

CU soccer team opens with shutout win

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DENVER — The Colorado women's soccer team opened up its 2007 season with a shutout, as CU blanked the University of Denver 2-0 Friday afternoon.

No. 14-ranked CU made up for a slow start by netting its first goal — the game-winner — with minutes left in the first half.

CU nearly got on the board when sophomore Nikki Keller took a shot from the top left of the 18. Denver goalkeeper Mackenzie Snyder denied the effort, but CU's Jess Quador blasted the rebound on net. Unfortunately for Quador, Snyder blocked that shot, too.

Colorado would finally take the 1-0 lead on a Nikki Marshall goal with 7:11 to play in the first half. Cousins sent a ball forward to Marshall who carried the ball into the left corner and buried a shot for her first goal on the season.

Colorado kept on the pressure in the second half and capitalized again as freshman Mel Hicks crossed a ball from the right corner that found the foot of Marshall. Marshall took one touch past the keeper and knocked in her second goal of the game to give the Buffs a 2-0 advantage in the 5th minute.

Colorado goalkeeper Kirstin Radlinski recorded her eighth career shutout with the win.

Colorado will take the field again on Sunday against Fairfield at 11 a.m. in Denver.



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