



Cory Higgins went 4-of-6 from beyond the arc.
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Bufs Stay Sharp After Break, Bury Bulldogs

BOULDER - If first-year men's basketball coach Tad Boyle fretted just once about semester finals and an eight-day break taking any edge off his team, it was one fret too many.

In fact, the time off might have come at a perfect time.

Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes opened with a purpose Friday night against The Citadel and played most of the next 39 minutes the same way, routing the Bulldogs, 89-61, at the Coors Events Center.

Improving to 6-3, the Buffs stretched their home-court winning streak to six this season and 18 consecutive home victories against non-conference competition. It was the first meeting between CU and The Citadel,

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which dropped to 3-6 and plays eight of its next 10 games on the road.

CU had four players in double figures - freshmen Alec Burks (19) and Andre Roberson (11), and seniors Cory Higgins (18) and Levi Knutson (11). Roberson also collected 10 rebounds for his first career double-double.

With his team coming out of final exams and not playing since an overtime win against Colorado State on Dec. 8, Boyle had expressed mild concern earlier in the week about the layoff and whether his team would be mentally sharp after finals.

"As a coach you never know what to think coming off finals week . . . I was a little nervous," Boyle said.

Not to worry. The Buffs hit half of their 20 three-point attempts, shot 59.6 percent (34-of-57) from the field and limited the Bulldogs to 41.4 percent (24-of-58) shooting. CU outrebounded the visitors 33-29 and outran them at every opportunity, scoring 23 points on fast breaks to The Citadel's two.

Higgins said his coach's concern was needless: "We all itched to get back out on the court. I knew we were going to be ready to play, and it was just going to come down to execution."

Boyle was particularly pleased with the Buffs' increasingly unselfish play, noting on occasion they might have been overly unselfish. But finishing with 23 assists on 34 baskets won't draw too many complaints from any coach.

Said Boyle: "Guys are looking for each other . . . guys are conscious of trying to make each other better."

Point guard Nate Tomlinson is at the head of that pack. He dished out a team-best eight assists and had just one of his team's nine turnovers. Higgins had five assists and no turnovers. It was the fifth time in nine games that the Buffs have kept their errors in single digits.

If there was a dark element on a night of mostly silver linings, it was CU's overall post defense. The Citadel's 6-foot-8, 230-pound sophomore center, Mike Groselle, scored a game-high 22 points on 9-of-12 shooting. He was mainly responsible for the Bulldogs outscoring the Buffs 36-34 in the paint.

"These games are opportunities for us to get better," Boyle said. "In certain areas we did tonight; but one area we still need work in is our post defense."

CU hit three treys - the first two by Higgins - to open the game and sprinted to a 9-2 lead, undoubtedly giving The Citadel second thoughts about continuing to play zone.

The Citadel Coach Chuck Driesell, son of legendary hoops coach Lefty Driesell, called CU "a dangerous team. We thought their weakness was perimeter shooting. We were going to give them those, but they stepped up and hit threes. They made 10 threes . . . they're a talented team with good shooters and are effective enough inside."

For the rest of the half, The Citadel's zone didn't pose any more problems for the Buffs than it did in the opening minutes. And by intermission, CU led 41-28. But the Bulldogs were that close only because they closed the first 20 minutes with a 6-0 run, preventing the Buffs from building on their

19-point (41-22) advantage.

True to his word, Boyle subbed early and often, providing minutes for players who could help lengthen CU's bench when Big 12 Conference play begins next month.

Before halftime, Boyle had used everyone he suited up - and only two of his 11 players failed to score in the first 20 minutes. By game's end, only one - junior forward Trey Eckloff - hadn't reached the scoring column.

Roberson continues to catch his teammates' and coach's eye. Defense has been his main focus, but he said he is "trying to add the little things game-by-game so (his offense) evolves."

Higgins said the 6-7 wing player's early influence on the Buffs is "night and day compared to last season. Last year it was our five-man out there fighting by himself.

"Now we have our five-man and 'Dre'. Everybody knows that 'Dre' can rebound the ball. He's given us a great lift since Day One with his energy. He does a lot of little things that people don't see."

On the other hand, freshman center Ben Mills is hard to miss. Reinforcing his image as a burgeoning crowd favorite, the 7-footer went three-for-four from the field, getting his third basket on a sky hook just to the left of the free throw lane in the first half.

Mills said his hook shot "has been my move . . . my go-to move" almost since he first touched a basketball. "I feel like I've improved a lot since the summer. My teammates did a good job of finding me in a place where I could finish . . . I'm just working every day trying to get better."

Boyle said Mills is "going to be a good player . . . people just have to be patient with him."

Despite Higgins' quick start - he scored eight of CU's first 11 points - Burks was the only Buffs player in double figures (11) in the first half. Higgins' eight early points accounted for his first-half total, but he opened the second half with a layup and a trey from the left corner to build CU's lead back to 18 (46-28) and set the tempo for the final 20 minutes.

The Bulldogs didn't score until the 15:47 mark of the second half, and by then the Buffs had completed a 7-0 run and were up 48-28 - their largest margin to that point. They weren't satisfied, though, building a 65-41 advantage with just under 10 minutes left and coasting from there.

Many fans began making their way into the frigid night when CU began stretching its lead, but those who stayed for the final 21/2 minutes were treated to an alley-oop dunk on a Higgins-to-Shannon Sharpe pass.

It culminated a night when a lot went right for CU, but, of course, Boyle said further improvement is needed: "We've made strides offensively, with our chemistry, with our team identity . . . but our defense continues to be a work in progress."

The Buffs return to the Events Center at 2 p.m. Sunday to face Longwood University, a school with just under 5,000 enrollment in Farmville, Va. The Lancers (3-9) opened the season with a 113-75 loss at then-No. 7 Kansas and lost most recently at New Mexico on Friday night, absorbing their seventh consecutive defeat.

Christmas week finds CU in the 10th Las Vegas Classic against New Mexico on Wednesday and facing either Northern Iowa or Indiana on Thursday.

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Refreshed, CU Buffs roll by Citadel

CU bench players receive valuable playing time

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Per usual, star guards Alec Burks (19 points on 7-for-8 shooting) and Cory Higgins (18 points on 7-for-13 shooting) set the tone.

"We all itched to get back on the court," Higgins said. "I knew we were going to be ready to play. It was going to come down to execution, which we did."

CU, which allowed CSU to erase a five-point deficit in the final minute of regulation to force overtime, opened the second half with a 7-0 run to take a 20-point lead (48-28) and never looked back against the Bulldogs (3-6).

"That's one of the areas we're trying to grow in is not letting teams get back in the game," Higgins said. "Keeping our foot on the gas."

Higgins opened the game with two quick 3-pointers and eight points in the first 2:20 to give CU an 11-2 lead and force The Citadel to use a timeout. The Buffs made nine of their first 12 shots (75 percent) and led 26-16 after a 3-pointer by Burks with 11:13 remaining in the first half.

An Austin Dufault dunk and free throw capped an 11-0 run to make the score 39-20.

"I don't know about the road thing yet," Boyle said. "But I know we've made strides offensively, I know we've made strides with our chemistry, I know we've made strides with our team identity."

The Buffs (6-3) improved to 6-0 at the Coors Events Center this season with their 18th consecutive non-conference home victory.

Roberson finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds in 21 minutes. Levi Knutson stayed red hot with 11 points on 5-for-6 shooting.

And Sharpe's two points came on an exclamation point slam off a lob pass from Higgins with 2:39 remaining as CU finished the game with 23 assists on 34 made baskets and only nine turnovers.

Garbage time was a pretty site at the Coors Events Center.

As promised, Tad Boyle emptied the bench during Colorado's 89-61 romp over The Citadel on Friday night.

And from Andre Roberson's first career double-double to Ben Mills' sky hook to Shannon Sharpe's soaring dunk, the suddenly deeper and even more balanced Buffs performed at a high level against a lower-level opponent.

"As a coach you never know what to expect coming off finals week. Going into this game, I was a little nervous," Boyle said. "I thought the guys off the bench came in and were dialed in."

Despite not playing since the 90-83 overtime win over Colorado State on Dec. 8, the Buffs shot 59.6 percent from the field with four players scoring in double figures.

Boyle played all 11 available players and 10 of them scored.

"It makes all the difference in the world," Boyle noted of the impressive assist-to-turnover ratio. "It means guys are looking for each other."

The Buffs will host Longwood on Sunday (2 p.m., FSN) looking for their fifth consecutive victory.

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THE CITADEL (61)

FG FT Reb

Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS

Streeter 26 2-6 1-1 2-6 0 1 5

Dahn 27 4-12 0-0 2-3 2 2 10

Groselle 28 9-12 4-5 1-3 1 2 22

Urbanus 20 1-4 0-0 0-0 2 0 3

Wells 31 4-11 3-4 0-5 5 2 11

Morabbi 20 1-5 0-0 0-3 3 0 2

Wright 8 1-2 0-0 0-0 1 0 2

Djwrk 12 0-0 0-1 0-3 0 2 0

Smith 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Eykyn 12 1-3 2-2 0-3 0 2 4

Clark 15 1-3 0-0 2-3 0 2 2

Totals 200 24-58 10-13 7-29 14 13 61

Percentages: FG .414, FT .769.

3-Point Goals: 3-14, .214 (Dahn 2-8, Urbanus 1-4, Wells 0-1, Morabbi 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 0.

Blocked Shots: 1 (Streeter).

Turnovers: 13 (Groselle 4, Urbanus 3, Wells 3, Dahn 2, Streeter).

Steals: 3 (Streeter, Wright, Groselle).

Technical Fouls: None.

COLORADO (89)

FG FT Reb

Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS

Dufault 25 2-2 4-5 1-6 0 1 8

Tmlnsn 19 1-2 0-0 0-2 8 4 3

Rlphrd 23 3-9 0-0 0-5 4 2 7

Burks 28 7-8 3-4 0-3 1 1 19

Higgins 31 7-13 0-0 0-1 5 1 18

Sharpe 14 1-3 2-2 0-0 2 2 4

Coney 7 1-1 0-0 0-2 0 0 2

Rbrsn 21 4-8 2-5 1-10 1 2 11

Knutson 22 5-6 0-0 1-2 1 1 11

Mills 6 3-4 0-0 0-0 0 3 6

Eckloff 4 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 0 0

Totals 200 34-57 11-16 4-33 23 17 89

Percentages: FG .596, FT .688.

3-Point Goals: 10-20, .500 (Higgins 4-6, Burks 2-3, Knutson 1-2, Roberson 1-2, Tomlinson 1-2, Relphorde 1-3, Sharpe 0-1, Eckloff 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 2.

Blocked Shots: 3 (Roberson 2, Coney).

Turnovers: 9 (Relphorde 2, Burks 2, Knutson 2, Mills, Roberson, Tomlinson).

Steals: 10 (Relphorde 3, Dufault 2, Roberson 2, Burks, Tomlinson, Eckloff).

Technical Fouls: None.

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Mills hooks fans in CU victory

By Ryan Thorburn Camera Sports Writer
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Ben Mills has a boyish look and an old school game.

Colorado's 7-foot freshman scored six points on 3-for-4 shooting -- including a sky hook Kareem Abdul-Jabbar would be proud of -- during the Buffs' 89-61 victory over The Citadel on Friday at the Coors Events Center.

The kid from Hartland, Wis., said he has broken down some really old tapes of Abdul-Jabbar dating back to his days with Milwaukee.

"Me and my dad were big fans," Mills said. "He was on the Bucks, so I grew up watching him."

Mills is quickly becoming a fan favorite, and Tad Boyle plans to give the big guy more minutes leading up to Big 12 play.

"The only way he's going to get better is to play. He's going to have to help us at times this year defensively," Boyle said. "The thing about Ben is his teammates really look for him. Ben's going to be a good player. ...

"You can sense our fans really like him and want him to do well."

Mills scored two transition layups on nice feeds from Marcus Relphorde and Shannon Sharpe. His sky hook gave CU a 34-20 lead in the first half and had the crowd of 4,368 buzzing.

"I feel like I've improved a lot since I came here in the summer," Mills said. "My teammates did a good job of finding me in a place where I could finish."

Rebounding Roberson

Boyle's other talented true freshman, Andre Roberson, recorded his first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"One of the areas I'm trying to grow at is my offensive side in general," said Roberson, who entered the game as CU's leading rebounder (6.6 rpg). "I know I can do the defense because I focus on that all the time. I'm trying to add the little things game-by-game so it evolves."

The Citadel out-rebounded CU 18-15 in the first half, but the Buffs -- thanks in large part to Roberson -- had a 33-29 edge on the glass by the end of the game.

Streaking at home

The Buffs have now won four consecutive games this season (all at home), nine consecutive home games dating back to last season, and 18 consecutive non-conference home games dating back to the 2008-09 season.

Classic at Coors

Technically, the Buffs are 1-0 in the Las Vegas Classic.

The first two rounds are being played on campus sites. CU will host Longwood on Sunday while The Citadel will play New Mexico.

Indiana and Northern Iowa are in the middle of home games with SIU-Edwardsville and South Carolina State this weekend.

The Buffs draw New Mexico next Wednesday in Las Vegas and play either Indiana or Northern Iowa on Thursday. The Citadel will play South Carolina State and either Longwood or SIU-Edwardsville in Las Vegas.

The Bulldogs will have traveled 5,059 miles on this four-game trip by the time they arrive back in Charleston, S.C.

Notable

This was the first meeting between CU and The Citadel. The Buffs are now 4-0 all-time against teams from the Southern Conference. ... Austin Dufalt (eight points, six rebounds) scored the 500th point of his CU career. ... The Buffs had nine turnovers and have been in single digits in that category five times in the last nine games. ... CU is now 6-0 when at least four players score in double figures. ... The Buffs had a 23-2 edge in fast break points and a 34-10 edge in bench points.

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Reserves help Colorado rout The Citadel

By Tom Kensler
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BOULDER — Colorado's 89-61 victory over The Citadel played out Friday night just about the way Buffaloes coach Tad Boyle had hoped. Nice win. His reserves got some minutes.

Did anybody happen to take a photo of that sweet turnaround jump hook by 7-foot Buffs freshman Ben Mills?

Or of that ally-oop dunk by freshman guard Shannon Sharpe on a pretty lob by senior Cory Higgins?

And surely somebody grabbed some extra stat sheets afterward, so yet another freshman, 6-7 forward Andre Roberson, can mail them back home to San Antonio and show everybody his first college double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"If we keep bringing in guys like this, the program will be fine," Higgins said of the

freshmen.

"They keep working hard. They're willing to listen."

Roberson is already in the regular rotation. But Friday night's blowout before 4,368 in the Coors Events Center allowed Mills to take four shots (he made three) and Sharpe to work up a sweat.

When Mills adds at least 30 pounds to his skinny frame and grows some biceps, he may become an important part of Colorado's future.

"The hook shot has just been my favorite move since I was young," Mills said.

This season, Boyle would be happy if he felt comfortable to play Mills for seven or eight minutes without the Wisconsin native hurting the team.

"Ben is going to be a good player," Boyle said. "We just have to be patient. It's going to take some time and experience."

Giving subs some minutes is a reason to schedule weaker opponents as conference play draws closer. Boyle knows it's going to take more than a combined 40 points from Higgins and Alec Burks to beat even middle-of-the-pack teams in the Big 12. The dynamic duo produced 37 on this night, with Burks getting 19 to almost reach his conference-leading average of 20.5 in just 28 minutes.

Colorado improved to 6-3. Nobody has to tell

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Boyle that his team is 6-0 when at least four players score 10 or more points. This time, senior guard Levi Knutson matched Roberson's 11 points.

"The stat I looked at is 23 assists," Boyle said. "Our guys were looking for each other."

The Citadel, a member of the Southern Conference, fell behind 11-2 in the first three minutes and didn't mount much of a challenge. The Bulldogs dropped to 3-6 on the season.

THE CITADEL (3-6)

Streeter 2-6 1-1 5, Dahn 4-12 0-0 10, Groselle 9-12 4-5 22, Urbanus 1-4 0-0 3, Wells 4-11 3-4 11, Morabbi 1-5 0-0 2, Wright 1-2 0-0 2, Dejworek 0-0 0-1 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Eykyn 1-3 2-2 4, Clark 1-3 0-0 2. **Totals 24-58 10-13 61.**

COLORADO (6-3)

Dufault 2-2 4-5 8, Tomlinson 1-2 0-0 3, Relphorde 3-9 0-0 7, Burks 7-8 3-4 19, Higgins 7-13 0-0 18, Sharpe 1-3 2-2 4, Coney 1-1 0-0 2, Roberson 4-8 2-5 11, Knutson 5-6 0-0 11, Mills 3-4 0-0 6, Eckloff 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 34-57 11-16 89. Colorado 41-28. 3-point goals — The Citadel 3-14 (Dahn 2-8, Urbanus 1-4, Wells 0-1, Morabbi 0-1), Colorado 10-20 (Higgins 4-6, Burks 2-3, Knutson 1-2, Roberson 1-2, Tomlinson 1-2, Relphorde 1-3, Sharpe 0-1, Eckloff 0-1). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — The Citadel 29 (Streeter 6), Colorado 33 (Roberson 10). Assists — The Citadel 14**

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Colorado men earn lopsided victory against The Citadel

By Paul Willis

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BOULDER — Amidst another lopsided nonconference win against an inferior foe, the Colorado men's basketball team might have unearthed something significant.

The standout performances from Alec Burks and Cory Higgins were to be expected Friday night in the Buffaloes' 89-61 win against The Citadel at the Coors Events Center, but hidden among the host of glitzy statistics was a stellar sequence from freshman center Ben Mills.

Mills scored three consecutive baskets in a three-minute cameo late in the first half, including a sweet 9-foot hook shot from the left side of the paint. This qualifies as a key development for a number reasons, most notably that Mills is the Buffs' lone 7-footer.

For a team trying to escape its reputation as a bottom-feeder in the Big 12, a capable skyscraper who can play occasional minutes against some of the conference's premier bigs is an underrated commodity.

"He gave us a punch," CU coach Tad Boyle said. "He's going to be a good player, we just have to be patient. I think our fans really like him."

Mills' flurry also was significant because he had played only 27 minutes all season and had scored a mere nine points. It was pleasing to the lean, 215-pounder that these weren't late-in-the-game, garbage-time buckets, as they helped the Buffs build a 41-28 halftime advantage.

"I feel like I've improved a lot since I came here in the summer," Mills said. "My teammates did a good job of finding me in a place where I can finish."

Mills is still a work in progress — he accumulated three fouls in his six minutes of action — but this signals progress.

"The only way he's going to get better is to play," Boyle said. "He's going to need to help us at times this year. Offensively, he's pretty skilled, but defensively, he's going to be giving away some pounds. ... Post defense, we say you have to play with your feet and your brain. He's got to get that part figured out because he's used to standing behind guys in high school."

Burks led CU with 19 points and Higgins added 18 as the Buffs (6-3) cruised to their 18th consecutive win against nonconference competition. Burks, whose 20.5 scoring average entering the contest ranked third in the nation among sophomores, drilled 7-of-8 shots from the floor.

Reserve Andre Roberson recorded his first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds while Levi Knutson

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added 11 points off the bench for Colorado, which kicked off a stretch of four games in seven nights. The heavy week follows a nine-day idle stretch as part of finals week.

“It was good to continue what we started before the break and keep this train rolling,” said Higgins, who used the hiatus to heal various nicks and pains.

The Buffs rocketed to an 11-2 lead in the opening 2:20 in their first ever meeting against the Southern Conference-based Bulldogs (3-6), largely on the strength of eight quick points from Higgins (two three-pointers and a fast-break layup). The Citadel never recovered.

The lone problem for CU was Bulldogs sophomore center Mike Groselle, who scored 22 points in his initial start of the season. None of Groselle’s total, however, included a hook shot.

“It’s been my move since I was young,” Mills said. “It’s my go-to move.”

The Post and Courier

Bulldogs open road trip with blowout loss

Staff report

Saturday, December 18, 2010

BOULDER, COLO. -- Sophomore center Mike Groselle scored a career-high 22 points in his first start for The Citadel's basketball team Friday night, but it wasn't nearly enough for the Bulldogs against Colorado.

The Buffaloes shot a blistering 58.6 percent from the field, continuing The Citadel's defensive woes in an 89-61 victory at the Coors Events Center.

Alec Burks scored 19 points and Cory Higgins added 18 for Colorado (6-3), which has won four straight games. The Citadel dropped to 3-6.

Groselle, a 6-8, 230-pounder from Plano, Texas, was promoted to the starting lineup after scoring 23 points in the last two games, and nearly matched that total against Colorado, making 9 of 11 shots from the field and 4 of 5 from the foul line.

"Mike is improving every game, every practice," coach Chuck Driesell said. "He's the kind of guy you can build things around. The thing that sets him apart is how hard he plays, and he is going to fit in well with what we are trying to do."

Cameron Wells scored 11 points and Austin Dahn added 10 points for the Bulldogs, but senior guard Zach Urbanus was hampered by illness and scored only three points in 20 minutes. The Citadel shot just 3 of 15 from 3-point range.

"Those are our top three scorers, and they all were under their average," Driesell said. "If we can get back on track with those guys and with Groselle producing, we've got a chance."

The Buffaloes, picked to finish ninth in the Big 12 Conference, had no such trouble, making 10 of 22 from long distance, including 4 of 7 from Higgins, a 6-5 senior.

The Citadel trailed by 19 in the first half before closing to within 41-28 at intermission. But Colorado scored the first seven points of the second half for a 48-28 lead, and the Bulldogs could get no closer than 17 from there.

"That really took the wind out of us," Driesell said. "We spent 15 minutes talking about cleaning up the transition defense, and they scored three quick buckets in transition on us."

After 11 days between games, devoted mostly to mid-term exams and defense, the Bulldogs opened in a 2-3 zone and promptly gave up three 3-pointers to start the game, falling behind by 11-2 as Higgins scored eight quick points.

Groselle kept his team in it with eight early points, and The Citadel was within 28-20 on a Wells jumper with 7:38 left in the half.

But that was The Citadel's last bucket for a stretch of 4:33, as the Buffaloes ran off 11 straight points for a 39-20 lead. The Bulldogs scored the final six points of the half to stay within 41-28 at intermission.

Colorado shot 57.1 percent in the first half, while the Bulldogs made just 2 of 10 from 3-point range.

Next stop on the Bulldogs' road trip is Albuquerque, N.M., where The Citadel will face New Mexico on Sunday. Coach Steve Alford's team is off to a 8-1 start and will welcome UCLA transfer Drew Gordon, a 6-9 junior, for Sunday's game.

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