

Upcoming Events

Start Smart Summer Camps

PROBABLE DATES & LOCATIONS:

June 16-20	Colorado Athletic Club (Inverness) Denver Athletic Club
June 23-27	Bergen Valley Elementary Parker Rec. Center Castle Rock Rec. Center
July 7-11	Colorado Athletic Club (Monaco)
July 14-18	Colorado Athletic Club (Inverness) Bergen Valley Elementary

The Start Smart staff, comprised of coaches and players from Metro State's Men's Basketball program, has become well known locally for its ability to teach fundamentals in a progressive manner. These highly instructional camps are now entering their sixth year of existence, growing in popularity each year.

Note: Dates and locations are subject to change.

COST: \$140 (Additional Siblings \$90)

RoadrunnerJV and Varsity Team Basketball Tournaments

WHEN: June 13-15, Fri., Sat. & Sun. for JV Tourn.
June 6-8, Fri., Sat. & Sun. for Varsity Tourn

WHERE: Auraria Events Center, Metro State
College of Denver

COST: \$450 (\$50 forfeiture fee included)

FEATURES: Five game guarantee. T-shirts given to all participants. Quality facilities, officiating, and competition.

Colorado Coaching Academy

WHEN: June 21 and 22, Sat. and Sun.

WHERE: Auraria Events Center,
MetroState College of Denver.

COST: \$200

FEATURES: New and Improved Academy
Notebook, T-shirt, and Coaches
Social.

Coach Dunlap, coming off his second NCAA Division II National Championship, leads this two-day coaching clinic. The emphasis will be on building a championship caliber team. The clinics will focus on creating a philosophy, program organization, how to teach effectively, player development, offense and defense.

Our Season So Far...

(Statistics up to January 31, 2003)

Leading Scorers:

Luke Kendall	18.8points per game
Patrick Mutombo	17.9points per game

Leading Rebounders:

Lester Strong	6.9 Rebs per game
Patrick Mutombo	5.1 Rebs per game

Assist Leaders:

Clayton Smith	141 assists
(Assist to turnover ratio: 4.4 to 1)	
Luke Kendall	53 assists

Leaders in Steals:

Clayton Smith	57 steals
Luke Kendall	52 steals

Other Team Statistics

Scoring Margin: +18.2 points per game

Turnover margin: +9.7 per game

Steals per game: 11.4 steals per game

Opponents ave. field goal percentage: .429

RMAC Player of the Week for January 2, 2003

Luke Kendall- East Division

Led the Roadrunners to three road wins over the Christmas break, averaging 22.3 points per game. In wins over Notre Dame de Namur, San Francisco State and Sonoma State, Kendall was 21-for-44 (.477) from the floor, 9-for-13 (.692) from 3-point range, and 16-for-19 (.842) from the free throw line. The Australian native also averaged 2.7 rebounds and assists per game as well as 3.3 steals per game.



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Coaches Corner

"The Three Point Disaster"

The three point shot has changed the game of basketball. In short, coaches have purchased a bad bill of goods. First, if you do not have a plethora of good shooters, why are so many bad shooters letting it rip from the three point line? The coach determines "shot selection" until the players figure out their best shot from their best spot. Pete Carril defined a good shot by stating that it should be a shot that you can make every single time. That makes sense to me. However, there are too many three point shots being taken per game, and by the wrong people.

Yes I understand the math when considering the value of three versus two. However, could you please explain to me the value of having the wrong person shoot a three point shot. Now we are into "lucky" basketball and the last time I checked we are not called the *Lucky Roadrunners*.

I watch hundreds of games each year. There are not that many pure shooters out there. Yet head coaches allow their players to fire away. Once this happens the horses will not return to the barn. Hence, the coach takes the easy road and the team wonders why it fails when playing at the championship level. Dumb is for a lifetime until we wake up.

Coach Wooden always talks about balance as the key to success. I believe that in a seventy possession game that fourteen or fifteen shots from the three point line by the right players makes sense. Why? I look at the offensive game of

basketball in terms of balance between the long game, the middle game, the post up game, along with the easy game: transition baskets (e.g. layups), free throws, uncontested shots, and second shots. We like to study our players and figure out who shoots best from what area and dip from each category. Thus, we have a balanced attack.

The three point shot has hurt many coaches and teams. Somewhere along the way coaches heard someone pose the mathematical advantage to the three point shot. What they did not consider was the fact that they do not have the who to perform the what. Nevermind. We will go ahead and buy the house even though we do not have the money. The hurt goes into the area of no post development, no middle game, higher turnovers, lower team field goal percentages, no regard for passing the ball multiple times so you can get their better players in foul trouble, and many other obvious points!

The evidence is overwhelming for me. I watch Duke play and I wonder what happened to their fantastic motion offense. Now all I see is a 1-1-3 set, pick on the ball, and let it go as soon as possible from the three point line. I know there has been a decline in Duke's offensive attack, and others follow along.

I use Duke as an example because I have so much respect for Coach K and the way they played. Yet, please do not ask me to endorse what they are doing over the last three or four years. Others may buy into the three point shot as the latest and greatest way to play, but I think being drunk on that shot without some restrictions gives me a hangover.

Schedule 2002-03

NOVEMBER

11/22-23	West. Oregon Bask. Classic	Monmouth, OR	
Fri	Western Oregon	"	69-70 L
Sat	St. Martin's College (WA)	"	75-66OT W
Wed 11/27	Texas A&M, Kingsville	AEC	93-58 W
11/29-30	Metro State Thanksgiving	Classic	Denver, CO
Fri	Grand View (IA)	AEC	93-51 W
Sat	Holy Names (CA)	AEC	87-60 W

DECEMBER

Thu 12/12	*Adams State	AEC	72-54 W
Sat 12/14	*Fort Lewis	AEC	75-84 L
Wed 12/18	at Coll. of Notre Dame (CA)	Belmont, CA	72-46 W
Fri 12/20	at San Francisco State	San Francisco	65-48 W
Sat 12/21	at Sonoma State	Rohnert Park, CA	60-54 W

JANUARY

Fri 1/3	*at CU-Colorado Springs	Colo Springs, CO	74-50 W
Sat 1/4	*at Western State	Gunnison, CO	81-55 W
Thu 1/9	Mesa State	AEC	85-52 W
Fri 1/17	*at New Mexico Highlands	Las Vegas, NM	77-52 W
Sat 1/18	*at Southern Colorado	Pueblo, CO	66-51 W
Thu 1/23	*Nebraska-Kearney	AEC	64-80 L
Sat 1/25	*Fort Hays State	AEC	72-60 W
Sat 1/29	*at Regis	Denver, CO	65-40 W
Fri 1/31	*Chadron State	AEC	80-49 W

FEBRUARY

Fri 2/7	*at Colorado Christian	Lakewood, CO	54-41 W
Sat 2/8	*at Colorado Mines	Golden, CO	63-60 W
Thu 2/13	*Regis	AEC	7:00pm
Sun 2/16	*at Chadron State	Chadron, NE	6:00pm
Thu 2/20	*Colorado Christian	AEC	7:00pm
Sat 2/22	*Colorado Mines	AEC	7:00pm
Wed 2/26	*at Fort Hays St.	Hays, KS	7:00pm
Thu 2/27	*at Nebraska-Kearney	Kearney, NE	7:00pm

* - Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Games

Bold - denotes home games

AEC - Denotes Auraria Events Center, Home of the Roadrunners

- All times listed as Mountain Standard Time

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On a Lighter note...

"What I've Learned, The Best of the Best..."

(Taken from the January, 2003 edition of
Esquire Magazine)

Second place is really the first loser.

-George Steinbrenner

Dealing with adversity is like the brake pedal in the car. It just happens instinctively. You go through it or you perish.

-Roman Polanski

Of the five most important things in life, health is first, education or knowledge is second, and wealth is third. I forget the other two. -Chuck Berry

Sometimes I think there's no reason to get out of bed... then I feel wet, and I realize there is. -Homer Simpson

Inspiration is highly overrated. If you sit around and wait for the clouds to part, it's not liable to ever happen. More often than not, work is salvation. -Chuck Close, artist.

You may be drawing a circle for the thousandth time, but maybe it's a slightly better circle. -Lou Reed

If a guy hasn't got any gamble in him, he isn't worth a crap. -Evil Knievel

Pick very few objects and place them exactly. -Phillip Johnson

If you're keeping score, win. -Red Auerbach

Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die. -Carrie Fisher

I never go to the track. I don't like horses. They take too long. -Yogi Berra

I hate mineral-water freaks. Drink from the tap and take what's coming to you. -Ralph Steadman

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. -John Wooden

Laughing juries don't convict. -F. Lee Bailey

Formal education is a marvelous thing. But unless it's liberally sprinkled with plain old horse sense, it isn't worth a crap. -Jimmy Dean