

# Bufs' Wallace wins Heather Farr Memorial

## CU Junior rallies for individual title after Friday car accident

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ERIE -- It was certainly no laughing matter at the time, but less than 24 hours after being involved in an auto accident with four of her University of Colorado women's golf teammates, junior Emily Talley was able to take a lighter look at the situation.

"We're all sore," she said Saturday afternoon after the Bufs had won both the team and individual titles at the CU Heather Farr Memorial Invitational. "My dad made a good point. He said, 'Imagine what the football team goes through. They get hit every single time and they have to get back up.' I'm like, 'That's true.' Now golf is a contact sport in my mind."

Shortly after leaving Colorado National Golf Club Friday night after playing the first two rounds of the tournament, Talley and teammates Jessica Wallace, Taylor Doyle, Meaghan Kari and Devin Dougherty were part of a three-car accident, Talley recounted. She said she, Doyle, Kari and Dougherty were in the front vehicle, Wallace was in the middle one, and a CU teacher of Talley's was in the rear vehicle when the accident happened.

Coach Anne Kelly, who was quickly notified of the crash, went to the scene with assistant Brent Franklin.

"It was kind of scary to see, but to see them all walk away ... I was just thankful," Kelly said. "They were beat up and sore but they weren't too bad. We didn't have anybody in the hospital, so that was a good thing. Cars can be fixed, but people are a lot harder. It was pretty much a miracle that they all walked away as well off as they did."

Doyle, a sophomore who was in third place individually after the first day of the tournament, withdrew Saturday morning, as did Kari and Dougherty, who were competing strictly as individuals. But Wallace and Talley decided they felt good enough to play, preserving CU's chance for a team title.

Despite all the turmoil, the Bufs emerged with a 16-stroke team victory, giving them two wins in one season for the first time in program history. And Wallace, who transferred in the offseason from Pepperdine, picked up her first individual college title.

"Especially given the week, it means a lot," Wallace said. "Having my teammates be able to come out today and have that support after yesterday, it meant the world to me."

Wallace was seven strokes out of the lead entering the final round, but despite recovering from the accident and dealing with strong winds Saturday morning, she shot an even-par 72 to win by one over Colorado State's Emily Roering.

"It was really tough on her last night," Kelly said of Wallace. "She just wanted to play and she showed a lot of heart. I'm just so proud of her I can't even believe it."

Wallace, who placed 21st in last year's NCAA Championships, finished at 4-over-par 220 at Colorado National. It was her third top-five showing of the season.

"I wasn't even thinking about" the possibility of rallying for a win, Wallace said. "I didn't know where we stood as a team and I didn't know where I stood individually. I just wanted to go out and play golf today. Golf is what I do. It's the best way to keep my mind off things. I just wanted to go out and hit the golf ball around. I wasn't really concerned about the score."

Overall, the Bufs put four players in the top 12 individually, with freshman Kristin Coleman finishing sixth, Talley 10th and Jennifer Coleman 12th. Talley extended her program record for consecutive top-10 finishes to five.

As a team, the Bufs continue to roll. Ranked between 15th and 21st in the nation depending on the poll, CU has yet to finish out of the top three this season, going first, third, second and first.

"I think we're all sore and whatever, but it's kind of cool to go through what we did and still have Jess win and we win as a team," said Talley, the Big 12 Women's Golfer of the Month for September. "It's kind of an exciting way to go through a tournament."

The team victory was just the sixth in CU women's golf history -- and the fourth that has come in Colorado -- while Saturday's 16-stroke win margin was a team record. And the Buffs did it despite knowing they couldn't throw out a player's score in the final round. With Doyle withdrawing, the rounds of Wallace, Talley and the Coleman sisters automatically counted toward the team total. Despite that handicap, CU posted a better final round (303) than any of its 10 opponents, all of whom didn't count their high score of the day.

"They showed more heart today than I even thought they had, coming out and playing," Kelly said. "I couldn't be more proud of them. Whether we won or didn't win today really didn't matter. Them just coming out and playing hard for one another is a real tribute to my team."

Kelly and her Buffs will host an NCAA women's regional tournament at Colorado National in May of 2012, a year after the club serves as a site for an NCAA men's regional.

## **CU Heather Farr Memorial**

### **Invitational**

#### **At Par-72 Colorado National GC in Erie**

#### **Team scores**

1. Colorado 290-300-303--893
2. Colorado State 291-304-314--909
3. Fresno State 306-297-313--916
4. Portland State 308-306-313--927
5. Northern Iowa 300-312-317--929
6. Eastern Michigan 303-316-313--932
7. Wyoming 311-303-319--933
8. Nevada 294-317-323--934
9. Montana State 312-311-320--943
10. Weber State 313-329-324--966
11. Northern Colorado 322-329-332--983.

#### **Top individuals**

1. Jessica Wallace, CU, 73-75-72--220
2. Emily Roering, CSU, 71-73-77--221
3. Louisa Lies, Fresno State, 72-69-81--222
4. (tie) Brianna Espinoza, CSU, 71-76-78--225

Krysta Clark, Fresno State, 77-77-71--225

6. (tie) Kristin Coleman, CU, 72-75-79--226

Robyn Scott, E. Michigan, 77-73-76--226

Darby Peters, E. Michigan, 70-76-80--226

Joyce Chong, Nevada, 74-74-78--226

10. Emily Talley, CU, 75-75-77--227.

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6. Kristin Coleman 72-75-79--226

10. Emily Talley 75-75-77--227

12. Jennifer Coleman 74-80-75--229

Taylor Doyle 71-75-WD

#### **Competed only as individuals**

14. Tessa The 79-75-77--231

36. Jamie Befort 78-82-79--239

Meaghan Kari 73-77-WD

Devin Dougherty 82-87-WD.

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