



# Nebraska surges past CU women as Buff skid continues

## NU's 21-2 run in second half sinks Colorado

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It's been the same, sad song most of the season for coach Kathy McConnell-Miller and her basketball team.

One brief but bad stretch of basketball comes and goes and often leaves a loss in its wake. It happened again Tuesday night in Lincoln, Neb., where the Buffs lost 75-64 to the Cornhuskers.

The Buffs battled their rival basket for basket through the first half and into the first few minutes of the second, but then Nebraska surged ahead with a 21-2 run from which CU never recovered. Nebraska made nine 3-pointers from five different players en route to its fifth consecutive win over the Buffs in the Devaney Center.

"It happens every game," McConnell-Miller said in a postgame interview with KKZN radio (760-AM). "We go into a place where the other team gets hot. They hit a couple buckets and it gets away from us.

"We always battle back. We always respond, but there is a 3-minute stretch in just about every game where I don't really have the answer. I think it's something different every time."

Senior Kara Richards did all she could for the Buffs, scoring 24 points with seven rebounds. It is the third time in the past four games Richards has scored 20 or more points.

CU got no points from its bench while Nebraska received 27 points from its reserves. The Buffs gave up 48 points in the second half.

"I think they made us work harder for every offensive bucket we got," Richards told KKZN. "That kind of reflected in our defense and the frustration on the defensive end grew."

Colorado played part of the game without its leading scorer as sophomore Brittany Spears battled through a sprained ankle and is expected to be available Saturday in the regular season finale at the Coors Events Center.

The Buffs have stumbled badly down the stretch this season, losing seven of their past eight games to fall five games below .500 at 11-16 overall and 3-12 in the Big 12 Conference. They are in last place in the league.

"When you give a team momentum or open up the door and allow them to see light, particularly on their

home floor, it's hard to recover from," McConnell-Miller said.

Five players scored in double figures for the Cornhuskers led by junior guard Yvonne Turner, who scored eight of the Huskers first 10 points during a pivotal 13-0 run. Turner finished the game with 17 points.

Cory Montgomery produced her sixth double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds and Dominique Kelley added 14 points. Nebraska has won four of its past seven games to get back to .500 (14-14, 5-10) heading into the final weekend of the regular season.



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