



No. 22 Oklahoma State clobbers CU women

Camera staff report

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STILLWATER, Okla. -- The Colorado women's basketball team struggled so much against No. 22 Oklahoma State on Wednesday that KKZN radio officials cut away to the CU men's game with about 2½ minutes still to play against the Cowgirls.

And the CU men's team lost 107-62 to Missouri.

The CU women's team was outscored 22-0 in the last 7:49 of the first half and first 2:02 of the second half in losing 79-43 to the Cowgirls.

Colorado senior center Kara Richards tied her career high in rebounds with 15 and scored nine points. Richards now has 30 rebounds in her last two games. Sophomore forward Brittany Spears added 11 points and four blocks for the Buffs (8-6 overall, 0-2 in the Big 12).

Big 12 leading scorer Andrea Riley paced Oklahoma State with 18 points and 12 assists. Kristin Hernandez came off the bench to score a game-high 19 points for the Cowgirls (12-3, 1-1).

The game got away from the Buffs late in the first half.

Freshman guard Alyssa Fressle hit a shot with 7:49 left in the first half to cut Oklahoma State's lead to 25-17.

Back-to-back 3-pointers from Hernandez opened the floodgates for the Cowgirls as they went on a 22-0 run that wasn't snapped until Spears hit a 3-pointer with 17:58 left in the game.

The Buffs suffered from 14 turnovers in the first half and shot just 28 percent. Oklahoma State, meanwhile, shot 51.4 percent in the first half.

Overall, the Cowgirls made 11 shots from 3-point range and outrebounded CU 49-36.

Oklahoma State dominated in other categories, too. The Cowgirls had 22 points off turnovers to CU's 10. They outscored CU 20-4 in fast-break points, as well. Last but not least, Oklahoma State's bench outscored CU's reserves 29-4.

Spears, who came into the game as the second-leading scorer in the Big 12, has now been held to 14 points and 11 points in the first two conference games respectively this season.

It doesn't get any easier for Colorado. The Buffs return to the road for a game at No. 16 Texas on Saturday.

Oklahoma St. 79, Colorado 43**COLORADO (43)****min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp**

Spears 33 4-17 1-4 6 2 0 11

Richards 34 4-12 1-1 15 2 3 9

Fressle 25 4-9 0-0 1 1 2 9

Smith 21 2-4 0-0 2 0 4 5

Blythe 33 2-6 0-0 1 1 0 5

Skildum 15 0-2 0-2 2 3 1 0

Seabrook 24 2-5 0-1 5 1 4 4

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

Piterniece 2 0-0 0-1 1 0 0 0

Mullaney 9 0-1 0-0 1 1 0 0

Dunn 3 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0

Totals: 200 18-56 2-9 36 11 14 43**COLORADO (79)****min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp**

Cunningham 22 5-9 0-0 5 1 2 11

Smith 30 4-12 2-5 13 1 2 10

Byford 24 0-0 0-0 6 0 3 0

Riley 33 7-15 1-3 6 12 0 18

Hardeman 28 4-9 0-0 1 4 2 11

Hatcher 12 1-4 0-0 0 0 0 3

Wallenmeyer 4 0-1 0-0 2 0 0 0

Hernandez 18 7-15 2-2 5 1 1 19

Clardy 7 0-1 0-0 0 0 1 0

Mercado 10 0-0 0-0 2 0 0 0

Spears 12 3-4 1-1 7 0 2 7

Totals: 200 31-70 6-11 49 19 13 79

Score by halves:

Colorado 17 26 -- 43

Oklahoma State 44 35 -- 79

3-point field goals -- Colorado (5-16): Spears 2-7, Fressle 1-3, Smith 1-2, Blythe 1-4; Oklahoma State (11-29): Cunningham 1-3, Riley 3-7, Hardeman 3-8, Hatcher 1-4, Hernandez 3-6, Clardy 0-1.

Officials --Kantner, Price, Parrish.

Technical fouls -- None.

Attendance -- 3,084.

STEALS

Colorado (8):Spears 2, Smith, Blythe, Skildum 2, Seabrook, Mullaney.

Oklahoma State (7):Cunningham, Smith, Byford, Riley, Hernandez 2, Spears.

BLOCKED SHOTS

Colorado (6):Spears 4, Richards, Seabrook.

Oklahoma State (5):Cunningham, Byford 2, Hardeman, Spears.

TURNOVERS

Colorado (19):Spears 4, Richards 5, Fressle 2, Smith 2, Blythe, Skildum, Seabrook, Piterniece, Mullaney 2.

Oklahoma State (11):Cunningham, Byford 4, Riley, Hardeman, Hatcher, Clardy, Mercado.



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