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**Senior guard Chucky Jeffery had a team season-high 28 points against Utah.**

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## Brooks: Jeffery Pushes Buffs To First Pac-12 Win

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**BOULDER** - Linda Lappe's third Colorado women's basketball team is more balanced than her first two, but after a pair of Pac-12 Conference losses she wisely recognized that a stronger dose of Chucky Jeffery might be just as beneficial as balance.

After dropping consecutive home games to No. 4 Stanford and No. 7 California, Lappe and Jeffery talked - and on Tuesday night Jeffery responded. The senior point guard scored a season-high 28 points and collected 12 rebounds to lead No. 23 CU to its first Pac-12 win of the season, 67-57 over Utah at the Coors Events Center.

"Chucky came out a lot more aggressive," Lappe said. "She was tentative against Cal and Stanford ... we needed more from her."

More is what Jeffery delivered, helping key a 20-3 second-half run as the Buffaloes (12-2, 1-2) finally pulled

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away from the uncooperative Utes (9-5, 0-3).

CU also was lights out from the free throw line, hitting 22 of 26 in the second half and 23 of 28 for the game. The Buffs' final nine points came from the foul line, and they sealed the win by sinking five of six free throws in the final 33 seconds.

Lappe said Jeffery, whose 10 field goals tied a season high, "got in a great flow offensively . . . she took her time, but she was being aggressive and everything was in rhythm. She didn't force too much."

Registering her 23rd career double-double (third this season), it was the type of trademark performance expected of Jeffery in her first three CU seasons. "And we still need that from her," Lappe said. "She knew when we needed to score . . . she understood her role and sometimes that's taking the bull by the horns. There are times when we need her to step up; she understands big possessions."

It wasn't as if Jeffery was completely unproductive against Stanford (17 points) and Cal (13). But she agreed with her coach about playing tentative to open Pac-12 play: "After the past two games, I watched film with coach . . . and I was tentative and wasn't looking to score. She just wanted me to be more aggressive. She told me when I'm more aggressive I make smarter and better decisions to create and help my teammates score as well."

CU won't have to put in extensive film study for its next game with Utah. The Buffs play the Utes in Salt Lake City on Sunday (3 p.m.). Last season, CU and Utah split their regular-season series, with each team winning on the road and CU breaking the tie with a win in the Pac-12 tournament.

The Buffs only led once in Tuesday's first half, and it took them 19 minutes to finally catch the Utes. They did it by closing the half on a 10-1 run, with eight of the points scored by Jeffery as CU took a 32-31 lead at intermission.

Behind Plouffe's 11 first-half points, Utah led by eight points on two occasions before CU shook itself awake. The Utes' last eight-point advantage (30-22) came on a pair of Wicijowski free throws with 4:42 remaining before the break.

That's when Jeffery went to work, getting eight of her 14 first-half points in the final 4 1/2 minutes. The Buffs' other basket was scored by freshman Jamee Swan, who finished with a career-high 11 boards and eight points in 22 minutes and was a catalyst in CU catching up in the first half, said Lappe: "She kept us in the game for a lot of the first half."

The Buffs' 32 first-half points gave them a nice start toward finally reaching 50 in their third conference home game. They managed only 40 and 49 in the two previous losses, marking the first time since the 1974-75 season CU had been held under 50 points in consecutive home games.

But that wasn't a second-half focal point for the Buffs; scoring 49 and getting a one-point win would have been fine. They opened the second half with a basket by Swan, taking their largest lead (34-31) of the night to that point.

Plouffe answered for Utah (34-33), then got a trey by Rachel Messer to go up 36-34. Meagan Malcolm-Peck's layup tied the score at 36-36 before a 9-2 Utes run opened a 45-38 advantage for the visitors with just under 13 minutes to play.

It was the Buffs' turn to respond, and they did with an 11-1 run, with seven of the points made at the free throw line. The final pair by Brittany Wilson put CU up 49-46 with 8:49 left.

Jeffery took it from there. After hitting a short jumper, she got a steal at the other end, was fouled and hit two free throws for a 55-48 Buffs lead. And when the Utes misfired on their next possession, Jeffery made them pay with a three-pointer from the top of the key that completed CU's 20-3 surge and opened a 10-point lead (58-48) with 5:58 remaining.

The Utes pulled to within five points (62-57) when Plouffe made one of three free throws with 36.1 seconds to play. But the Buffs pulled away at the free throw line, hitting five of six free throws to pocket their first Pac-12

win.

"I'm happy . . . it's nice to get that first one," Lappe said. "You have to give Utah credit, though; they don't beat themselves. You really have to work hard to beat Utah."

A chance for a sweep comes again in five days, which Lappe calls "different (because) we play them again so soon . . . I think there will be some changes by both teams, but for the most part we know each other's game."

The Utes know Jeffery's game, said Utah coach Anthony Levrets: "We played a really good team and obviously Chucky made a ton of plays to beat us. But I'm pleased with my team's effort and we'll keep working and try to get ourselves ready to go on Sunday."

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**Freshman Jamee Swan grabbed a career-best 11 rebounds Tuesday against Utah.**

Photo Courtesy: Joel Broida



## Swan's Board Work Against Utah Will Mean More Minutes

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**BOULDER** - Colorado freshman Jamee Swan hasn't seen a lot of playing time so far this season on the women's basketball team, but that may change after her breakout performance in a win over Utah on Tuesday night.

After struggling with rebounding on both ends of the court during last Sunday's loss to California, the Buffaloes needed someone to step up - and Swan did just that.

The 6-2 forward helped the Buffs to their first Pac-12 Conference win with a career-high 11 rebounds, just one less than senior Chucky Jeffery's game high in CU's 67-57 win.

While some who haven't seen Swan often on the court were surprised, CU head coach Linda Lappe said she's known the freshman's potential from the start.

"Jamee can do that," Lappe said. "Jamee is strong, she's really athletic, she can jump. She's kind of a mix of all of our past players together, and tonight she kept us in the game

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for a lot of the first half. She sparked us definitely in the first half, and again in the second half . . . she played like an upperclassman (Tuesday)."

As for Swan, contributing what she could with the time she had on the floor, a total of 22 minutes, was all that mattered.

"My role on the team is to run the floor and rebound, and for me I just felt like I needed to get my work done for my team," Swan said. "I didn't want to go out and just do nothing, I wanted to be in there to do something to help the team."

Senior teammate Jeffery said having such a promising freshman on the team would be critical for the Buffs later this season.

"They called Jamee's number and she came in, and she knew what she had to do," Jeffery said. "She knew her job was to rebound and get stops on defense, and she came in and did an outstanding job."

Lappe plans to increase Swan's playing time as the freshman continues to "learn the system." The first chance for her to do so will come in a rematch against Utah this Sunday in Salt Lake City.

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## Women's basketball: Swan takes flight for Buffs

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Rebounding is not as easy during Pac-12 Conference play as it is during non-conference play.

With that in mind, No. 23 Colorado may need to start relying more on Jamee Swan.

The true freshman from Arizona grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds and chipped in eight points and a block in Tuesday's 67-57 win against Utah.

"My role on the team is to run the floor and rebound," said Swan, who helped the Buffs to a 42-27 advantage in rebounds. "I just felt like I needed to get my work done for my team. I want to be in there to do something to help the team."

The 6-foot-2 Swan came into the night averaging just 11.2 minutes per game, but she had made the most of those minutes. She was posting 3.9 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.

Tuesday night may have been her best game. The Buffs were getting beat on the boards early on, but then sent Swan to the floor. She had eight rebounds by halftime, already topping her previous best of seven. She wound up playing a season-high 22 minutes.

"She played like she was an upperclassman today," Buffs head coach Linda Lappe said. "It was kind of a breakout game for her. It's something we need from her every single night. She has the capabilities of doing that and I think this was a great confidence builder for her."

Swan's strength and athleticism make her one of the Buffs' best rebounders, which ought to come in handy against the size of CU's Pac-12 competition.

"I hope to play enough of a role that I make an impact," she said.

Moving on up

CU senior Chucky Jeffery continues to climb the ladder on CU's career charts. With 28 points on Tuesday, she now has 1,398 for her career, putting her in 12th place - just one point behind Jenny Roulier. Jeffery passed Diane Hiemstra and Mandy Nightingale on Tuesday.

Jeffery also passes Sabrina Scott to move into sixth place on the career rebound list, with 775.

Streak ends

For the first time in her career, Buffs freshman Arielle Roberson was held to single digits in points. She finished with eight points on just 2-of-7 shooting.

Roberson had scored at least 10 points in each of her first 13 games, setting a school record for double-digit scoring games to start a career.

Stopping Plouffe



Utah's Michelle Plouffe had 10 points during the first 8:28 on Tuesday, making both of her 3-point shots.

The 6-4 forward had just seven points during the final 31 minutes and didn't attempt a 3-pointer in the final 28 minutes.

"We stayed closer to her," Lappe said. "She got off way too many 3s in the first half. When she gets them off, she's going to make them; she just didn't get as many off in the second half. We threw a lot of different players at her. We had a lot of different players step up and do some work on her and I thought that helped us stay fresh on her."

#### Notable

CU has held all three Pac-12 opponents under 60 points. ... The Buffs are 12-0 when out-rebounding its opponents this season. ... After making four of seven 3-pointers in the first half, Utah was 2-for-14 in the second half. ... CU's 67 points is the second-most scored against Utah this season (Stanford beat the Utes 70-56). ... Freshman Lauren Huggins missed her seventh consecutive game with a stress fracture in her right leg. Huggins, who hasn't played since Dec. 5, wore a walking boot Tuesday. ... CU wore its gold home jersey for the first time this season. ... Utah leads the series 11-10, but CU is 3-1 against the Utes since the two schools joined the Pac-12 last year.

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## Women's Basketball: Jeffery leads CU Buffs past Utah

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Chucky Jeffery was issued a challenge before Tuesday's game against Utah.

The senior responded in brilliant fashion.

Jeffery scored a season-high 28 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and led the 23rd-ranked Buffaloes to a 67-57 win over Utah at Coors Events Center on Tuesday night.

"Her role sometimes is just to take the bull by the horn and just go after it," CU coach Linda Lappe said. "She's going to have to put us on her back at times, mostly because she has the capabilities of doing that."

Jamee Swan added eight points and 11 rebounds for the Buffs (12-2, 1-2 Pac-12), who snapped a two-game skid.

Jeffery, who notched her 23rd career double-double, sparked a 20-3 run midway through the second half that gave CU the lead for good. She had 11 points in that run and punctuated it with a 3-pointer to give CU its biggest lead, 58-48, with 5:35 to play. "It helps the team," Jeffery said of her big game. "If I'm not creating, we kind of get stagnant on offense, so I just try to listen to what my coaches are telling me and I try to utilize that on the floor."

CU had lost two in a row over the weekend against No. 5 Stanford and No. 7 Cal. In those games, Jeffery scored 17 and 13 points, but didn't provide the Buffs the spark they needed.

"I told her I didn't think she had a great weekend against Cal and Stanford," Lappe said. "She was being really tentative, she was passing up a lot of shots, passing up some drives. We needed more from her, and I thought she responded really well tonight."

Looking to avoid a third-straight defeat, Jeffery was aggressive early against the Utes (9-5, 0-3). She had eight points during a 10-1 run to close the first half. Her bucket with 58 seconds to play in the half gave CU its first lead of the game. She was also 7-for-8 from the free throw line after attempting just six free throws in the previous four games, combined.

"(Lappe) told me when I'm aggressive, I make smarter and better decisions to create and help my teammates score, as well," Jeffery said. "I just came out and I was being as aggressive as I could be. Every time I had an on-ball screen or things like that, I just looked to score first."

The Buffs needed it, because Utah gave them all they could handle.

Utah's Michelle Plouffe had 10 of her 17 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, to stake the Utes to a 17-10 lead midway through the first half. The Utes matched their big lead at 30-22 on a pair of free throws with 4:42 to play in the first half, but CU responded with its 10-1 run.

Jeffery scored 14 of her points in the first half, sinking seven of her 12 shots. While she handled the bulk of CU's scoring, Swan gave the Buffs a lift on the glass. Swan topped her career-high in rebounds during the first



20 minutes, snagging eight before the break.

Coming out of the halftime break, Utah seized control, outscoring the Buffs 14-6 during the first 7:04 of the half to take a 45-38 lead. CU responded with its 20-3 run and outscored the Utes 29-12 during the final 12:40 of the contest.

After Jeffery's 3-pointer with 5:35 to go, the Buffs had turnovers on four of their next five possessions, but Utah couldn't capitalize. CU didn't hit another field goal after Jeffery's 3, but went 9-for-10 at the line in the final 2:20. CU was 22-for-26 at the line in the second half.

"It was really important," Jeffery said of the win. "We knew we couldn't go on a longer slide. We regrouped again and we came out and we played and we played hard and we knew we had to get this one. Now we have to turn around and go back to Utah (on Sunday) and try to get them there, as well."

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UTAH (9-5)

Wicijowski 5-11 7-8 17, Plouffe 6-13 3-8 17, Rodrigues 5-11 0-1 12, Messer 1-2 1-2 4, Rodriguez 0-4 0-0 0, Wilson 3-8 0-0 7, Crozon 0-4 0-0 0, Bridgewater 0-0 0-0 0, Dunbar 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-53 11-19 57.

COLORADO (12-2)

Roberson 2-7 4-4 8, Hargis 1-2 1-2 3, Kresl 1-3 4-4 6, B. Wilson 2-8 3-4 8, Jeffery 10-19 7-8 28, A. Wilson 0-1 2-4 2, M. Malcolm-Peck 2-3 0-0 4, Sborov 0-4 0-0 0, Reese 0-1 0-0 0, Weston 0-0 0-0 0, Swan 3-5 2-2 8. Totals 21-53 23-28 67.

Halftime -- Colorado 32-31. 3-Point Goals -- Utah 6-21 (Plouffe 2-3, Rodrigues 2-4, Messer 1-2, Wilson 1-5, Wicijowski 0-2, Rodriguez 0-2, Crozon 0-3), Colorado 2-9 (Jeffery 1-2, B. Wilson 1-3, Kresl 0-1, M. Malcolm-Peck 0-1, Roberson 0-2). Fouled Out -- Wicijowski. Rebounds -- Utah 27 (Wicijowski 9), Colorado 42 (Jeffery 12). Assists -- Utah 9 (Wicijowski 4), Colorado 8 (Sborov 2). Total Fouls -- Utah 21, Colorado 17. A -- 2,209.