



Miscues cost Buffs vs. Jayhawks

CU needs to regroup ahead of Sunday's home finale

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Senior Weekend got off to a bad start Friday at Prentup Field.

Kicking off its last weekend at home, the Colorado women's soccer team fell apart against the Kansas Jayhawks, losing 2-0.

Kansas (4-9-3, 2-2-2 Big 12) capitalized on numerous Colorado errors and easily moved the ball against the sluggish, hesitant Buffs (7-5-3, 3-3-0) in the second half.

"I feel like we lost our passion for the game," CU coach Bill Hempen said. "As we went down, their passion increased. They wanted it more and we lost the game."

Both teams battled through a scoreless first half. Hempen made a halftime switch in goal, swapping sophomore goalie Kara Linder for junior Kirstin Radlinski.

"Kara, I thought, made some questionable decisions," he said. "She was not a dominant, 'I'm not going to allow you in here' presence in the box.

"We put in Kirstin, and, well, that didn't work."

Kansas took the lead off of a misplayed ball from the CU defense in the 49th minute.

Jayhawks forward Kim Boyer intercepted an attempt to clear the ball out of the CU side of the field, and she sent up a lob to the middle of the CU box.

In-step with a handful of defenders, midfielder Monica Dolinsky controlled the kick and rolled in a goal past Radlinski, giving Kansas a 1-0 lead.

The Jayhawks put the game on ice in the 79th minute. Radlinski looked to come out of goal to take a routine pass and clear the ball.

Dolinsky intercepted the pass, however, and passed to Boyer, who scored on the open net.

The Buffs, inconsistent and hasty on offense, took 13 second-half shots, but just two were on-goal.

As time wound down, the Buffs continued to find only frustration on trips to the Kansas side of the field. They had six corner opportunities in the second half, but could not capitalize on any.

"They just shut us down," forward Nikki Marshall said.

Marshall and freshman Mel Hicks led Colorado with three shots apiece.

"We better come out harder on Sunday or else we're going to get killed," Marshall said.

The Buffs conclude their Senior Weekend on Sunday against Missouri (10-3-0, 4-1-0). The Tigers, No. 16 in the coaches poll, sit in second place in the Big 12, one game behind Texas A&M.

Friday's loss dropped Colorado into a tie for sixth in the conference with Texas Tech. The top eight teams will advance to the Big 12 Championship in San Antonio.

"We certainly can't afford to lose any more games in conference play," Hempen said. "We have one more at home and then three straight on the road, and that's it. We usually have a little trouble on the road, so we have to step up now."



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CU's Torres Torres falls at ITA Central Region

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TULSA, Okla. — Gleisy Torres Torres' win streak came to an end Friday.

The Colorado senior had won four matches in a row until falling to No. 11 Iryna Tkachenko of Oklahoma State 7-5, 7-5 at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Region.

Torres Torres' teammates didn't fair well either Friday.

CU's Melisa Esposito lost to 16th-seed Lenore Lazariou of Wichita State 6-1, 6-3. In doubles, Buffs Franziska Jendrian and Monica Milewski lost to third-seeded Ela Kalunder and Aurelija Misevcuite of Arkansas by default. The pair withdrew because of injury, but CU did not release any more information.

In the consolation draw, Milewski and Camila Belassi each won a pair of singles matches. Milewski defeated Denver's Kyle Iwinski 4-6, 7-6 (3), 1-0 (7) and Amanda Hellberg of St. Louis 6-0, 7-6 (3). Belassi defeated Utah's Erin Monson, 6-1, 6-4 and Stephanie Jasper of Montana State 6-3, 6-0.

The consolation draw concludes today.

ITA Central Region

Main Draw Round of 32

(11) Iryna Tkachenko (Oklahoma State) def. Gleisy Torres Torres (CU) 7-5, 7-5; (16) Lenore Lazariou (Wichita State) def. Melissa Esposito (CU) 6-1, 6-3.

Open Doubles Round of 16

(3) Ela Kalunder/Aurelija Misevcuite (Ark.) def. Jendrian/Milewski (CU) default/injury.

Consolation Singles Round of 32

Monica Milewski (CU) def. Kyle Iwinski (Denver) 4-6, 7-6(3), 1-0 (7); Camila Belassi (CU) def. Erin Monson (Utah) 6-1, 6-4; Anette Aksdal (Denver) def. Abbie Probert (CU) 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 (9).

Consolation Singles Round of 16

Monica Milewski (CU) def. Amanda Hellberg (St. Louis) 6-0, 7-6(3); Camila Belassi (CU) def. Stephanie Jasper (Montana State) 6-3, 6-0.