



# Roby starts to find offensive hot hand

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MADISON, Wis. — Looking for a bright spot this morning?

Colorado's Richard Roby is starting to show signs of returning to his sophomore form on the offensive end. The senior guard has improved his scoring average considerably since finishing with one point in CU's season-opening loss to New Mexico.

"I'm just looking for opportunities to create more and not waiting for things to happen," Roby said after leading all scorers with 20 points during CU's 78-52 loss to Wisconsin on Saturday at the Kohl Center. "I still need to get a little better and my jumper needs to start falling."

And Roby — who scored 10 points in the win over Florida A&M on Thursday and 17 in the win over Savannah State on Friday — might want to start rebounding (he had three against the Badgers) and stop turning the ball over (three of those compared to two assists) if he really wants to please the new boss.

"Everybody has to do a better job in terms of handling the basketball and defending and grabbing rebounds," CU head coach Jeff Bzdelik said after his team finished with 19 turnovers that led to 26 Wisconsin points and was outrebounded 29-20 by the Badgers. "We can't continue down this road."

Roby was 8-for-15 from the field. The rest of the Buffs were 12-for-26.

"It's nice to get him going, attacking the basket, knocking down shots," CU freshman Levi Knutson said. "We need him in a big way, and I think he's going to be there. He's going to be tough all year."

Roby, a first-team All-Big 12 selection as a sophomore before falling off the basketball map last season, was named to the America's Youth Classic all-tournament team along with Wisconsin's Trevon Hughes (the most valuable player), Brian Batch and Marcus Landry and Savannah State's Chris Linton.

## Hall plays

Marcus Hall played despite losing two teeth during Friday's 58-43 victory over Savannah State. CU's point guard finished with eight points, five assists and a team-high four rebounds in 33 minutes.

"I didn't really feel anything. Right now my mouth is numb because they gave me a couple shots," Hall said. "The plan is to get something done on Wednesday."

## Aloha Buffs, Badgers

Colorado and Wisconsin could meet again at the 2009 Maui Invitational. The famous tournament, which is hosted by Division II Chaminade and sponsored by EA Sports, announced that the Buffs and Badgers

are in the field two years from now.

Arizona, Louisville, Maryland, Vanderbilt and Gonzaga are also schedule to compete in the 26th edition of the tournament.

CU is also planning to participate in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu next season. The field for that tournament has not been announced yet.

### **The undercard**

Before Wisconsin and CU put a cap on the tournament, Savannah State (3-3) defeated Florida A&M 70-62 in the closest of the six games played during the three-day, round-robin event.

The two teams were outscored a combined 309-74 by CU and UW as both entered Saturday's game 0-2 in the tournament.

### **Notable**

Bzdelik was issued a technical foul, his first at CU, for leaving the coach's box in the first half. ... The Buffs are now 15-20 all-time against teams from the Big Ten. Wisconsin evened its record to 29-29 against teams currently in the Big 12. ... The Badgers are 95-5 at the Kohl Center. ... CU freshman Caleb Patterson played 11 minutes and knocked down his first career 3-pointer.



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# Wisconsin inhospitable to Buffaloes

## Loss in tourney finale leaves CU 2-2 on the season

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MADISON, Wis. — Prior to Saturday's Colorado-Wisconsin game, Jermyl Jackson-Wilson was asked to provide some expert analysis on the matchup.

After all, the 6-foot-6 junior forward grew up in Milwaukee and played for Ohio State before transferring to CU.

"Big Ten against Big 12 ... I think they match up kind of evenly," Jackson-Wilson said. "People don't think we're going to be that good in the Big 12, but I think we will be. And this will be a good early test for us."

Perhaps the Buffs, picked by the coaches to finish last in the Big 12, can exceed expectations this season. But they were not in the same basketball class as the Badgers, tabbed fourth in the Big Ten preseason poll, at the Kohl Center.

CU's modest two-game winning streak ended with a 78-52 loss to soon-to-be-ranked Wisconsin in the finale of the America's Youth Classic.

The Buffs (2-2) were able to beat Savannah State on Friday night despite turning the ball over 22 times. The Badgers (4-0) cashed in for 26 points during Saturday's 26-point blowout.

"I'm going to stop this common thread here of almost two turnovers to one assist," CU head coach Jeff Bzdelik said. "You have to value the ball instead of just throwing it around."

The Buffs had played well defensively through the first three games of the season, giving up an average of 52 points. Wisconsin led 53-33 with 17:01 remaining en route to its 26th consecutive victory at the Kohl Center.

Bzdelik starts four guards and Jackson-Wilson. Not surprisingly, the much taller Badgers outscored the Buffs 44-22 in the paint and won the battle of the boards 29-20.

Richard Roby had 20 points but only two defensive rebounds. Xavier Silas added 13 points but no rebounds of any kind. Jackson-Wilson had one defensive rebound. Point guard Marcus Hall, playing 24 hours after having two teeth knocked out, led the Buffs with four rebounds.

"I know we're undersized, but we still have certain players that don't grab a defensive rebound throughout 35, 36 minutes," Bzdelik said. "That's got to change."

CU trailed 44-27 at the intermission after getting out-rebounded 16-8 and giving up 14 points off turnovers.

The Buffs played a zone defense but Wisconsin hit its first four 3-point attempts and led 19-6 with 12:37 remaining in the first half.

Roby scored 11 of CU's first 13 points to keep the visitors within range early. After Hall hit his team's first 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 27-16, Wisconsin went on a 9-0 run to open up a 20-point lead.



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