

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The Colorado women's basketball team (14-7, 5-4 Big 12) secured their first road win against Kansas State (11-11, 4-5 Big 12) on Thursday 56-47. The Buffaloes were led by Zyanna Walker who had 13 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 steals.

The Buffs took the early lead in the first quarter, not letting the Wildcats score until 3 minutes into the game. Colorado maintained its lead into the third quarter, when the Wildcats started coming back, cutting their four-point deficit to only two. The Wildcats continued to fight into the fourth quarter, but the Buffs went on a final scoring run to secure the win.

"Lots of different people contributed as we should. In order to try to win a game on the road in the Big 12, everyone's going to have to do their job really well, and I thought we just executed and did what we needed to do against a really good K-State team," said head coach JR Payne.

Colorado had more rebounds (41), bench points (27), second chance points (15), and assists (15) than Kansas State. The Buffs held the Wildcats lead scorer, Taryn Sides (12.8 ppg) to just 3 points.

How It Happened:

Colorado opened the game with a 3-pointer from So. F Tabitha Betson (3-0, CU). Followed by a steal at half court and an uncontested layup by Jr. G Zyanna Walker to extend their lead to five (5-0, CU). Kansas State then went on a 4-0 run of their own with a jumper and a layup on back-to-back possessions. Walker soon answered with a 3 on the wing to send both teams into a media timeout. Colorado continued to dominate on defense with a steal by Fr. G Erianna Gooden which led to a fast break layup by Jr. G Desiree Wooten (10-6, CU). She quickly followed that play with a drive to the basket for an and-one putting the Buffs up 13-10 going into the second quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, Kansas State implemented a 2-3 zone which forced some bad shot selection and passes from Colorado to open the quarter. Consequently, the Wildcats went on a 6-0 run led by Fr. G Jordan Speiser (16-13, KSU). The Buffs finally scored more than halfway through the quarter with a jumper from Gooden followed by a jumper from Fr. F Loygan Greer (18-17, KSU). Colorado extended its run to seven to end the quarter with a three-pointer from Gooden and two free throws from Jr. F Jade Masogayo (22-18, CU).

Masogayo opened the third quarter for the Buffs with her first field goal of the game, a floater through traffic (24-21, CU). The Wildcats were able to get out in transition for a fast break layup. The favor was quickly returned by the Buffs with two back-to-back fast break layups by Wooten (29-23, CU). Masogayo extended the run to six points with a jumper, putting Colorado up by eight and forcing a Kansas State timeout (31-23, CU). Coming out of the timeout, KSU scored a quick four points with a layup and two made free throws. Greer disrupted the Wildcats momentum by hitting a baseline jumper assisted by Gooden (33-27, CU). Sides hit a quick three on the other end for KSU, forcing Colorado to take a timeout. CU ended KSU's quick scoring run with a layup from Masogayo. Walker made a layup to close out the quarter (37-33, CU).

Masogayo went to the foul line for Colorado to open the quarter, but Kansas State then went on an 8-0 run to put them in the lead (41-38, KSU). Greer was able to end the KSU scoring run with a layup (41-40, KSU). Coming out of the media timeout Wooten had a block from behind on the defensive end followed by an up and under layup through traffic giving the lead back to Colorado (42-41, CU). The Wildcats headed to the foul line with just under six minutes left and hit one of two shots tying up the game (42-42). The Buffs answered with a 7-0 run fueled by a contested three-pointer from Walker and back-to-back layups from Masogayo (49-42, CU). KSU made two free throws and a layup before sending Greer to the line for two free throws for Colorado (51-46, CU). The Wildcats made a final free throw, but the Buffs went on a 5-0 run with a three-pointer from Greer and two free throws from Walker to end the game, 56-47 (CU).

Up Next:

The Colorado Buffaloes head to Lawrence, Kansas to take on Kansas on Sunday, Feb. 1. Tip-off is at 1 p.m. MT and will be streaming on ESPN +.

Game Notes:

- Fourth straight game in double figures for Jr. G Desiree Wooten.
- Jr. G Zyanna Walker has her first double double of the season, second in her career, against her former team with 13 points and 10 rebounds.
- Colorado secures its first road win of the season.
- Colorado had its 11th game this season with four or more Buffs in double-figure points. The Buffs are 8-3 in games where four or more players are in double-digits.