

# Lappe's CU Buffs go ice cold down stretch

## CU falters at Oklahoma State

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STILLWATER, Okla. -- The Colorado women's basketball team found a way upset Iowa State without point guard Chucky Jeffery. Three days later, though, the Buffaloes sorely missed the sophomore's play-making ability.

The Buffs couldn't sustain a rhythm all night on Tuesday. And in the end their offense shut down completely.

Down by just 1, CU went without a field goal for the final 7-and-a-half minutes to fall to Oklahoma State 58-49 at Gallagher-Iba Arena.

That the Buffs endured such a drought and still lost by single digits merely left them thinking of what could have been -- Jeffery or no Jeffery.

Jeffery, who suffered a concussion in a loss to Kansas last week, didn't make the trip to Stillwater and her status is still listed as day-to-day.

"We came in here and this is one that we should have gotten," CU coach Linda Lappe said on the KKZN post-game radio show. "We missed one. It was a great opportunity, and we didn't take advantage of it."

CU (10-7, 1-3) was looking to pull even at 2-2 in Big 12 Conference play and snap a years-long skid on the road against South Division opponents that now stands at 22 games. Instead, the Buffs struggled against the Cowgirls' multiple zone defenses and turned in their lowest offensive output of the season.

Tentative to challenge OSU's size inside, the Buffs shot just 32 percent (17 for 54) and managed just 10 points in the paint against one of the conference's stingiest defensive squads.

The Buffs grabbed 13 offensive rebounds but turned them into just four points.

"They had that big girl in there and I think we just shied away from contact," Meagan Malcolm-Peck said of 6-foot-6 OSU freshman Vicky McIntyre, who led the Cowgirls with 14 points, eight rebounds and four blocks. "It does no good to get the offensive rebound if you're not going to make the shot."

The Buffs out-rebounded the Cowgirls 36-34 and held the Big 12's best offensive rebounding team to 10 below its average. But all eight OSU offensive boards came in the second half, resulting in 10 points.

McIntyre and 6-0 OSU forward Precious Robinson hurt the Buffs inside in the second half, combining for 16 points in the last 16 minutes of the game.

The most agonizing part about the loss was no doubt how close the Buffs came to taking control on multiple occasions.

OSU (13-4, 1-3) never trailed and led by as many as 10 in the second half, 46-36 with 11:16 to play. But CU three times cut deficits of seven points or more to tie the game or pull within a point.

Freshman guard Brittany Wilson drained a 3 to cap a 10-1 CU run and make it 47-46 with 7:29 left. But that's when the wheels came off for the Buffs.

They turned the ball over on their next three possessions in a row and could muster only three more points -- a pair of free throws by forward Brittany Spears with 4:29 to go to make it 52-48 OSU and an inconsequential free throw by Wilson in the final minute. The Buffs missed their final 13 shots from the field.

After trailing by seven at half, the Buffs pulled even at 34-all thanks to 10 straight points by Spears, who scored 15 of her team-best 18 after the break. But OSU responded with a 12-2 run.

The ending wasn't CU's only sore spot offensively as the Cowgirls rotated between 2-3 and 1-3-1 zones and a box-and-one on Spears. The Buffs had first-half scoring droughts of 2:52, 3:52, 3:53 and 4:57.

Wilson, running the point again in place of Jeffery, scored 11 points and had four rebounds and three steals. But she also committed seven of the team's 21 turnovers. Malcolm-Peck added nine points for CU.

"We just couldn't sustain our offensive output," said Lappe, whose squad hosts Missouri at 4 p.m. Saturday.

## **Oklahoma State 58, Colorado 49**

### **COLORADO**

#### **FG FT Reb**

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

Seabrook 26 3-3 0-0 1-7 1 4 6

Dale 33 1-8 2-3 0-0 5 2 5

Spears 35 5-14 4-4 1-9 0 3 18

Blythe 22 0-2 0-0 0-2 2 1 0

[B.Wilson](#) 36 4-14 1-2 1-4 2 1 11

[A.Wilson](#) 16 0-3 0-0 4-4 0 2 0

MM-Peck 29 4-10 0-1 4-5 2 3 9

Hargis 3 0-0 0-0 0-1 0 1 0

**Totals 200 17-54 7-10 13-36 12 17 49**

**Percentages:** FG .375, FT .700.

**3-Point Field Goals:** 8-29, .276 (Spears 4-11, B. Wilson 2-6, Dale 1-6, Malcolm-Peck 1-4, Blythe 0-2).

**Team Rebounds:** 4.

**Blocked Shots:** 2 (Spears 2).

**Turnovers:** 21 (B. Wilson 7, Malcolm-Peck 5, Hargis 3, Spears, Dale, Seabrook; Team 3).

**Steals:** 8 (B. Wilson 3, Blythe 2, Spears 2, Malcolm-Peck).

**Technical Fouls:** None.

### **OKLAHOMA STATE**

#### **FG FT Reb**

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

Bryan 24 2-7 0-0 1-3 0 1 6

Young 24 5-9 0-2 2-6 0 1 10

Keller 14 1-1 4-4 0-2 3 2 6

Garrison 38 2-7 0-0 0-4 3 1 6

Bias 31 1-4 0-0 0-4 5 2 2

Robinson 20 4-6 2-5 1-3 0 2 10

Blr-Mbly 2 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Howard 9 0-1 0-0 0-1 0 0 0

Crutchfield 11 1-3 2-2 0-1 0 1 4

Suttles 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 0

McIntyre 24 5-9 4-6 3-8 1 3 14

**Totals 200 21-48 12-19 8-34 13 13 58**

**Percentages:** FG .438, FT .632.

**3-Point Field Goals:** 4-13, .308 (Bryan 2-5, Garrison 2-5, Blair-Mobley, Howard, Crutchfield).

**Team Rebounds:** 2.

**Blocked Shots:** 6 (McIntyre 4, Robinson, Young).

**Turnovers:** 18 (Bias 5, Bryan 3, Keller 2, Crutchfield 2, McIntyre 2, Young, Garrison, Suttles; Team 1).

**Steals:** 6 (Crutchfield 2, Young, Bias, Robinson, Howard).

**Technical Fouls:** None.

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Precious Robinson's layup with 1:32 left proved to be the backbreaker for Colorado, giving Oklahoma State the lead Tuesday night, and the Cowgirls went on to a 58-49 win over the Buffaloes.

Oklahoma State (13-4, 1-3 Big 12) started the game on a 13-5 run. Colorado (10-7, 1-3) responded to close to within 21-20, then the Cowgirls went on their own run to lead 29-22 at halftime. CU tied the game at 34 early in the second half, then had to rally again after OSU increased its lead to 10 points. The Buffs trailed 52-48 after Brittany Spears' two free throws at the 4:29 mark, then scored only one more point the rest of the way. Spears led CU with 18 points and Brittany Wilson added 11.

### Colorado St. 68, UNLV 63

FORT COLLINS — Kim Mestdagh (25) and Sam Martin (16) combined to score 41 points, and the Rams held on in the second half when their shots stopped falling. CSU (9-8, 2-2 MWC) shot almost

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## Consuegra, Lillis break out as assistants

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Iowa's all-time leader in assists got one more last week for Marquette.

Cara Consuegra, in her seventh season as an assistant coach with the Golden Eagles, had to take over head coaching duties when Terri Mitchell left the Jan. 11 game with a concussion. Consuegra then led Marquette to a win over previously undefeated No. 6 West Virginia.

"It was nuts," Consuegra said. "It happened so fast. There wasn't much time to think about it, especially because our players looked panicked, and I knew I couldn't look panicked."

Last week also was a big one for former Hawkeye Jennie Lillis. She was on the bench as Colorado upset No. 16 Iowa State 66-60, breaking a streak of 24 straight losses to Top 25 teams.

Lillis — now Jennie Baranczyk — went to Colorado after spending four years at Marquette with Consuegra and was more amazed by the latter's win.

"I can't believe what she did," Baranczyk said. "What a great way for them to beat two Top 25 programs in a week."

Midway through the second half on Jan. 11 in Milwaukee, Wis., Mitchell was hit in the head by the basketball and had to leave the court. Consuegra took over as head coach.

"I basically just tried to stay calm," Consuegra said. "I'm lucky to work for a boss that allows me to have a voice in our program. I knew everything that was going on, I just had to step up and be the one making the calls."

She made the right ones, apparently, as Marquette, trailing by two at the time, went on an 11-0 run to take the lead and won 69-54.

"Our entire staff used her leaving as motivation to get a win for Terri," Consuegra said. "We were operating on all cylinders and believed we were going to win the game. I didn't have to do a lot. I continued to call the things that were working."

Mitchell returned to the bench but let Consuegra continue the head coaching duties, and the former Hawkeye also did the post-game press conference.

"It was fun and meant a lot to me that Terri trusts me enough to do that," Consuegra said. "Obviously I have an aspiration to be a head coach someday, so it was a great experience to get to be the one in charge for a short time."

Consuegra and Baranczyk both want to be head coaches. Baranczyk chatted with a familiar coach, Iowa State's Bill Fennelly, before their game Jan. 11 in Boulder, Colo.

She had gone head-to-head with his teams during her days at Iowa, and it helped add a little

spice to the matchup for both her and Colorado head coach Linda Lappe, a Winfield-Mt. Union graduate.

“Winning against Iowa State is great, but more than any of that, it was a big win for our team,” Baranczyk said.

Baranczyk joined Colorado at an odd time. The Buffalos are playing their final season in the Big 12 and will move to the Pac-10 next fall.

“You go and you think you’re recruiting to one conference, getting Midwest players,” Baranczyk said. “Then you realize you’ve got to get California players, and from the Northwest, as well as the Midwest and Texas. It’s a challenge.”

Both Baranczyk, a 2004 Iowa graduate, and Consuegra (2001) still chat, e-mail, or text on occasion with the Iowa coaching staff.

“I believe in them and what they are doing as much as I believe in our staff,” Baranczyk said.

“We pull for one another,” Consuegra said. “They all texted me the next day on my ‘first win.’ They’d be there for me if I ever needed anything.”

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