



Bufs score 32 points in loss to Longhorns

Point total lowest in school history

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AUSTIN, Texas -- The Colorado women's basketball program reached a new low on Saturday night.

The Buffs fell to 0-3 in the Big 12 with a 62-32 loss to No. 16 Texas at the Irwin Center.

The 32 points were the fewest CU has ever scored in a game.

"This league is tough. We've got to be better," CU head coach Kathy McConnell-Miller said on the KKZN post-game radio show. "We're going to come back. I told them in the locker room just like I did when I recruited them that we're going to challenge them to elevate their game."

The Buffs -- who lost to No. 5 Baylor (63-50) and No. 22 Oklahoma State (79-43) to begin a brutal four-game stretch against ranked opponents -- shot just 27.7 percent (13-for-47) from the field.

CU returns to the Coors Events Center on Wednesday to face No. 3 Oklahoma.

"I know I sound like the ultimate optimist, but I saw a lot of good things," McConnell-Miller said. "I know we lost this game by 30 points, but I saw a lot of good stretches for this team."

Brittany Spears (11 points, 10 rebounds) was one bright spot for CU with her fourth double-double of the season.

The sophomore forward made her team's only 3-pointer of the game as the Buffs finished 1-for-12 (8.3 percent) from behind the arc.

Freshman guard Alyssa Fressle was the only other CU player in double figures scoring with 12 points on 4-for-13 shooting against a tough Texas defense.

"They were switching everything and we could never adjust," McConnell-Miller said. "They had such good ball pressure that we couldn't get the ball to the wings. ... On the fly it never translated to the floor."

The Buffs (8-7 overall) trailed 29-12 at halftime but were able to cut the deficit to nine points with an 11-3 run to open the second half.

But after not scoring for the first 5:28 of the second half, the Longhorns finally woke up and put the game away with a 13-0 run.

"There's a lack of maturity sometimes in situations like that," McConnell-Miller said. "It got away from us at the end, but for 30 minutes, although we weren't scoring, we played well defensively."

The Longhorns (14-3, 2-1) were led by Kathleen Nash's 16 points and seven rebounds. She scored all 10 points in a 10-0 run to give Texas a 28-9 lead in the first half.

Erika Arriaran added 11 points off the bench for the home team.

Texas out-rebounded CU 41-24 and went 8-for-15 (53.3 percent) from behind the arc.

Texas 62, Colorado 32

COLORADO (32)

min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp

Richards 35 3-6 1-4 5 0 4 7

Fressle 37 4-13 4-4 1 2 2 12

Smith 31 1-8 0-0 5 1 3 2

Blythe 25 0-4 0-0 1 0 0 0

Spears 37 5-14 0-0 10 1 0 11

Skildum 3 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0

Seabrook 7 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 0

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

Mullaney 17 0-1 0-0 0 1 1 0

Dunn 7 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 0

Totals: 200 13-47 5-8 27 5 10 32

TEXAS (62)

min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp

Williams 24 1-3 3-6 4 1 2 6

Lindsey 14 3-7 0-0 2 0 2 6

Cortijo 26 1-6 0-0 5 8 1 2

Nash 28 6-10 0-0 7 0 1 16

Raven 19 4-8 0-0 1 1 1 8

Arriaran 16 4-5 0-0 3 3 0 11

Anderson 16 2-6 0-0 2 1 1 4

Gayle 14 3-4 1-2 5 0 2 7

Nash 8 0-2 0-0 3 1 0 0

Fontenette 22 0-4 2-4 2 1 2 2

Cook 13 0-1 0-0 7 0 2 0

Totals: 200 24-56 6-12 45 16 14 62

Score by halves:

Colorado 12 20 -- 32

Texas 29 33 -- 62

3-point field goals -- Colorado (1-12): Spears 1-3, Smith 0-4, Fressle 0-3, Blythe 0-1, Skildum 0-1; Texas (8-15): Nash 4-7, Arriaran 3-4, Williams 1-1, Cortijo 0-1, Raven 0-2.

Officials --June Courteau, Kelly Johnson, Michal Murray.

Technical fouls -- None.

Attendance -- 5,302.

STEALS

Colorado (6):Mullaney 3, Richards, Fressle, Smith.

Texas (9):Cortijo 2, Arriaran 2, Fontenette 2, Lindsey, Nash, Raven.

BLOCKED SHOTS

Colorado (4):Richards 2, Fressle, Dunn.

Texas (5):Lindsey, Nash, Raven, Anderson, Gayle.

TURNOVERS

Colorado (18):Fressle 7, Smith 4, Blythe 2, Spears 2, Seabrook 2, Mullaney.

Texas (17):Cortijo 4, Raven 3, Lindsey 2, Nash 2, Arriaran 2, Williams, Gayle, Nash, Cook.



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