



# CU spikers fall in 5 again

## No. 16 K-State hands Buffs their third straight loss

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Despite another impressive performance from junior Alex Buth, the Colorado volleyball team lost Saturday to No. 16 Kansas State 3-2 — its third consecutive five-game loss.

Tied at eight in the fifth game, the Buffs had a realistic shot at upsetting the Wildcats for their first home win since taking down then-No. 11 California on Sept 2.

After an Emilee Sisco kill and a Lauren Schaefer block, Colorado found itself in an all-too-familiar place — at double digits, leading 10-8 in the decisive fifth game.

Nine points later and Kansas State had won the match 30-24, 24-30, 27-30, 30-27, 15-12.

Five of Colorado's six losses have occurred in the fifth game. On Wednesday, Colorado (5-6, 0-3) was up 10-4 against Baylor in the fifth game and also gave away the match.

"We all tried so hard tonight," said Buth, who had 21 kills, 12 digs and hit .486. "We're all really frustrated because we feel like we deserve a win and tonight would have been awesome."

Buth, who added two kills to her total in the final game, said the team's mentality changes once it reaches 10 points in the fifth game.

"The problem is that a lot of us are losing confidence at 10," Buth said.

Freshman Schylur Edelman also attributed the loss to the team's mentality.

"There's nothing physically wrong with us," Edelman said. "We break down mentally is what it seems like."

After surrendering the first game, Colorado gained some momentum in the second. Leading 22-21, the Buffs won six of the next seven points and tied the match score.

Colorado won a third difficult game 30-27 and had an opportunity in the fourth game to put away the Wildcats.

Tied at 27, the Buffs were just three points away from ending their two-game losing streak. But after three consecutive Kansas State kills — from Natalya Korobkova, Kelsey Chipman and Jenny Jantsch — Colorado started preparing for the fifth game.

Despite similar outcomes, Buth said the team is happier about after this loss than its one to Baylor.

"This is definitely a different feeling than Baylor," Buth said. "This is a better feeling because we all played really well."

Colorado coach Pi'i Aiu agreed with Buth's assessment.

"We played a pretty complete match," Aiu said. "We just gotta keep plugging away and hopefully we'll get over this hump."

One reason why Colorado was able to stay competitive against Kansas State was its improved blocking. Colorado recorded a season-high 18 blocks.

"We've really been focusing on blocking," said Edelman, who had a team-high 12 blocks. "Teams were coming up and getting 20-some blocks on us, and we were only getting single-digits."

It doesn't get any easier for this Colorado squad, as it now hits the road to play at Oklahoma (11-2, 4-0) on Wednesday and at No. 7 Texas (6-3, 2-1) next Saturday.

Buth said the team's loss to Kansas State will help when they face Oklahoma.

"At least we're moving in the positive direction," Buth said. "I'm really excited to get to Oklahoma and beat them."

"We just have to play like we did tonight and not freak out like we have been."



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## CU's Jendrian makes singles, doubles finals

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — University of Colorado junior Franziska Jendrian won her lone singles match and teamed up for a doubles victory with Melisa Esposito to reach the finals of both the singles and doubles B brackets Saturday at the New Mexico Invitational.

Jendrian defeated CU teammate Victoria Almagno 6-2, 6-0 in the semifinals for her third straight singles victory of the tournament, and in doubles she paired with Esposito for her second win in as many days, defeating Victoria Tessmar and Jennifer Ryba of New Mexico, 9-7.

Jendrian will play Denver's Julia Baurregger in today's singles final.

### New Mexico Invitational

**Doubles A, Main Draw, Semifinals** — Ferrazzi/Chiarelli (UM) def. Almagno/Torres Torres (CU) 9-8.

**Doubles B, Main Draw, Semifinals** — Esposito/Jendrian (CU) def. Tessmar/Ryba (UNM) 9-7

**Singles A, Main Draw, Semifinals** — Mallory Voelker (DU) def. Camila Belassi (CU) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4

**Singles A, Consolation** — Melisa Esposito (CU) def. Lucy Scott (UNM) 6-3, 6-4; Gleisy Torres Torres (CU) def. Veera Nurmi (CU) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

**Singles B, Main Draw, Semifinals** — Franziska Jendrian (CU) def. Victoria Almagno (CU) 6-2, 6-0

**Singles, Consolation** — Christiane Pheil (CU) def. Abbie Probert 6-4, 6-4



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