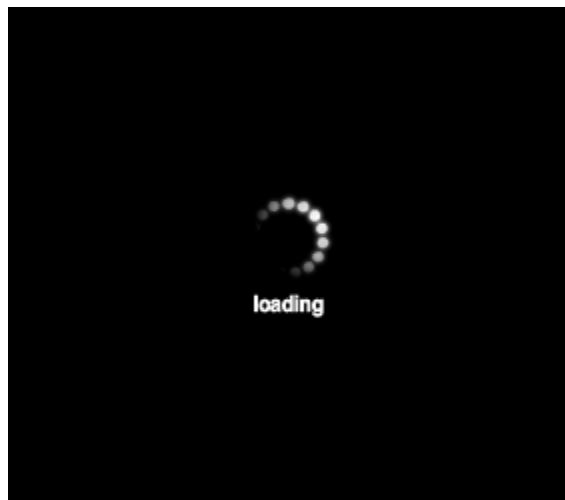


Lappe's CU Buffs stumble down stretch

Women fall to Kansas at home

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The Colorado women's basketball team improved in nearly every respect from Saturday's blowout loss at Texas A&M.

The effort Wednesday night still wasn't enough to earn a Big 12 win, and it still left plenty to be desired for the Buffaloes.

Kansas out-played CU down the stretch to triumph 68-58 at the Coors Events Center in a game the Buffs could -- and maybe should -- have won.

Colorado led for much of the game but couldn't overcome a 13-2 run by the Jayhawks midway through the second half, and the 1,524 in attendance shuffled out quietly.

The loss was CU's second in a row and dropped the Buffs (9-6) to 0-2 in Big 12 play with No. 17 Iowa State coming to town on Saturday. Kansas (14-2, 1-1) rebounded from a home loss to Texas Tech in its league opener.

"(Big 12 North Division) teams in our gym should be our games," junior forward Julie Seabrook said after the Buffs came out of a long, emotional post-game meeting with the coaching staff.

Sophomore point guard Chucky Jeffery had another banner evening, scoring 23 points, grabbing 10 rebounds, making six steals and handing out four assists. But forward Brittany Spears (16 points, 10 rebounds) was the only other Buff to score more than six points as CU struggled to a 36-percent shooting night that included several missed layups.

KU, meanwhile, attempted 20 fewer shots than CU. But the Jayhawks -- one of the nation's best shooting teams -- hit 46 percent from the floor and also hit 19 of 24 free throws. Aishah Sutherland scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and fellow forward Carolyn Davis had 12 points and eight boards.

"It's priceless when you feel like this," KU coach Bonnie Henrickson said. "We were able to bounce back on the road. It's hard to do."

The Buffs were as miserable afterward as the Jayhawks were happy.

Despite the tough shooting night, the worst part of the performance for CU was the way the team failed to finish.

CU was ahead 41-38 with 13 minutes, 34 seconds to play after a follow by Seabrook. That's when the Jayhawks made their run, going up 51-43 with 11:07 to go.

Despite twice cutting the deficit to five, the Buffs never really recovered. They looked disjointed offensively and struggled to get good looks, while KU held on.

"We all got frustrated and didn't realize we were still in the game," Jeffery said. "We all went our separate ways. We fell apart."

The lack of cohesion down the stretch was particularly frustrating after the Buffs felt they'd rallied around each other in the

second half of the 85-57 loss to A&M.

CU head coach Linda Lappe said the Buffs missed opportunities to seize control in the crucial moments of the game late in the second half where possessions mattered most.

"Our team still doesn't know how to recognize that," Lappe said. "I think the more close games they're in the better that will get.

"In that part of the game we have to step up, and in that part of the game we folded."

There were bright spots for the Buffs.

One game after committing 27 turnovers, they committed a season-low 12. And when KU made a 12-2 run in the first half to take a six-point lead, CU stormed right back with a 9-0 surge of its own.

"We can't have mental lapses," Jeffery said. "We have to stay together as a team. When things go bad we can't break apart."

Kansas 68, Colorado 58 KANSAS (68)

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

Sutherland 27 6-12 0-0 3-4 9 1 15

Davis 30 3-3 0-0 6-9 8 3 12

Engleman 39 4-11 2-6 1-1 4 2 11

Moore 31 0-1 0-0 4-4 1 2 4

Goodrich 28 0-1 0-0 4-4 5 2 4

Mays 14 3-6 2-3 1-2 1 0 9

Boogaard 10 4-7 0-0 0-0 3 2 8

Brown 7 0-2 0-1 0-0 1 0 0

Jackson 13 2-4 1-2 0-0 3 1 5

Harper 1 0-1 0-1 0-0 1 0 0

Totals 200 22-48 5-13 19-24 39 13 68

Assists (16): Engelman 8, Moore 2, Goodrich 2, Boogaard 2, Brown, Davis.

Steals (5): Mays 2, Goodrich, Davis, Brown.

Turnovers (16): Engelman 4, Sutherland 3, Davis 2, Moore 2, Goodrich 2, Mays 2, Jackson.

Blocked shots (2): Sutherland, Boogaard.

COLORADO 58

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

MM-Peck 28 1-5 1-5 1-2 6 4 4

Seabrook 26 3-8 0-1 0-0 3 5 6

B.Wilson 17 2-10 0-2 0-0 1 3 4

Spears 35 6-17 1-4 3-5 10 3 16

Jeffery 38 11-19 0-1 1-4 10 1 23

Blythe 18 1-2 1-2 0-0 0 0 3

A. Wilson 7 0-2 0-2 0-0 0 0 0

Dale 18 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 2 0

Hargis 13 1-5 0-0 0-0 3 1 2

Totals 200 25-68 3-17 5-11 38 19 58

Assists (8): Jeffery 4, M. Malcolm-Peck, B. Wilson, Blythe, Hargis.

Steals (11): Jeffery 6, Spears 3, Dale, Seabrook.

Turnovers (12): Jeffery 5, Seabrook 2, Spears 2, M. Malcolm-Peck, Blythe, Hargis.

Blocked shots (4): Spears 2, M. Malcolm-Peck, Seabrook.

Halftime score: Kansas 32, Colorado 31.

Technical fouls -- None.

Attendance -- 1,524.

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CU women`s woes in post exposed

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The difference was glaring down the stretch Wednesday night in the Colorado women`s basketball team`s 68-58 loss to Kansas at the Coors Events Center.

When the Jayhawks needed key buckets late, they fed the ball inside experienced post players Krysten Boogaard and Carolyn Davis. The Buffaloes, meanwhile, got 38 points in the paint, but most of them came from perimeter players slashing to the hoop.

With only two post players on the roster, the Buffs figured to be at a disadvantage in the front court when the season began. And Big 12 Conference play has only highlighted the deficiency.

Colorado post players Julie Seabrook and Rachel Hargis have combined for just eight points in the Buffs` conference games against Texas A&M and Kansas.

The junior-freshman duo went scoreless against the Aggies and were out-played by the Jayhawks` deep front line Wednesday. Seabrook scored six points on 3-of-8 shooting, while Hargis went 1 for 5 for two points in just 13 minutes of play.

KU`s Davis, meanwhile, scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds. The 6-foot-5 Boogaard had eight points off the bench. And forward Aishah Sutherland led the Jayhawks with 15 points.

Six of Boogaard`s points came during a decisive second-half surge by the Jayhawks in which she caught three lob passes in the span of three minutes and converted all for easy layups.

"With the post players, coach has challenged us to step up offensively more," Seabrook said. "And that`s one of the things I need to work on personally and I know Rachel wants to work on, too -- being more of an available option posting up and getting it in."

Double double-doubles

Chucky Jeffery (23 points, 10 rebounds) and Brittany Spears (16 points, 10 rebounds) gave the Buffs two players with double-doubles in the same game for the third time this season.

Jeffery`s was her seventh of the season and eighth of her career, while Spears pushed her career mark to 27 with her fifth double-double of the season.

Notable

Colorado is 0-6 this season when trailing at halftime. KU led 32-31 at the break Wednesday. ... KU won its third in a row over CU to tie the all-time series at 33 apiece. ... CU`s eight assists were a season low as were free throws made (5, tie) and attempted (11, tie).

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Communication breakdown leads to loss

Women's basketball drops Big 12 home opener

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It takes two to tango, but quite a bit more to play basketball.

The CU women's basketball team found this out the hard way when they fell to the Kansas Jayhawks 68-58.

CU falls to 9-6 overall (0-2 Big 12), and KU moves to 14-2 (1-1 Big 12).

Sophomore guard Chucky Jeffery and senior forward Brittany Spears carried the team, each picking up double-doubles.

Jeffery raked in 23 points, ten rebounds and six steals. Spears also came in with ten rebounds and 16 points.

With her six field goals, Spears passed Tracy Tripp for fourth place on CU's all-time list.

While two players brought in 39 of the team's 58 points, the bench only added five, compared to the KU bench putting up 22.

"We can't have two players show up," said Linda Lappe, the team's head coach. "We've got to have all nine every single game."

Jeffery said that when the players became selfish in the second half, they fell apart.

"We only have nine of us," Jeffery said. "Everybody has to be here on every game. Everybody has to be mentally ready. When things go wrong, we have to mentally uplift each other no matter what's going on. We just have to be positive with each other, because that's the only way that we're all going to come back together."

Despite playing together well for the majority of the game, the Buffs fell apart in the last eight minutes.

Colorado was up by as much as seven points with 12:50 left in the first half. While KU gained a 6-point lead with 5:31 remaining before the break, CU narrowed the margin to just one, going into the locker room trailing 32-31.



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Jayhawks just out of reach

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BOULDER — A pair of layups pulled the University of Colorado women's basketball team within five points late in Wednesday's game.

The Buffs never could catch Kansas, however.

Aishah Sutherland scored 15 points to lead Kansas to a 68-58 win against CU at Coors Events Center.

Chucky Jeffery had 23 points and 10 rebounds for CU, while Brittany Spears had 16 points and 10 rebounds. But it wasn't enough to prevent CU from falling to 0-2 in Big 12 play (9-6 overall).

"We are very disappointed in how it ended," CU coach Linda Lappe said. "I thought we played well for the first 32 minutes, and then had a stretch there where things kind of fell apart for us, and we weren't able to regain our composure and that was the tell of the game."

Kansas (14-2, 1-1) led 32-31 at the half before pulling away late.

CU has lost eight straight Big 12 home games.

"It's a tough one," Jeffery said. "Any team in our gym, we should win. We were prepared and we did everything that we needed to do. We just had, in that point and time, that eight-minute lapse towards the end of the game and it killed us."

The Buffs made just 36.8 percent of their shots and had a season-low eight assists on 25 baskets.

"I thought we missed a lot of open players, especially when they went to a zone," Lappe said. "The coaches have to take responsibility for that sort of thing by saying, 'We are running this play, and here's who we need to get the shot, and where we need to get the shot.' If that was unclear, then that's something I need to do better with."

Overall, it was not the type of performance CU was looking for in its Big 12 home opener.

"We can't have mental lapses," Jeffery said. "When things go bad we can't break apart or we're just going to keep going down. We just have to have everybody step up. We only have nine of us and everybody has to be mentally ready."



Colorado's Brittany Wilson, right, tries to block a shot by Kansas' Monica Engelman at Coors Events Center on Wednesday. **Joshua Buck/Times-Call**

KANSAS 68, COLORADO 58

KANSAS (14-2, 1-1 Big 12)

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COLORADO (9-6, 0-2 Big 12)

M. Malcolm-Peck 1-5 1-2 4, Seabrook 3-8 0-0 6, B. Wilson 2-10 0-0 4, Spears 6-17 3-5 16, Jeffery 11-19 1-4 23, Blythe 1-2 0-0 3, A. Wilson 0-2 0-0 0, Dale 0-0 0-0 0, Hargis 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 25-68 5-11 58.

Halftime—Kansas 32-21. 3-Point Goals—Kansas 5-13 (Engelman 2-6, Mays 2-3, Jackson 1-2, Brown 0-1, Harper 0-1), Colorado 3-17 (M. Malcolm-Peck 1-5, Spears 1-4, Blythe 1-2, B. Wilson 0-2, A. Wilson 0-2, Seabrook 0-1, Jeffery 0-1). Fouled Out—Seabrook. Rebounds—Kansas 39 (Sutherland 9), Colorado 38 (Spears, Jeffery 10). Assists—Kansas 16 (Engelman 8), Colorado 8 (Jeffery 4). Total Fouls—Kansas 13, Colorado 19. A—1,524.

“When things do go wrong, we have to mentally uplift each other no matter what’s going on. We have to be positive with each other because that’s the only way we’re going to come back together.”

The Buffs host Iowa State on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Prins returns home for final matchup with Buffaloes

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While sophomore center Anna Prins didn't get to go home for the holidays, she will get that chance when she returns to Colorado at 5 p.m. Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

The game serves as a homecoming for Prins. She grew up in Broomfield, Colo., just a short drive

Prins, who is averaging 18 points and nine rebounds during the past three games, is excited to get home to see her family and friends.

"Last year my sister had a game that day," Prins said. "My sister didn't even get to come. This year she's here to see me play."

While Prins is going to have some extra motivation, the Cyclones' focus defensively is going to be on the scorers. Senior forward Brittany Spears and sophomore guard Chucky Jeffery have accounted for most of the offense this season.

Spears is averaging 18 points and eight rebounds per game while Jeffery is putting up 15 points, 10

"They have one of the best players in the conference in Brittany Spears," said ISU senior shooting four years. Knowing what she likes to do and frustrating her a little bit are going to be some of ou

Bolte has also been playing well as of late, particularly in the second half. During the last two gar second half, where the Cyclones have been doing the majority of their work. In the team's first tw outscoring opponents by 14 points in the second half.

While the team's second half ability is reassuring, they know that they have to put two good halve the season goes on. Bolte isn't quite sure what is to blame for the slow starts, just that it needs fixi

"We want to start much better than we have the last two games," Bolte said. "I think now that eve hopefully we can do some things differently."

Saturday's game will mark the Cyclones' final one in Boulder, as Colorado will leave for the new the past five meetings between the two teams.

They are under the direction of first-year coach Linda Lappe, a Burlington, Iowa, native. With a r anticipating some changes in the way they play, despite the roster remaining largely the same as l

"They have players that can take over games on both offense and defense," Fennelly said. "They've there is a new coach, there is renewed effort and enthusiasm."



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