



CU junior Brittany Spears recorded 17 points and 11 rebounds. Photo Courtesy: CUBuffs.com



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# Jayhawks Deny Buffs Crucial Home Win

**BOULDER** - The Colorado women's basketball team got the energized start coach Kathy McConnell-Miller was hoping for Tuesday night against Kansas.

Unfortunately, the Jayhawks had an answer - a couple of them, in fact - and rolled to a crucial 79-72 Big 12 Conference victory over the Buffaloes, who now have lost seven straight and nine of their last 10.

"This was a tough night for us . . . a tough loss," McConnell-Miller said. "I thought we played pretty well (and) executed a game plan on the offensive and defensive ends that for a majority of the game put us in position to win . . .

"If you take away five, six, seven, eight turnovers (CU committed 23), it could have been a different night."



And while you're hypothetically taking things away, scratching KU's Carolyn Davis would be a good idea. The Jayhawks (15-9, 5-6) got a night of perfection from their 6-foot-3 freshman forward, who hit all 10 of her field goal attempts and

was eight-of-eight from the free throw line.

Her final pair of foul shots came with 25.4 seconds remaining and gave KU a fairly comfortable 73-68 lead. The Jayhawks hit eight free throws in the final 25.4 seconds to put this one away.

McConnell-Miller said Davis "was not a surprise to us. She knows her limitations; she's not taking shots she can't hit... she's very balanced emotionally, which is very big for a freshman."

Davis, who finished with a game-high 28 points, set a school record for most field goals without a miss and was one short of tying a Big 12 record. She became the sixth player in league history to hit all 10 or more of her shots.

KU coach Bonnie Henrickson called Davis "very, very humble; she is very proud of her team. She is exactly right; this didn't happen overnight for her."

Davis' humility surfaced quickly. She said she would "take (the box score) home and hang it up. I was just playing . . . I take a lot of easy shots, so I don't miss many."

Playing its fourth game without leading scorer and team leader Danielle McCray, KU negated CU's 19-8 start with a 25-4 run over a 12-minute span before halftime and maintained control thereafter.

CU (12-12, 2-9) had five players in double figures, topped by freshman Chucky Jeffery, whose 19 points tied a career high. She also contributed nine rebounds and five assists, but was responsible for six of her team's turnovers.

Junior Brittany Spears, coming off a 28-point performance in a weekend loss at No. 12 Oklahoma, had 17 points and a game-high 11 rebounds, and senior Bianca Smith, making only her second start of the season, added 14 points before fouling out with 17 seconds left.

KU had dropped two of three games since losing McCray to a season-ending knee injury earlier this month. But her absence meant little to the Jayhawks, who responded to the Buffs' quick start to take a 33-26 halftime lead.

CU shot just 32.3 percent (10-of-31) from the field before intermission, while KU hit 13 of its 24 field goal attempts (54.2 percent). The Buffs finished the game at 43.9 percent (25-of-57) from the field while the Jayhawks checked out at 45.1 (23-of-51).

CU's generosity in the turnover department - it was the Buffs' fifth consecutive game with 20-plus - netted KU 28 points. And with Smith starting, the Buffs' bench was a non-factor, contributing zero points.

"I was hoping we'd get something out of the bench," McConnell-Miller said. "The last three games we struggled to get off to a great start and we went to our bench to get scoring.

"We got off to a good start tonight (with Smith in the starting lineup), but got no production off the bench."

After intermission, the Buffs pulled to within five on three occasions before the Jayhawks went on a 6-0 run to establish their biggest advantage of the night - 57-45 - with 8 minutes to play.

But CU wasn't done. A Spears' three-pointer with 4:43 left cut KU's margin to 60-57 - and it was up to the Buffs to finish as strong as they started.

It was too much to ask, although a Jeffery field goal made the score 73-70 before the Jayhawks put the game away at the foul line.

"We have to stay positive and confident," Smith said. "I think we still have plenty of opportunities not only to win but to make it to the postseason. We have to stay focused and keep everyone's spirits up.

"I think the losing does get to us, but we just have to stay positive."

CU plays at No. 3 Nebraska on Saturday (12:05 p.m., no TV).

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## Buffs start strong, but don't finish against Kansas

**By Joshua Lindenstein** Camera Sports Writer Boulder Daily Camera

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Kathy McConnell-Miller's starting lineup change achieved the intended goal on Tuesday night. The Colorado women's basketball team got off to a solid start.

Now the Buffaloes just need to play for 40 minutes.

The final result of a 79-72 loss at home against Kansas wasn't what the Buffaloes were hoping for. But they at least weren't facing a major deficit in the opening minutes as they had the past two games.

Colorado fell behind Texas 14-0 last week and then 11-0 and 17-2 against Oklahoma on Saturday. In neither game did the Buffs score in the first four minutes.

McConnell-Miller started senior guard Bianca Smith in place of slumping freshman Meagan Malcolm-Peck on Tuesday, and the move had the Buffs cruising early.

Colorado led 19-8 with 13:21 to go in the first half after a 17-2 run before KU answered with a 25-4 spurt of its own.

Smith helped fuel the Buffs` run with seven points, while sophomore guard Alyssa Fressle had six points and a couple of assists during the stretch.

"It doesn't really matter to me what role I'm in, whether I'm coming off the bench or I'm starting," said Smith, who finished with 14 points. "I just want to do whatever it takes to get my team a victory."

All five CU starters scored in double figures. Freshman Chucky Jeffery had 19 points. Brittany Spears scored 17. Fressle finished with 12 and center Courtney Dunn added 10.

The flip-side was that the Buffs got zero points from their bench, a fact McConnell-Miller had mixed feelings about.

"The last three games we struggled to get out to a great start and when we needed scoring we went to our bench, which was Bianca," the coach said. "Tonight we got off to a good start but we just didn't get any production off of our bench.

"I like the balance in the five. We haven't had that type of balance. So if it means it's not coming from our bench, I'll take that balance."

#### Davis' big night

KU freshman forward Carolyn Davis` 10-for-10 night from the field fell just short of the Big 12 Conference record for most field goals made in a game without a miss.

Baylor's Steffanie Blackmon and Kacy Moffitt share the record at 11 for 11. Three other players, including former CU great Tera Bjorklund, have gone 10 for 10.

#### Notable

Spears passed Jenny Roulier for 10th on CU's career scoring list with 1,415 points. ... CU's seven-game losing streak is the longest for the Buffs since an 11-game skid during the 2004-05 season. That season also marked the last time the Buffs have lost five in a row at home prior to the current run. ... KU snapped a four-game skid in Boulder to narrow CU's lead in the all-time series to 33-32. ... After getting outrebounded 27-7 in the first half in a loss at Kansas last month, the Buffs outrebounded the Jayhawks 35-33 on Tuesday. ... Jeffery's 19 points tied a career high.

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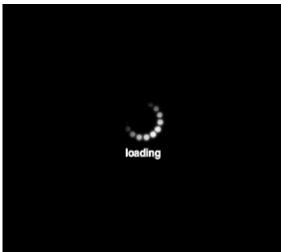
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### CU Buff women lose 7th in row

Kansas takes control of game with 25-4 run leading up to halftime

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The Colorado women's basketball team's slide continued on Tuesday night.

That the Buffaloes walked off the floor feeling as though they'd let a golden chance for a victory slip away might end up stinging worse than some of their previous losses as they scramble to stay eligible for some sort of postseason berth.

Kansas -- a team dealing with the loss of two starters to season-ending knee injuries -- weathered an early run by the Buffs and then held on late for a 79-72 victory in front of 2,147 at the Coors Events Center.

The Buffs lost their seventh straight and ninth of 10 to fall to 12-12 overall and 2-9 in Big 12 play. CU sits 11th in the league with just five regular season games and the conference tournament remaining.

"This is a tough night for us, tough loss, particularly because I thought we played pretty well," CU coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said. "I thought we had executed a game plan on the offensive and defensive end that for a majority of the game had put us in a position to win."

Another long offensive drought in the first half put the Buffs in a hole they could never climb out of.

After trailing by as many as 12 in the second half, CU did manage to get to within 71-68 and even would have had a shot to tie after Sade Morris missed a pair of free throws with 29 seconds left. But the rebound on her second attempt went out of bounds off a CU player, giving the Jayhawks another possession.

KU freshman forward Carolyn Davis -- who didn't miss all night -- capitalized with two free throws to make it 73-68, and the Jayhawks hit six more in a row from the line to seal the win as the teams traded possessions.

"I think (the losing streak wears on the team), but we can't let that get to us," said CU senior guard Bianca Smith, who got her second start of the season in place of freshman Meagan Malcolm-Peck. "We still have an opportunity and we have to stay positive."

Kansas (15-9, 5-6) -- ranked for several weeks early in the season -- came in still scrapping for an NCAA tournament berth. With point guard Angel Goodrich already sidelined, the Jayhawks were playing their fourth game since leading scorer Danielle McCray went down with an injury.

Say hello to Davis and fellow freshman Monica Engelman.

The 6-foot-3 Davis went 10 for 10 from the field and 8 for 8 from the free-throw line to score a game-high 28 points.

"I'll take (the box score) home and hang it up," said Davis, who also had nine rebounds. "I was just playing. It was a tough game, and my teammates were doing a good job of finding me. I take a lot of easy shots, so I don't miss any."

Engelman added 16 points and six assists, and senior Sade Morris chipped in 18 points. But it was Davis for whom the

Buffs had no answer as she got easy layup after easy layup against CU's 2-3 zone.

"She got too many angles at the rim and any time we played behind her or slipped behind her she kicked it back out," McConnell-Miller said. "That's what I mean by efficiency with her. She doesn't take anything she can't make."

There were bright spots for the Buffs, most notably a balanced scoring effort from a new starting lineup designed to increase the scoring early.

All five starters scored in double figures for the Buffs -- though there was zero scoring off the bench.

Freshman Chucky Jeffery led the way with a 19-point, nine-rebound night, while Brittany Spears had 17 points and 11 rebounds. Smith finished with 14 points.

The scoring surge helped the Buffs go on an early 17-2 run fueled by Smith and Alyssa Fressle to take a 19-8 lead. But KU answered with a 25-4 run of its own.

The Buffs -- who travel to face No. 3 Nebraska on Saturday -- made just two field goals in the final 10 minutes of the first half until Spears' buzzer-beater made it 33-26 KU at halftime.

Kansas 79, CU 72

**KANSAS (79)** 

Player MIN FG FT Rb A PF PT

Sutherland 33 1-8 4-6 5 0 3 6

Davis 31 10-10 8-8 9 0 3 28

Jacobs 18 2-3 0-0 2 3 2 4

Engelman 27 3-10 9-9 2 6 4 16

Morris 38 5-11 7-12 5 5 1 18

Kohn 15 0-2 0-0 3 0 2 0

Codio 22 0-1 1-2 3 2 4 1

Boogaard 9 1-3 2-2 0 0 0 4

Smith 7 1-3 0-0 1 0 2 2

Totals 200 23-51 31-39 33 16 21 79

3-Point Goals: 2-11 (Engelman 1-5, Morris 1-1, Kohn 0-2, Smith 0-2, Codio 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 3.

Blocked Shots: 6 (Davis 3, Sutherland 2, Codio).

Turnovers: 16 (Engelman 5, DAvis 3, Morris 2, Codio 2, Kohn, Boogaard, Smith).

Steals: 6 (Engelman 3, Sutherland, Morris, Smith).

Technical Fouls: None.

#### COLORADO (72)

#### Player MIN FG FT Rb A PF PT

Spears 31 6-26 3-4 11 2 4 17

Dunn 25 4-5 0-0 2 0 4 10

Fressle 33 3-9 6-8 2 2 5 12

Smith 36 4-14 4-4 1 0 5 14

Jeffery 36 8-12 3-6 9 5 2 19

M.Mlc.Pk 10 0-0 0-1 0 0 3 0

Seabrook 12 0-0 0-0 3 0 2 0

Dale 5 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 0

Mullaney 9 0-1 0-0 1 0 2 0

MacFarlane 3 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0

3-Point Goals: 6-17, (Smith 2-7, Spears 2-4, Dunn 2-3, Fressle 0-1, Mullaney 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 5.

Blocked Shots: 3 (Jeffery, M. Malcolm-Peck, Seabrook).

Turnovers: 23 (Spears 6, Jeffery 6, Smith 3, Fressle 2, Malcolm-Peck 2, Dunn, Seabrook, Mullaney, MacFarlane).

Steals: 9 (Dunn 3, Spears 2, Fressle 2, Jeffery 2).

Technical Fouls: None.

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## Seventh (not so) heaven

Women's basketball falls to Kansas

By Marlee Horn on February 17, 2010

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The 79-72 loss on Wednesday night was their seventh in a row, and pushes their record to 12-12 overall, 2-9 in Big 12 play.

Despite the fact the team got off to a faster start and lost by a much smaller margin than in previous games, there were too many other factors the Buffs couldn't overcome.

One of those big factors was KU's leading scorer Carolyn Davis. The freshman forward was 10-for-10 from the field and eight-for-eight from the free throw line.

"She not taking shots she can't hit," said head coach Kathy McConnell-Miller. "She doesn't take a lot of challenged shots. She's got angles when she scores. She's efficient from the free throw line."

Senior center Courtney Dunn, who put up ten points of her own, noted that Davis's open looks were a driving force in the loss.



Freshman guard Chucky Jeffery races toward the basket with KU's Kelly Kohn in pursuit during their game Tuesday night in the Coors Events Center. The Buffs lost to the Jayhawks 72-79. (CU Independent/Lee Pruitt)

"She was just being really physical with me," Dunn said. "I just couldn't get around her."

Coach McConnell-Miller believed that if her team had more opportunities for shots, the final outcome could have been different. The Buffs did increase their scoring percentage from 32.3 percent in the first half to 57.7 percent in the second, but a scoreless bench left the team empty handed.

Senior guard Bianca Smith and the other starters all put up double digits, but there seemed to be a lack of balance between those five and the other five that played in the game.

"I was hoping we would get something out of the bench," McConnell-Miller said. "The last three games we had struggled to get off to a great start, and when we needed scoring, we went to our bench, which was Bianca [Smith]. Tonight we got off to a good start, but we just didn't get any production off of our bench."

That good start included an early lead by the Buffs, something they have not seen much of in Big 12 play. The double team of Dunn and junior forward Brittany Spears set CU up to 9-6 with 15:56 remaining.

The Buffaloes increased their lead to eleven with help from back-to-back 3-pointers by Smith, but the Jayhawks weren't about to sit back and enjoy the ride.

KU went on a 17-2 run, allowing CU to score only once in a ten minute period. They widened the lead even farther with consecutive treys of their own.

With the first half winding down, Spears found an open 3-point shot in the corner, with the assist from sophomore guard Alyssa Fressle, and the ball whirled into the basket as the buzzer sounded. The buzzer beater put the score at 33-26 at the half.

The second half didn't start off as smoothly as the first. Although CU came out with more aggression, the referees also came out with more whistle-blowing.

The half included 35 fouls (compared to the 14 in the first half), and Smith, who got fouled four times in the last minute, and Fressle both fouled out of the game.

Colorado out-rebounded Kansas 35 to 33, but they still managed to get behind by as much as 12 points with 8:30 left in the game.

However, CU did manage to battle back to continuously narrow the margin in the final six minutes.

Dunn got the defensive rebound to set up Spears for a 3-point jumper from the right. This cut the KU lead to 60-57.

Once more, with only 18 seconds left, the Buffs would narrow the margin to three points, with freshman guard Chucky Jeffery driving into the paint to get the layup, keeping the score tight at 73-70. But Smith's final two fouls would help lift the Jayhawks to a 79-72 victory.

Even with this ending, which McConnell-Miller described as a tough loss, Smith hopes her team will stay focused and high-spirited.

"We just have to stay positive I think. We have to stay confident and know that we've got plenty of opportunity not only to win but to make the post-season," Smith said.

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# Miss Smith goes to town on CU

By TOM KENSLER | No Comments

BOULDER — College women's basketball coaches in need of an inside player ought to take the next plane flight to Houston.

In Tuesday night's 79-72 victory over Colorado, Kansas' 6-foot-4 freshman forward-center Carolyn Davis showed that Houston high schools produced more than Baylor's dunking queen, Brittney Griner.

Davis didn't miss a shot Tuesday night, going 10-for-10 from the field and 8-for-8 on free throws for 28 points. She became the sixth player in Big 12 history to shoot 100 percent from the field with at least 10 attempts.

Two, Steffanie Blackmon of Baylor (2002) and Kacy Moffitt of Baylor (1998), hold the conference record with 11-for-11 shooting. CU's Tera Bjorklund (2001 vs. Texas) and two others were 10-for-10, along with Davis.

"I'll take (the box score) home and hang it up," Davis said. "It was a tough game, and my teammates were doing a good job of finding me."

Davis also grabbed nine rebounds.

"She was just being very physical with me," CU junior center Courtney Dunn said. "I couldn't get around her."

Colorado (12-12, 2-9 Big 12) has lost seven in a row — the longest losing streak for the program since 11 straight losses in the 2004-2005 season. CU lost for the fifth straight time in the Coors Events Center. It has dropped nine of its last 10 games after a promising start.

All five CU starters scored in double figures, led by freshman guard Chucky Jeffery, who matched her career-best with 19 points. But CU committed 23 turnovers and dug itself in a hole in the first half, shooting just 32.3 percent from the field. The Buffs trailed 33-26 at halftime after going a stretch of more than nine minutes with just one field goal.

Colorado pulled to within three points with 4:43 to go but got sloppy and couldn't complete the comeback. During a span of two minutes, the Buffs committed a turnover, missed a free throw, missed a layup and allowed KU to grab two offensive rebounds — including one off a missed foul shot.

"It was a tough loss for us tonight, particularly because I thought we played pretty well," CU coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said.

The loss must have felt particularly disheartening considering that Colorado plays Saturday at Nebraska, the nation's third-ranked team.

"We just have to stay positive, stay focused," said CU senior guard Bianca Smith, who was promoted to the starting lineup.

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## Kansas collects crucial victory against Colorado

By Max Rothman

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Kansas triumphed 79-72 at Colorado Tuesday and moved to 5-6 in the Big 12 because Carolyn Davis, a freshman forward, opted for immaculacy.

Davis was nothing less than perfect. 10-of-10 from the field. 8-of-8 from the stripe.

"I'll take it home and hang it up," Davis said of her flawless box-score.

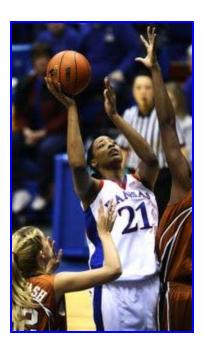


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Freshman forward Carolyn Davis takes a shot in the first half Saturday. Davis lead the team with 29 points.

She must have been eager to validate her second Big 12 Freshman of the Week honor in three weeks. After posting career highs in 29 points and 14 rebounds in an 85-82 double-overtime loss against Texas Saturday, Davis threatened those marks in her very next game. Without missing a single shot, she finished with 28 points and nine rebounds Wednesday as coach Bonnie Henrickson operated her offense primarily through the 6-foot-3 Houston native. She used Davis as the focal point to challenge Colorado's two-three zone defense.

"The offense we have separates the zone," Davis said. "We have Monica and Sade on the outside so eventually they have to open up the lanes for me."

But Colorado senior Bianca Smith struck before Davis. She started 3-of-4 from the field, knocking down long range shots with ease and leading her team to a 19-8 advantage.

After a scorching start, Smith missed her next eight shot attempts. The Buffaloes did not stampede; rather, they pranced.

After the run, Colorado converted just three of its next 20 shots, including a buzzer-beating three by senior Brittany Spears. The Buffaloes' drought helped the Jayhawks on their way to 25-7 run to claim a 33-26 lead at the half.

Then Davis wasted no time negating Spears' lucky three. Just 21 seconds into the half, she converted a layup and free throw. A trip to the locker room at halftime only seemed to keep her warm, not cool her off.

The Buffaloes committed 23 turnovers on their home court and never found more than spurts of comfort and consistency.

Even though it brought the lead to within three on multiple instances, Kansas evaded full-court pressure, held its ground defensively and sunk free throws when it had to. Freshman guard Monica Engelman struggled from the field, converting just three-of-ten shot attempts. But she sunk all nine of her free throws and helped complete a crucial road victory for her team

Senior guard Sade Morris shot just five-of-22 against Texas Saturday, but rose to the occasion at Colorado. She nailed a rare three-point shot during the first-half run, just her sixth three of the season, and finished with 18 points and five assists and rebounds.

All of Kansas' key cogs were clicking at the Coors Events Center Wednesday.

"There's really great chemistry in practice in what has been a tough week for us," Henrickson said.

Moving to 15-9 overall, the victory snapped Kansas' previous four-game losing streak in Boulder but, more importantly, added new credence to its NCAA tournament bid.

"We all have to believe that what we're doing together will pay off," Henrickson said. "Don't doubt. Don't give in. Push forward."

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# Carolyn Davis' near-perfect night propels KU women

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Kansas' Carolyn Davis, left, gets tangled up with Colorado's Brittany Spears during the first half. Davis was 10-for-10 from the field and scored 28 points as KU won, 79-72, on Tuesday in Boulder, Colo.



**KU** women top Colorado

Carolyn Davis led the KU women past Colorado on Tuesday night.

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#### **KU-Colorado box score**

Kansas University freshman Carolyn Davis was darnnear-perfect on Tuesday night at Coors Events Center.

Davis, a 6-foot-3 freshman forward from Houston, went 10-for-10 from the field and 8-for-8 from the free-throw line, good for a game-high 28 points in the Jayhawks' 79-72 women's basketball victory over Colorado.

Davis, who barely missed her career-high of 29 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked three shots. The only blemish on her stat line? Three turnovers in 31 minutes.

Davis, who tied the Big 12 Conference record for field-goal percentage in a game, was clutch at the line late. She iced two free throws that gave KU a five-point advantage with just :25 remaining.

Freshman Monica Engelman, who scored 16 points and tied a career high with six assists, went 4-for-4 from



the line with less than a minute to play. She also tied a career high in steals with three.

Senior Sade Morris totaled 18 points off 5-of-11 shooting and 7-of-12 free throwing. Morris also added five boards and five assists in 38 minutes.

Colorado, which was led by guard Chucky Jeffery (19 points), had five players score in double figures.

The Buffs, who trailed the entire second half, pulled within three points with 4:42 left. With both teams in the double bonus, it became a battle at the line. KU hit 15-of-18 free throws in the last four minutes including six straight in the last 18 seconds.

KU led early, 6-2, only to be hit by a 17-2 CU run. Senior guard Bianca Smith (14 points) hit back-to-back threes in that spurt.

KU closed the half on a 25-4 run, but Brittany Spears (17 points) cashed a three as time expired keeping the Buffs

within striking distance, 33-26. Spears had 11 rebounds for CU (12-12, 2-9).

The Jayhawks (15-9, 5-6) won in Boulder for the first time since the 2004-05 season.

KU (15-9, 5-6) will meet Texas Tech at 5 p.m. Sunday in Lubbock. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

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