



College soccer: Buffs, Fairfield battle to tie in Denver Invitational finale

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DENVER — The ball just wouldn't go in the net for the Colorado Buffaloes soccer team on Sunday, and the result was a 1-1 tie against Fairfield in the final game of the University of Denver Invitational.

CU freshman Michaela DeJesus scored her first collegiate goal in the 51st minute to tie the game at 1-1. DeJesus took a pass from Nikki Marshall in the right side of the box and put the ball away.

But despite reeling off 15 shots on goal, that would be all the 14th-ranked Buffs (1-0-1) could muster.

Fairfield goalie Brett Maron made 14 saves.

"That's just the way the game is," CU coach Bill Hempen said. "Some days you're a quarter of an inch on and some days you're a quarter of an inch off. The two teams battled and we did everything that we could do, but the ball just didn't go in today."

Fairfield managed just four shots on goal against Buff keeper Kirstin Radlinski. But the Stags took the lead in the 27th minute when Ahna Johnson split three defenders and beat Radlinski to the upper right corner.

Both teams had chances to score in the two overtime periods but neither could score. Radlinski made a leaping punch save in the 95th minute to help preserve the tie.

"We went directly into this weekend from preseason," Hempen said. "We call it the rust time. This week is about maintenance, getting our players healthy and collecting ourselves."

Marshall, who scored two goals in a win over Denver Friday, and teammate Michelle Wenino were named to the all-tournament team for the Buffs, who host Utah at 4 p.m. Thursday.



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