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Transfer hitter finds home team at CU

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University of Colorado volleyball player Taylor Simpson doesn't have a common college athlete's resume. She's a transfer student, and CU is her third school in three years.

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After playing at Nebraska and Missouri, Simpson joined the Buffs in January and she and her coach agree — silver and gold look good on her.

"The other schools just did not work out, and I have been really lucky to come to CU and have it work out how I wanted it to," Simpson said. "This is the spot for me, so I am glad I am here."

In only six games with the Buffs, Simpson has become one of Colorado's top hitters. Last weekend she was named the Candlewood Suites Invite's most valuable player at the tournament the Buffs won with just one set loss. The team is 5-1 for the season.

Head volleyball coach Liz Kritza believes CU is where Taylor will stay.

"Taylor is home here. It is the right fit," Kritza said. "I've seen her come in here and make a significant impact on the court, but more importantly this is the place where she will thrive — academically, socially and in volleyball. I think she is really happy."

Kritza said Simpson was a valuable recruit because of her experience all around the court and nation.

"Having the skill set, size, physical ability and a complete set of volleyball skills, I knew she would be able to contribute right away," Kritza said. "She has done just that. She has worked her tail off and earned her spot on the team."

Simpson joined an equally athletic team at CU, with women who often have to share playing time. The team's compatibility on the court, Simpson said, has been a comfort.

"It's been really helpful to have other people on my side of the net that can help me out so I don't have to be swinging at every ball," Simpson said.

Coach Kritza says that she is happy to have so many strong players capable of going for the same position. She said the healthy competition is one reason the team has been successful this year.

"It is a good thing. Human nature lends one to work harder when they have to compete for their position," Kritza said. "It is happening in our gym in a very team oriented way, but every

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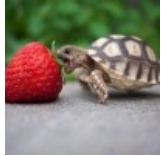
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player on the roster understands that they have to perform at their peak because otherwise there may be someone who will be performing better that day."

The Buffs head to Waco, Texas this weekend where they face Appalachian State, Northwestern State and Baylor. They do not return home until Sept. 27, when they will take on UCLA.

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