Huskies score winning goal early in extra time

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Momentum was clearly on Colorado's side as overtime began on Friday afternoon at Prentup Field.

A few seconds into the extra session, the Buffs were slapped with a disappointing loss.

Washington's Lindsay Elston netted a goal 32 seconds into overtime to defeat the host Buffaloes 2-1.

"We ended (regulation) with all the momentum and to go out and not even touch the ball was a big bummer," CU junior defender Lizzy Herzl said.

The Buffs (6-2-3, 0-1-1 Pac-12) are winless in their last six Pac-12 games (0-5-1) dating back to last season, but have played relatively well in both conference matches this season.

Against Washington, CU seized momentum by outplaying the Huskies in the final 15 minutes of regulation.

Trailing 1-0 the 82nd minute, the Buffs' Darcy Jerman delivered a great pass to Amy Barczuk in front of the Husky net. Barczuk put a shot on net that was saved by Husky goalkeeper Kari Davidson, but Emily Paxton was there to clean up the rebound. The freshman knocked it in the net for her first goal as a Buff.

"I thought (Barczuk) was going to score and then I saw the rebound," Paxton said. "It was right in front of the goal and I just took a shot."

Following that goal, the Buffs kept the pressuring the goal. They outshot the Huskies 12-7 in the second half, including a 7-3 advantage in shots on goal. Many of those shots came in the final 15-20 minutes.

"I think if we were going to get a winner, it had to be at the end of (regulation)," CU coach Danny Sanchez said.
"We had a couple of decent chances after we scored."

Sanchez was worried about a letdown in overtime, but nobody expected the Huskies to end the game so quick. They stormed down the field, sent a crossing pass from left to right and Elston put it home for her team-leading seventh goal.

"They put a ball in a dangerous spot and when you do that, things happen for you," Sanchez said.

Washington (8-2-1, 1-1) got on the board first in the 20th minute on a goal by Allie Beahan. That ended a shutout streak of 359 minutes, 42 seconds for the CU defense. The Buffs had blanked their previous three opponents.

Despite the loss, the Buffs are pleased with their play so far in conference play. They tied Oregon 0-0 on Sept. 21.

"I definitely think we're playing a lot better this year," Herzl said. "I'm just hoping that we bounce back from this and are able to get the win on Sunday (against Washington State) and carry that through the rest of the season."

Sanchez said the Buffs ought to pleased with the fact that they haven't been overmatched in either game and have actually had chances to win both.

"We came back and got a tie and had opportunities to win the game," he said. "It just didn't happen for us today."

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Bamble returns home

Fairview High graduate Berkley Gamble made the trip with her Washington teammates, but the freshman did not play. Gamble tore the ACL in her left knee on Aug. 5 and will miss the entire season.

"It was bittersweet coming home," she said after the game. "I wish I could play, but I was really happy to be here with my team playing Colorado. It was really nice to come home."

Notable

CU was 1-0-7 in its previous eight overtime games. The last overtime loss came on Oct. 17, 2010, at Oklahoma. ... CU has just two goals in its last five Pac-12 games, dating back to last season. ... The Buffs are 0-2-1 when their opponent scores first this season. ... The Buffs were 1-9-1 in Pac-12 play last season with four one-goal losses. ... The Buffs host Washington State at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Washington 2, Colorado 1

At Prentup Field

Washington (8-2-1, 1-1) 1 0 1 -- 2

Colorado (6-2-3, 0-1-1) 0 1 0 -- 1

Goals (assists) -- Washington: Allie Beahan (Isabel Farrell), 19:05; CU: Emily Paxton (Amy Barczuk), 81:22; Washington: Lindsay Elston (unassisted), 90:32.

Goalkeepers (Min-Goals allowed-Saves) -- Washington: Kari Davidson (90:32-1-5). CU: Annie Brunner (90:32-2-4).

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