

COACH MIKE DUNLAP ON:

David Barlow: “Most talented of all of our recruits... Extremely athletic and at 6-8 can play inside and outside... Explosive and gifted player with a lot to learn.”

Jamar Bohannon: “Very long and athletic; a good 3-point shooter. With a lot of hard work he will explode onto the scene.”

Jimmy Dadiotis: “Shooter that gives us the ability to use him as a rifleman if we need him in that capacity.”

Luke Kendall: “Experienced now... One of the most talented players in the conference... Has really improved his body size through a lot of weight room work this summer... Has the ability to shoot the long three which will help our team tremendously.”

Christophe Lombe: “Best defender out of everyone we recruited. He’s 94 feet of defense, can turn the ball, has very long arms, and will help us with our full court press.”

Michael Morse: “Looking forward to coaching him all year long because he was one of the better players in the North Central Division while at the Univ. of Northern Colorado. I think we can help him with his offense... His future here is bright .”

Greg Muth: “A skill player that knows how to do a lot of things well... Deceptively good in terms of what he appears to be and what he actually does... He is a solid player and very efficient.”

Patrick Mutombo: “An impact player and was the Co-MVP last year (in the RMAC)... He has to realize that teams will come after him, double-team him, and he needs to be patient... He gives us a talented player who is one of the better players in the country from the 15’ to 18’ range.”

Ryon Nickle: “Has a similar role on our team like former player, Chris Ford... He has a captain’s mindset, takes good care of the team, and has improved a lot over the summer. Provides our team with quality leadership.”

Jovan Obradovic: “Bruiser who loves to set screens and rebound... Quality role player who can help us on the offensive and defensive boards... Possesses good hands and feet for a post player.”

Ben Ortner: “Vying for a starting position this season... Makes our team really athletic and big... He is a good rebounder and shot blocker.”

Clayton Smith: “Played extremely well in the postseason last year where I thought he was the best point guard in the country... His biggest challenge is going to be living up to that reputation and performing at a high level each game. Though he struggled with that at times last year, I think he is ready to perform at a high level all year long.”

Lester Strong: “The most explosive player in the league... Lester’s skills continue to improve in the half-court setting... He will be challenged to stay out of foul trouble this season.”

Benas Veikalas: “ ‘Old school’ basketball player; very sound fundamentally... He gets tangled up with players all the time... He is a fighter and I like his grit... Benas might be the most mentally tough out of the players we recruited.”

Mark Worthington: “We moved him inside and he will stay inside... He gives us a 6-9 guy who is a mismatch problem for most people in the country... He’s quick from the elbows and could be a formidable rebounder as long as he stays near the rim.



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Coaches Corner

These Things I Know

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- 1) The best teachers suffer the most.
- 2) Assistant coaches know more than when they become head coaches.
- 3) It is more difficult to be a head coach when you say, "Do as I say, not as I do."
- 4) Confusion is the the order of the day when teams lose or players do not get playing time.
- 5) Being the best at anything is a bitch.
- 6) The ability to watch, listen, and ask questions is a talent.
- 7) Part of good leadership is knowing when to follow.
- 8) Name the last coach who kept his job by graduating most of his players while losing most of his games.
- 9) Going from good to great requires many little things. Repetition with an understanding of why we are doing a certain act can never be left out.
- 10) Compatibility with a teammate requires that we find something small that we like and let it grow from there.
- 11) A good practice coach is precise. He requires that all those around him be precise as well. Being sloppy is not an option.

- 12) Everything follows your head. When your head is up your ass the only thing that results is darkness. Leading with your ass is a bad idea.
- 13) Mountain climbers call the thin air the "death zone" Why? Because people make bad decisions in the thin air. Hence being prepared is not an option, rather an absolute.
- 14) If you want to really learn about stress and making good decisions study surgeons, firemen, the military or any one organization that has the most to lose.
- 15) People should spend more time thinking. You can only see and understand what you think.
- 16) Storms will come and go. A strong ship with a smart captain can ride out most storms.
- 17) The great myth, "there are many ways to skin a cat". There is only one way to do anything- the right way.
- 18) When you vote, does everyone agree with you? Making a difficult decision where someone loses out is called coaching.
- 19) The brutal reality of coaching is that you will be hired and fired- keep going and do not look back.
- 20) If he had an I.Q. one point lower, you would have to water him.

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	7:00pm
Sat 1/25	*Fort Hays State	AEC	7:00pm
Sat 1/29	*at Regis	Denver, CO	5:30pm
Fri 1/31	*Chadron State	AEC	7:00pm

FEBRUARY

Fri 2/7	*at Colorado Christian	Lakewood, CO	8:00pm
Sat 2/8	*at Colorado Mines	Golden, CO	8:00pm
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...

Here are some comments by sports commentators that I'm sure they'd like to take back:

1. **Radio Commentator, College Football:**
"Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field."
2. **Ted Walsh - Horse Racing Commentator:**
"This is really a lovely horse and I speak from personal experience since I once mounted her mother."
3. **Grand Prix Race Announcer:**
"The lead car is absolutely, truly unique, except for the one behind it which is exactly identical to the one in front of the similar one in back."
4. **Greg Norman, Pro Golfer:**
"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father."
5. **Ringside Boxing Analyst:**
"Sure there have been injuries and even some deaths in boxing - but none of them really that serious."
6. **Baseball announcer:**
"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."
7. **Basketball analyst:**
"He dribbles a lot and the opposition doesn't like it. In fact you can see it all over their faces."
8. **At a trophy ceremony BBC TV Boat Race 1988:**
"Ah, isn't that nice, the wife of the Cambridge president is hugging the cox of the crew."