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Burks nears CU frosh scoring mark

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A few notes that I didn't have space for in my story on Colorado's 77-67 win Wednesday night over Oklahoma in men's basketball:

*** Scoring 17 points Wednesday night, CU's Alec Burks moved into fourth place on the Buffs' all-time freshman scoring list with 404 points. He joined a star-studded list: Richard Roby, 480 points in his 2004-05 freshman season; Chauncey Billups, 465 in 1995-96; and Donnie Boyce, 417 in 1991-92.

Barring an injury, Burks has at least six games remaining, including a minimum of one game in the Big 12 Tournament. To break Roby's record and reach 481 points, Burks will need to average just 12.83 points in those six games, well below his season average of 16.8 points.

*** CU junior swingman Marcus Relphorde recorded a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and he also dished out six assists. That marked the first time in 25 games that a Buff has led the team outright in those three categories.

*** The eight rebounds grabbed by CU's 6-foot-3 sophomore point guard Nate Tomlinson marked a career-high. The Aussie looked almost frail last year as a freshman but an additional year in the weight room has really helped.

*** CU can't seem to beat Missouri anymore, but the Buffs have now won four straight over Oklahoma when the Sooners visit Boulder.

*** CU improved to 8-0 when at least four starters reach double-figure scoring.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

It came from CU coach Jeff Bzdelik when asked by reporters about the performance of Relphorde, who sat out the previous game with knee tendinitis and also missed some practice time:

"I think I've learned a lesson. And do you know what that lesson was? I didn't practice him for three days, so obviously I'm screwing him up as a coach by practicing him. Maybe I should just not practice him anymore."

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