



Bufs end scoring drought with OT win against Drake

Wenino's goal first in 497 minutes for CU

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Defender Michelle Wenino ended a 17-day scoring drought for the CU soccer team Sunday at Prentup Field, as the Buffs beat Drake in overtime, 1-0.

The junior scored the winning goal in the 97th minute on a pass from junior Gianna DeSaverino.

Sophomore Nikki Marshall intercepted a kick from Drake goalie Jennie Schroeder, and passed to DeSaverino as the Drake defense was still setting up. DeSaverino found Wenino at the top of the penalty box.

Wenino fired the shot in and gave Colorado (3-2-3) its first goal since the Buffs hosted Utah on Sept. 6 - the first goal in 497 minutes of play.

"We were pumped going into overtime," Wenino said. "We've been in plenty of overtimes, plenty of ties and we wanted to finish this one off,"

The win put an end to the 17-day streak, in which Colorado lost two games and tied two.

"I think that was the longest stretch I ever had to sit through without a goal," Colorado coach Bill Hempen said.

Colorado controlled the flow of the game through most of regulation play. After two periods, the Buffs had 22 shots, five on-goal. Drake (1-4-2) had 8 shots, three on-goal.

Colorado also had six corner kick opportunities to Drake's two.

But after 90 minutes, the Buffs had nothing to show for it.

"We just couldn't crack them," Hempen said. "They were trying to defend and possess, and they did a very good job of it."

After regulation play, Colorado found its opportunity against the Bulldogs, who boast four players at 5-foot-10 or taller.

"They had pretty big players," Wenino said. "But we're a fast team. That's kind of our thing. We find the hole and we hit it."

The altitude may have caught up on the team from Des Moines, Iowa, as they tripled Colorado in fouls, 12-4, in trying to keep up with the well-conditioned Bufs.

"A lot of teams worry about altitude, and they know that if they try to run with us they're going to die. So towards the end of the game they couldn't just sit on the ball, they had to exert some energy and I think it caught up to them," Hempen said.

The Bufs finished with 27 shots, nine on-goal. Sophomore goaltender Kara Linder recorded three saves in her first start.

Colorado travels to Wyoming Tuesday and will return home to Prentup Field to face Texas Tech on Friday.



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