

stops.

"Our guys know what we have to do. It's not rocket science," Boyle said. "We have to guard and we have to rebound at a high level if we want to play and win at a high level.

"Until we do that, it will be nights like this."

The Buffs will have one more chance tonight to pull off a quality non-conference win against a name program.

Or completely crap out in Las Vegas.

New Mexico 89, Colorado 76

NEW MEXICO (89)

FG FT Reb

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

Hrdmn 16 3-4 3-3 1-3 0 4 9

Gary 33 4-7 10-10 1-3 4 2 18

Willms 30 5-7 7-8 0-3 11 3 18

McDnld 30 6-10 0-0 1-2 2 2 14

Kirk 22 2-4 1-2 2-10 0 1 6

Adams 8 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 2 2

Fenton 15 2-3 1-3 0-1 2 0 5

Snell 15 3-5 0-0 0-0 0 1 7

Gordon 20 4-8 2-2 1-7 0 4 10

Bairstw 11 0-0 0-0 0-2 0 2 0

Totals 200 30-49 24-28 9-35 19 21 89

Percentages: FG .612, FT .857.

3-Point Goals: 5-12, .417 (McDonald 2-5, Kirk 1-1, Snell 1-2, Williams 1-3, Fenton 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 4.

Blocked Shots: 0.

Turnovers: 18 (Gordon 5, Williams 3, Hardeman 3, Gary 2, McDonald 2, Kirk, Snell, Fenton).

Steals: 6 (Williams 3, Gary 2, Adams).

Technical Fouls: None.

COLORADO (76)**FG FT Reb****Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS**

Tmlinsn 15 1-4 0-0 0-2 3 5 2

Rlphrde 28 4-10 4-7 1-2 3 4 13

Burks 35 7-14 11-13 0-1 1 1 25

Higgins 33 4-13 2-2 1-3 0 4 10

Dufault 20 1-1 0-0 0-1 0 4 2

Sharpe 11 3-3 0-0 0-0 2 0 7

Rbersn 26 3-5 0-0 4-8 0 3 7

Kntson 30 4-8 0-0 1-2 0 4 10

Mills 2 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Totals 200 27-58 17-22 11-23 9 25 76

Percentages: FG .466, FT .773.**3-Point Goals:** 5-22, .227 (Knutson 2-4, Sharpe 1-1, Roberson 1-3, Relphorde 1-5, Burks 0-2, Tomlinson 0-3, Higgins 0-4).**Team Rebounds:** 4.**Blocked Shots:** 2 (Roberson, Higgins).**Turnovers:** 12 (Roberson 3, Relphorde 3, Higgins 2, Burks 2, Tomlinson, Knutson).**Steals:** 6 (Knutson 2, Roberson 2, Burks, Dufault).**Technical Fouls:** None.**New Mexico 41 48--89****Colorado 33 43--76****A --** 2,867.**Officials --** T. Nester, W. Humes, L. Andrakakos.

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Lobos in control from tip to finish

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LAS VEGAS — Dairese Gary and Kendall Williams scored 18 points apiece as New Mexico defeated Colorado 89-76 on Wednesday night to advance to the championship game of the Las Vegas Classic.

Williams also had 11 assists for the Lobos (10-1), who won their eighth consecutive game and will play Northern Iowa tonight in the tournament final. Phillip McDonald added 14 points, Drew Gordon had 10 and Alex Kirk pulled down 10 rebounds.

Alec Burks had 25 points to lead the Buffaloes (7-4), who will play Indiana in a consolation game tonight. Marcus Relphorde added 13 points, and Levi Knutson and Cory Higgins each had 10.

New Mexico, which never trailed in the game, led 41-33 at halftime and by as many as the 13-point final margin. The Lobos shot 61 percent (30-for-49) from the field and 42 percent (5-for-12) on 3-point attempts. Colorado shot at a 47 percent field-goal clip (27-for-58), but hit just

5-of-22 3-point shots.

NEW MEXICO (10-1)

Hardeman 3-4 3-3 9, Gary 4-7 10-10 18, Williams 5-7 7-8 18, McDonald 6-10 0-0 14, Kirk 2-4 1-2 6, Adams 1-1 0-0 2, Fenton 2-3 1-3 5, Snell 3-5 0-0 7, Gordon 4-8 2-2 10, Bairstow 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 30-49 24-28 89.**

COLORADO (7-4)

Tomlinson 1-4 0-0 2, Relphorde 4-10 4-7 13, Burks 7-14 11-13 25, Higgins 4-13 2-2 10, Dufault 1-1 0-0 2, Sharpe 3-3 0-0 7, Roberson 3-5 0-0 7, Knutson 4-8 0-0 10, Mills 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 27-58 17-22 76. New Mexico 41-33. 3-point goals — New Mexico 5-12 (McDonald 2-5, Kirk 1-1, Snell 1-2, Williams 1-3, Fenton 0-1), Colorado 5-22 (Knutson 2-4, Sharpe 1-1, Roberson 1-3, Relphorde 1-5, Burks 0-2, Tomlinson 0-3, Higgins 0-4). Fouled out — Tomlinson. Rebounds — New Mexico 35 (Kirk 10), Colorado 23 (Roberson 8). Assists — New Mexico 19 (Williams 11), Colorado 9 (Relphorde, Tomlinson 3). Total fouls — New Mexico 21, Colorado 25. A — 2,867.**

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Colorado (7-4) vs. Indiana (9-3)

By Sports Network
The Sports Network

GAME NOTES: It is the consolation round for the Colorado Buffaloes and Indiana Hoosiers this evening, as the two teams will meet up at the Orleans Arena in final round action of the Las Vegas Classic.

The Hoosiers rally fell short in their semifinal matchup against Northern Iowa, as they fell to the Panthers on Wednesday, 67-61. The loss was just the third on the season for Indiana, which had won three of its last four games coming into Wednesday's action. The team made light work of both SIU- Edwardsville (88-54) and South Carolina State (102-60) in regional action of this event.

The Buffaloes are sitting at 7-4 overall following Wednesday's 89-76 shootout loss to New Mexico in semifinal round action. The loss snapped a five-game win streak for Colorado, which hadn't lost since a November 28th setback at Harvard.

This series is tied at one game apiece. The Buffs defeated the Hoosiers in the last meeting, 80-62 in first-round action of the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

The Buffaloes gave it their best effort, but came up short in an offensive slupfest against New Mexico on Wednesday night in a game the Lobos led the entire way. An early run by the Lobos left the Buffs in a whole they would never get out of. Colorado hung tough throughout though, shooting .466 from the field overall and placing four players in double figures. Alex Burks led the way with a game-high 25 points. Marcus Relphorde chipped in 13, followed by Cory Higgins and Levi Knutson, who added 10 points apiece. Averaging a hefty 84.0 ppg this season. Colorado certainly has the offensive arsenal to hang with any team. The Buffs are shooting a healthy .492 from the floor this year, led by Burks' play. The 6-6 sophomore is converting just over half of his shots (50.3 percent) and paces the team with 20.3 ppg. Higgins (16.5 ppg) can fill up the basket as well, with Knutson (12.0 ppg) and Relphorde (11.7 ppg) providing adequate scoring depth.

The Hoosiers started off sluggish and were never able to recover, falling to Northern Iowa by six-points on Wednesday. The loss spoiled a terrific outing by Christian Watford, who was unstoppable up front, finishing with a double-double consisting of 23 points and 10 rebounds. The Hoosiers overall dominated the low post, outscoring Northern Iowa 26-10 in the paint. Derek Elston poured in 19 points in support, but UNI hit nine three-pointers in the game, compared to a 2-of-13 showing for Indiana. The Hoosiers have been a dangerous offensive team for the most part this season, averaging 77.8 ppg on .506 shooting. Watford has been a big reason for the offensive success, converting .486 from the field overall and pacing the team with 18.7 ppg. Verdell Jones is next in line at 12.6 ppg, followed by Maurice Creek's 9.8 ppg.

Both these teams like to fill up the basket, but it is Colorado that has the better depth at that end of the floor. Expect Burks to have another good game, leading his team to a solid win here.

Fact Stats

Game Date and Time

Predicted Outcome

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