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**Brittany Wilson had a game-high 16 points.**

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## Bufs' Balance Keys Lopsided Win Against Ducks

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**BOULDER** - Four players scored in double figures Sunday afternoon to lead the No. 21/25 Colorado women's basketball team to an 84-59 Pac-12 Conference romp past Oregon at the Coors Events Center.

The 84-point total ties the highest point total of the season for the Buffs, as they scored 84 against New Mexico in non-conference play. It is the fourth time the Buffs have scored more than 80 this season and the first so far in Pac-12 play.

With the win, Colorado improves to 18-5 overall and 7-5 in the Pac-12. CU's seven conference wins to date are more than the team recorded in total last season (6-12). The Buffs had not won seven or more conference matchups in a season since finishing the 2004 Big 12 schedule at 11-5.

Junior guard Brittany Wilson led CU with 16 points, while senior guard Chucky Jeffery added 15 points and 15 rebounds.

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Jeffery's totals marked her 27th career double-double and just the fourth time she has recorded 15 of each.

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"To be able to score just as much as you rebound, that's pretty amazing," sophomore guard Lexy Kresl said of Jeffery's performance. Kresl and junior center Rachel Hargis added 12 points and 10, respectively, while four other players scored at least six.

Hargis said her team prepared specifically to face Oregon's zone defense, something the Buffs haven't seen much of from opponents this season.

"Coach talked to us about moving the ball well, just keeping it moving and not holding the ball as much," Hargis said. "Playing a zone you don't really expect to score that much inside, but coach kept talking to us about attacking and cutting to open areas, and that's what I focused on."

Colorado started the first half slow, allowing Oregon to go on a 10-3 run in the first 3:15 and record three blocks in the first five minutes.

"I didn't think we were being very aggressive, we were letting them score however they wanted to score with not very many passes," said CU head coach Linda Lappe. "We didn't look like we were ready for what they were bringing, so we just needed to take a deep breath and get back out there."

Once the Buffs had regrouped and gotten a chance to assess Oregon's top scorers, they made the necessary adjustments on defense to stop the Ducks' streak.

"We recognized who was going to be scoring and who was going to be shooting," Kresl said. "We definitely tried to pick up the pressure on them more and play them a little bit closer."

And with a more efficient defense came a ramped-up offense, as Jeffery and Wilson hit three consecutive three-pointers to regain a four-point lead with 13:40 left in the half.

Oregon didn't give in easily and even briefly took the lead again with 7:45 on the clock. CU's offense responded with force, though, outscoring Oregon 20-6 in the final 7:20 to enter intermission with a 43-31 advantage.

That momentum more than carried through halftime, as the Buffs went on an immediate 10-0 run to go up 20 (53-33). The Ducks were unable to recover, and with three minutes remaining a Hargis basket put the Buffs up 27 (80-53).

Colorado would maintain that energy until the final buzzer.

"It was a good game, we shared the ball a lot as a team, had 17 assists," Wilson said. "We hit open shots, played great defense, so I think it was a team effort ... I don't think you could ask for anything more."

Eleven Colorado players saw time on the court at some point Sunday, including freshman guard Kyleesha Weston and walk-on freshman guard Alexis Atchley. Atchley scored her first two career points in the last minute of the game.

"Anytime you can get players experience is important, especially young players," Lappe said. "Especially when you play that tempo, you have to play ten players to stay fresh. We knew it was going to be a fast-paced game today, and everybody who came in just kept that pace going."

CU shot 44.9 percent from the field, recording 17 assists and just 12 turnovers. Meanwhile, the Ducks were held to 38.6 percent from the field and recorded 21 turnovers.

Another highlight for the Colorado defense its steals, recording 16 compared to Oregon's six. The Buffs have recorded 54 combined steals in the last four games, something Lappe credits to an increasing toughness on the defensive end.

"It is a lot of steals. It's aggressiveness, it's positioning, it's understanding where you are supposed to be defensively and helping each other out," Lappe said. "Defense is the bread and butter, and if we continue to do

that we will be a really good team."

The CU women hit the road once again next week, playing at Arizona on Friday (7 p.m., MST) and at Arizona State on Sunday (2 p.m., MST).

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## Jeffery has another double-double as No. 21 Buffs roll

By Brian Howell, Buffzone.com Boulder Daily Camera

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It was good to be a Colorado women's basketball player on Sunday.

Chucky Jeffery led the Buffs with yet another double-double, but just about everybody in a CU uniform had a game to be proud of in an 84-59 victory against Oregon at Coors Events Center.

"It was so fun," Jeffery said. "It's fun for me to see my teammates hitting shots and things like that. I get more excited for them than I do for myself."

The 21st-ranked Buffs (18-5, 7-5 Pac-12) won their third in a row and sent Oregon (3-21, 1-11) to a fifth consecutive defeat.

Jeffery finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds to post her third consecutive double-double. It's the first time she's done that since the final three games of the 2011-12 season.

Jeffery has 27 double-doubles in her career, including seven this season, and her teammates beamed when talking about how well their senior point guard has been playing of late. Jeffery averaged 18.5 points and 13.0 rebounds during CU's weekend sweep of the Oregon schools, while posting just two turnovers in her 64 minutes on the court.

"I feel like she's really stepped up into the leader role on the team and that's helped her game as well," junior center Rachel Hargis said. "She's staying more even-keel and that's really helped out a lot."

On Sunday, Jeffery certainly wasn't the only star for the Buffs. Brittany Wilson had a team-high 16 points, her highest point total since a Dec. 11 win at Denver.

In addition to Wilson, Lexy Kresl (12 points), Hargis (10 points) and Jasmine Sborov (eight points) had their highest-scoring games in Pac-12 play. Even freshman walk-on Alexis Atchley got into the act, with a layup in the closing seconds for her first career points.

"It's a lot of fun, especially seeing people that don't normally get to score or get the opportunity to play, like Alexis Atchley; that's great for everybody to get involved," Kresl said.

Kresl buried four 3-pointers, helping CU to a season-high 10 buckets from beyond the arc.

"It's the first true zone we've played pretty much all year, and (it was) just finding the gaps," Kresl said.

CU was the latest team to dominate the Ducks, who came in allowing 76.2 points per game in conference play -- nearly 12 points more per game than any other team.

The Buffs won just about every major statistical category, out-shooting the Ducks 44.9 percent to 38.6, out-rebounding them 42-33 and having just 12 turnovers to 21 for Oregon. The Buffs had 29 points off of Oregon turnovers, and out-scored the Ducks 36-16 in the paint.

"I think it was a team effort," Wilson said. "All-around a great game. I don't think you can ask for anything

more from the girls."

Oregon scored 10 in a row to take a 10-3 lead early and good shooting kept the Ducks in the game for a while. They made 46.2 percent of their shots in the first half, with Amanda Delgado (15 points) and Danielle Love (14 points) both playing well.

"We were giving them too much space," CU head coach Linda Lappe said. "Good offensive players, they don't need very much space to be able to get their shot off. We were treating them more like drivers than shooters."

Colorado used two big runs to take a 43-31 lead into halftime, though. After falling behind 10-3, CU went on a 13-0 run. Later, after Oregon went ahead 25-23, CU went on a 14-0 run to take a 37-25 lead late in the half.

The Buffs then opened the second half with a 10-2 run to take a 20-point lead. The lead got as big as 27 when Atchley hit her layup with 21.5 seconds left.

With the win, the Buffs improved to 3-1 in February, and have won each of the last three games by at least 14 points.

"We just focused more on us (after a 62-46 loss to UCLA on Feb. 1) and realized we're a great team and as long as we play together we're one of the best teams in the nation," Wilson said.

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Fast break

What went right

CU had several players come through on offense, while the defense generated 21 turnovers, 16 of those on steals.

What went wrong

The Buffs played too loose on defense early on, allowing Oregon to hang around for much of the first half.

Star of the game

Chucky Jeffery. She was great once again, with 15 points, 15 rebounds and three assists. It was her third consecutive double-double.

What's next?

Colorado will visit Arizona on Friday.

Colorado 84, Oregon 59

OREGON

## FG FT Reb

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

Love 34 5-9 2-2 0-1 4 2 14

Alleyne 25 3-5 0-3 1-8 1 1 6

Brenner 29 2-9 2-2 5-10 2 2 6

Loera 30 4-8 1-2 1-1 3 1 9

Delgado 27 5-9 0-0 0-2 0 1 15

Galland 21 0-9 2-2 0-2 0 2 2

Iamaleava 11 2-2 0-0 0-3 1 1 5

Miley 2 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 0 2

Carpenter 18 0-4 0-0 0-2 1 2 0

Gruys 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Totals 200 22-57 7-11 11-33 12 12 59

Percentages: FG .386, FT .636.

3-Point Goals: 8-18, .444 (Delgado 5-9, Love 2-3, Iamaleava 1-1, Galland 0-1, Brenner 0-1, Carpenter 0-1, Loera 0-2).

Team Rebounds: 4.

Blocked Shots: 6 (Brenner 2, Alleyne 2, Love, Iamaleava).

Turnovers: 21 (Loera 5, Delgado 4, Galland 4, Carpenter 3, Love 2, Brenner, Alleyne).

Steals: 6 (Alleyne 2, Carpenter, Iamaleava, Love, Delgado).

Technical Fouls: None.

## COLORADO

## FG FT Reb

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

Roberson 25 3-6 0-0 1-4 0 2 7

Hargis 25 4-7 2-3 1-4 3 3 10

Kresl 20 4-9 0-0 1-4 2 0 12

B Wilson 24 4-9 6-6 1-1 3 2 16

Jeffery 29 6-13 0-0 4-15 3 0 15

A Wilson 13 0-2 0-0 1-2 1 0 0

Sborov 21 3-5 2-2 0-1 4 3 8

Atchley 1 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 0 2

Reese 18 4-10 0-0 2-2 0 0 8

Weston 12 0-3 0-0 0-2 1 0 0

Swan 12 2-3 2-3 2-4 0 4 6

Totals 200 31-69 12-14 15-42 17 14 84

Percentages: FG .449, FT .857.

3-Point Goals: 10-20, .500 (Kresl 4-9, Jeffery 3-5, B. Wilson 2-5, Roberson 1-1).

Team Rebounds: 3.

Blocked Shots: 6 (Hargis 2, Sborov, Roberson, Kresl, Reese).

Turnovers: 12 (Hargis 3, B. Wilson 2, A. Wilson 2, Weston 2, Reese, Swan, Jeffery).

Steals: 16 (Roberson 3, Hargis 3, A. Wilson 2, Kresl 2, Sborov 2, Reese, Jeffery, Swan, B. Wilson).

Technical Fouls: None.

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## Women's basketball: Hargis makes unexpected contribution for CU Buffs

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Rachel Hargis has never been a player the Colorado women's basketball team depends on for offense.

On Sunday, however, the junior center proved she can provide a lift on that end of the floor. She had 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting during the Buffs' 84-59 win against Oregon. It was just the third time in Hargis' career that she scored in double figures, the first time since Jan. 12, 2012.

"Playing a zone, you don't expect to score that much inside, but coach talked to us about keep attacking and cutting to open areas," said Hargis, who averages 4.9 points per game. "That's what I focused on today. I didn't have a very good offensive game against Oregon State (on Friday), so I was like 'I need to get back into my groove tonight.'"

Although she doesn't score a lot, Hargis is one of the team leaders in field-goal percentage (46.5) and has been great on defense. The only player to start every game for CU this season, Hargis also had four rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks on Sunday.

"You look at her defense and she doesn't make very many mistakes, she is helping everybody else out, she's guarding her own, she's getting some rebounds," head coach Linda Lappe said. "So it was nice to see her get some good shots on offense and understand where those shots were going to come from. She was aggressive in there, but she wasn't forcing it."

### Racking up the steals

Colorado's defense has been great all year, but the Buffs have been particularly good of late at taking away opportunities from their opponents.

On Sunday, the Buffs had 16 steals, bringing their total to 54 over the last four games. During that stretch, the Buffs have averaged 13.5 steals per game, getting at least 10 in each game.

During the first eight games of Pac-12 play, the Buffs averaged 7.3 steals per game, and had more than eight just once -- in the Pac-12 opener against Stanford.

### Atchley in the act

A simple layup in the closing seconds of a blowout usually doesn't get much attention. It did on Sunday. Freshman walk-on Alexis Atchley scored her first college points on a driving layup with 21.5 seconds left.

"She does that on us every single day in practice," said sophomore Lexy Kresl, one of several Buffs to celebrate the shot.

"She's a good player, so for her to get in the game and split the defense like that and get a layup in the paint, it was huge," senior Chucky Jeffery said. "It was great to see."

Atchley has played just 16 minutes this year and attempted her first two shots on Sunday.



## Notable

CU's 84 points was its most in a conference game since an 84-60 win against Nebraska on Feb. 26, 2002. ... The 84 points also tied a season high for CU. ... Jasmine Sborov had a career-high four assists and a season-high two steals to go with her eight points for the Buffs. ... Both Malcolm-Peck twins, Brenna (knee) and Meagan (shoulder) sat out of Sunday's game with injuries. ... The Buffs improved to 17-0 against unranked opponents this season. ... Longmont High School graduate Megan Carpenter had two rebounds, one assist and one steal in 18 minutes off the bench for the Ducks. ... The Buffs had lost six in a row to Oregon before Sunday. ... CU has held 18 of 23 opponents under 60 points. The Buffs have yet to allow 70.

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## No. 21 Colorado women rout Oregon 84-59

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BOULDER, Colo.—Chucky Jeffery had 15 points and 15 rebounds to help No. 21 Colorado beat Oregon 84-59 on Sunday.

Brittany Wilson scored 16 points to lead the Buffaloes (18-5, 7-5 Pac-12), who have one more conference win than all of last season. Lexy Kresl scored 12 points, all on 3-pointers, and Rachel Hargis chipped in 10 for Colorado.

Colorado's 84 points matches a season high.

Amanda Delgado led the Ducks (3-21, 1-11) with 15 points. Danielle Love scored 14 for Oregon.

The Ducks' last lead was 25-23 with 7:50 left in the first half after Janitah Iamaleava's 3-pointer. The Buffs scored the next 14 points, seven of them coming from Wilson, and led by double figures the rest of the way.