



Upset not in cards this time for K-Mac's Buffs

Second-half drought dooms Buffs against No. 16 Cavaliers

Camera staff report

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- The Colorado women's basketball team used a road win against a ranked team to vault into the top 25 a year ago, but couldn't repeat the feat on Monday.

The 16th-ranked Virginia Cavaliers went on a 23-4 run midway through the second half to pull away from Colorado for a 77-43 victory.

"The ball pressure on our point guard initially was what put us back on our heels," CU coach Kathy McConnell-Miller, who played at Virginia under current Hall of Fame coach Debbie Ryan, said on the KKZN post-game radio show. "They made us do things we were uncomfortable doing."

Colorado sophomore Brittany Spears made two free throws with 16:19 to play in the second half to cut Virginia's lead to eight at 33-25. But that's as close as the Buffs would get the rest of the way as Virginia responded with a 23-4 run over the next 6:30.

Colorado shot 25.8 percent and was out-rebounded 31-20 in the first half, but still only trailed 30-20.

The 20-point effort in the first half was quite a turnaround from Colorado's first two games. The Buffs scored 41 in the first half of their first game against Central Florida and 42 against Colorado State last week.

Colorado (2-1), which won at Vanderbilt last year after beating Wyoming at home to earn a top-25 ranking, tried to notch the upset this year against a Virginia team (3-1) that earlier this season knocked off Tennessee, but also lost to Old Dominion.

The Buffs, who were out-rebounded 68-43 and shot 25.5 percent overall against the Cavaliers, were led by sophomore Kelly Jo Mullaney's 10 points. Freshman Alyssa Fressle added nine points and Spears was held to four points on free throws as she missed all six of her shots from the field. It was the second time in her career that Spears did not make a field goal.

Colorado also struggled from downtown, making just three of 25 shots from 3-point range.

Virginia 77, Colorado 43

COLORADO (43)

min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp

Richards 24 3-6 1-3 4 0 4 7

Fressle 27 4-8 0-2 1 2 5 9

Smith 30 3-17 0-0 7 2 4 7

Spears 19 0-6 4-6 4 0 3 4

Mullaney 33 3-10 3-4 5 1 0 10

Blythe 7 0-4 0-2 0 1 1 0

Skildum 25 1-5 0-2 7 3 5 2

Seabrook 11 1-2 0-0 5 0 0 2

Piterniece 3 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 0

Dunn 21 1-5 0-0 5 0 1 2

Totals: 200 16-63 8-19 9 43 23 43

VIRGINIA (77)

min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp

K.Hartig 24 2-7 1-2 8 1 3 5

Mohammed 22 4-10 2-4 14 0 2 10

Millner 24 3-7 0-0 5 2 1 6

Moorer 28 2-11 3-4 4 8 2 8

Wright 27 4-18 2-3 10 3 2 11

Edwards 22 4-7 6-6 11 0 2 14

J.Hartig 12 2-5 0-0 3 0 2 5

Edwards 8 0-0 0-0 1 1 0 0

Stovall 10 1-3 1-3 3 0 4 3

Shine 23 6-11 3-4 5 0 xx 15

Totals: 200 28-79 18-26 68 15 20 77

Score by halves:

Colorado 20 23 -- 43

Virginia 30 47 -- 77

3-point field goals -- Colorado (3-25): Smith 1-13; Mullaney 1-2, Fressle 1-1, Dunn 0-3, Blythe 0-2, Skildum 0-1. Virginia (3-9): Moorer 1-4, Wright 1-2, J. Hartig 1-2, Millner 0-1.

Officials --Joe Cunningham, Lawson Newton, Jennifer Rezac

Technical fouls -- Colorado team.

Attendance -- 2,714

STEALS

Colorado (6):Richards 2, Fressle 2, Spears, Skildum

Virginia (10):Wright 3, Moorer 2, Edwards 2, Stovall 2, Millner

BLOCKED SHOTS

Colorado (4):Richards 2, Seabrook, Dunn

Virginia (7):Shine 2, Mohammed 2, Moorer, Wright, Edwards

TURNOVERS

Colorado (21):Fressle 5, Mullaney 5, Smith 4, Richards 2, Skildum, Dunn

Virginia (20):Mohammed 5, Wright 4, K. Hartig 2, Millner 2, Moorer 2, Stovall 2, Shine 2, Ewards



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