

2013 COLORADO BUFFALOES



The University of Colorado women's soccer team enters its third season in the Pac-12 Conference and its second under head coach Danny Sanchez. Nine newcomers and 16 returning players will face a schedule that includes four in-state opponents and four opponents who ranked in the NSCAA post-season top 22.

WHO'S RETURNING: The Buffs return 16 players, including 13 letter-winners and eight starters. Four of the team's top five scorers return, led by senior Anne Stuller, who netted eight goals and had two assists last season. Fellow seniors and co-captains Hayley Hughes (two goals and three assists) and Annie Brunner (70 saves and 7.1 shutouts) hope to lead the team to victory in the 2013 season. The team also has a strong young presence. Sophomores Madison Krauser, a member of the Pac-12 Freshman Team, and Emily Paxton combined for a total of 11 points in their first season.

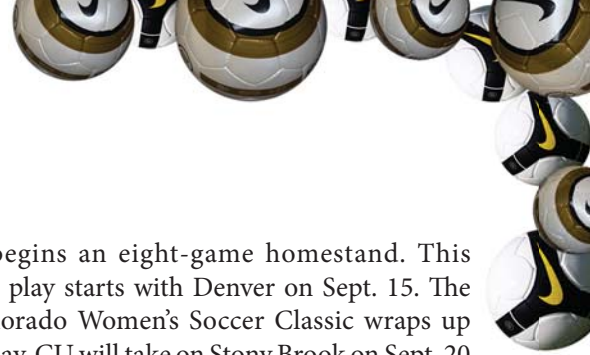
WHO'S GONE: The Buffs bid farewell to nine players, including six seniors, three of whom were starters. Midfielder Amy Barczuk concluded her career at CU by breaking numerous records and earning a place on the All-Pac-12 Second Team. Barczuk has continued her soccer career as a second round draft choice by the Western New York Flash in the inaugural NWSL Draft. Other 2012 senior starters Shaye Marshall and Quinn Krier combined for eight assists in the midfield. Keeper Kayla Millar closed out a career that included helping CU to its first win in the Pac-12. CU also lost two more seniors, Lauren Shaner and Erin Bricker, who provided extra minutes off the bench. Jenna Glad, Courtney Dudley

and Elise Romano, who played a combined 386 minutes in their freshmen campaigns, will not be returning this season.

WHO'S NEW: CU welcomes nine newcomers. The group includes seven freshmen and two transfers. Californians lead the pack with four players: Alyssa Herwatt, Hannah Dearborn, Mikaela Kraus and Tori Cooper. Washington follows with two: Sydney Carlson and Brianna Hooks. Three other players expand Buff Nation, becoming the first players from their respective states. Kenzie Tillitt hails from Nevada, Brooke Rice from Wyoming and Alex Huynh from New South Wales, Australia. Cooper and Rice both have two seasons of collegiate experience under their belts, coming to Colorado by way of Georgia and Santa Clara, respectively.

FORWARDS: Anne Stuller leads the attack following a stellar junior season. Stuller led the 2012 Buffs in goals, points, shots, shots on goal and gamewinners. Junior Storie Ledger scored her first collegiate goal in last season's 3-0 shutout of Arizona. Sophomores Emily Paxton and Nikola Machalek made a strong debut, with Paxton scoring against No. 2-ranked Stanford and Machalek scoring in her first collegiate game. Freshmen Hannah Dearborn and Brianna Hooks look to contribute offensively in their first season.

MIDFIELDERS: Colorado's deep midfield boasts four juniors, including two transfers, two sophomores and three freshmen. Though both battled injuries last season, juniors Darcy Jerman (15 starts and one goal) and Carly Bolyard (15 games played) made a strong impression in their second season. Sophomores



Madison Krauser and Olivia Pappalardo began their careers with a bang. Krauser found a spot on the All-Pac-12 Freshman Team after scoring two goals, including gamewinner against Wyoming, and contributing two assists. Pappalardo was only second to Krauser amongst last season's freshmen, with 16 shots and two assists. Transfers Tori Cooper and Brooke Rice and freshmen Sydney Carlson, Alyssa Herwatt and Mikaela Kraus round out the group to work to fill the absence of versatile midfielders Amy Barczuk and Shaye Marshall.

DEFENDERS: Following the Buffs' best defensive season since 2008, boasting eight shutouts and a 1.08 goals-against average, a veteran group of defenders look to continue the trend. Both Hayley Hughes and Lizzy Herzl scored goals last season, but will conclude their Colorado career as members of the backline. Bianca Jones, also an offensive presence last year with two goals, will contribute as a leader in her third season. Heather Ward, who played in 11 games last season, is joined by fellow sophomores Ashley Love and Taylor Thurmond. Aussie Alex Huynh will also join the Buffs defense in her first season.

KEEPERS: Annie Brunner enters her final season with three years' experience as the Buffs' lead keeper. In 20 games in 2012, Brunner played 1,815 minutes, allowed 23 goals and recorded a 1.14 GAA. Her three straight shutouts to start the season was a CU record and helped her to a Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week honor. She once again added her name to the CU season record books and moved up the ranks in the career records, standing in the top five for career shutouts, GAA, saves and wins. She also ended the season ranked in the top 10 in the Pac-12 in shutouts, GAA, saves, saves per game and save percentage. Brunner is joined by senior reserve keeper Betsy Builder and newcomer Kenzie Tillitt.

THE SEASON: Colorado's schedule includes 11 home games, nine non-conference match-ups and five televised games on the Pac-12 Networks.

The Buffs open the season with the Colorado Cup for the third consecutive year, looking for their third consecutive title. CU begins the season against Northern Colorado on Aug. 23, an opponent CU has never allowed a goal against, much less lost to. The Buffs then play host to Colorado College on Aug. 25 in the deciding game of the Cup.

Home games continue against in-state rival Air Force on Aug. 30 and St. Mary's on Sept. 1.

The Buffs then head to the Denver Invitational to take on Alabama on Sept. 6 and the University of Tennessee-Martin on Sept. 8.

Colorado then begins an eight-game homestand. This extended Prentup play starts with Denver on Sept. 15. The Omni Hotels Colorado Women's Soccer Classic wraps up non-conference play. CU will take on Stony Brook on Sept. 20 and UNLV on Sept. 22, while also playing host to Northern Colorado.

CU begins Pac-12 Conference play against 2012 NCAA semifinalists Stanford on Sept. 28. Home conference games continue as the Buffs look for their first wins against Oregon State on Oct. 4 and Oregon on Oct. 6.

The Buffs head out of state for the first time all season to take on Washington State and Washington on Oct. 11 and Oct. 13, respectively. CU concludes the trip in Berkeley, where the Buffs earned their first ever Pac-12 victory, to take on California on Oct. 18.

In their final home games of the season, the Buffs hope for a repeat win against Southern California on Oct. 25 and take on stiff competition against UCLA on Oct. 27.

In the final three-game roadtrip of the season, CU travels to Arizona and Utah. The trip begins on Nov. 1 against Arizona State. Colorado then works for back-to-back shutouts against Arizona on Nov. 3. The Buffs close out the season against conference rival Utah on Nov. 8.

