



# K-Mac's Buffaloes struggle against Aggies

## CU loses on road vs. South team for 17th time in row

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- Coach Kathy McConnell-Miller will be the first to say she and her Colorado women's basketball team aren't into moral victories, but those are the only kind of wins the Buffs appear to be capable of when playing on the road against conference rivals from Oklahoma and Texas.

They were in that position again Saturday in Reed Arena against the 12th-ranked team in the nation.

It wasn't even close.

CU lost two key players to early foul trouble and fell behind by double-digits 5 minutes into the game as Texas A&M ran away with a 79-50 win wearing pink and white uniforms during a day dedicated to raising money to fight breast cancer.

"There is no doubt today that we were just completely outmatched," McConnell-Miller said during her postgame radio interview on KVCU. "They were two-deep at every position. It didn't matter that they didn't even start their best lineup. They probably came off with better than what they started."

The Buffs lost on the road against a Big 12 South Division team for the 17th consecutive time. CU hasn't won a road game in the southern half of the conference since 2004 when Ceal Barry was still coaching.

It is the fifth time this season the Buffs have been trounced by 29 or more points, with three of those embarrassments coming against South Division teams. The Buffs came into the game tied for ninth-place in the conference and needing to hit a run of success to improve their chances for postseason play.

They fell to 10-12 overall and 2-8 in the conference and will probably be a much more desperate bunch through the final six games of the season.

The Buffs played the majority of the first half short-handed after guard Bianca Smith earned two fouls less than 2 minutes into the game. Smith was able to return late in the first half after the Buffs fell behind by 18 points. However, by that point freshman guard Alyssa Fressle had racked up three personal fouls and was relegated to a seat next to coaches.

Smith and Fressle combined to score just five points, and Fressle's absence on the defensive end also hurt. She is the best Buff defender.

The only CU player to enjoy much success at all was sophomore Brittany Spears, who recorded her

second consecutive double-double with 25 points and 10 rebounds, but Spears had to take 26 shots to score those points. She went 9-for-26 from the field, making more than half the Buffs' field goals.

If Spears' numbers didn't adequately show what a one-woman show the Buffs were, the fact they finished with a season-low four assists surely did.

Texas A&M's Tanisha Smith recorded her first career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

### **Texas A&M 79, Colorado 50**

#### **COLORADO (50)**

##### **min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp**

Fressle 13 1-6 0-0 1 0 5 2

Smith 26 1-5 0-0 1 0 2 3

Blythe 7 0-0 2-2 0 0 0 2

Spears 39 9-26 6-7 10 1 2 25

Richards 31 3-5 1-3 7 1 1 7

Skildum 20 1-3 0-0 1 0 1 2

Seabrook 10 0-1 2-2 6 0 1 2

Dale 14 0-3 0-0 3 0 3 0

Piterniece 2 0-0 1-2 0 0 1 1

Mullaney 33 2-7 2-5 1 2 4 6

Dunn 5 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0

**Totals: 200 17-56 14-21 32 4 20 50**

#### **TEXAS A&M (79)**

##### **min fg-fga ft-fta rb ast pf tp**

Starks 27 4-11 3-3 6 2 2 11

Micheaux 21 1-4 0-0 8 1 2 2

Baker 11 1-2 0-0 3 1 1 2

Colson 20 2-8 2-2 1 1 2 6

Gant 22 5-5 2-3 4 0 0 12

Finstad 2 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 0

Buchanan 12 0-3 0-0 1 0 2 0

Carter 15 2-4 3-3 1 5 2 8

White 17 5-10 2-3 6 2 2 12

Elonu 14 3-4 0-0 5 1 3 6

Smith 19 5-10 5-5 10 1 2 15

Collins 4 1-1 1-2 1 0 0 3

Assarian 10 1-2 0-0 0 0 1 2

Limbaha 6 0-1 0-0 1 0 0 0

**Totals: 200 30-65 18-21 50 14 20 79**

**Score by halves:**

Colorado 16 34 -- 50

Texas A&M 38 41 -- 79

**3-point field goals** -- Colorado (2): Smith 1-4, Spears 1-4, Fressle 0-1, Skildum 0-1, Mullaney 0-1; Texas A&M (1-8): Carter 1-2, Starks 0-1, Colson 0-2, White 0-2, Smith 0-1.

**Officials** --Roberts, Morris, Hall.

**Technical fouls** -- none.

**Attendance** -- 4,469.

**STEALS**

**Colorado (5):**Richards 2, Mullaney 2, Spears.

**Texas A&M (9):**Carter 3, Micheaux 2, Starks, Colson, Gant, Smith.

**BLOCKED SHOTS**

**Colorado (3):**Spears 3.

**Texas A&M (5):**Micheaux 2, Gant, Buchanan, Elonu.

## **TURNOVERS**

**Colorado (14):**Mullaney 4, Spears 3, Fressle 2, Seabrook 2, Smith, Skildum, Dale.

**Texas A&M (12):**White 3, Elonu 3, Micheaux 2, Starks, Colson, Gant, Smith.



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