



*Chucky Jeffery scored a game-high 19 points Thursday night.
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Brooks: CU Fizzles At End, Ducks Walk Out On Top

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BOULDER - Squandered opportunities in the final minutes were difficult to overlook, but University of Colorado women's coach [Linda Lappe](#) contended her team's 64-62 loss Thursday night to Oregon came earlier.

"No one play, no one shot lost the game," Lappe said. "I can think of several times in second half when we lost the game."

But CU's play in the final 2:14 at the Coors Events Center is hard to ignore. Including two free throws, the Buffaloes missed six shots in that stretch and committed two of their 16 turnovers in the last minute.

With the score tied at 62-62, [Brittany Wilson](#) misfired on two free throws with 1:47 to play, then missed a floating jumper in front of the basket at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime. The Ducks got a free throw each from Laura Stanulis and Ariel Thomas in the last 1:32 for the winning

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 Notes

CU dropped its fifth consecutive game and lost for the eighth time in nine games. The Buffs fell to 16-12 overall and 5-12 in the Pac-12 Conference, while Oregon improved to 15-14 and 6-11. The Ducks swept the Buffs, winning 67-62 last month in Eugene.

Lappe called it "a game of runs . . . no run was too large; it was pretty close all the way through. We just couldn't get it done to end the game on top. No loss ever feels good and it shouldn't feel good. When it starts to feel OK, you've lost the spirit of why we all compete. I'm not used to this and our team can't be used to this."

Aside from three ties, CU led the entire first half, leading by as many as six points on two occasions. But the Buffs led by only two (30-28) at halftime. Once the Ducks passed them (40-38) with just under 14 minutes to play, the Buffs never regained the lead.

CU opened the game without leading scorer [Chucky Jeffery](#) in the starting lineup, a decision Lappe said was based on practice performance as well as a desire to bring Jeffery off the bench.

"She responded well and she had good confidence," Lappe said. "She really helped our tempo when she came in."

Jeffery, who entered the game with 9:13 left in the first half, finished with a game-best 19 points in 26 minutes. [Julie Seabrook](#) added 16 points - two below her career high - and [Lexy Kresl](#) had 10 for the Buffs.

Oregon had two players in double figures - Amanda Johnson and Deanna Weaver with 11 each - but nine of the Ducks who played scored.

CU limited Oregon, the Pac-12's second-best scoring team (72.6 point average), to nine field goal in 33 first-half attempts (27.3 percent). But the Buffs' early defense was counterbalanced (in a bad way) by their turnovers. Averaging 18 a game in conference play, CU was halfway there by intermission.

Jeffery also was on the bench when the second half opened, with the Wilson sisters - Brittany and Ashley - in the Buffs' backcourt. Jeffery didn't sit long. She was back on the court at the 17:06 mark, with the Buffs up 35-30.

That didn't last long either. Oregon's Danielle Love promptly hit back-to-back treys, giving the Ducks their first lead of the night - 36-35 - with 16:17 remaining. And before the clock nudged the 16-minute mark, Seabrook went to the bench with three fouls - a costly loss for the Buffs if she stayed seated long. She didn't, returning 41/2 minutes later.

The Ducks took their largest lead of the game - 48-41 - on a three-pointer by Jordan Loera with 9:27 left. Just under a minute later, Seabrook hit a short jumper and was fouled. Her free throw pulled the Buffs to within four (48-44), and Jeffery followed with a trey from the left wing to close the gap to one (48-47).

Oregon opened a six-point lead (53-47) on a short jumper by Weaver and a three-pointer by Johnson with 6:30 to play. But CU wouldn't go away, closing to within one (53-52) on a Kresl three-pointer, then pulling to within a point again (56-55) on a Kresl layup at the 4:46 mark.

The Buffs twice crept to a point back in the next 2 minutes, then tied the game at 62-62 on a Kresl trey from the right wing with 2:14 left. But at that point, CU's scoring was done.

Lappe liked, for the most part, the way her team attacked Oregon's zone: "I think we executed well at times . . . I liked that we didn't just take all threes; we got some easy shots inside. Meagan (Malcolm-Peck) and Julie had some nice easy looks. I thought we were more versatile in how we were getting shots."

But, noted Lappe, the Buffs also encountered a second-half cold spell, and "when Lexy got the three to go down

(tying the score at 62) it gave us a boost."

CU's chance to take the lead fizzled when [Brittany Wilson](#) missed a pair of free throws less than a half minute later. With 3.2 seconds left, CU called a timeout, setting up a final shot, but [Brittany Wilson](#)'s short runner at the buzzer missed.

Lappe's plan was for someone to drive to the rim, but the Ducks denied Jeffery and Kresl the ball. Lappe said she believed [Brittany Wilson](#) "had a decent look; it was a little bit of a floater, we just couldn't get it to go down."

The Buffs play their final regular-season game on Saturday (4 p.m.) against Oregon State at the Events Center.

IT'S RALLY TIME: CU will conduct a "Stampede To Staples" pep rally at the Coors Events Center on Sunday, March 4, as a sendoff for the men's and women's basketball teams prior to next week's Pac-12 tournament in Los Angeles.

The short Hollywood-themed program, to be emceed by John Murray, will feature athletic director [Mike Bohn](#), men's coach [Tad Boyle](#), women's coach [Linda Lappe](#), players from both teams, the CU cheer squad, Chip the mascot and the basketball pep band. Bohn will talk about the 50 loyalty prize winners (C-Unit) who will make the trip to L.A.

Entrance to the event, which begins at 2 p.m., will be through the Events Center's northwest doors. Parking is free in Lot 436 and the parking structure. Popcorn and soda will be provided by the Boulder Buff Club.

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SHOW MENU



CU women tumble in another close one

Brittany Wilson misses shot at buzzer as Buffs fall to Oregon for fifth loss in row

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During the first half of the season, the Colorado women's basketball team thrived in close games.

Those situations have been brutal on the Buffs in the second half.

On Thursday night, the Buffs lost to Oregon 64-62 when Brittany Wilson's running floater hit off the rim at the buzzer at the Coors Events Center.

It was the third time in the last five home games that CU (16-12, 5-12 Pac-12) has lost a game in either the closing seconds or overtime.

"I think we just have to believe," CU head coach Linda Lappe said. "We believed we could win those close games early in the season and it's been a little bit different here lately. We've just got to get back to believing that we can win a close game."

Winning any kind of game would be nice for the Buffs, who have lost five in a row and eight of their last nine. They fell to 2-6 in conference home games.

"No loss ever feels good and they shouldn't feel good," Lappe said. "When they start to feel OK, then you've lost the spirit of why we all compete. We can't do that. We can't just get used to doing this. I'm not used to this and our team can't be used to



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this either, and I don't think they are. But, at some point you've got to start to make a change."

Maintaining a positive attitude, the Buffs appeared poised for that change Thursday against the Ducks (15-14, 7-10), which came in riding a three-game skid.

CU had plenty of positives during the game, too.

Chucky Jeffery, despite not playing the first 10-plus minutes, led the way with 19 points for CU. She also had nine rebounds. Julie Seabrook added 16 points and eight rebounds, while Lexy Kresl had 10 points. The Buffs out-rebounded and out-shot the Ducks.

Yet, the Buffaloes failed to score after tying the game on a Kresl 3-pointer with 2:13 to play. They were 0-for-4 from the floor and 0-for-2 from the line after that bucket.

Oregon's Ariel Thomas then hit a free throw with 8.2 seconds

left, and CU called a timeout with 3.2 seconds to play.

"We knew they were going to be keying on Chucky (Jeffery)," Lappe said. "We took her around and cleared her out and they were right on her. They were right on Lexy. The plan for was B-Will to catch it at the top and really just penetrate to the rim and get a 12-15-foot jumper in there. I thought we had a decent look. It was a little bit of a floater and we just couldn't get it to go down."

Led by Jeffery, Seabrook, Kresl and Meagan Malcolm-Peck, who buried a couple 3-pointers, CU lead 30-28 at the half and increased the lead to 35-30 early in the second half.

Oregon responded with an 8-0 run and took its first lead of the game on a Danielle Love 3-pointer with 16:02 to play. After that, CU tied the game twice but never regained the lead.

Little things, such as missed box-outs, missed assignments on defense and a couple crucial missed free throws hurt.

"Any time there's a close game, you look back and there's no one shot that lost you the game, no one play that lost you the game," Lappe said. "I can think of a couple different times in the second half where we lost the game. It wasn't at the end. Anything you can control, when you don't control those things, those things end coming back to bite you and I think that's what happened."

Oregon 64, Colorado 62 OREGON (64)

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

Love 27 3-6 3-4 0-0 3 4 9

Johnson 27 4-13 2-4 1-2 12 1 11

Holliday 20 4-9 0-0 0-0 0 3 8

Thomas 25 1-7 0-4 5-6 6 3 7

Jackson 2 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Weaver 20 4-12 2-6 1-3 1 0 11

Stanulis 20 1-2 1-1 1-2 4 1 4

Loera 15 3-6 2-5 0-0 0 0 8

Brenner 25 0-4 0-0 4-4 5 2 4

Petersen 19 0-1 0-0 2-2 5 1 2

Team 4

Totals 200 20-61 10-24 14-19 40 15 64

Assists (13): Stanulis 4, Petersen 3, Johnson 2, Brenner 2, Love, Holliday.

Steals (7): Stanulis 3, Johnson 2, Thomas, Loera.

Turnovers (12): Brenner 4, Johnson 3, Love, Holliday, Thomas, Stanulis, Petersen.

Blocked shots (1): Stanulis.

COLORADO (62)

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

MM-Peck 33 2-6 2-5 1-2 5 2 7

Seabrook 29 5-11 0-3 6-6 8 3 16

B. Wilson 22 2-9 1-5 2-4 3 2 7

A. Wilson 26 0-4 0-2 0-0 5 1 0

Sborov 25 1-2 0-0 1-2 7 4 3

Kresl 21 4-12 2-8 0-0 3 1 10

Jeffery 26 6-11 4-5 3-3 9 4 19

Hargis 18 0-2 0-0 0-0 3 2 0

Team 0

Totals 200 20-57 9-28 13-17 43 19 62

Assists (15): Jeffery 4, A. Wilson 3, Malcolm-Peck 2, B. Wilson 2, Sborov 2, Seabrook, Kresl.

Steals (4): Jeffery 2, Sborov, Hargis.

Turnovers (16): A. Wilson 5, Seabrook 2, B. Wilson2, Sborov 2, Jeffery 2, Malcolm-Peck, Kresl, Hargis.

Blocked shots (5): Hargis 3, Seabrook 2.

Halftime score: Colorado 30, Oregon 28.

Technical fouls -- None.

Attendance -- 1,569.

Veteran forwards spark CU women in loss to Oregon

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It's been a while since Julie Seabrook and Meagan Malcolm-Peck provided a significant scoring punch to the Colorado lineup.

Despite Thursday's 64-62 loss to Oregon, the two veteran forwards were much-needed sparks on offense.

Seabrook finished with 16 points, while Malcolm-Peck had seven. It's the first time they've combined for at least 20 points since a loss at Washington on Jan. 5.

For Seabrook, it was her best game since scoring 18 on Jan. 5. She had 12 points in the previous four games combined.

"If my team doesn't win, it doesn't really matter," said Seabrook, who was supported by several family members in attendance. "I'm happy with how I played, but the (win) would have been better."

Malcolm-Peck now has 15 points in the past two games after scoring 10 in the previous six combined.

"I thought Meagan stepped up and hit a couple of shots tonight and really played with confidence," head coach Linda Lappe said.

Sitting down

The starting lineup was unusual. Junior guard Chucky Jeffery, who had started 25 straight games, was on the bench at the opening tip. She stayed on the bench for the first 10 minutes, 47 seconds.

"It was kind of a practice decision," Lappe said. "It was something that we felt like was best for our team and we wanted to just bring her off the bench."

In just 26 minutes, Jeffery had 19 points, nine rebounds and four assists - leading the team in all three categories.

"I thought she had good confidence coming in and really helped our tempo when she came in," Lappe said.

Defense

CU held Oregon to 8.6 points below its average. It also held the Ducks' top scorer, Amanda Johnson, to just 11 points - 8.0 below her average. She torched the Buffs for 26 points on Feb. 4.

"She made some tough shots definitely and we lost her in transition a couple times," Malcolm-Peck said. "But, I thought we realized what we had to do on defense and keyed on her pretty well."

Bad memories

Oregon freshman Megan Carpenter doesn't have the greatest memories of Coors Events Center.

As a star at Longmont High School, Carpenter helped the Trojans get to the Class 4A state title games in 2010 and 2011. She and the Trojans lost both of those games to Broomfield, however. Coming back this week brought those memories back to the front of Carpenter's mind.

"The first day I walked into the gym, it felt like the buzzer had just gone off last year in our state championship game," she said.

That aside, Carpenter, who did not get into the game Thursday, said she enjoyed coming home this week, including having her Ducks teammates over to her parents house for a team dinner on Wednesday.

For the season, Carpenter has played a reserve role with limited minutes, but said she's learned a lot already in coach Paul Westhead's run-and-gun system.

"I've been working on getting more aggressive with my post moves and trying to get a mid-range shot," she said.

As for the experience of going to Oregon, Carpenter said, "I love it. It was the best decision I made."

Good memories

While Carpenter lost a pair of state title games on this floor, Abby Waner won two.

The former ThunderRidge High School and Duke University star was the sideline reporter for Root Sports' coverage of Thursday's game.

"There's little triggers of gyms and of fields, of people that bring you back to actual games you played in yourself," said Waner, who won three state titles in high school, the first one at Pepsi Center. "For me, I have chills right now talking about it. Walking in here, I such great memories of being with my teammates. There's so many good memories here."

Waner finished her high school career in 2005 and her Duke career in 2009. This is her third season working in television. She does freelance work, mostly for ESPN, but also quite a bit for The Mountain. This was her first game with Root.

"When you stop playing and you can't play anymore all you do is just go talk about it and that's what I do now," she said. "I really do (enjoy it). It was really hard for me not playing anymore, but it was kind of a natural transition to come and do this."

Thursday's game was Waner's first game at CEC since the 2005 Class 5A state championship game. Her older sister, Emily, played for CU during the 2003-04 season before transferring to Duke.

Notable

CU used its ninth different starting lineup. ... The two teams combined for 19 3-pointers, most in any CU game this season. ... Jeffery moved into 20th place on CU's all-time scoring list with 1,106 points. ... Kresl has 49 3-pointers this season, fourth-most by any CU freshman and the most since Emily Waner had 51 in 2003-04. ... Seabrook had a career-high two blocks. She came in with 27 career blocks, all of them in different games.

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Ducks complete mile-high sweep of Buffaloes**Oregon rallies with point guard Nia Jackson on the bench for its third Pac-12 road victory**

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BOULDER, Colo. — Playing without point guard Nia Jackson and burdened by four losses in its last five games, the Oregon women's basketball team rallied for a 64-62 victory over Colorado at the Coors Event Center on Thursday.

The Ducks led for most of the second half but had to survive a missed runner in the lane by Colorado's Brittany Wilson to hang on for the win.

Oregon completed the season sweep of the Buffaloes, improving to 15-14 overall and 7-10 in the Pac-12. The Ducks finish the regular season Saturday at Utah.

Jackson started the game but lasted only 2 minutes before going to the bench for good because of illness. Oregon missed its first nine shots, and star senior Amanda Johnson was held without a field goal in the first half as the Buffaloes built a 30-28 halftime lead.

But the Ducks found their offensive footing after the break. Danielle Love hit back-to-back three-pointers for Oregon's first lead at 36-35, the beginning of a 13-3 run that ended with a Johnson three-pointer to give the Ducks a 43-38 advantage.

Colorado (16-12, 5-12) clawed back into a 62-62 tie with a three-pointer by Lexy Kresl. Laura Stanulis and Ariel Thomas each hit 1-of-2 free throws for Oregon in the final minute, and the Ducks kept the Buffaloes off the scoreboard to secure their first win since Feb. 11 at Washington State.

Johnson finished with her 30th career double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 12 boards to move into fourth all-time at Oregon with 877 rebounds.

Deanna Weaver added 11 points, providing some much-needed offense in the first half while most of the team was sputtering.

With Jackson out, Stanulis and freshman Lexi Petersen split time at the point, combining for seven assists and two turnovers.

Oregon shot just 32.8 percent but made 10-of-24 three-pointers. The Ducks had failed to shoot at least 30 percent in their previous two games.

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