



Brittany Wilson led Colorado with 13 points and four assists. Photo Courtesy: CUBuffs.com





# Brooks: Buffs Women Roll Rams, Remain Unbeaten

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BOULDER - More challenging times are ahead for the Colorado women's basketball team, but the Buffaloes appear to be steeling themselves for whatever comes their way.

Unbeaten CU (7-0) rolled past Colorado State 72-46 on Wednesday night in the first game of a women's/men's doubleheader at the Coors Events Center.

All things considered, it was a night for fun and frolic - but next week promises to bring the degree of difficulty to a higher level. The Buffs are off until Tuesday (7 p.m.) when they travel to the University of Denver (3-3), then host No. 8 Louisville (8-1) on Friday (7 p.m.) in their most significant challenge to date.

CU took command Wednesday night with an 18-4 first half run, led 37-17 at halftime and cruised past CSU (2-5) in the final 20 minutes. Buffs coach Linda Lappe used 12 players

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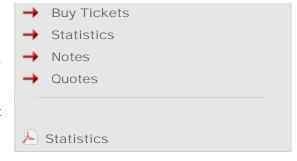
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and nine of them scored, topped by <u>Brittany Wilson</u>'s 13. <u>Jen Reese</u> and <u>Jamee Swan</u> contributed 11 each and <u>Arielle Roberson</u> added 10. CU's bench outscored CSU's 33-5.

"Sometimes these games are a little bit tough to play but I felt like we got better in that game at some different things and that's what I like about our team," Lappe said. "For us, it's all about us right now and us continuing to get better. It's about



us continuing to get better at some things or multiple things. I thought our players played hard and rebounded very, very well in this game."

Momentum gained from the Buffs' 69-62 comeback weekend win at Illinois obviously carried into mid-week. CU outrebounded CSU 59-26, outscored the visitors 30-18 in the paint and had 20 second-chance points to CSU's two.

The Buffs, who won 64-55 last season in Fort Collins, trailed once in the first half (2-0), but thereafter took control and led by 20 (37-17) at intermission. Following that two-point deficit, CU surged past CSU the 18-4 over the next 7 minutes to take a 16-point advantage (22-6) and never slowed down.

"We felt like we had to come out early, it's CSU, it's our rivalry game," Wilson said. "If we didn't punch them in the mouth we knew they would try to punch us first. Who doesn't get up for their rivalry game? We knew we had to come out strong in the beginning."

During that spurt, <u>Brittany Wilson</u> scored eight of her 10 first-half points, while Reese added five. At the 11:45 mark, the Buffs were shooting 53.3 percent (8-for-15) from the field while holding the Rams to 21.4 percent (3-for-14).

"Going in we knew we had to have an inside presence," Reese said. "No matter if they were sagging in, double-teaming and stuff like that we had kick-outs, I think everyone in the post did a great job on either making the shot or seeing the open player."

After CU's opening run to go ahead by 16, CSU never got closer than 11 points for the rest of the half. And the Buffs kept pouring it on, leading by 20 twice before the halftime buzzer.

Roberson, a three-time recipient of the Pac-12 Conference freshman of the week award in the season's first four weeks, added eight points to the Buffs' halftime total. She entered the game with an 18.5 average.

CU's second-half goal likely was to not lose interest and allow a CSU run. Mission accomplished. A "B-Wil" three-pointer and a Rachel Hargis layup on a nice fast break assist from Chucky Jeffery fashioned a 25-point lead (42-17) before the second half was 2 minutes old.

Less than 8 minutes later, after treys on consecutive possessions by freshman <u>Lauren Huggins</u>, senior Meagan Malcom-Peck and another by Huggins, the Buffs had pushed ahead by 30 (61-31).

The second half was only half done, but it was time for the Rams to say goodnight.

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## **CU** women rout **CSU**

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- Next up: CSU at Tulsa, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Reynolds Center, Tulsa, Okla.
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BOULDER — It was no contest.

The University of Colorado women's basketball team dominated CSU in all phases of the game Wednesday night while rolling to a 72-46 win before 3,146 fans at the Coors Events Center.

Brittany Wilson scored 13 points while playing just 19 minutes and Chucky Jeffery had eight of her 12 rebounds in the first 20 minutes as the Buffs (7-0) built a 37-17 edge by halftime. And that was as close as it got for a Colorado State University team that was out-rebounded 59-26 and shot just 28.6 percent (16 of 56) from the floor.

"We were just outmatched tonight, that's plain and simple," first-year CSU coach Ryun Williams said after his team's fourth consecutive loss. "They're a pretty athletic team, and it showed."

Wilson hit a 3-pointer six seconds into the second half to push the CU lead to 40-17, and the Buffs led by 23 or more points the rest of the night despite resting its starters for most of the second half. Jen Reese, a 6-foot-4 forward, added 11 points and eight rebounds off the bench for the Buffs.

"If we didn't punch them in the mouth, we knew they would try to punch us first," Wilson said. "Who doesn't get up for their rivalry game? We knew we had to come out strong in the beginning."

Freshman guard Caitlin Duffy scored 19 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor, and junior Sam Martin added 16 points while hitting 6 of 16 shots. The rest of the Rams were a combined 4 of 19 against a CU defense that rarely let them get inside of the 3-point line.

CU shot just 38 percent (27 of 71) from the floor but was able to rebound 24 of the 44 shots it missed. The Buffs had 20 second-chance points to the Rams' two, and had 30 points in the paint to CSU's 18, including a 20-8 edge in the first half.

"They were a bigger team," Martin said. "Obviously, they were taller than us, a little bit stronger, and we weren't boxing out. We decided to just play a jumping game, and we don't have the athleticism where we can do that."

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# Buffs with largest margin of victory in series since '91

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BOULDER -- Following a pair of blowouts to start its road slate last week, it was more of the same for the Colorado State women's basketball team Wednesday night at archrival Colorado.

CSU freshman guard Caitlin Duffy made a running layup just more than a minute into the contest to put the Rams up 2-0, but from there it was all CU. The Buffs stormed out to 37-17 lead at the half and maintained a comfortable advantage throughout the second frame, oftentimes by as many as 30, en route to a 72-46 win at the Coors Events Center.

The 26-point margin of victory was Colorado's largest in the series since 1991, dropping the Rams to 2-5 while the Buffs remained unbeaten at 7-0.

It was CSU's third consecutive road loss by at least 17 points, with a fourth straight away game still on tap Saturday at Tulsa.

The shooting woes continued for CSU, which shot just 29 percent from the floor (16-for-56) and 26 percent from 3-point range (5 of 19). But even worse was the rebounding margin, where the more physically gifted Buffs dominated with a 59-26 edge.

"There were times when we needed to compete better on the glass, and that is a disappointment tonight," CSU coach Ryun Williams said. "You've got to want to go to war in there, even if you're undersized, you've got to really want to go to war, get in a fight.

"Kids are reluctant to do that against kids that might have a little size, that might have a little weight. I don't care, OK. We've got to learn how to go get in a fight on that glass. And until we do that, we'll continue to struggle going into Tulsa."Two Rams scored in double figures, led by Duffy's 19 points and followed by 16 from junior forward Sam Martin, whose point total was a season-best. The Rams got just 13 points from everyone else, with Amber Makeever the third-highest scorer on the team with just three.

Still, the Rams were able to recognize some positives, including the team's shot selection, execution and ball control. CSU had just nine turnovers, cutting down on nearly half its season average coming in (17.0).

"We could sit around and mope that we lost by (26) to CU," said Duffy, whose dribble penetration was more often that not her team's most productive option on offense. "It does stink, but we have another game on Saturday that we want to win, and we are growing, I think. We really are."

Meanwhile, CU continued its early season roll. Junior guard Brittney Wilson led four Buffs in double-figure scoring, as the hosts held a 30-18 edge in points in the paint and a 20-2 advantage in second-chance points.

And though it was the visitors who found the scoreboard first, the hosts who wasted little time proving who the superior team was -- something the Buffs felt was a key to the convincing win.

"We felt like we had to come out early, and it's CSU, it's our rivalry game, so they can come out here and play their best game or they can come out here and play their worst game," Wilson said. "If we didn't punch them in the mouth, we knew they would try to punch us first.

"Who doesn't get up for their rivalry game? We knew we had to come out strong in the beginning." Sean Star can be reached at 669-5050, ext. 512, sstar@reporter-herald.com or on Twitter @seanvstar

Colorado 72, Colorado State 46

## COLORADO STATE (2-5)

Martin 6-16 2-2 16, Spotton 1-9, 0-0 2, Nichols 1-2 0-0 2, Forte 1-7 0-0 2, Duffy 6-11 0-0 19, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 0-4 2-2 2, Varsho 0-3 0-0 0, Makeever 1-1 0-0 3, Hunt 0-2 0-2 0. Totals 16-56 9-11 46.

### COLORADO (7-0)

Roberson 4-11 2-2 10, Hargis 3-6 2-3 8, Wilson 5-10 3-5 13, Sborov 2-6 0-0 4, Jeffery 2-7 0-1 4, Kresl 0-2 0-0 0, Malcom-Peck 1-2 2-2 5, Huggins 2-6 0-0 6, Atchley 0-0 0-0 0, Reese 4-10 2-2 11, Swan 4-7 3-4 11. Totals 27-71 11-3 72.

Halftime --Colorado 37-17. 3-Point Goals--Colorado 7-20 (Wilson 3-5), Colorado State 5-19 (Duffy 2 -4, Martin 2-6). Fouled Out--None. Rebounds--Colorado 59 (Jeffery 12), Colorado State 26 (Martin 5). Assists--Colorado 15 (Wilson 4), Colorado State 6 (Forte 2). Total Fouls--Colorado 10, Colorado State 12. A--3,146.