



Bufs forced to settle for tie with Iowa St.

Colorado still leads Big 12

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AMES, Iowa. -- Despite outshooting the hosts 32-9, the Colorado soccer team had to settle for a 0-0 tie Sunday against Iowa State.

The 15th-ranked Buffs dropped to 12-2-3 overall and 6-1-2 in Big 12 play while Iowa State is 5-9-2 overall and 0-5-2 in the Big 12.

Colorado still has a four-point lead over second-place Texas A&M in the Big 12 standings.

"After we got over the fact that we didn't win the game, I realized that we can't be disappointed after the effort that our team gave today," CU coach Bill Hempen said. "The execution may not have been as sharp, but that didn't take away from the effort. The Big 12 is what it is. Every team wants to win and comes into every game to compete. We just didn't do the one thing that we needed to do to win the game, which was score goals."

Colorado outshot ISU 12-5 in the first half, with Colorado goalkeeper Kirstin Radlinski and Iowa State Ann Gleason each making three saves.

Colorado dominated offensively again in the second half, but couldn't find the back of the net. The Buffs forced Gleason to make 11 saves in the second half.

The effort was there and we played hard as a team but we couldn't put anything together to get a legitimate shot on goal," said Radlinski. "Every attack seemed like we were working so hard and as soon as we got close to the goal it was like we were exhausted and just had a hard time finishing. It was definitely frustrating."

In the first overtime period, the Buffs recorded the only shot, taken by freshman midfielder Kelly Butler less than three minutes into extra time, but Gleason was there to make the save and preserve the tie.

The second 10-minute period saw more action than the first as CU recorded four shots to ISU's one, but again they were unable to finish and the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

Colorado was led offensively by junior forward Nikki Marshall who recorded a game-high eight shots in the match, three of which were on goal. Radlinski picked up a season-high six saves in the game, recording her fourth shutout of the season.

The Buffs head back to Iowa next week to face the Drake Bulldogs at 6 p.m on Friday in Des Moines.

CU then wraps up its regular season on Sunday with a 1 p.m. home game against Texas A&M at Prentup Field. As always, admission and parking at all CU games is free.



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