

No. 8-ranked Gators sweep Buffaloes

Fogle leads CU with 10 kills

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- The Colorado volleyball team got a taste of what it's like to play against the best on Saturday.

Facing No. 8 Florida, the Buffs lost in three sets to fall to 1-1 after two matches at the Campus USA Credit Union Invitational.

The Gators beat the Buffs 25-20, 25-22, 25-15.

"(The) match was an important step in the building of this program," Colorado coach Liz Kritza said. "To take a young and relatively inexperienced group and face off against one of the best teams in the nation is a huge challenge, but more importantly a huge opportunity."

Florida and Colorado have met four times in the past five years. The Gators improved to 4-0 against the Buffs in that time period.

"We are committed to raising the level of the CU volleyball program to the top of the college ranks, and to be amongst the best, you have to play the best," Kritza said.

Sophomore Becah Fogle led the Buffs for the second straight night with 10 kills, while freshman Kerra Schroeder recorded eight. Fogle led the team with 27 kills on the weekend.

"I feel really good, but I owe it all to my teammates who have really been pushing me in practice," Fogle said. "Running our new faster offense is hard, we are working hard and I really feel good about how things are turning out."

Senior Kaitlyn Burkett hit a team-high .714 with five kills on seven errorless attacks. She split setting duties with freshman Megan Cyr and recorded 11 assists. Burkett has been playing several different positions for the Buffs and was named to the all-tournament team.

"I think that coach emphasized right from the beginning that everyone needs to be flexible and versatile," Burkett said. "And I've really taken that on. I feel like where ever coach needs me to go that is where I need to go."

"It has been an adjustment for me, but Megan is doing awesome. I feel like we are both such strong hitters that it really works. We work well together and so if she can hit or I can hit, that is to our advantage to have two strong setters."

The Buffs return to Colorado for a match against Northern Colorado at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Greeley before heading to Connecticut for three matches at the Yale Invitational Sept. 4-5.

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