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## **WATER POLO BATTLES FOR SECOND**

**BOULDER**—The University of Colorado women’s club water polo team earned a second place finish in the Southwest Division Conference Championship Tournament on April 10-11 in Tucson, Ariz.

The Buffs beat CSU for the third time this season with a 17-3 rout in the opening round. Following that victory, CU defeated perennial division powerhouse, the University of Arizona, in the semifinals, 15-7.

“The victory over Arizona was testament to the team's progress in the 2010 season,” said head coach **Matt Anthony**.

Before the 2010 season, CU had not defeated Arizona since 2006. In the 2010 season, CU notched two victories against the Wildcats, defeating them in the regional tournament, with a close 11-10 victory, followed by the 15-7 drubbing during the conference semifinals.

After beating Arizona, CU took on a strong Utah team in the finals on day two of the tournament and lost 9-7.

During their matchup against Utah, CU found themselves behind 5-3 at the half. The Buffs held firm in the 3rd quarter and pulled even at 5-5 with one quarter to go. The fourth quarter marked a back-and-forth battle, with CU answering every Utah goal. With only 50 seconds remaining and only trailing by one goal, CU was awarded a penalty shot as Utah had too many players in the pool; however, CU was unable to convert, and Utah earned a division crown after beating the Buffs 8-7.

“CU's 2010 season should be recognized as a resounding success for the program,” said Anthony.

Colorado finished 7-1 in their regular season and earned 2nd place in the Southwest Conference, which was a dramatic improvement from 2009 when the team went 5-3 and finished 4th in the Southwest Conference.

CU led the conference in scoring with an average of 12.1 goals per game and held a margin of victory of 5.3 goals per game average.

The team will be saying goodbye in 2010 to eight seniors and look to reload their roster for the 2011 campaign in hope to compete at the level they did this season.