CU women open Big 12 Tournament vs. Baylor

Bears` Griner will miss game due to suspension

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The Colorado women's basketball team will open the Big 12 Tournament against No. 14 Baylor at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in Kansas City.

Colorado (13-16) is the No. 11 seed and Baylor (22-8) checks in at No. 6 by winning the tiebreaker against Oklahoma State.

The Buffs, who fell to the Bears 76-42 in Waco, Texas, on Feb. 6, might be catching Baylor at a good time. Without freshman star Brittney Griner, Baylor fell 70-54 to No. 18 Texas on Sunday.

Griner was suspended for two games after throwing a punch that broke an opposing player's nose in a Big 12 game. She will serve the second game of the suspension against the Buffs.

Griner notched a triple-double in Baylor's first meeting with CU this season. She scored 24 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked 11 shots.

Colorado has been the No. 11 seed once before, in 2006, losing a first-round game to Nebraska, 67-59. The No. 11 seed is 2-11 all-time in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament (2-13 overall) and has not won since Oklahoma State knocked off Oklahoma 70-56 in the 1999 tournament.

The first round of the Big 12 Tournament will not be televised, but it will be streamed live and can be viewed for free on Big12Sports.com.

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