Ranked teams too much for Hempen's Buffs

CU booters fall to No. 12 Broncos for 3rd loss in row

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STANFORD, Calif. -- The Colorado women's soccer team will return to Big 12 play on a three-game losing streak.

The Buffs lost their third in a row on Sunday when they fell 1-0 in overtime to No. 12 Santa Clara on the final day of the Stanford/Nike Invitational.

"It was a game well within our reach and one of those games that we could have won," CU coach Bill Hempen said. "But like every sport, if you turn the ball over, sooner or later you're going to have to pay the price. We turned it over one too many times and we didn't do anything to help take the pressure off our defense which made it difficult.

"We played very well defensively, but our forwards are getting nothing. It's been four games now where our forwards haven't scored a goal and we need to fix that."

It's CU's first three-game losing streak since the 2007 season when the Buffs lost three in a row to Texas A&M, Kansas and Missouri.

The current losing streak came with all three games on the road and against ranked opponents. Colorado lost to No. 14 Florida on Sept. 13 and to No. 3 Stanford on Friday. The Buffs dropped to 1-4 against top-25 teams this season, the lone win over then-No. 11 Oklahoma State on Aug. 22.

The Broncos (7-2) put away the Buffs (4-5) in overtime when Olivia Klei's cross on a corner kick found the head of Kiki Bosio, who flicked it in the back of the net for the game-winner.

Overall, the Buffaloes were outshot by Santa Clara 27-3.

Colorado keeper Kara Linder made a career-high seven saves.

Colorado next hosts Nebraska at 4 p.m. on Friday.

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