



Buff booters turned back

CU falls in Big 12 title match, awaits NCAA tourney fate

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas --Colorado's bid for its first ever Big 12 tournament soccer title fell short Sunday when the Buffs lost to Missouri, 1-0.

It was Missouri's first Big 12 tournament title. Colorado is still expected to qualify for the NCAA Tournament -- possibly hosting the first two rounds Friday and Sunday -- and the pairings will be announced at 6 p.m. today on ESPNEWS.

"We played hard," said CU coach Bill Hempen. "I've never had a complaint with this team as to what they put out there. All year long there has not been one game where they've taken the day off. ... Now it's time to take some rest and make a run in the next tournament that faces us."

The Buffs (14-4-1) fell behind early against the Tigers (15-5-1).

Mo Redmond put Missouri up 1-0 in the sixth minute.

But the Buffs remained hopeful. After all, Colorado has four come-from-behind wins and one tie on the season.

"We've shown all year that we have to fight and scratch for every goal that we get," Hempen said. "I thought we actually had some pretty clear looks at goal, but we didn't finish."

Colorado seniors Michelle Wenino and Kirstin Radlinski were named to the 2008 Big 12 All-Tournament team.

Colorado's best scoring chance in the first half came with 10 minutes left when freshman midfielder Kelly Butler beat a Tiger defender down the right side of the field and sent a low cross into the Missouri goal box.

Senior forward Gianna DeSaverio was unable to get a foot on it as she slid in, but freshman midfielder Kassidy Fitzpatrick was on the back post and took the shot, missing just wide left of the goal.

"The one ball in the first half that bounced right over my foot will be replaying in my mind for awhile," DeSaverio said. "Sometimes you need just a little hint of luck and today we didn't get that."

Colorado dominated the first half statistics, outshooting the Tigers six to three.

Junior forward and U-20 National Team member Nikki Marshall had an opportunity to equalize the

game when she ran on to a headed ball by junior Kelly Menachof. Marshall beat two Missouri defenders and took a hard shot toward the goal but the ball missed just high. Colorado also created a number of opportunities in the final minutes of the match, but came up empty.

After setting a record of 12 saves in the semifinal game against Oklahoma State on Friday, Radlinski recorded seven saves for CU in Sunday's match.



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After an underdog run through the Big 12 Tournament, No. 16-ranked Colorado was upset in the title game Sunday, falling to No. 20 Missouri 1-0 in San Antonio.

Mo Redmond's goal in the sixth minute held up for the Tigers (15-5-1), who claimed their first conference title.

"We've shown all year that we have to fight and scratch for every goal that we get," CU coach Bill Hempen said.

Colorado (14-4-1) was making its third conference championship game appearance since 2005, the most among Big 12 teams in that span.

Colorado likely will earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament when the field is announced today. It would be the Buffs' sixth consecutive berth.

DU women win conference title.

Taryn Hemmings' goal in the 58th minute helped net the University of Denver a 2-0 victory over

Western Kentucky in the Sun Belt Conference championship game Saturday in Denton, Texas. It was the Pioneers' third straight SBC title. Denver (19-2-2) earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Fort Lewis, Metro St. take titles.

The Fort Lewis men, ranked No. 3 in Division II, topped Metro State 2-0 to win a fourth straight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title. The Skyhawks (17-1-3) have won nine of the past 13 RMAC titles. Kyle Wood's goal in the ninth minute proved to be the game-winner.

- Becca Mays' goal in the 18th minute gave Metro State a 1-0 victory over Regis to win the RMAC women's title.

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