



Hempen's Buffs fall to Mizzou for third straight loss

Colorado blanked by Tigers in home finale

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Senior Day ended in disappointment Sunday at Prentup Field.

The Colorado women's soccer team closed out its home season with a 2-0 loss to No. 16 Missouri. The aggressive Tigers scored early and padded their score late, handing Colorado its third straight loss.

"I told the kids today that I have never wanted a win more for a team than I did today," CU coach Bill Hempen said. "It's hard to go forward after fighting as hard as we did. Missouri is a good team and they were able to take advantage."

Missouri (11-4-0, 5-2-0 Big 12) scored its first goal in the 12th minute, after Colorado knocked the ball past its own end line.

MU freshman Katya Hessel placed the ensuing corner kick deep into the Colorado (7-6-3, 3-4-0) box, where midfielder Kat Tarr knocked in a point-blank header through the crowd of defenders.

Colorado attempted to rally and found a few opportunities, but came up short. The Buffs finished the first half with five shots, none on-goal. Mizzou had seven, one on-goal.

"We didn't get a single bounce," Hempen said.

The teams also set a physical tone throughout the game. There were 38 total fouls called, and three yellow cards were handed out — two to Missouri and one to Colorado, all for rough tackles.

The Tigers held Colorado without a shot on-goal until the 81st minute, when CU goalie Kirstin Radlinski cleared the ball to a wide open Alex Cousins.

The junior took Colorado's lone shot on-goal, which was saved by Mizzou goalie Tasha Dittamore.

Missouri sealed the game in the 84th minute, when Kristin Andrighetto controlled a bounce off of a Colorado corner kick. She sprinted solo across the midline, shaking CU defenders Michelle Wenino and Michaela DeJesus.

Coming to the left side of the box, Andrighetto curled a shot to the right side of the goal, stretching out Radlinski and bringing the score to 2-0.

The game was the home finale for CU seniors Brittany Dornseif and Allison Kidd. Kidd sat out, nursing a torn ACL. Dornseif played significant minutes, finishing with one shot.

"I'm going to miss so much," Dornseif said. "It's always nice to have your family and friends out when you're playing. Everyone here has been like a second family to me."

The Buffs finish their season with a three-game road stretch, playing at Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas. Colorado currently sits in seventh place in the Big 12. It needs to finish the regular season in the top eight to go on to the Big 12 Tournament.

"We need to get it together quickly before going on the road as we finish out conference play," Hempen said. "We have got to keep fighting, because it's not going to be any easier the rest of the way."



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Kat Tarr's headed goal off a corner kick in the 12th minute proved to be the game-winner as the No. 16-ranked University of Missouri women's soccer team defeated Colorado 2-0 on Sunday in a Big 12 Conference game at Prentup Field in Boulder.

Tarr's goal, placed in the upper left corner past CU goalkeeper Kristin Radlinski, came from Katya Hessel's dead-ball cross. In the 84th minute, Missouri's Kristin Andrighetto broke free on a one-on-one with the CU defense and bent a shot into the net to put the Tigers ahead 2-0.

"I have never wanted to win more for a team than I wanted to today," CU coach Bill Hempen said. "It's hard to go forward after fighting as hard as we did today. Missouri is a good team and they were able to take advantage. We brought everything we had, but sometimes that isn't enough."

In the opening minute, Colorado's Nikki Marshall got through the Tigers' back line

but her shot toward goal went wide.

Colorado (7-6-3, 3-4-0) is in ninth place in the Big 12 standings, with nine points. Missouri (11-4-0, 5-2-0) moved into second place with 15 points, trailing conference leader Texas A&M (21 points).

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For the CU Buffaloes' star golfer, perfection is just a swing away.

Dominique Pytlewski, a sophomore on the women's golf team, has been having a stellar season and won her first ever tournament as a Buffalo and was named Big 12 Women's Golfer of the Month for September.

After shooting a 220 in the Texas Tech McHaney/ Morehead Invitational in Lubbock, Texas on Oct. 1-2, Pytlewski became only the third golfer in CU Buff history to finish first place at a tournament. She shot one-under par in the third and final round to claim her victory.

For her success in Texas, she was named Big 12 Golfer of the Month.

"It was a big accomplishment, but I didn't expect it. I don't feel like I am where I want to be. I am scoring well, but I am not playing my best," Pytlewski said of the honor.

To be playing where she wants to be, Pytlewski said, "I need to work on making my swing come around and out. Right now it is too high and steep."

With these improvements her swing will be more solid and consistent, further improving her already impressive game.

Head coach Anne Kelly said Pytlewski has been a tremendous asset to their team.

"Dominique is a great player, and a natural leader. People are drawn to her. She is one of those kids that every coach wants on their team. She is friendly, but not afraid to challenge people," Kelly said.

Starting early, Pytlewski was introduced to golf at the age of five.

"My parents didn't play, which is unusual," she said, as most golfers are introduced to the sport through a family member. "But they threw every sport at me and my brother." Fortunately for CU, golf is what stuck.

It wasn't until age 12 that she began to play competitively in her native Vancouver, B.C., joining a provincial development program under coach Sean Richardson, who also coached Julie Kim, another sophomore CU golfer originally from Port Coquitlam, B.C.

"Canada has a very good national junior golf program," Kelly said, who recruits a lot from our neighbors to the north. Assistant coach Brent Franklin is also a Canadian native and very well known up there.

In fact, it wasn't until after meeting Franklin that Pytlewski knew CU was the school for her. She cancelled all her other recruiting trips to schools such as San Francisco, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. For Pytlewski, the coaching staff was the determining factor in where she went to college; Franklin and Kelly were the perfect fit.

In Vancouver, Pytlewski was a national and international competitor at the tender age of 16. She placed eighth in the Canadian National Junior Championships and competed in the World Championships in San Diego and the Junior Girls America's Cup in Mexico.

The Buffalos as a team have also been making tremendous strides. On Oct. 1-2, at the Heather Farr Memorial/ CU Invitational, the Buffaloes achieved their first-ever first place finish.

Pytlewski led the way, finishing second and shooting an even-par 216 for the tournament.

Not far behind her were a few other Buffalo contenders, including senior Lindsay Senger and sophomore Julie Kim.

"Both girls have chances to win a tournament this year," said Kelly.

On Oct. 30-31, the team will be heading to Hawaii for their last tournament of the fall season, the Kent Youel Invitational in Honolulu.

"If we take care of the details, winning will take care of itself, one shot at a time," Kelly said.

As for Pytlewski, she hopes for a win for the team, but results aside, "I hope everyone just does what they've been working on; that is all we can ask for," she said.

Until then, Pytlewski will be working on her swing.