

Bufs get aggressive in second half to top Bears

Danneberg, Lowry team up to lead CU past Northern Colorado

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Bill Hempen wanted his Colorado Buffaloes to be more aggressive, so at halftime the coach told his players to attack Northern Colorado.

"We weren't very dangerous for as much as I think we had the ball," Hempen said of the first half. "So we changed formation a little bit to be a little more attack-oriented. It showed right away when they came down and got a corner kick."

Eventually, the Buffs' aggressiveness paid off when Kym Lowry knocked in a perfect centering pass from Caroline Danneberg in the 61st minute, and the CU women's soccer team went on to beat the Bears 2-0 at Prentup Field on Sunday.

The Buffs (2-0) are young but they're showing no hesitation in their game. They spent most of the first half in the UNC (2-2) end but they couldn't cash in.

"It was definitely frustrating, so at halftime we regrouped," Danneberg said. "We realized if we settled down and keep controlling like we could we would put one in."

Danneberg's speed was a key to finally getting on the board. She tracked down a ball down the left side and saw Lowry streaking down the middle. She sent a perfect pass through the defense and Lowry buried a low shot to break the score-less tie.

"I noticed when Caroline had the ball down the line most of their defense was shifting and their eyes were on the ball," Lowry said. "I figured it was good opportunity to come down the middle where I had space. I knew she was going to cross it and I just finished it."

Even with the 1-0 lead, Colorado didn't back off. A few minutes later Erin Bricker rattled the left post with a shot, and in the 81st minute Danneberg and Lowry nearly duplicated the goal-scoring play but Lowry couldn't knock in the pass.

"Caroline played several really good balls behind their defense," Hempen said. "Kym got on the end of one and probably could have gotten on the end of the other."

Amanda Foulk got an insurance goal in the 86th minute when she sent a sliding shot through two defenders to the far post.

"I got lucky I was able to get around and get a decent shot. I was able to swivel around and get something on it," Foulk said. "When you're going into the last 5, 10 minutes and you're only up 1-0 it's good to get the second one. You feel a little more confident, you feel like you can take a step back and possess it a little more."

The Buffs compete in the Denver University Invitational over Labor Day weekend, so winning their first two games was important.

"We're still trying to figure out personnel and figure out what everybody's role is going to be on the team," Foulk said. "It's good to get a positive feel for the first part of the season."

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Bufs 2-0 after beating UNC

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Kym Lowry and Amanda Foulk scored goals as the University of Colorado women's soccer team defeated Northern Colorado 2-0 on Sunday at Prentup Field in Boulder.

The Buffaloes improved to 2-0, their best mark to start a season since 2002.

Lowry recorded the game-winning goal in both contests this season and has a team-leading six points.

The Bears (2-2) struggled against Colorado's defense, getting only three shots on goal in the game.

- With goals from Alison Kenney, Kalie Vaughn and Nicholette DiGiacomo, the University of Denver women's soccer team defeated the University of Buffalo 3-0 at Ciber Field in Denver.

The Pioneers held the advantage in shots (27-6) and corner kicks (7-2).

Grandview grad key to UNLV win.

The UNLV Rebels (1-2) won their first match of the volleyball season in come-from-behind, five-set fashion over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights (0-3) on Saturday at the Long Beach State Baden Classic. UNLV claimed the match 25-21, 23-25, 22-25, 25-21, 15-9.

Grandview High School graduate Sara Nehf put UNLV up 11-9 in the deciding game with her career- best 21st kill, and Nile Te'o served up back-to-back aces to add more breathing room. A quick timeout by Rutgers did nothing to cool the hot hands, as Sekola Falemaka and Madeline Westman connected on consecutive kills to keep the Rebels in control.

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UNC soccer team falls to Buffs

STAFF REPORTS,

In Boulder, the University of Northern Colorado soccer team lost to the University of Colorado 2-0 Sunday.

The Bears, who fall to 2-2, held CU scoreless in the first half, but allowed a goal in the 61st minute to break the tie. The Buffaloes scored again in the 86th minute.

The Bears recorded three shots in the match, and junior goalkeeper Kirstin Salminen made four saves.

"I thought today was a very well-played game on both sides," UNC coach Tim Barrera said in a press release.

"We had a couple good opportunities throughout the game, but we just couldn't put them away when we needed to."

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