

Hot-shooting Southern Cal rolls to win over Colorado

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LOS ANGELES — Colorado allowed USC to go on a 16-2 run to close out the first half of Sunday's women's basketball game and it doomed the Buffs.

The Women of Troy also shot 50 percent from 3-point range to hand Colorado its first loss of the season, 70-57, in the Galen Center.

Colorado freshman Brittany Spears led all scorers with 19 points. She also had seven rebounds. But senior leading scorer Jackie McFarland was held to seven points.

Colorado trailed 37-16 at halftime, but outscored USC 41-33 in the second half.

"The first half definitely was too much for us to overcome," CU coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said on the KKZN post-game radio show. "They were hotter, or more consistent, than they've been in the past (from the 3). Those two things were key."

McFarland and starting center Kara Richards were in foul trouble early in the game. Richards eventually fouled out with four points and four rebounds.

The Buffs also followed a similar story on the road last year, when they went 1-10 away from home, as they struggled at the start with 15 turnovers and 23.8 percent shooting in the first half.

USC (1-1), meanwhile, made 11-of-22 shots from 3-point range, including 6-of-11 in the first half.

The Buffs (1-1) head home after starting the season with two games on the road and will host Siena at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the 21st annual Coors Classic, which will also include Rice and Clemson.

USC 70, Colorado 57

COLORADO (57)

min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp

Spears 36 6-15 4-8 7 2 0 19

Richards 15 2-3 0-0 4 1 5 4

McFarland 31 3-6 1-2 7 0 4 7

Houston 24 2-5 0-0 3 1 3 5

Powers 31 0-5 0-0 6 1 0 0

Smith 11 4-7 0-0 0 1 1 9

Blythe 15 0-2 0-0 0 1 2 0

Skildum 1 0-0 0-0 0 0 2 0

Ridge 1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0

Dale 2 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0

Putnina 27 3-9 2-4 6 1 3 9

Dunn 2 1-2 0-0 0 0 0 2

Dow 6 0-0 2-2 2 0 0 2

Totals: 200 21-55 9-16 39 8 20 57

USC (70)

min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp

Medlock 21 1-6 2-2 7 1 1 4

Parker 13 3-5 0-1 5 1 3 6

LeNoir 20 4-9 0-0 0 3 0 9

Cameron 20 6-10 0-0 1 0 0 16

Jaskowiak 20 2-3 0-0 3 3 1 6

Berberet 1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0

Dunham 20 1-3 2-3 3 4 0 4

Jelks 19 3-3 1-3 1 0 2 10

Lea 9 0-2 2-2 1 0 1 2

Oliver 21 3-5 2-2 4 2 1 9

LaPlante 17 1-5 0-0 2 1 2 2

Hughes 18 1-7 0-0 2 0 3 2

Henderson 1 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 0

Totals: 200 25-58 9-13 32 15 15 70

Score by halves:

Colorado 16 41 — 57

USC 37 33 — 57

3-point field goals — Colorado (6-21): Spears 3-8, McFarland 0-1, Houston 1-1, Powers 0-3, Smith 1-4, Blythe 0-1, Putnina 1-2; USC (11-22): Medlock 0-1, LeNoir 1-2, Cameron 4-7, Jaskowiak 2-3, Jelks 3-3, Oliver 1-1, Hughes 0-5.

Officials —Ortega, Campbell, Szeremeta.

Technical fouls — None

Attendance — 964

STEALS

Colorado (10): Spears 2, McFarland 3, Smith 4, Putnina

USC (10): Medlock, Parker 3, Cameron, Dunham, Oliver 2, LaPlante 2

BLOCKED SHOTS

Colorado (1):Putnina

USC (3):Parker 2, LaPlante

TURNOVERS

Colorado (26): Spears 6, Richards, McFarland 8, Houston 3, Powers, Smith, Blythe 3, Putnina 3.

USC (20): Medlock 5, Parker 2, LeNoir 2, Cameron 2, Jaskowiak, Dunham 6, Jelks 2



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