## CU Buffs get season started on right foot

Lowry, Marshall score to lead CU in opener

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The Buffs have moved on to (Marshall) Plan B.

In the first game of her collegiate career without big sister Nikki Marshall by her side, Shaye Marshall tallied her first Colorado goal to highlight the Buffs' 2-0 victory over Wyoming in the season opener on Sunday at Prentup Field.

After a turnover by the Cowgirls (0-2), CU flipped the field in a hurry and senior defender Kym Lowry sent a brilliant crossing pass to Marshall for a textbook transition goal in the 73rd minute to give the home team some breathing room on a stiflingly hot afternoon.

"Shaye's goal is as good a goal as you're ever going to see at the college level," CU head coach Bill Hempen said. "Kym's service made it easy. It's good to get those (transition) goals. I think we have the speed to get from one end of the field to the other fairly quickly, and those things can happen."

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Nikki Marshall, one of the fastest players in Big 12 history, piled up 42 goals during her storied CU career. Shaye Marshall, a sophomore midfielder, has a different role in the program.

But the natural scoring touch is obviously there when necessary.

"It's so cool. What a great finish she had. It couldn't have been better," junior midfielder Kate Russell said of Marshall's goal. "That was the first touch she had on the ball. She came into the game and first touch you're like, 'Way to make a difference there buddy.' It was very good for her."

Lowry was the best player on the field Sunday. She scored the first goal in the 17th minute on an assist from Caroline Danneburg, and helped limit Wyoming to just one shot on goal for the game.

"I'm so proud of that girl. She made a perfect run down the line and she was right there and she had a great shot into the back of the net," Lowry said of Marshall. "We have great chemistry. This is the closest I've ever been with any team since I've been here."

Hempen played all five of his true freshmen. Former Fairview standout Anne Stuller led the team with six total shots (two on goal) in her official CU debut.

The Buffs out-shot the Cowgirls 23-7 with nine shots on goal. Freshman keeper Annie Brunner only had to make one save on the other end.

"We're still figuring things out. There were moments of beautiful soccer that show the potential that we have, then there were also moments of like, 'What are we doing?'" Russell said. "It was very much up and down ... but defensively, I was pretty impressed with us."

Stuller and Marshall each had chances to add to the goal total in the second half but rushed shots in the box.

"Pretty exciting," Shaye Marshall said of her goal. "The service from Kym was what made it good. ... In practice we just need to work on shooting. I think sometimes we get a little frantic. We need to calm down and just place them in the net."

CU improved to 10-4-1 all-time in home openers and 8-1-1 in the series with Wyoming. The young and talented Buffs are 1-0 on the season with a week to tighten things up before hosting Northern Colorado next Sunday (1 p.m., Prentup Field).

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## CU women defeat Cowgirls

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Kym Lowry and Shaye Marshall scored goals as the University of Colorado women's soccer team defeated Wyoming 2-0 Sunday in Boulder.

In their season opener, the Buffaloes outshot the Cowgirls 23-7. Colorado leads the all-time series against Wyoming 8-1-1, and the Buffs remain undefeated at home against the Cowgirls (0-2) with a 5-0 record.

## UNC women stay undefeated.

Kimmie Fielder and Ariel Cook scored goals as the Northern Colorado women's soccer team beat Air Force 2-0 in Greeley.

Fielder put the Bears (2-0) on the scoreboard first, scoring in the 29th minute, and Cook added a penalty kick for the second goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Kelly Stambaugh recorded seven saves for the Falcons (1-1).

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