

Slow start dooms Lappe's CU Buffs

Colorado women drop second in row on road

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LOS ANGELES -- The Colorado women's basketball team's dismal second half Saturday carried on right through Sunday.

The Dayton Flyers jumped on the Buffaloes early and rolled to a 70-50 victory in the consolation game of the Women of Troy Tournament at Southern Cal's Galen Center.

One night after a 20-2 second-half run doomed CU in a loss to USC, CU went scoreless for the first 41/2 minutes against Dayton. The Buffs scored just 16 points on 15.6-percent shooting (5-for-32) in the first half to fall behind by 15 at the break. After CU cut the deficit to eight to start the second half, the Flyers quickly pulled away and were never threatened again.

"From the very start, we didn't come out ready to go, and Dayton took it to us all night," CU coach Linda Lappe said on the KKZN post-game radio show.

CU (7-4) lost its second in a row and third in four games heading into another long stretch without playing. The Buffs don't play a game again until hosting Colgate on Dec. 30. In the meantime, they'll return to Boulder for a few days of practice, take a few days off next weekend and then get back to work.

After Colgate, the Buffs host North Dakota and then jump into Big 12 Conference play.

"We've got to reset and get our competitive spirit back," Lappe said. "I thought our focus was terrible. As good as it was last Wednesday against Colorado State, I thought it was equally as bad this whole weekend, particularly tonight. We were doing things that I haven't seen our team do ever."

That Colorado was able to make a run to start the second half Sunday spoke to Dayton's own tough offensive night. The Flyers (6-5) shot only 32 percent from the field to CU's 26. But they out-performed the Buffs in nearly every category.

Colorado was out-rebounded for the first time all season, 59-45, and gave up 20 offensive boards. Dayton forced 22 CU turnovers. The Flyers hit 23 of 31 free throws while CU attempted only 12. And the Flyers outscored the Buffs 32-18 in the paint as CU struggled to get the ball inside for the second night in a row.

CU resorted to 29 3-point attempts and hit on only seven.

"We shot 29 3s, which is way too many," Lappe said of the woes inside. "But it seemed like the best shots we could get tonight."

Dayton's balanced, fast-paced attack saw four players score in double figures. Forward Justine Raterman led the way with 17 points and nine rebounds. Guard Kristin Daugherty chipped in 15 points and 11 boards for the Flyers, an NCAA Tournament team last year that entered the weekend averaging 80.8 points per game.

One night after being held to five points, CU leading scorer Brittany Spears put up 22 points and 11 rebounds. But she hit just 6 of 23 from the field, including 4 of 14 from long range.

And she was the only Buff to score in double figures. Sophomore guard Chucky Jeffery scored nine points and had six assists, and freshman Ashley Wilson came off the bench to score seven points.

Dayton led 17-2 early as the Buffs missed their first six shots. Still, a layup by Jeffery and a 3-pointer by Britney Blythe made it 29-21 to start the second half.

But the Flyers reeled off nine quick points to make it 38-21, and CU never got within single digits again.

CU's 16 first-half points tied the eighth-fewest in a first half in program history, and their 18-for-70 shooting night (25.7 percent) rivaled the program-low 13-for-56, 23.2-percent effort against Texas on Feb. 23, 2005.

"Over the break we've got to get a lot better," Lappe said.

Notable Spears eclipsed both the 1,700 career points mark and the 800 career rebounds mark. She is just the third player in CU history to do so and now has 1,716 points and 804 rebounds.

Dayton 70, Colorado 50 DAYTON 70

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

Queen 27 4-10 1-1 4-5 6 1 13

Rateman 30 7-12 1-4 2-2 9 0 17

Nance 20 1-3 0-0 0-2 5 3 2

Lalor 26 4-12 0-2 3-4 4 0 11

Kr. Daugherty 24 3-7 0-0 9-10 11 1 15

Applewhite 12 0-8 0-1 2-2 4 2 2

Lindsey 14 1-4 1-3 2-4 2 1 5

Mackay 4 0-1 0-1 0-0 0 0 0

Moses 10 0-3 0-0 0-0 1 0 0

Sant 10 0-3 0-1 0-2 0 1 1

Wilson 8 2-4 0-0 0-0 1 1 4

Ka. Daugherty 15 0-2 0-2 0-0 5 5 0

Totals 200 22-69 3-15 23-31 59 15 70

Assists (9): Lalor 3, Kr. Daugherty 2, Ka. Daughterty 2, Nance, Queen.

Steals (10): Nance 2, Queen 2, Rateman, Lalor, Kr. Daugherty, Applewhite, Lindsey, Moses.

Turnovers (18): Wilson 3, Mackay 3, Lindsey 3, Applewhite 2, Lalor 2, Nance 2, Rateman, Moses, Ka. Daugherty.

Blocked shots (5): Nance 4, Ka. Daugherty.

COLORADO (50)

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

Seabrook 28 2-6 0-0 0-0 5 4 4

Spears 33 6-23 4-14 6-7 12 2 22

Blythe 23 1-4 1-4 0-0 2 0 3

MM-Peck 22 1-6 1-4 0-0 6 5 3

Jeffery 33 4-11 1-3 0-1 6 0 9

B. Wilson 16 1-4 0-0 0-2 2 3 2

A. Wilson 18 3-7 0-1 1-2 5 3 7

Dale 14 0-4 0-3 0-0 1 3 0

Hargis 15 0-3 0-0 0-0 2 4 0

Totals 200 18-70 7-29 7-12 45 24 50

Assists (10): Jeffery 6, Spears 2, Blythe, Malcolm-Peck.

Steals (7): Jeffery 3, A. Wilson 2, Seabrook, Spears.

Turnovers (22): Spears 4, Jeffery 4, B. Wilson 4, Dale 3, Seabrook 2, A. Wilson, Hargis.

Blocked shots (1): Seabrook.

Halftime score: Dayton 29, Colorado 16.

Technical fouls -- CU: B. Wilson.

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