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Senior guard Chucky Jeffery moved into 10th in career scoring.

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Buffs Beat Oregon State In Annual Pink Game

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BOULDER - Colorado senior guard Chucky Jeffery recorded her 1,500th career point and 26th career double-double on Friday night to lead the CU women to a 61-47 win over Oregon State.

Jeffery, moving into 10th place on the school's career scoring list, led the Buffs with 22 points, added 11 rebounds and a season-high three blocks. CU sophomore forward Jen Reese also scored in double figures with 10 points, while redshirt freshman forward Arielle Roberson added nine.

With the win, CU improves to 17-5 overall, 6-5 in the Pac-12 Conference, while OSU falls to 9-14 and 3-8 in conference play.

It was a long-awaited return to the Coors Events Center for the Buffs, who dropped three of four games in California over the past two weeks. CU lost to Top 25 opponents Stanford, Cal and UCLA but defeated Southern California.

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The Buffs wore pink-accented uniforms on Friday night in honor of the annual "Play 4 Kay" game to support breast cancer awareness. Breast cancer survivors were recognized at halftime, and fans were invited to donate to the Boulder Community Hospital Auxiliary's Breast Cancer Fund to aid local cancer patients.

"It was breast cancer week, and coach talked about attacking because that's what the women with breast cancer have to do," said junior guard Brittany Wilson, who had a game-high five steals. "They have to attack, they have to fight. So we came down, we attacked, we came after loose balls, and I think that's what forced them into those (24) turnovers."

CU put the heat on the visitors early on, going on a 9-0 run before OSU scored its first basket of the game with 14:09 left in the half.

Wilson said that solid start was crucial for the Buffs, as they were battling a strong defensive team ranked sixth in the nation in blocks at 6.1 per game.

"We knew we had to come out and set a statement or they would keep coming at us," Wilson said, "and you can't give a team like that confidence."

The Beavers answered with four three-pointers in five minutes to make it 21-16 with six minutes remaining in the first half. But CU was opportunistic at the free throw line (78.6 percent) and maintained its five-point lead (28-23) at the break.

"Oregon State is a good team, they hustle and they scrap the entire game," Jeffery said. "They weren't going away, so we knew we had to go on a run and we had to get it up a little bit . . . that was huge for us to get this win."

The second half began in a similar fashion to the first as the Buffs went on a 7-0 run with five straight points by Jeffery and two made free throws by Roberson.

This time, though, the momentum stuck.

Colorado built its largest lead of the game - 15 points - with eight minutes to play. From there, the Beavers would not pull closer than eight.

Shooting 7-of-10 free throws to end the game, the Buffs widened the gap back to 14 and closed out the visitors, who were led by freshman guard Jamie Weisner with 22 points and seven rebounds. She was the only OSU player with more than seven points.

"Weisner's tough," said CU head coach Linda Lappe. "She plays so hard, she's physical, she never quits. She's a tough matchup for anybody in the league, so you've got to give her a lot of credit. She kept them in the game."

Colorado returns to the Coors Events Center Sunday at 1:30 p.m. to take on Oregon. After falling to Utah 67-47 Friday night, the Ducks are ranked last in the Pac-12 at 1-10.

In fact, the Buffs have just one opponent remaining (Washington) in the regular season that is currently ranked higher in the conference standings.

Wilson, however, said her team won't get comfortable just yet.

"Being in the Pac-12, you never know what team is going to come out," Wilson said. "You have to play every team and respect them. This is a bottom-to-top hard conference to play, and if you give a team confidence, they'll keep shooting and keep coming back at you. You don't want to relax too much."

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Women's basketball: Chucky Jeffery leads CU Buffs past Oregon State

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Chucky Jeffery continues putting up impressive individual numbers, but the Colorado senior is only worried about what those numbers mean in the big picture.

On Friday night, Jeffery had another brilliant game for the 21st-ranked Buffaloes, leading them to a much-needed 61-47 victory against Oregon State on Friday night at Coors Events Center.

Jeffery finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds, moving into 10th place on CU's all-time scoring list and posting the 26th double-double of her career.

"It does (mean a lot), but at the end of the day, I'm just glad that my team won," she said. "I just do what I can to help my team get a win. I guess all that comes with it, but I'm happy that's happening."

The Buffs (17-5, 6-5 Pac-12) matched their conference win total from last year and moved one game closer to a coveted top-four spot in the standings. The Buffs are two games behind Washington (16-6, 8-3) for fourth place. The top four teams get a first-round bye for the Pac-12 Tournament.

"Getting that first round bye in the tournament is a good thing," junior guard Brittany Wilson said. "At least it's one game off."

If Jeffery and the Buffs continue playing the way they have been, they have a good chance to get into the top four.

Jeffery scored 16 of her points after halftime, added a season-high three blocks and had just one turnover in 35 minutes of play.

"I just think that there were certain ways that they were guarding and they were giving me certain things that I liked, so I kept being aggressive and getting to the rim as much as I could and shooting the ball and coming off of screens," she said.

Head coach Linda Lappe has grown used to seeing that type of effort from Jeffery, but still appreciates it every time.

"Her all-around game tonight was outstanding," Lappe said. "The best thing she did was to keep our team calm and keep them confident. At no point did she ever get rattled."

That was important because Oregon State wasn't easy to put away. Freshman Jamie Weisner had 22 points and seven rebounds to keep the Beavers (9-14, 3-8) in the game throughout the night.

Weisner scored 11 points in a 3 1/2-minute span of the second half, including a three-point play and two 3-pointers, to pull the Beavers within 39-34 with 13:55 to go.

"She's plays so hard, she's physical, she never quits," Lappe said of Weisner. "She's a tough matchup for anybody in the league, so you've got to give her a lot of credit and she kept them in the game."

After Weisner got the Beavers within five, CU responded with a 12-2 run to take its biggest lead of the game, 51-36 with 8:04 to play.

Jen Reese sparked that run with four straight points and then Jeffery had six in a row. That included a 3-pointer from the senior point guard that put her over the 1,500-point mark for her career and moved her into a temporary tie with Erin Carson (1984-88) for 10th place on CU's all-time list. Jeffery broke that tie with a free throw a few moments later.

Oregon State rallied, but never got any closer than seven points the rest of the way, because CU had yet another stellar game on defense.

The Buffs forced 24 turnovers and held an opponent below 50 points for the ninth time this season. That ties a school record for one season and is the highest total since the 2002-03 team (which featured Lappe as a senior) also held nine opponents below 50.

"Any time we can hold a team under 50, that's a great thing to do," said Wilson, who had seven points, five steals and four rebounds. "We're one of the nation's best defensive teams. We all take a lot of pride in that."

Reese, an Oregon native, had 10 points, six rebounds and three steals for the Buffs, who improved to 16-0 against unranked teams.

"They're a feisty team and they never stopped," Reese said. "We knew that going in. It was an up and down game, but overall we did a great job."

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FG FT Reb

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

Edwrds-Tsly 18 1-3 0-0 1-4 0 1 2

Hunter 17 0-4 0-0 3-7 0 4 0

Gibson 22 0-4 0-0 0-2 0 4 0

Weisner 31 7-13 6-6 3-7 0 5 22

Martin 32 2-6 0-0 0-1 0 0 6

Toure 18 2-6 0-1 0-1 3 5 5

Siegner 27 3-6 0-0 2-5 2 3 7

Fambro 3 0-2 0-0 0-0 0 1 0

Bright 15 0-3 0-0 0-1 1 3 0

Schwegler 8 2-3 0-0 0-1 1 0 5

Hamblin 9 0-3 0-0 0-2 0 0 0

Totals 200 17-53 6-7 12-36 7 26 47

Percentages: FG .321, FT .857.

3-Point Goals: 7-13, .538 (Weisner 2-3, Martin 2-3, Schwegler 1-1, Toure 1-1, Siegner 1-1, Hunter 0-1, Gibson 0-3).

Team Rebounds: 5.

Blocked Shots: 6 (Bright 3, Siegner 2, Martin).

Turnovers: 24 (Weisner 5, Siegner 4, Toure 4, Gibson 3, Martin 2, Bright 2, Fambro, Schwegler).

Steals: 7 (Gibson 2, Siegner 2, Edwards-Teasley, Schwegler, Martin).

Technical Fouls: None.

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FG FT Reb

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

Roberson 28 2-8 5-6 2-3 2 1 9

Hargis 16 0-4 0-0 1-4 2 2 0

Kresl 28 2-5 0-0 0-2 0 1 5

B Wilson 21 1-2 5-6 1-4 1 4 7

Jeffery 35 6-15 8-12 5-11 1 1 22

A Wilson 17 0-2 1-2 1-2 2 2 1

Sborov 16 0-2 1-4 1-3 1 2 1

Reese 20 2-4 6-6 2-6 0 2 10

Weston 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Swan 16 2-5 2-3 1-2 1 1 6

Totals 200 15-47 28-39 17-42 10 16 61

Percentages: FG .319, FT .718.

3-Point Goals: 3-7, .429 (Jeffery 2-3, Kresl 1-3, Sborov 0-1).

Team Rebounds: 5.

Blocked Shots: 5 (Jeffery 3, Swan, Roberson).

Turnovers: 17 (B. Wilson 5, Kresl 2, Roberson 2, Swan 2, Reese, Jeffery).

Steals: 17 (B. Wilson 5, Hargis 3, Reese 3, Kresl 2, Jeffery 2, Swan, A. Wilson).

Technical Fouls: None.

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Women's basketball: CU Buffs' Jen Reese rebounds vs. Oregon St.

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Jen Reese needed a good game. The fact that it came against Oregon State made it a little more special.

On Friday, the Oregon native had 10 points, six rebounds and three steals to help Colorado to a 61-47 win over Oregon State.

"It's always fun to play them," the sophomore said. "I know the Oregon State coach (Scott Reuck) very well and their assistants and they're great guys, but I'm excited to play them every year."

A two-time Oregon Gatorade Player of the Year, Reese had struggled in recent games for the Buffs. She had just seven points on 2-for-14 shooting in the previous three combined.

She got back on track Friday, though, with one of her best all-around games of the season.

"Jen just kept it simple tonight," CU head coach Linda Lappe said. "She needed to get back to playing defense. She has not been a liability until the past few games and I think she let that get to her confidence a little bit.

"I thought she played great."

Reese was 2-for-4 from the floor and 6-for-6 from the free throw line. She has made 16 consecutive free throws.

"I just knew coming in I had to do really well on defense to get my offense going and I feel like I did that," she said. "With the help of my teammates' encouragement and me encouraging them as well, I feel like that just helped with everyone and our flow of the game."

Reese gets another shot at a home state school on Sunday when the Buffs host Oregon. Reese grew up rooting for the Ducks, so that one will likely mean even more to her.

Piling up the turnovers

During the past three games, the CU defense has forced 72 turnovers, a dramatic increase of what it had done in previous games.

"We're in better position and I think we're understanding offenses better," Lappe said. "We're being a little bit more aggressive. Right now we're kind of everywhere on the floor. As an offense, that's tough to play against."

The Buffs had 17 steals on Friday, their second-highest total of the season. They had 18 against New Mexico on Dec. 29.

CU came into the weekend seventh in the Pac-12 in forcing turnovers, at 17.1 per game.

Huggins likely to sit

Freshman Lauren Huggins has not played since Dec. 5 against Colorado State because of a stress fracture, but has returned to practice. Friday was her third game back in uniform, but Lappe said Huggins may not play the rest of this year.

"I think we're probably going to end up redshirting Lauren," Lappe said. "She's back at practice, so it's been good to see her back in practice, but she still is trying to get back into shape and get back in the flow of things."

Huggins can't use this season as a redshirt year, but per NCAA rules, if she plays less than 20 percent of the regular season, she can apply for a medical redshirt. She has played in five games, which would wind up being 17 percent of the regular season. If she plays one more game, she would reach 21 percent and be ineligible for a medical redshirt.

Notable

Senior captain Meagan Malcolm-Peck did not play for the second game in a row and for the third time in the past five games. She's played just eight minutes in the last five games. Lappe said Malcolm-Peck has been dealing with an injury to her right shoulder. ... CU is 4-1 against Oregon State, including 4-0 in Boulder. ... CU has yet to allow an opponent to score 70 points this year. ... Lexy Kresl was 1-for-3 from 3-point range and 88 career 3s, moving into 12th place on CU's all-time list. ... The choir from Longmont Christian School sang the national anthem before the game.

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