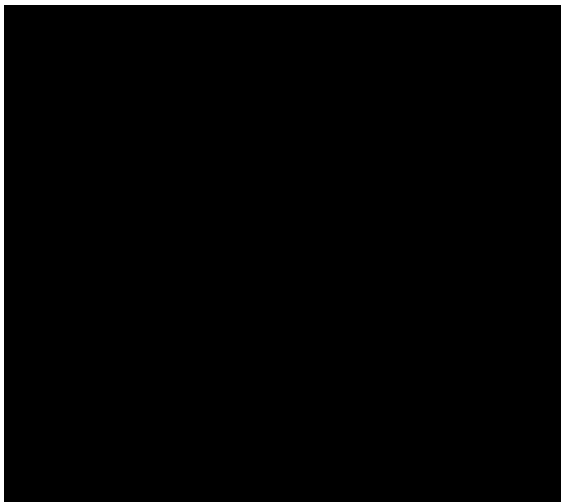


CU women's basketball notes

CU Buffs' women's guards grabbing rebounds

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Rebounding is a fundamental that everyone on the Colorado women's basketball squad is buying into.

In Friday night's 60-32 win against Valparaiso, six Buffs registered at least four boards, led by nine from point guard Chucky Jeffery, and a career-high seven from 5-foot-8 guard Ashley Wilson.

Wilson, in fact, had five of the Buffs' 14 offensive rebounds.

"I feel like that's one of the things I can bring to the team," said Wilson, who also had seven points. "Besides defense, it's rebounding. I like reading the ball, seeing where it's going to come off. I like giving my team a second opportunity to put the ball in the basket."

It was no surprise for coach Linda Lappe to see Wilson be that active on the glass.

"Our guards are pretty athletic, and Ashley's a really hard worker," Lappe said. "Offensive rebounding is all heart and it's all effort and it's going to the offensive glass. Every time a shot went up, Ashley was in there."

Overall, the Buffs out-rebounded the Crusaders 40-31. It was the third straight game in which CU out-rebounded its opponent.

Lineup switch

Freshman Lexy Kresl got the first start of her career.

Kresl has played well all season, but mainly got the start because Brittany Wilson hadn't practiced all week after suffering a concussion against Colorado State.

"It was more so getting in and getting some reps (for Kresl) and, really, not knowing if Brittany Wilson was going to be able to play," Lappe said.

Brittany Wilson wound up playing 25 minutes and scoring 10 points.

Friday was the first game this season in which at least one of the Wilson twins didn't start.

Reese sits

Brittany Wilson wasn't the only Buff to get a concussion against CSU. Freshman Jen Reese, who has been a big scoring presence off the bench, did as well. She skipped Friday's game because of lingering effects from that concussion.

Lappe said she hopes Reese can play today, but added, "We're going to plan on not having her and if we have her, it's a great bonus."

Reese's injury left the Buffs with just nine healthy players, as Brenna Malcolm-Peck (concussion) and Arielle Roberson (back) also missed the game. Malcolm-Peck and Roberson have yet to play this season and will not play tonight.

Badgers into title game

Wisconsin defeated Montana State 71-61 in Friday's other game at Coors Events Center.

Junior guard Taylor Wurtz scored a season-high 26 points -- one off her career high -- to lead the Badgers (2-4), who snapped a four-game skid.

Four players scored in double figures for Wisconsin, which never trailed. Montana State's Katie Bussey, from Alamosa High School, tied the game with a 3-pointer with 10:39 to play. Wisconsin followed with a 17-5 run to pull away.

Notable

Kresl has scored at least 10 points and drained at least one 3-pointer in all four games. ... Freshmen Esther Lee (five points) and Jasmine Sborov (two) scored their first collegiate points. ... Sborov had a solid game defensively, with three blocks and two steals in 23 minutes.

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