



Lexy Kresl had a career-high 20 points, including 6-of-7 from 3-point range
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Brooks: Kresl, Seabrook Push Buffs Past Beavers

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BOULDER - Saturday at the Coors Events Center technically belonged to [Julie Seabrook](#) - the University of Colorado women's basketball team's lone senior. By afternoon's end, at a postgame Senior Day celebration, she was more than happy to make room in the spotlight for sharpshooting freshman [Lexy Kresl](#).

Veteran and newcomer - Seabrook and Kresl - collaborated nicely to help push CU to a sorely needed 67-57 Pac-12 Conference win against Oregon State, which had hammered the Buffaloes by 20 points in early February in Corvallis.

CU snapped a five-game losing streak and won for only the second time in 10 games.

"It was a great win for our team, our program and for [Julie Seabrook](#)," CU coach [Linda Lappe](#) said. "I thought everybody stepped up, played well within the system."

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Everybody played just a little bit better overall. We were outstanding defensively . . . and offensively things were clicking."

Kresl went several clicks past clicking. The first-year guard from Paradise Valley, Ariz., poured in a career-high 20 points on six-of-seven shooting from behind the three-point arc - the top percentage this season in the Pac-12 and the second-best in CU women's hoops history.

Kresl, who also collected a career-best six rebounds, said she hadn't felt so "on" in her three-point shooting since her five-of-eight performance against Northern Arizona. "That was the first game of the season, this is the last game of the season, so it's ironic," she said.

Sophomore guard [Chucky Jeffery](#), who didn't start in Thursday night's two-point loss to Oregon because of a coach's decision, returned to the starting lineup and contributed 13 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

Seabrook, meanwhile, posted her first career double-double - 11 points, 10 rebounds - ever in conference play. She capped her home career by contributing 27 points and 18 rebounds in her final two regular-season games at the Events Center.

"It was awesome . . . I'm kind of lost for words," said Seabrook, a native of North Vancouver, B.C., who was surprised before the game by the singing of the Canadian national anthem. "I did a pretty good job of keeping (her emotions) under wraps. I mean, I'll probably go home and cry later, but whatever."

Winning their final regular-season game, the Buffs improved to 17-12 overall and 6-12 in the league. Oregon State, which blasted CU 65-45 in their first meeting, ended the regular season at 18-11, 9-9.

Oregon State had three players in double figures, topped by Earlysia Marchbanks' 16 points. She also had nine rebounds, eight steals and seven assists. Sage Indendi added 12 - all in the second half - and Ali Gibson scored 10.

The official pairings will come Sunday from the Pac-12 office, but the Buffs are expected to be the No. 10 seed in next week's conference tournament and play No. 7 seed Utah Wednesday at 6 p.m. (MST) at the Galen Center on the Southern California campus. CU and Utah split their regular-season games, each team winning on the other's home court.

Saturday's win, said Seabrook, "obviously gives us momentum" going to Los Angeles. "I think it shows us how we need to play to be successful, what we need to do to get wins and play together."

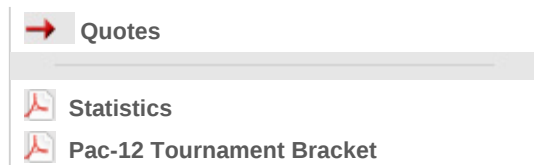
The Buffs shot 44.4 percent from the field (12-of-27) in the second half to keep the Beavers at bay. The Buffs finished the game at 41.8 percent from the field (23-of-55) while holding the Beavers to 32.1 percent (18-of-56). CU outrebounded the visitors 46-31, outscored them 30-18 in the paint, 14-4 in fast break points and 25-9 in bench points (20 courtesy of Kresl).

"Everybody made significant contributions," Lappe said, adding that given her team's recent struggles, "Any win feels good, especially when you haven't had one for a while . . . but we kept getting better and better in the last five games. I feel good generally where our team is heading into the tournament."

The Beavers scored the game's first basket and never led again. After a 7-7 tie, the Buffs put together a 12-2 run capped by Kresl's first trey of the afternoon - her 50th this season - and took the first of two 10-point leads (19-9).

Kresl was just finding her range.

The Beavers closed to within six (19-13), but Kresl countered with back-to-back three-pointers and pushed the



lead back to 10 (25-10) with 2:36 left before intermission. OSU answered with treys by Gibson and Alyssa Martin, cutting CU's halftime advantage to 27-21.

CU never let OSU closer than two points (31-29) in the first 10 minutes of the second half, going back up by six (35-29) on consecutive baskets by [Jasmine Sborov](#) and [Rachel Hargis](#). With 8:08 to play, the Buffs pushed their advantage to 10 (44-34) on a conventional three-point play by [Meagan Malcolm-Peck](#), who took a crisp bounce pass from Sborov in transition for a layup and a free throw, followed by another Kresl trey.

That three-pointer - Kresl's fourth of the game on four attempts - capped a 13-5 CU run. But after that shot fell, the Buffs didn't get another field goal for almost 4 minutes, allowing the Beavers to creep to within 47-43 with 4:49 remaining.

CU finally broke the drought (and the Beavers' backs) with back-to-back Kresl three-pointers - the first with 3:51 left, the second just 34 seconds later. The Buffs were ahead 54-43 - their largest margin of the afternoon to that point with just over 3 minutes to play. And they went ahead by 13 with 1:34 left.

Lappe called Kresl's performance "fun to watch, because she gives everybody else confidence." Kresl said, "It's always fun to score, but I thought I also stepped up a lot on defense, too, which is a big improvement for me."

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



Women's basketball: CU Buffs top Oregon State Beavers

Colorado will face Utah in women's Pac-12 Tournament opener

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CU women's basketball schedule

Nov. 6 - CU 78, Regis 40, exhibition

Nov. 11 - CU 84, Northern Arizona 60

Nov. 16 - CU 71, Texas A&M 58

Nov. 20 - CU 72, CSU 53

Nov. 25 - CU 60, Valparaiso 32

Nov. 26 - CU 58, Wisconsin 48

Julie Seabrook could not have asked for a better night Saturday.

Playing in front of the Coors Events Center crowd for perhaps the last time, Seabrook had a double-double to help the Colorado women's basketball team to an impressive 67-57 win against Oregon State.

"It's awesome," said Seabrook, who had 11 points and 10 rebounds. "I'm kind of lost for words right now, but it's crazy how fast it went by and it was awesome to get a win tonight and to play well."

Freshman Lexy Kresl set career highs in points (20) and 3-pointers (six) as the Buffaloes won their home finale after going 1-8 in their previous nine games.

"That's the most important thing," Seabrook said of the win. "I don't really care how I play as long as we get a (win). We all played together and we played as a team and that's the most important thing."

Chucky Jeffery added 13 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for CU (17-12, 6-12 Pac-12), which wrapped up 10th place in the conference.

To get the win, the Buffs put together one of their finest performances. They

Nov. 30 - CU 84, San Francisco 66

Dec. 4 - CU 68, Idaho 59

Dec. 8 - CU 71, Denver 36

Dec. 17 - CU 77, Weber State 59

Dec. 20 - CU 67, Texas-Pan American 49

Dec. 21 - CU 52, Creighton 49

Dec. 31 - CU 58, Utah 52

Jan. 5 - Washington 75, CU 67

Jan. 7 - CU 57, Washington State 56

Jan. 12 - California 68, CU 55

Jan. 14 - Stanford 80, CU 54

Jan. 19 - Arizona 64, CU 43

Jan. 22 - CU 56, Arizona 54

Jan. 26 - CU 69, USC 67

Jan. 29 - UCLA 62, CU 54

Feb. 2 - Oregon State 65, CU 45

Feb. 4 - Oregon 67, CU 62

Feb. 9 - CU 69, Arizona 59

Feb. 11 - Arizona State 60, CU 47

Feb. 18 - Utah 61, CU 56, OT

Feb. 23 - Stanford 68, CU 46

Feb. 25 - California 64, CU 43

Mar. 1 - Oregon 64, CU 62

Mar. 3 - CU 67, Oregon State 57

March 7 - Pac-12 Tournament:
CU vs. Utah, 6 p.m. at Los Angeles

dominated on the boards, played exceptional defense and hit key shots when they needed them to knock off the Beavers (18-11, 9-9).

"I thought they had a lot of confidence tonight," CU head coach Linda Lappe said of her players.

Kresl certainly did. She had 11 points by halftime and finished six-for-seven from 3-point range to top her previous career high of 17 points.

Thanks to senior Earlysia Marchbanks, Oregon State hung around all afternoon. Marchbanks turned in a solid all-around effort, finishing with 16 points, nine rebounds, eight steals and seven assists.

"She's a warrior," Oregon State coach Scott Rueck said. "In our two years here with her, it's been a total rebuild. She's set the tone for us."



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Marchbanks got a steal and layup with 5:54 to play and helped Oregon State cut CU's lead to 48-43 going into the final four minutes. Kresl, however, drained back-to-back 3s to give the Buffs an 11-point lead. The Beavers never really threatened from there, as CU held on to a halftime lead for just the third time in eight tries during Pac-12 play.

CU rebounded well, especially in the second half, but also never let up on

defense.

"We beared down on defense," Lappe said. "Defensively was the most important part and the most important change that I saw in our team."

CU's defense smothered Oregon State during the first 16-plus minutes, holding the Beavers without a field goal for a 12-minute, 23-second stretch of the half. During that time, CU went on a 14-2 run and built a 19-9 lead.

Oregon State closed the half with 12 points in the final 4:40 to cut the CU lead to 27-21 at the break, but CU held the lead throughout the second half.

"We did a lot better job on the boards today and they didn't get that momentum as other teams have in the past," Seabrook said. "That was a major change that we made for this game."

The biggest change may have been CU's overall focus, however, and it was clear they wanted this one for Seabrook. The whole day was for her, including CU assistant sports information director Linda Sprouse singing the Canadian national anthem before the game.

"Tonight it was easy to play hard because we wanted Julie to go out with a win," Lappe said.

Finishing with a win made for a great day for Seabrook. There's a chance she'll play here again if the Buffs reach the WNIT, but the memories of this one ought to last a while.

"For me being a pretty emotional person, I think I did a pretty good job of keeping it under wraps," she said. "It just means I'll probably go home and cry later."

Colorado 67, Oregon State 57 OREGON STATE (57)

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

Marchbanks 32 5-15 1-5 5-6 9 4 16

Bright 18 2-5 0-0 0-0 2 4 4

Gibson 36 3-9 2-4 2-2 3 4 10

Indendi 35 4-15 4-9 0-0 2 4 12

Martin 39 2-4 1-2 1-2 6 1 6

Bostick 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Pinto 22 1-3 0-0 0-1 5 0 2

Edwards-Teasley 8 0-0 0-0 0-0 2 0 0

Schwegler 9 1-5 0-2 5-5 0 0 7

Team 2

Totals 200 18-56 8-22 13-16 31 17 57

Assists (10): Marchbanks 7, Gibson, Indendi, Martin.

Steals (12): Marchbanks 8, Martin 3, Gibson.

Turnovers (12): Gibson 3, Martin 3, Indendi 2, Pinto 2, Bright, Edwards-Teasley.

Blocked shots (3): Bright 2, Pinto.

COLORADO (67)

MIN FG 3PT FT Rb PF TP

MM-Peck 31 2-6 0-1 4-7 7 1 8

Seabrook 25 4-11 0-0 3-6 10 3 11

B. Wilson 24 1-4 0-3 0-0 2 3 2

Sborov 24 2-5 0-0 4-6 7 0 8

Jeffery 36 5-14 0-1 3-6 7 1 13

Kresl 32 7-10 6-7 0-0 6 2 20

Lee 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

A. Wilson 14 0-1 0-0 0-0 3 1 0

Hargis 14 2-4 0-0 1-2 3 1 5

Team 1

Totals 200 23-55 6-12 15-27 46 12 67

Assists (15): Jeffery 7, Sborov 3, Seabrook 2, Kresl 2, Malcolm-Peck.

Steals (5): Kresl 2, Malcolm-Peck, B. Wilson, Sborov.

Turnovers (16): Malcolm-Peck 3, Jeffery 3, Seabrook 2, Sborov 2, A. Wilson 2, Hargis 2, B. Wilson, Kresl.

Blocked shots (0): None.

Halftime score: Colorado 27, Oregon State 21.

Technical fouls -- None.

Attendance -- 3,861.

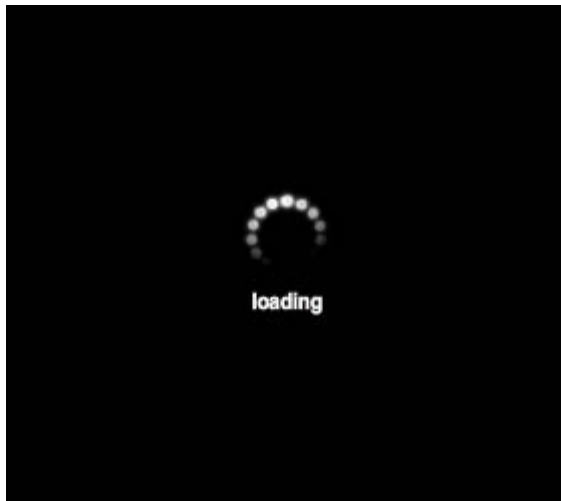
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Women's basketball: CU Buffs' Lexy Kresl finds groove in finale

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really stayed focused in both halves and was able to knock down shots.

"It's fun to watch Lexy because she gives everybody confidence when that happens. When she's hitting her 3, everything else is going to be a little bit easier because now they have to stretch their defense."

Kresl's 3-point shooting wasn't much of a surprise to Oregon State, although the Beavers didn't do much to stop her.

The way she's going, Lexy Kresl may threaten Colorado's all-time 3-point record by the time she's done.

Saturday was the first time in quite a while she felt her shot was dead-on. Kresl buried a career-high six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 20 points in the Buffs' 67-57 win over Oregon State.

"Probably not since (Northern Arizona), the first game of the season," Kresl said of the last time her shot felt great. "And this is the last game of the season, so it's ironic."

In the season opener against Northern Arizona, she tied a school record with five 3s in the first half. She didn't have any in the second half, though. Saturday, she had three in each half, one of the first times this season she's shot well in both halves.

"She looked like she was going to make six of them tonight from the start," CU coach Linda Lappe said. "She came out and

"I told them to guard her," OSU coach Scott Rueck said. "We know what she can do. That's all she does. She stands there and shoots 3s. She's a great 3-point shooter."

Kresl has hit at least one 3-pointer in 26 of 29 games and has 55 on the season. She already ranks 16th on the school's all-time list for 3-pointers made, passing three players on Saturday alone -- Emily Waner, Anna Nedovic and Yari Escalera. Kresl is just two away from the freshman record of 57, set by Shelley Sheetz in 1991-92 and tied by Brittany Spears in 2007-08.

Just as important to Kresl, however, was her six rebounds, two steals and overall aggressiveness on defense.

"It's always fun to score, but I thought I also stepped up a lot on defense, too, which is a big improvement for me," she said.

Bufs to meet Utes

Colorado finished 10th in the Pac-12 and will face No. 7 Utah in the first round of the conference tournament on Wednesday.

CU went 1-1 against the Utes this season, winning in Salt Lake City but losing in Boulder. Wednesday's game is slated for a 6 p.m. tip-off at USC's Galen Center.

"Hopefully we can take some of this momentum," Lappe said. "We kept getting better and better and better (toward the end of the season). I feel good with where our team is in general as we head to the tournament."

Redemption

On Feb. 2, the Bufs got drilled at Oregon State 65-45. This time, they were 30 points better to win by 10.

That's the biggest in-season swing during conference play since a 40-point swing against Missouri (19-point loss and 21-point win) in 2003.

Notable

Julie Seabrook's double-double was just the fourth of her career and it was her first ever in conference play. Seabrook's only other double-double this season came against Weber State on Dec. 17. ... This was the only time during Seabrook's career that CU won on Senior Night. The Bufs' last Senior Night win came in 2007-08. ... CU finished 3-6 at home in conference play. ... CU out-rebounded the Beavers 46-31, the Bufs' largest advantage during Pac-12 play. ... Freshman Jasmine Sborov tied her career high with seven rebounds, a number she has hit four times in the last seven games. She also had eight points, the second-highest total of her career and just two off her career-high.

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