



Big 12 tabs CU's Smith as week's best

CU women ranked No. 26

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The good news keeps coming for the University of Colorado women's basketball team.

CU sophomore Bianca Smith, who sparked the Buffs to an upset over then-No. 20 Vanderbilt on Sunday, was named the Big 12 women's basketball Player of the Week on Monday. Smith scored a career-high 22 in the road victory over Vanderbilt.

Earlier last week, Smith scored 16 points as the Buffs beat then-No. 22 Wyoming to break a three-game losing streak against the Cowgirls.

Smith is the first Buff to earn the conference honor in more than a year. Her teammate Jackie McFarland was named Big 12 player of the week in November 2006.

Meanwhile, the back-to-back victories over ranked teams garnered the Buffs as a whole some attention. CU checked in at No. 26 in the Associated Press poll Monday. The Buffs (6-2) had 58 points in the poll, 20 behind No. 25 Old Dominion (6-3).



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Colorado guard Bianca Smith was named Big 12 women's basketball player of the week Monday.

Smith led the Buffaloes to back-to-back victories over ranked opponents Wyoming and Vanderbilt in the past week, averaging 19 points in the two games off the bench. Colorado's 69-55 victory over No. 21 Wyoming broke a 23-game losing streak for the Buffs against ranked teams.

Smith scored a career-high 22 points in Colorado's 62-51 victory over No. 20 Vanderbilt. She becomes the first CU player this season to win Big 12 player of the week.

* Wyoming sophomore Aubrey Vandiver was named Mountain West Conference women's co-player of the week. Wyoming won the Hawkeye Classic Challenge last weekend, and Vandiver was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Rage defenseman named CHL player of week.

Rocky Mountain Rage defenseman Tyler Butler, who scored three goals and seven points in the Rage's three victories last week, was named the Central Hockey League's player of the week.

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