a pair of third place finishes in 1998 and 2000... Colorado is paired with Nebraska and Iowa State, as they enter as the No. 10, 11 and 12 seeds, respectively; the trio will begin on No. 10 at 7:50 a.m. MDT... Whispering Pines boasts a 7,300-yard, par-72 layout (the first time the Big 12 will be decided on a non-par 70 track).

**THE ROSTER** Head coach **Mark Simpson** took his youngest team ever to a league championship in 2003, as three freshmen, one junior and one senior turned in a sixth-place finish. That group had collectively earned 10 letters; the two seniors and three sophomores who played in 2004 had earned 13 letters between them (a collective 16 years invested in college including redshirt years). This Buffalo quintet this year has 12 CU letters, including this season; the group for the 2005 Big 12's:

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School)
Kenny Coakley .....	6- 3	205	Jr.	2L	Lakewood, Colo. (Green Mountain/Oregon State)
Edward McGlasson.....	6- 3	195	Jr.	3L	Orange, Calif. (Elmodena)
Blake Moore.....	6- 2	195	Jr.	3L	Monrovia, Calif. (La Salle)
Derek O'Neill .....	6- 3	200	Jr.	3L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)
Shea Sena .....	6- 1	190	Fr.	1L	Cortez, Colo. (Monument-Cortez)

**PLAYER SUMMARY** No Buffalo has played Whispering Pines before, with the lone familiarity with it for those who checked out its web site. However, all four juniors have played in the Big 12 Championships before—**Edward McGlasson** and **Blake Moore** twice and **Kenny Coakley** and **Derek O'Neill** once; Coakley also played in the Pac-10 title meet as a freshman at Oregon State. McGlasson owns a 76.0 stroke average for six league championship rounds, better than it appears considering the courses (he's tied for 19th and 20th), while Moore owns a 77.8 mark (36th and 45th place efforts). Coakley tied for 16th last year (222, 74.0, in fact he had three straight 74s) while O'Neill was 55th in 2003 (244). The season statistics for the CU five:

Player	Overall-----						Spring-----				Fall-----				
	Rd	Strokes	Avg.	SCIRP	Avg.	Lo Hi	Rd	Strk	Avg.	Scirp	Rd	Strk	Avg.	Scirp	Best
EDWARD MCGLASSON ..	25	1819	72.76	+ 37	+1.48	63 81	13	941	72.38	+ 8	12	878	73.17	+ 29	t3rd
DEREK O'NEILL.....	13	971	74.69	+ 38	+2.92	68 84	13	971	74.69	+ 38	--	----	-----	-----	t23rd
KENNY COAKLEY .....	25	1877	75.08	+ 95	+3.80	68 84	13	977	75.15	+ 44	12	900	75.00	+ 51	t12th
BLAKE MOORE.....	25	1878	75.12	+ 96	+3.84	68 84	13	970	74.62	+ 37	12	908	75.67	+ 59	t15th
SHEA SENA .....	23	1733	75.35	+ 95	+4.13	69 84	11	832	75.64	+ 43	12	901	75.08	+ 52	t16th

(SCIRP—Stroke Count In Relation To Par)

**Top 5 Finishes (2)**— McGlasson 2. **Top 10 Finishes (3)**— McGlasson 2, Anderson 1. **Top 20 Finishes (8)**— Coakley 3, McGlasson 3, Moore 1, Sena 1.

**Holes-In-One (1)**— McGlasson 1. **Rounds In The 60s (12)**— McGlasson 6, Coakley 2, Sena 2, Moore 1, O'Neill 1. **Subpar Rounds (17)**— McGlasson 7, Coakley 3, Moore 3, Sena 3, O'Neill 1. **Even-Par Rounds (6)**—McGlasson 2, Moore 2, Sena 2. **Rounds Counting Toward Team Scoring (92/108, 85.2%)**— McGlasson .920 (23/25); Coakley .880 (22/25); O'Neill .846 (11/13); Moore .818 (18/22); Sena .783 (18/23).

**THE COACH** **Mark Simpson** (Colorado '83) in his 29th season as head coach of the Buffaloes. The 54-year old native of Durango, Colo., lettered three years as a Buff golfer between 1970-73. His college career highlight was winning the Weber State Invitational in 1971; coaching career highlights have come in 1981, when he was named the Big Eight and District Five Coach-of-the-Year, and in 2000, when he was the co-Coach-of-the-Year in the Big 12. The program has enjoyed great success under Simpson's tutelage, with 14 trips to the NCAA Championships along with seven All-Americans and several all-league selections. A former president of the Golf Coaches Association of America (2000-02), he is currently serving in the role of immediate past-president.

➔ Simpson will attend the Big 12 Championships, as he continues to recover from cancer surgery he had on April 11. Declared cancer-free the next day by his oncologist and pathologist, he was hospitalized for a week and then had bed rest at home before returning to work on April 25. He was first diagnosed with lung cancer last December.

**THE SCHEDULE** The Big 12 Championships figure to be one of the toughest four tournaments that Colorado will play in to date in 2004-05; the Buffs have played in nine tournaments so far, including seven ranked in the top 44 as of the April 24 *Golfweek* ratings (the organization ranks all tournaments played during the course of the season and updates the list as meets are completed). The Taylor-Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate currently ranks No. 17 on the list of 250 competitions through April 24, with the Courtyard by Marriott Intercollegiate in at No. 24 and the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate at No. 31. CU's schedule strength works to No. 40 on the average; Using this formula, CU has played the fourth toughest schedule in the Big 12.

**THE STAT** The stat of the year so far belongs to **Edward McGlasson**, who is the first to hold both the low gross score and record for most under par in a single round records (63, minus-8) since Hale Irwin held it between 1965 and 1981. McGlasson recorded his round, over two days no less, in the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate, and did it in style, rebounding from an opening round 79. He had a 20-foot putt for a 62 on his final hole and sent it four feet past, but he came back to nail the 63. McGlasson also recorded the eighth hole-in-one in the program's history when he scored an ace in the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate.

**COACHES POLL** Oklahoma State was the choice by the 12 league coaches to win this year's championship, as the Cowboys totaled 121 out of a possible 121 points (coaches could not vote for their own team). Texas was second (109), followed by Texas Tech (95), Kansas (89), Oklahoma (84), Texas A&M (74), Baylor (64), Kansas State (47), Missouri (40), **Colorado** (10th with 35), and Iowa State and Nebraska (17 each).

**THE RANKINGS** There are three men's collegiate golf rankings: one poll, conducted by the GCAA by head coaches, and two that are computer generated (*Golfweek* and *GolfStat*). But generally speaking, with a consensus six top 40 and 10 top 75 teams competing, the Big 12 Championships should again be one of the toughest golf tourneys to date on the collegiate circuit for 2004-05. A look at who ranks where in what:

#### GolfStat (as of April 26)

**National Team Rankings:** Oklahoma State (#2), Texas (#12), Texas Tech (#29), Oklahoma (#30), Kansas (#35), Texas A&M (#38), Baylor (#48), Kansas State (#66), Missouri (#67), **Colorado (#72)**, Nebraska (#140), Iowa State (#156).

#### GCAA/Precept Coaches Poll (as of April 22)

**National Team Rankings:** Oklahoma State (#1), Texas (tie-#17). Other teams receiving votes and where they placed in rankings: Kansas (tie-#30), Oklahoma (#35), Texas A&M (tie-#39), Texas Tech (tie-#39).

#### Golfweek/Sagarin (as of April 24)

**National Team Rankings:** Oklahoma State (#1), Texas (#19), Texas Tech (#25), Kansas (#33), Oklahoma (#34), Texas A&M (#36), Baylor (#44), Missouri (#67), Kansas State (#72), **Colorado (#79)**, Nebraska (#123), Iowa State (#160).

**National Individual Rankings:** Pablo Martin, OSU (#4), Tyler Leon, OSU (#5), Matthew Rosenfeld, Texas (#12).

**CU Players:** Edward McGlasson (#124), Blake Moore (#465), Kenny Coakley (#476), Shea Sena (#490); Derek O'Neill and Patrick Grady do not have enough rounds to be officially ranked.

**District 5 Rankings:** 1. Oklahoma State; 2. Wichita State; 3. Kansas; 4. Oklahoma; 5. Tulsa; 6. Kansas State; 7. Colorado; 8. Missouri; 9. SW Missouri State; 10. Nebraska; 15. Iowa State.

**District 6 Rankings:** 1. TCU; 2. Texas; 3. Texas Tech; 4. SMU; 5. Texas A&M; 6. UT-Arlington; 7. Baylor; 8. Lamar.

**CU IN THE BIG 12'S** Colorado has had some individual and team success in the eight Big 12 Championship meets to date. The Buffs have six first division finishes, trailing only Oklahoma State and Texas, both with eight. CU was 11th in the inaugural Big 12 tilt in 1997, regrouped to place third in 1998, was fifth in 1999 and third again in 2000. The Buffs' first real flirtation with victory came in 2001, when CU led Baylor by a stroke with four holes remaining but was done in by disaster almost across the board on No. 16; the Buffs finished fourth, 11 strokes behind the Bears, but one out of a tie for second with Oklahoma and Texas. The Buffs never really got things going in 2002, finishing eighth as they were mired in the middle of the pack the whole meet. In 2003, CU was tied for seventh after one round and was in eighth after the two rounds, but recorded the third best final round score to move into a tie for sixth. In 2004, the Buffs tied for fifth in a meet where the top four separated after two rounds.

CU's last conference championship came in 1968 (Big Eight) while **Bob Kalinowski** was the last Buff to claim league medalist honors, doing so in both the 1993 and 1994 Big Eight title meets. In 1999, **Matt Call** led the Buffs, tying for fourth (75-72-66—213), with **Ben Fiala** tying for ninth (69-75-73—217), two of the five top 10 finishes by Buffs in the Big 12 Championships. Call's 66 is the best individual round ever shot by a Buff and the second best ever posted by any Big 12 golfer. In 2001, Kane Webber tied for seventh (80-73-74—227), in 1998, Portie tied for eighth (77-77-73—227), and in 2003, Stephen Carroll tied for 10th (76-81-70—227). In 2000, CU's trio of Australians, Carroll, Webber and Matthew Zions, all tied for 11th with two-over par 218 totals.

#### 2004 BIG 12 RECAP

A quick look at the team standings in 2004 and CU's individual results:

1. Texas..... 287-290-287—864	5. <b>COLORADO</b> ..... 295-301-297—893	9. Baylor..... 299-297-299—895
2. Oklahoma..... 295-292-283—870	5. Kansas..... 291-301-301—893	10. Texas A & M..... 304-305-295—904
3. Oklahoma State..... 292-285-296—873	5. Texas Tech..... 294-303-296—893	11. Missouri..... 299-301-320—920
4. Kansas State..... 290-289-302—881	8. Iowa State..... 296-298-300—894	12. Nebraska..... 314-299-313—926

#### Buffalo Individuals

T16. Kenny Coakley..... 74-74-74—222	T20. Edward McGlasson..... 73-74-77—224	T45. Blake Moore..... 75-79-76—230
T20. Jeff Hanson..... 75-76-73—224	T20. Kane Webber..... 73-77-74—224	

**CU THE FIRST** In the 2001 Big 12 Championships, Colorado became the first school to have all five of its participating golfers finish in the top 20. In CU's case, all five were in the top 16: Kane Webber (t-7th), Ben Portie and Matt Zions (t-13th) and Matt Call and Joe Liley (t-16th). Oklahoma placed all five in the top 18 in the 2003 meet, as the Sooners are the only other to accomplish the feat. Four players from the same school have finished in the top 20 on seven occasions, in 1998 (Oklahoma State), 2000 (Kansas), 2001 (Oklahoma), 2003 (Texas) and 2004 (CU, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State).

**COLORADO'S BEST IN THE BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS** Here's a list of the best team and individual rounds by Buffalo golfers in the eight Big 12 Championship meets to date:

TEAM				INDIVIDUAL ROUND					
Score	Year	Round	Site	Score	Player	Class	Year	Round	Site
285	2000	1st	Hutchinson, Kan.	66	Matt Call	So.	1999	3rd	Hutchinson, Kan.
288	1999	1st	Hutchinson, Kan.	69	Ben Fiala	Jr.	1999	1st	Hutchinson, Kan.
288	1999	3rd	Hutchinson, Kan.	69	Joe Liley	Jr.	2001	3rd	Hutchinson, Kan.
291	2001	3rd	Hutchinson, Kan.	69	Matthew Zions	Sr.	2002	3rd	Hutchinson, Kan.
292	2000	2nd	Hutchinson, Kan.	70	Knut Ekjord	Sr.	1999	1st	Hutchinson, Kan.
294	1998	3rd	Hutchinson, Kan.	70	Matt Call	Jr.	2000	1st	Hutchinson, Kan.
294	2002	2nd	Hutchinson, Kan.	70	Stephen Carroll	Jr.	2002	2nd	Hutchinson, Kan.
295	2004	1st	Hutchinson, Kan.	70	Stephen Carroll	Sr.	2003	3rd	Tulsa
296	(on three occasions)			71	(on three occasions: John Douma, Kane Webber, Shawn Wills)				

**INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT**

Score	Player	Class	Year	Rounds	Finish	Site
213	Matt Call	Sr.	1999	75-72-66	t-4th	Hutchinson, Kan.
217	Ben Fiala	Jr.	1999	69-75-73	t-9th	Hutchinson, Kan.
227	Stephen Carroll	Sr.	2003	76-81-70	t-10th	Tulsa
218	Stephen Carroll	Fr.	2000	74-72-72	t-11th	Hutchinson, Kan.
218	Kane Webber	Fr.	2000	71-73-74	t-11th	Hutchinson, Kan.
218	Matthew Zions	So.	2000	72-73-73	t-11th	Hutchinson, Kan.

**BIG 12 SCHOOL RECORDS** The best rounds at each conference school; McGlasson's 63 in Arizona is tied for the second best score in the combined history of the 12 member schools, topped only by a 10-under 62 Hunter Mahan scored for Oklahoma State in the 2002 U.S. Collegiate. The list:

<b>Baylor</b>	63 (-9), Johnny Arreaga, 1963 dual vs. Texas Tech	<b>Oklahoma</b>	63 (-9), Jim Begwin, 1984 NCAA Championships
<b>Colorado</b>	63 (-8), Edward McGlasson, 2005 PING-Arizona Inter.	<b>Oklahoma State</b>	62 (-10), Hunter Mahan, 2002 U.S. Collegiate
<b>Iowa State</b>	66 (-6), Mark Hankins, 1990 Heartland of America		63 (-9), Anders Hultman, 2000 Golf World Collegiate Inv.
	66 (-6), Jon Brackmann, 1997 Red Raider Intercollegiate		63 (-9), Charles Howell, 2000 NCAA Championships
	66 (-5), on five occasions.		63 (-9), Leif Westerberg, 1996 Jerry Pate Intercollegiate
<b>Kansas</b>	63 (-9), Andrew Price, 2005 Taylor Made/Waikoloa Inter.		63 (-8), Lindy Miller, 978 Labron Harris Invitational
	63 (-7), Ryan Vermeer, 2000 Western Intercollegiate	<b>Texas (unofficial)</b>	65 (-5), Jason Hartwick, 2002 Big 12 Championships
<b>Kansas State</b>	63 (-6), Ben Kern, 2004 Stanford's "The Nelson"	<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	64 (-6), Steve Veriato, 1971 SWC Championships
<b>Missouri</b>	63 (-8), Shawn Jasper, 2005 Belmont Invitational		64 (-6), Parker Briley, 2003 Maxwell Intercollegiate
	63 (-8), Chris Mabry, 2005 Belmont Invitational	<b>Texas Tech</b>	64 (-8), Mark Allen, 1989 NMMI Bronco Invitational
<b>Nebraska</b>	65 (-7) Brady Schnell, 2005 Pioneer Golf Classic		64 (-6), Kyle Willman, 2000 Maxwell Intercollegiate
	65 (-6) Jamie Rogers, 1998 NCAA Central Regional		64 (-8), Oscar Floren, 2004 Thunderbird Golf Classic
	65 (-5) Jamie Rogers, 1998 Ram Collegiate		
	65, Knox Jones, mid 1980s (working on details)		

**WHAT IF?** The first eight Big 12 Conference championships were combined into one meet? Colorado ranks fifth in those standings (16 strokes out of fourth). However, if you look at just the last six, the Buffs have played almost about as well as any team. Texas has a 5,250 team score in the last four title meets, with OSU second, just three back (5,253); Oklahoma is third (5,319) and then the Buffaloes (5,357). Oklahoma State and Texas have finished in the first division (top six finish) all eight years of the league's history; Colorado and Oklahoma are next, each with six. A difference of 107 team strokes over six meets, with four player scores in golf is not a lot (only 4.5 strokes per player). A closer look:

School	1997-1998-1999-2000-2001-2002-2003-2004—Total	Last Six	*First Division Finishes						(Tot)
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. Oklahoma State.....	882-898-868-851-912-851-898-873—7033	5253	3	2	1	1	1	0	(8)
2. Texas.....	892-905-862-876-904-850-894-864—7047	5250	3	3	1	1	0	0	(8)
3. Oklahoma.....	904-919-889-893-904-853-899-870—7131	5319	0	2	2	1	1	0	(6)
4. Kansas.....	902-933-857-863-933-895-929-893—7205	5409	1	1	0	1	1	1	(6)
5. Colorado.....	946-918-873-873-905-886-927-893—7221	5357	0	0	2	1	2	1	(6)
6. Texas A&M.....	920-929-883-877-927-889-918-904—7247	5441	0	0	0	1	2	1	(4)
7. Baylor.....	945-934-882-887-894-868-943-895—7248	5369	1	0	0	1	0	2	(4)
8. Kansas State.....	917-967-910-905-941-885-927-881—7333	5449	0	0	0	1	0	1	(2)
9. Iowa State.....	901-946-889-912-955-896-948-894—7341	5483	0	0	1	0	0	0	(1)
10. Texas Tech.....	952-947-916-895-954-877-923-893—7357	5458	0	0	0	0	2	1	(3)
11. Nebraska.....	908-942-859-927-956-909-945-926—7372	5503	0	1	0	0	0	1	(2)
12. Missouri.....	939-940-928-897-952-872-944-920—7392	5513	0	0	0	0	1	0	(1)

(\*—Colorado & Kansas State tied for sixth in 2003; Colorado, Kansas and Texas Tech tied for fifth in 2004.)

## **QUOTING COACH MARK SIMPSON**

**On The Season To Date**—*“Overall, when you take a look at our season, it’s been disappointing in the sense that we’re not in position to qualify for the NCAA Championships. At the start of the year, and especially after the fall, I thought we would have a spot solidified by now. Instead, we’re fighting for our lives just to qualify for regionals instead of being a top 20 team jockeying for a better seed and with hopes for bigger things. Not that we still can’t make it to nationals, but we’re certainly in a different category than where I thought we’d be, and that would have been the No. 3 or 4 team in our district. Seems like challenge after challenge comes our way, and now Derek O’Neill has some muscular problems in his back. If he can’t make a go at it or has to play not fully healthy, that will put us behind the 8-ball a bit.*

*“I think we have a pretty good idea of what we need to do in the conference tournament if we want to qualify for the NCAA Championships.”*

**On CU’s Chances At The Big 12**—*“Based on the results this spring, we were ranked 10th, and so we have to do something unique to not finish there because there are a lot of good teams in this conference. No one has a major advantage going in as far as the course is concerned. The Texas teams might have a little edge because of the general conditions, but we really don’t know what the grass is like. The benefit of playing it at a neutral site is an equalizer in many regards, but the best teams always rise to the top.”*