

PRESEASON TOURNAMENTS



Colorado is 102-40 since the 1980-81 season in regular season tournaments, including a sparkling 40-10 all-time in its own Omni Hotels Classic which celebrates its 26th year in 2012.

Colorado has won 15 of 24 Omni Hotels Classic titles and has played in every championship game but three as the Buffaloes finished third in 2005 and 2007, and fourth in 2008. The 2006 season brought a one-year change in the tournament, as it followed a true "Classic" format where Colorado and Wyoming played Nevada and Charlotte on consecutive days, primarily because Wyoming and CU had just played each other three days before. The Classic returned to its normal format in 2007, and this season Colorado hosts Auburn, San Diego State and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi over Thanksgiving weekend.

The Buffaloes also have some notable preseason tournament wins outside the Coors Classic. CU won the Preseason WNIT in 1995 defeating New Mexico State, Utah, Texas A&M and Arkansas in the championship. More recently, Colorado claimed the 2003 WBCA Classic title in Boulder by topping Old Dominion and Notre Dame.

Erin Scholz helped Colorado to the 1995 Preseason WNIT championship with a 73-71 win over Arkansas.



OMNI CLASSIC TOURNAMENT HISTORY

1987

First Round—**Colorado 79**, Purdue 55, Houston 84, San Diego State 80

Consolation —San Diego State 80, Purdue 74

Championship—Houston 79, **Colorado 78**

All-Tournament Team: Barbara Anderson, Houston; **Tracy Tripp, Colorado;** Sharon Versyp, Purdue; **Bridget Turner, Colorado;** Missy Davis, Houston. MVP: Chana Perry, San Diego State

1988

First Round—Illinois State 61, Michigan State 54,
Colorado 86, Dayton 53

Consolation—Michigan State 80, Dayton 54

Championship—**Colorado 74**, Illinois State 60

All-Tournament Team: Sue Forsyth, Michigan State; Cindy Kaufman, Illinois State; Tobette Pleasant, Dayton; **Tracy Tripp, Colorado;** **Bridget Turner, Colorado.** MVP: **Crystal Ford, Colorado**

1989

First Round—Providence 113, Eastern Michigan 97
Colorado 78, Western Illinois 59

Consolation—Western Illinois 89, Eastern Michigan 73

Championship—**Colorado 78**, Providence 70

All-Tournament Team: Robin Hasemann, Western Illinois; Andrea Mangum, Providence; Helen Mercy, Providence; Shani LeBaron, Eastern Michigan; **Annan Wilson, Colorado.**
MVP: **Sherrice King, Colorado**

1990

First Round—Washington 99, Wisconsin 91 (OT)
Colorado 87, Gonzaga 59

Consolation—Wisconsin 80, Gonzaga 77

Championship—Washington 87, **Colorado 60**

All-Tournament Team: Robin Threatt, Wisconsin; Laurie Merlino, Washington; Jennifer Mountain, Gonzaga; **Jamillah Lang, Colorado.**
MVP: Karen Deden, Washington

1991

First Round—**Colorado 83**, Illinois 65
Vanderbilt 78, Virginia Tech 63

Consolation—Illinois 68, Virginia Tech 66

Championship—Vanderbilt 79, **Colorado 69**

All-Tournament Team: **Shelley Sheetz, Colorado;** **Amy Mathern, Colorado;** Jill Estey, Illinois; Dayna Sanovick, Virginia Tech.
MVP: Donna Harris, Vanderbilt

1992

First Round—Southern Illinois 70, Idaho State 55
Colorado 95, Mississippi State 59

Consolation—Mississippi State 72, Idaho State 63

Championship—**Colorado 64**, Southern Illinois 52

All-Tournament Team: Kelly Firth, Southern Illinois; **Jamillah Lang, Colorado;** Carla Northcutt, Mississippi State; Shawna Fortney, Idaho State. MVP: **Mindy Henry, Colorado**



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1993

First Round—**Colorado 84**, Weber State 53
 Washington 105, West Virginia 47
 Consolation—West Virginia 72, Weber State 68
 Championship—**Colorado 76**, Washington 65
All-Tournament Team: Shelley Sheetz, Colorado; Tara Davis, Washington; Rhonda Smith, Washington; Lisa Szymczak, West Virginia. MVP: **Jamillah Lang, Colorado**

1994

First Round—**Colorado 72**, Stephen F. Austin 48
 San Diego State 76, George Mason 60
 Consolation—Stephen F. Austin 75, George Mason 52
 Championship—**Colorado 70**, San Diego State 51
All-Tournament Team: Latonia Bonnett, Stephen F. Austin; Krista Jay, George Mason; Falisha Wright, San Diego State; De Celle Thomas, Colorado. MVP: **Isabelle Fijalkowski, Colorado.**

1995

First Round—**Colorado 73**, Vermont 68
 Louisiana Tech 77, Fresno State 59
 Consolation—Fresno State 76, Vermont 63
 Championship—Louisiana Tech 65, **Colorado 61**
All-Tournament Team: Staci Oddo, Fresno State; De Celle Thomas, Colorado; Erin Scholz, Colorado; Debra Williams, Louisiana Tech. MVP: Vickie Johnson, Louisiana Tech.

1996

First Round—**Colorado 74**, Bowling Green 62
 SMU 71, Louisville 54
 Consolation—Louisville 61, Bowling Green 60
 Championship—**Colorado 74**, SMU 56
All-Tournament Team: Erin Scholz, Colorado; La Shena Graham, Colorado; Kim Brandl, SMU; Misty Smith, Louisville, Charlotta Jones, Bowling Green. MVP: **Erin Scholz, Colorado.**

1997

First Round—Rice 65, St. Joseph's 55
Colorado 71, Central Michigan 49
 Consolation—St. Joseph's 77, Central Michigan 51
 Championship—**Colorado 53**, Rice 49
All-Tournament Team: La Shena Graham, Colorado; Gina Cafagna, Rice; Marla Brumfield, Rice; Maureen Costello, St. Joseph's; **Jenny Circle, Colorado.** MVP: **La Shena Graham, Colorado.**

1998

First Round—Miami (Oh) 83, George Mason 76
Colorado 77, Idaho 66
 Consolation—Idaho 85, George Mason 76
 Championship—**Colorado 82**, Miami (Oh) 68
All-Tournament Team: Chrissy Todd, George Mason; Kami Carmann, Colorado; Hollie Nelson, Miami; **Linda Lappe, Colorado.** MVP: Alli Nieman, Idaho

1999

First Round—Western Michigan 68, Washington State 65
Colorado 76, Wright State, 49
 Consolation—Washington State 66, Wright State 44
 Championship—**Colorado 77**, Western Michigan 63
All-Tournament Team: Alke Dietel, Washington State; Britt Hartshorn, Colorado; Kristin Koetsier, Western Michigan; Shelsea Erving, Western Michigan. MVP: **Jenny Roulrier, Colorado**

2000

First Round—Butler 65, William & Mary 51
Colorado 96, Howard 45
 Consolation—Howard 66, William & Mary 54
 Championship—**Colorado 86**, Butler 57
All-Tournament Team: Eisha Bohman, Colorado; Kelly Ercole, William & Mary; Andrea Gardner, Howard; Kelly Kuhn, Butler
 MVP: **Mandy Nightingale, Colorado**

2001

First Round—Houston 61, Yale 59
Colorado 96, Bowling Green 44
 Consolation—Yale 81, Bowling Green 65
 Championship—**Colorado 88**, Houston 58
All-Tournament Team: Mandy Nightingale, Colorado; Lindsay Austin, Bowling Green; Meg Simpson, Yale; Chandi Jones, Houston
 MVP: **Jenny Roulrier, Colorado**

2002

First Round—Villanova 58, Ohio State 51
Colorado 69, Hartford 40
 Consolation—Ohio State 77, Hartford 49
 Championship—Villanova 59, **Colorado 54**
All-Tournament Team: Courtney Coleman, Ohio State; Courtney Mix, Villanova; Kate Fagan, Colorado; Tera Bjorklund, Colorado
 MVP: Trish Juhline, Villanova

2003

First Round—California 66, Lehigh 74
Colorado 95, Idaho State 65
 Consolation—Idaho State 95, Lehigh 52
 Championship—**Colorado 74**, California 63
All-Tournament Team: Jess DePalo, Lehigh; Molly Hays, Idaho State; Nihan Anaz, California; Kristen Iwanaga, California; Randie Wirt, Colorado
 MVP: **Tera Bjorklund, Colorado**

2004

First Round—LSU 64, Maryland 51
Colorado 69, Pennsylvania 49
 Consolation—Maryland 76, Pennsylvania 56
 Championship—LSU 75, **Colorado 44**
All-Tournament Team: Seimone Augustus, LSU; Sylvia Fowles, LSU; Kara Richards, Colorado; Laura Harper, Maryland; Karen Habrukowich, Pennsylvania
 MVP: **Seimone Augustus, LSU**

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First Round—Illinois 62, Utah State 43
Northern Iowa 74, **Colorado 65, OT**

Consolation—**Colorado 73**, Utah State 56

Championship - Northern Iowa 71, Illinois 47

All-Tournament Team: Jessie Biggs, Northern Iowa; Lori Bjork, Illinois; **Jackie McFarland, Colorado**; Camille Brox, Utah State
MVP: Cassie Hager, 6-7, Sr., C, Northern Iowa

2006

Day 1—Wyoming 77, Charlotte 55

Colorado 80, Nevada 60

Day 2—Wyoming 80, Nevada 71

Colorado 78, Charlotte 65

All-Tournament Team: Jackie McFarland, Colorado; Aija Putnina, Colorado; Traci Graham, Nevada; Hanna Zavec, Wyoming; Danielle Burgin, Charlotte

2007

First Round—Clemson 62, Rice 59

Siena 83, **Colorado 74**

Consolation—**Colorado 72**, Rice 55

Championship—Clemson 77, Siena 67

All-Tournament Team: April Parker, Clemson (MVP); Morganne Campbell, Clemson; Laura Menty, Siena; **Jackie McFarland, Colorado**; Kadie Riverin, Rice

2008

First Round—Minnesota 74, Drexel 50

UMass 70, **Colorado 62**

Consolation—Drexel 67, Colorado 63

Championship—Minnesota 86, UMass 67

All-Tournament Team: Emily Fox, Minnesota (MVP); Ashley Ellis-Milan, Minnesota; Cerie Mosgrove, UMass; Gabriela Marginean, Drexel; Brittany Spears, Colorado

2009

First Round—Harvard 60, New Orleans 57

Colorado 62, Georgia Southern 50

Consolation—New Orleans 50, Georgia Southern 39

Championship—**Colorado 67**, Harvard 65

All-Tournament Team: Brittany Spears (MVP), Colorado; Bianca Smith, Colorado; Chucky Jeffery, Colorado; Emma Markley, Harvard; Brittany Helm, New Orleans; Carolyn Whitney, Georgia Southern

2010

First Round—Loyola Chicago 74, Eastern Washington 67

Colorado 55, Evansville 53

Consolation—Evansville 77, Eastern Washington 67

Championship—**Colorado 65**, Loyola Chicago 34

All-Tournament Team: Chucky Jeffery (MVP), Colorado; Brittany Spears, Colorado; Ellen Ayoub, Loyola Chicago; Samantha Heck, Evansville; Julie Piper, Eastern Washington

2011

First Round—Wisconsin 71, Montana State 61

Colorado 60, Valparaiso 32

Consolation—Montana State 71, Valparaiso 55

Championship—**Colorado 58**, Wisconsin 48

All-Tournament Team: Chucky Jeffery (MVP), Colorado; Lexy Kresl, Colorado; Taylor Wurtz, Wisconsin; Katie Busey, Montana State; Tabitha Gerardot, Valparaiso

