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VOLLEYBALL TAKES HOME THIRD

BOULDER—The University of Colorado women’s club volleyball team brought home a third place honor from the national tournament in Dallas, Texas on April 1.

The Buffs improved immensely from last years 37th place finish.

“Our performance at nationals was phenomenal,” said senior **Maxine Lorenzana**. “It was so amazing to see us put all our hard work over the last year into this moment.”

Lorenzana credits their improvement to the fact that they focused on “a different element or strategy of the game” each week during practice. Before the team left for nationals, they competed in the Las Vegas Open and took home seventh.

Junior outside hitter **Erica Pelland** had a stand out performance during both tournaments and was named to the first team all-tournament at both the national tournament and the Las Vegas Open.

“The coaching this year was great and helped me perform at the level I knew I was capable of,” said Pelland. “I owe a lot to my coach and my teammates.”

Both Pelland and Lorenzana credit their success to their team’s “on-court chemistry” which helped them achieve such high honors both individually and as a team.