



Chucky Jeffery (23) and Arielle Roberson (32) celebrate the win over Louisville.
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Brooks: Buffs Hold Off No. 8 Cardinals At The Wire

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BOULDER - The buildup was big, but Colorado's effort was bigger.

The CU women's basketball team eventually took down No. 8 Louisville 70-66 on Friday night at the Coors Events Center. But remaining unbeaten (9-0) almost didn't happen for the Buffaloes.

Sophomore forward Jen Reese scored on a critical put-back after the second of two missed free throws by Brittany Wilson with 11.1 seconds left to secure the Buffs' first win against a Top Ten opponent since the 2002 CU team defeated No. 5 Stanford in the NCAA's Sweet 16. Buffs coach Linda Lappe was a junior on that squad.

"Holy cow!" Lappe said of the enormity of Reese's effort on Wilson's second foul shot. "We're in trouble if Jen doesn't get that put-back. I wouldn't say she crashes hard every single

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time, but to know that she knows she needed to do it that particular time was great. Jen just has a great feel for the game; it was all effort."

CU led by as many as 13 (64-51) in the final 3 minutes before Louisville's full-court pressure caused four of the Buffs' 25 turnovers and sparked a 10-0 run in less than half a minute. The Cardinals closed to 68-66 before Wilson went to the line and unwittingly set the stage for Reese.

Lappe said she was "really proud, really happy for our players. We've worked hard since end of last season to be able to come in and do what we did tonight . . . there were times we struggled to score the ball, but we also hung in there until the end."

Louisville coach Jeff Walz said he and his players "knew (CU) was going to be a very good test for us. (CU) is a very talented basketball team. Arielle Roberson is a big-time post player and Chucky (Jeffery) is a great point guard . . . overall, they've been the best team we've played this year."

The Buffs had four players in double figures, topped by Jeffery's 22. Roberson added 13 and Reese and Wilson had 11 each. CU center Rachel Hargis contributed seven points and a career-high seven blocks in what she agreed was her best overall game at CU.

"We knew it was going to be a physical game inside (and) I'm all about physicality," the 6-4 Hargis said. "I knew I had to do my job if we were going to win."

Lappe said her job is to tell Hargis that post play will be a battleground: "She thrives when I tell her it's going to be a war on the blocks."

It was, and the Buffs prevailed. They outrebounded the Cardinals 44-32 and got 18 second-chance points to Louisville's 14. Still, the visitors prevailed in the paint 34-30.

Louisville (9-2) was led by Antonita Slaughter's 19. The Cardinals' leading scorer Shoni Schimmel, an All-Big East selection last season, was held to four points, primarily by the determined Wilson, who stayed as close to Schimmel as fuzz on a peach.

"Brittany really frustrated Shoni," Lappe said. "She didn't give her many open looks and a lot of her threes were contested. . . . her presence on the ball was just unbelievable."

Wilson took defending Shimmel, who was averaging 12.1 points a game, as a personal challenge. "It was the second time I've played her . . . I knew I wanted to shut down an All-Big East All-American," she said. "I had the team's help. It was just a great thing to be able to shut her down and not let her score in the first half and not let her score until the last four minutes of the game. It was a great day."

Jeffery said Wilson "did a phenomenal job" on Schimmel. "That was probably one of the best defensive games I've seen Brittany play."

Jeffery scored the game's first basket to give CU a 2-0 lead, but the Buffs trailed for almost the next 10 minutes. The good news: They never let the Cardinals get more than a five-point lead before they made their move to go ahead on a 11-0 run that put them up 23-16.

Roberson scored five points during that spurt, with Jeffery and Lexy Kresyl each adding a three-pointer.

Louisville closed the gap to three (23-20) before CU surged again, this time riding Jeffery's five points and an inside basket by Hargis on the way to a 7-2 run that gave the Buffs their biggest early lead - 30-22.

Hargis contributed her best half of the season, hitting three of four field goals, blocking three shots, collecting two rebounds and getting one steal. She was on the receiving end of a Jeffery pass in the half's closing seconds, scoring a layup that put the Buffs up 36-30 at intermission.

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But the Buffs started the last half in an offensive stupor, not getting their first points until Roberson hit a pair of free throws (38-34) with 15:36 remaining. She followed those with a basket in the lane to push CU ahead again by six (40-34).

Monique Reid answered with a pair of quick inside buckets to cut the Buffs' advantage to two (40-38) and then the Cardinals then pulled to within 41-40 on a bucket by Shawnta Dyer. But the Buffs temporarily held them at bay.

At the 10-minute mark, CU was up 48-43, but a three-pointer by Slaughter trimmed the lead to 48-46. The Buffs held that two-point advantage until Wilson hit both ends of a one-and-one to send CU's lead to 50-46 with 7:18 to play.

The Cardinals weren't done - and the Buffs weren't even close. A pair of Slaughter free throws pulled them to 50-48 before Reese banked in a short jumper for a 52-48 CU lead with 5:22 showing. That started a 10-0 Buffs run that produced a 60-49 advantage with 3:33 remaining.

Here's how it happened: Jeffery followed Reese's bank shot with an acrobatic layup to make it 54-48 with just under 5 minutes left, Reese got another basket, and Kresyl and Wilson scored on fast-break lay-ins. The Buffs were up by 11 points, the Cardinals were staggering and the CEC was rocking.

But Louisville's 10-0 run and a frantic finish were on the way. And a season-high crowd of 3,408 went quiet until Reese's monster offensive rebound and follow.

Said Jeffery of the Cardinals' late rally and the Buffs' near-collapse: "We got a little flustered and started throwing the ball around a bit. They were capitalizing on us so we realized we had to slow down and relax a bit because there was still time left in the game. We had to get the ball and secure it . . . Jen came up with a big offensive rebound that won us the game."

The Buffs are off until Saturday, Dec. 22 when they host Utah Valley (1:30 p.m.). They close non-conference play a week later against New Mexico (2:30 p.m., Coors Events Center).

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Women's basketball: CU Buffs upset No. 8 Louisville

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There was a time when Colorado had one of the premier women's basketball teams in the country.

The Buffs are doing all they can to get there again, and Friday's 70-66 win against No. 8 Louisville at Coors Events Center ought to help.

"All we're trying to do is bring tradition back to this school," junior guard Brittany Wilson said.

"We're trying build the fan base; we're trying to get everything back to how it used to be."

Unranked coming in, the undefeated Buffaloes (9-0) likely opened some eyes around the country by knocking off the Cardinals (9-2).

Chucky Jeffery scored 22 points and pulled down seven rebounds, Arielle Roberson had 13 points and Brittany Wilson and Jen Reese each added 11 to help the Buffs to their biggest win in years.

Colorado beat a top-10 team for the first time since knocking off No. 5 Stanford on March 23, 2002. It's the first time an unranked CU squad beat a top-10 team since Jan. 11, 1997, against No. 7 Texas Tech.

"It means a lot. I'm so excited," said Jeffery, a senior who had been 0-6 against top-10 teams in her career at CU. "I'm so happy. We played like a team. I think we're a great team and we came out and fought to the end. We didn't have the best of seasons prior to this, so for us to come out and beat a ranked team like that, it means a lot."

Colorado never trailed during the final 30 minutes, despite some tense moments late. CU took its biggest lead, 64-51, with 2:03 to play and looked like it would run away with the game.

In a span of about 30 seconds, however, Louisville scored 10 points and CU had four turnovers. That turned the game into a 64-61 Buffs lead.

"We got a little flustered and started throwing the ball around a little bit and they were capitalizing on it," Jeffery said. "We realized we had to slow down and relax a bit because there was still time left in the game, and get the ball in and secure it."

Those 30 seconds aside, CU's poise was remarkable. Even after Louisville closed the gap, the Buffs recovered and outscored the Cardinals 6-5 down the stretch.

Nothing the Buffs did in the final minute was bigger than Reese's put-back with 10 seconds to play. Wilson had missed two free throws and on the second miss, Reese grabbed the rebound and put it in for a 70-66 lead.

"Holy cow," head coach Linda Lappe said of that bucket. "We're in trouble if Jen doesn't get that put-back."

CU used an 11-0 run midway through the first half to gain the lead and seize momentum.

The Buffs trailed 16-12 before starting that run, which included five points from Roberson and 3-pointers from Jeffery and Lexy Kresl. Jeffery's 3-pointer with 10:23 to go gave CU the lead for good, 18-16.

Jeffery and Rachel Hargis combined for 13 points in the final six minutes to help the Buffs take a 36-30 lead into intermission.

It was Louisville's first halftime deficit since a loss to Maryland in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Mar. 19. It was the Cardinals' biggest halftime deficit since Feb. 7 against Connecticut.

The Buffs came out tight in the second half, as Louisville opened with an 8-4 run. CU was 2-for-14 from the field at one point, but then turned it on offensively and did just enough late to close it out.

CU improved to 3-2 at home against top-25 teams in Lappe's three seasons, but this one felt different.

"It is because we expected this outcome," Lappe said. "On paper, it might look like we're the underdogs. We told our team we have to have the underdog mentality in the fact that we don't need to feel the pressure. We can have fun. Underdogs have a lot of fun.

"We're not underdogs when it comes to the expectation and our players genuinely expected the outcome to be like it was."

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FG FT Reb

Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS

Dyer 27 7-9 0-0 2-4 1 1 14

Vails 11 0-4 0-0 1-1 0 0 0

Slaughter 32 5-9 6-6 3-5 0 1 19

Deines 21 3-6 5-10 1-4 0 2 11

S Schimmel 34 2-12 0-0 0-3 2 4 4

Harper 9 0-3 2-2 1-1 2 1 2

Walton 8 0-1 1-2 1-2 0 0 1

Smith 21 0-3 2-3 0-2 2 5 2

J Schimmel 15 0-1 1-2 0-1 2 4 1

Reid 22 5-13 2-3 1-1 1 3 12

Totals 200 22-61 19-28 16-32 10 21 66

Percentages: FG .361, FT .679.

3-Point Goals: 3-19, .158 (Slaughter 3-5, Deines 0-1, Smith 0-1, J. Schimmel 0-1, Reid 0-2, Harper 0-2, S. Schimmel 0-7).

Team Rebounds: 8.

Blocked Shots: 1 (Dyer).

Turnovers: 18 (S. Schimmel 4, Smith 3, Harper 3, J. Schimmel 3, Reid 2, Dyer 2).

Steals: 10 (S. Schimmel 3, Slaughter 2, Smith 2, Reid, Deines, Harper).

Technical Fouls: None.

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FG FT Reb

Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS

Roberson 32 3-7 7-8 3-7 2 2 13

Hargis 22 3-4 1-2 3-3 1 3 7

Kresl 32 2-9 0-0 0-4 1 4 5

B Wilson 34 3-10 4-6 0-6 5 2 11

Jeffery 37 6-11 8-10 4-7 4 2 22

M Malcolm-Peck 10 0-2 1-2 3-3 0 1 1

Reese 22 5-7 1-2 2-5 0 3 11

Weston 3 0-1 0-0 0-1 0 2 0

Swan 8 0-2 0-0 1-4 0 2 0

Totals 200 22-53 22-30 16-44 13 21 70

Percentages: FG .415, FT .733.

3-Point Goals: 4-18, .222 (Jeffery 2-5, B. Wilson 1-5, Kresl 1-7, M. Malcolm-Peck 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 4.

Blocked Shots: 9 (Hargis 7, Swan, Roberson).

Turnovers: 25 (Reese 5, Jeffery 5, Kresl 4, Roberson 3, Swan 2, B. Wilson 2, Hargis 2, M. Malcolm-Peck).

Steals: 5 (Hargis 2, Roberson, Jeffery, B. Wilson).

Technical Fouls: None.

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Women's basketball: CU Buffs' Rachel Hargis shines with seven blocks

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Rachel Hargis couldn't hide her smile on Friday night, and the Colorado junior didn't even attempt to try.

After playing one of the best games of her career, she deserved to be proud. Hargis scored seven points -- making three of her four shots -- but made her best impression on defense, posting a career-high seven blocks. She came up just one shy of the school record for blocks in a game.

"I didn't realize I had seven blocks," she said, smiling as she looked at the final box score.

She had three of them in the first five minutes of CU's 70-66 win against No. 8 Louisville. That set the tone defensively for the Buffs' first victory over a top-10 team in more than a decade.

"Rachel was ready," head coach Linda Lappe said. "We knew it was going to be a war on the block. Rachel thrives any time I tell her it's going to be a war on the block. She gets excited about that. She's a physical player, she loves physical contact and she's strong and she's athletic."

Louisville has very good players on the post, including Sheronne Vails and Shawnta' Dyer. Vails was shut out offensively, with Hargis providing much of the support in the paint.

"We knew it was going to be a physical, tough game on the inside from the beginning, and I like physicality," said Hargis, whose previous career best was four blocks. She had five all season coming in. "I was ready to go and I don't know, I just knew that if we were going to win, I had to do my job."

She committed just three fouls in her 22 minutes, showing her maturity. In the past, foul trouble might have kept her out of a game like this.

"The experience has definitely helped me a lot in knowing when to be smart and when to go for those blocks," she said. "I've done a lot better job of not getting in foul trouble."

Shutting down Schimmel

Louisville's top scorer is Shoni Schimmel, with 12.1 points per game coming in, and 14.4 points per game for her career.

Schimmel had a rough night against the Buffs' defense, led by Brittany Wilson. Schimmel was 2-for-12 from the floor and scored just four points. She didn't have any points during the first 37:30 of the game and finished 0-for-7 from 3-point range.

"It was just a great thing to be able to shut her down and not let her score at all the first half and then not to score until the last four minutes of the game," Wilson said.

Teammate Chucky Jeffery said, "That was probably one of the best defensive games I've seen Brittany play."

Sborov sits

Sophomore guard Jasmine Sborov has been a regular starter for the Buffs this season, but sat out Friday's game with a heart issue.

"We don't think it's a big deal, but just getting some additional tests on a condition she's had for a little while and she's played through but seems to keep getting worse," Lappe said. "You don't want to mess around with the heart."

Sborov had started the previous six games. She is averaging 5.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per game this season.

Reaching the rankings?

Last week, CU received one Top-25 vote in the Associated Press poll. Beating the No. 8 team in the country could be enough to get them into the rankings this week.

CU is one of just 11 undefeated teams in the country. Just four of those 11 have defeated a top-10 team: No. 1 Stanford, No. 2 Connecticut, No. 4 Duke and Colorado.

"I think it's a great thing for the Pac-12," Hargis said of CU potentially being in the rankings. "Four Pac-12 schools being ranked, that would be awesome. That would get our NCAA bids up even more, so that's a big deal for us. It puts in a good position."


Pac-12 rivals Stanford, California (No. 9) and UCLA (No. 14) are currently ranked.

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CU improved to 3-5 against ranked teams in Lappe's three seasons with the Buffs. ... The Buffs snapped a 23-game losing streak against top-10 teams and improved to 11-42 against teams ranked in the top 8. ... CU is now 699-450 in program history. ... CU is 9-0 for just the fourth time in program history, but for the second year in a row. ... Jeffery became the 16th player in program history with 1,300 points. She has 1,317 for her career. ... Arielle Roberson has scored in double figures in all nine of her games so far. Tracy Tripp holds the school record with 10 double figure games to start a career.

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Colorado: C. Jeffery 22 Pts, 7 Reb, 4 Ast, 1 Stl



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BOULDER, Colo. -- Despite its lofty ranking, No. 8 Louisville had an idea what kind of fight it was in for against unranked Colorado.

"We knew coming out here that this was going to be a very good test for us," Cardinals coach Jeff Walz said. "We were aware that Arielle Roberson is a big-time post player and Chucky Jeffery is a great point guard, and I felt from film that they were the best overall team we had played."

Colorado justified Walz's concerns.

Jeffery had 22 points and seven rebounds, and Roberson added 13 points as the Buffaloes beat Louisville 70-66 on Friday night.

The crowd of 3,408 stormed the floor shortly after the final buzzer sounded.

Jen Reese added 11 points and sealed the win with a rebound basket for Colorado (9-0), which beat a top-10 team for the first time since defeating then-No. 2 Stanford in the round of 16 during the 2002 NCAA tournament.

"We expect this outcome," Colorado coach Linda Lappe said. "I know on paper it might seem to be unexpected, but this is what we expected."

Historically, the Buffaloes haven't played well in these sort of games. They are only 62-142 against ranked opponents.

But this is a different Colorado team. The Buffaloes are 9-0 for the second straight season and fourth time overall.

"We weren't intimidated," Jeffery said. "We can't afford to be intimidated."

Louisville was missing sophomore forward Sara Hammond because of a death in her family. Hammond, who is averaging 11.2 points and a team-leading 7.8 rebounds per game, didn't travel with the team.


Antonita Slaughter paced Louisville (9-2) with 19 points. Shawnta Dyer had 14 points for the Cardinals, who finished 3-for-19 from 3-point range and lost for the second time in three games.

"We had our chances in the second half," Walz said. "We just didn't take care of things."

The Cardinals trailed by six at halftime but dug in defensively to hold Colorado scoreless for nearly five minutes at the start of the second half. Their offense couldn't take advantage, though, managing only two baskets by Dyer during that same stretch before Roberson sank two free throws to make it 38-34.

Dyer got Louisville as close as 41-40 with a rebound basket with 14:01 left, but the Cardinals couldn't get over the hump. Jeffery put Colorado ahead 48-43 with four straight free throws before Slaughter answered with a 3-pointer.

The Cardinals managed only a free throw by Jude Schimmel over the next three minutes as Colorado outscored Louisville 12-3 to build the

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Slaughter closed the gap to 68-66 with a basket. Brittany Wilson missed both free throws with 11 seconds left, but Reese got the rebound off the second miss and put the ball back up to seal the win.

"Rebounding was our biggest problem tonight," Slaughter said, pointing to a 44-32 rebounding edge for Colorado. "We were told to beat this team, we had to rebound, and you saw what happened at the end."

"It wasn't just that play," she added. "During the whole game, we missed a couple of missed shots."

Outhustled and outrebounded 19-12, Louisville trailed 36-30 going into the break. Shelby Harper's two free throws put the Cardinals ahead eight minutes into the game but Colorado came roaring back, with Jeffery and Lexy Kresl making 3-pointers to give the Buffaloes a 23-16 lead.

Jeffery scored on a baseline drive and a 3 to make it 30-22. Louisville got the deficit down to four points, the last time on Slaughter's two free throws, before a layup by Rachel Hargis pushed Colorado's lead back to six at halftime.

The Buffaloes had a 10-2 scoring edge on second-chance points.

"It was game of missed box-outs," Dyer said. "There were too big box-outs that we weren't able to get."

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	LOU	COLO
Points	66	70
FG Made-Attempted	22-61 (.361)	22-53 (.415)
3P Made-Attempted	3-19 (.158)	4-18 (.222)
FT Made-Attempted	19-28 (.679)	22-30 (.733)
Fouls (Tech/Flagrant)	21 (0/0)	21 (0/0)
Largest Lead	5	13

Game Leaders

	LOU	COLO
Points	A. Slaughter 19	C. Jeffery 22
Rebounds	A. Slaughter 5	C. Jeffery 7
Assists	S. Schimmel 2	B. Wilson 5
Steals	S. Schimmel 3	R. Hargis 2
Blocks	S. Dyer 1	R. Hargis 7

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Colorado upends No. 8 Louisville to remain unbeaten

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Boulder, CO – Chucky Jeffery poured in a game-high 22 points to go with seven rebounds, as Colorado upended No. 8 Louisville, 70-66, on Friday night at Coors Events Center.

Arielle Roberson donated 13 points, while Brittany Wilson and Jen Reese added 11 points apiece for the Buffaloes (9-0), who improved to 6-0 at home this season.

The victory was Colorado's first over a top-10 team since knocking off then- No. 5 Stanford in the 2002 Sweet 16.

Antonita Slaughter paced Louisville (9-2) with 19 points and Shawnta' Dyer followed with 14 points in the setback, the Cardinals' second in their last three games after opening the season with eight straight victories.

Louisville trailed by just two, 50-48, with just under seven minutes left in the contest after a pair of Slaughter free throws, but the Buffaloes responded with a 14-3 run to take a 13-point advantage with two minutes left.

The Cardinals countered with the next 10 points to pull within three before four straight Colorado free throws found the margin at 68-61 with 1:06 left.

Slaughter then knocked down a 3-pointer, came up with a steal, and finished a layup off an offensive rebound to make it a two-point game.

Wilson then missed a pair at the line to leave the door open, but Reese corralled the rebound and finished a layup to seal the victory.

Earlier in the game, the Buffaloes used an 11-0 run midway through the first half to help build a 36-30 edge at halftime.



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