

# Hempen's Buffs face No. 5 Cowgirls

## CU has upset two top-10 teams this season

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Colorado will be on the road facing a top-five team tonight.

For most college soccer teams, this is a difficult spot to be in. For the 2010 Buffs, this is where they are at their best.

CU opened Big 12 play with a victory at No. 6 Texas A&M days after upsetting No. 10 UCLA. This time Bill Hempen's team will face No. 5 Oklahoma State in a nationally televised game in Stillwater (6 p.m., Fox Soccer Channel).

"It's one of those things where mentally you come prepared for a certain type of game," junior midfielder Kate Russell said. "With the big games and the big rivals, I think everyone's energy and adrenaline are a little more. But we need to generate that against teams that aren't UCLA and aren't Texas A&M."

After upsetting the Aggies in College Station, the Buffs went 0-1-3 while going 425 minutes without scoring a goal.

That all changed on Sunday with a 3-1 victory over Iowa State. Shaye Marshall ended the goal-scoring drought with Russell and Kym Lowry adding goals in the second half.

The Cowgirls (12-1-1, 5-0) might be the best team CU has faced all season.

"The TV games are very exciting and traveling to Oklahoma is always tough with two tough teams there," Marshall said. "Oklahoma State is going to be a good challenge, but I think we'll be ready."

The Buffs (6-7-1, 2-3-1) will play at Oklahoma (8-5-1, 3-2) at noon on Sunday before wrapping up the regular season at home against Kansas and Nebraska.

Hempen thinks CU will have to win three of its last four games to make the Big 12 Tournament, which includes only the conference's top eight teams.

"I think we go in there and play even harder knowing we have to start winning these games," Marshall said.

## NCAA Pre-Nationals

The CU cross country teams will participate in the NCAA Pre-Nationals on Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind. The NCAA Championships will be run on the same course Nov. 22.

The Buffs are ranked No. 4 on the men's side and No. 9 on the women's side. Sophomores Joe Bosshard and Laura Tremblay won their respective races at the Rocky Mountain Shootout in Boulder on Oct. 2.

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