



## 2010-11 SEASON IN REVIEW

Not many outsiders expected much out of the 2010-11 Colorado women's basketball team. Coming off consecutive sub-.500 seasons, the Buffaloes were picked to finish last in their final Big 12 Conference season, plus had a new coaching staff and just nine healthy players.

But the Buffaloes thrived in 2010-11 with a new staff and a new attitude. First-year head coach **Linda Lappe** and her staff began to revive the 'Colorado Way' from day one and guided their team to an 18-16 overall record, advancing to the quarterfinals of the 2011 postseason WNIT. CU finished tied for eighth place in the Big 12 at 6-10, its best league mark since 2007.

As the staff and team was just getting to know each other this last off season, the Buffaloes put together a respectable 9-4 nonconference record including a big win over rival Colorado State and winning their own Omni Hotels Classic. Sophomore guard **Chucky Jeffery** put together one of the season's most memorable individual performances in the championship game of the Omni Classic against Loyola Chicago. Jeffery recorded the second triple-double in team history by totaling 10 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists during CU's 65-34 win.

That win over Loyola came during a stretch where CU won five straight and six out of seven. The Buffaloes capped off preseason play with home wins over Colgate and North Dakota.

CU gave coach Lappe her first Big 12 win in exciting fashion. The Buffaloes, down to eight players with an injury to Jeffery, knocked off No. 16 ranked Iowa State, 66-60 in overtime. The win was CU's first over a ranked opponent in three years, and wouldn't be the last.

Colorado had solid home wins over Nebraska and Missouri early in the Big 12 schedule, but the final stretch would prove to be the toughest. The Buffaloes were to play four of their final six on the road and the two home games against Baylor and Oklahoma, a pair of top 15 nationally ranked teams that played in the 2010 NCAA Women's Final Four.

During that final stretch Colorado dropped games at tough venues for any team, Iowa State and Kansas State. After the game in Ames, CU found itself at 12-14 with four regular season

games, and the Big 12 Championship remaining. The Buffaloes would need to win three of those final four in order to ensure a .500 regular season record and postseason eligibility.



Chucky Jeffery

The schedule was not in CU's favor, but the Buffaloes persevered. CU began its run by knocking off No. 15 Oklahoma, 73-68 in Boulder. Then, after not having won a game away from Boulder all season, Colorado proceeded to win back-to-back nail-biting road games at Missouri (63-59) and Nebraska (64-61).

The wins put Colorado in position for its third ever WNIT bid and first since 2008. Colorado opened play with a 71-62 home win over UC Riverside. The Buffaloes then made a statement to their future conference, the Pac-12, with a crisp 81-65 win over California.

The third round sent Colorado to long-time region rival Wyoming. In front of a boisterous crowd of nearly 8,000, the Buffaloes calmly collected their third straight road win, a 70-58 decision over the Cowgirls.

CU saw its season end in the quarterfinals as USC defeated the Buffaloes 87-70. CU senior and All-Big 12 first team guard/forward **Brittany Spears** ended her storied career with a bang, equaling her career-best 36 points, just two of the school single game record.



Brittany Spears

Despite the loss Colorado finished by winning six of its final nine games, setting the tone for a great offseason as the Buffaloes begin preparation for Pac-12 play in 2011-12.

All-Big 12 first team senior guard/forward **Brittany Spears** led CU and ranked third in the Big 12 in scoring at 19.2 points per game. She was also first in defensive rebounds (6.0 drpg), third in rebounding (8.1 rpg), fourth in 3-point field goals (2.4 3mpg), fifth in free-throw percentage (.830), 10th in steals (1.8 spg) and 11th in blocked shots (1.2 bpg).

Spears graduates as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,185 points.

She logged double digits in scoring in 32-of-34 games this season and in 111-of-127 career outings. Spears' 111 career games



in double-figures are the most in team history as she passed Lisa Van Goor, who had 108 from 1980-85, against Cal. Her 32 double-figure games tied her with Jackie McFarland (2007-08) and Lisa Van Goor (1980-81) for the second most on the team charts. Spears also led the team in rebounding (8.1 rpg), 3-point field goals (81) and blocks (40) and was second in steals (61).

**Chucky Jeffery** led Colorado in steals (2.5 spg) and assists (4.3 apg) and ranked second on the team in scoring (13.5 ppg) and rebounding (7.9 rpg). Jeffery's 128 assists this year are the most by a CU player since Mandy Nightingale had 161 in 2001-02 and 14th on CU's single-season list. She was second in the Big 12 in defensive rebounds (6.0 drpg) while ranking third in steals (2.5 spg), fifth in overall rebounding, seventh in assists, 10th in field-goal percentage (.471), 15th in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.1), and 16th in scoring.

Sophomore guard/forward **Meagan Malcolm-Peck** averaged 7.0 points and 4.6 rebounds and was second on the team in 3-point field goals (38) and third in blocked shots (16). Malcolm-Peck had the league's fifth best 3-point percentage during Big 12 games at 40.8 percent (20-of-49) and was 13th on the league's overall season charts at 35.8 percent (38-of-106).



Meagan Malcolm-Peck

Junior forward **Julie Seabrook** averaged 5.3 points and 5.4 rebounds per game while shooting a team best 48.3 percent from the field (71-of-147). She shot 60 percent or better in 16 games, and 50 percent or better in 20 outings.

Freshman guard **Brittany Wilson** averaged 7.8 points and 3.4 rebounds per game and was one of three Buffs — joining Spears and Jeffery — with at least 30 assists and 30 steals. Her 36 total steals ranked fifth among freshmen in the Big 12.

Senior guard **Britney Blythe** closed her career on the upswing, making 21 of her final 51 from downtown (.412). She hit 39.6 percent from deep during the Big 12 season, ranking eighth on the league charts.

Freshman center **Rachel Hargis** became a solid player off the bench, especially on the defensive side. Hargis ranked second on the team in blocked shots with 24, which is also the third best total among freshmen in the Big 12. She stepped it up in that category during league play. Sixteen of those 24 blocks, came during the conference schedule ranking 11th on the league charts.

