

Kansas comeback tops CU Jayhawks behind, but rally to defeat tenacious Colorado

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—Already one of the nation's most balanced and talented teams, Kansas can add poise and composure to its long list of attributes.

Jeff Boschee scored 21 points to lead five Jayhawks in double figures as fourth-ranked Kansas overcame a rare late-game deficit to pull away for an 85-75 victory over Colorado on Monday night.

Trailing by two with 6:30 remaining, Kansas (16-1, 5-0 Big 12) outscored Colorado 16-4 down the stretch and beat the Buffs for the 23rd straight time. Colorado (12-7, 2-4) has not defeated the Jayhawks since Feb. 20, 1991.

"I told our kids we haven't been behind this much in the second half this year," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "Let's see how tough we are."

Drew Gooden added 10 points and 12 rebounds and Kirk Hinrich had 11 assists for the Jayhawks, who have won nine straight since a 31-point loss to Wake Forest.

"We have so many weapons. Anyone can score on any given night," Boschee said.

D.J. Harrison led Colorado with 26 points, and Stephane Pelle had 15 points and 15 rebounds, but the Buffs were crippled by poor shooting and careless ball-handling down the stretch.

Leading 62-55 after Harrison's long 3-pointer with 13:48 remaining, Colorado went 4-for-16 with four turnovers the rest of the way. The Buffs also went more than six minutes without a field goal before Harrison and Nick Mohr made back-to-back shots in the final 27 seconds.

"We showed a bit of uncertainty," Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said. "We'd force-feed the ball inside and we turned it over down the stretch. You can't have dry spells and turn it over, too."

Boschee hit five 3-pointers and scored the final six points for Kansas. Kenny Gregory added 16 points, Nick Collison had 15 and Eric Chenowith 12 despite picking up his fourth foul midway through the second half.

Colorado entered the game shooting 50.4 percent from the field but was 25-for-71 (35 percent) as the Jayhawks switched between man-to-man and zone defense.

"We aren't big on moral victories," Harrison said. "Don't get me wrong, we played well. We just came up on the short end of the stick."

Playing in front of a record crowd (11,363), the Buffs got a scare early in the second half when point guard Jose Winston hit his head on the court after being fouled hard by Collison while driving to the basket.

Patton stormed onto the floor and whistled at the 6-foot-9 Collison but quickly turned his attention to the 5-11 Winston, who held the back of his head while rolling on the baseline. He left the court on his own and Collison later shook his hand apologized.

"I got my shoulder into him. I kind of body-checked him," Collison said. "I obviously didn't want to see him get hurt. I certainly didn't want him to hit his head like that."

Collison was called for an intentional foul, and Patton and Williams got in a brief shouting match before the officials separated the two. Collison later shook hands with Winston and the point guard returned 2:35 later.

"I thought that the foul was very cheap and flagrant," Patton said. "Jose probably has a concussion. When he came back in, he wasn't the same."

Said Williams: "Nick Collison is not a dirty player. Things are going to be said in the heat of battle. What was said should stay between Ricardo and myself."



Believe it or not, KU better on defense

By Doug Tucker

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—This won't come as good news to the rest of the Big 12. Kansas coach Roy Williams feels his fourth-ranked Jayhawks are getting even better on defense.

"I think the kids are working harder each and every day in practice," Williams said Monday, a few hours before taking on Colorado.

No team in the Big 12 stresses defense more than Kansas.

"They've started to realize how important it is, the whole picture of preparation I think they're doing better," Williams said. "And I think they're taking things from practice into the games better in terms of seeing the big picture."

The Jayhawks, the Big 12's only unbeaten team going into the Colorado game, rose one place to No. 4 in this week's Associated Press poll. Iowa State climbed to No. 17 and Texas to

No. 20, while Oklahoma and Missouri fell out of the list.

The fall must have been particularly hard on the Tigers. They spent just one week at No. 20, their first national ranking in the Quin Snyder era, before losing to Kansas State and Virginia.

Snyder hopes the two losses might "rattle" his young team a bit.

"We had two different games. Kansas State .. they were terrific. They played so well. We had some kids who were not ready to play," he said.

After getting whipped by 21 at Kansas State, the Tigers lost 85-72 on Saturday at Virginia.

"I thought we played better. Down two with a couple of minutes to play, we miss foul shots, they make them and the next thing we know, the game's away from us," Snyder said.

"We need to get it going. We need to be better."

Even though Oklahoma State has hit 13 3-pointers in its last two games,

don't look for the Cowboys to start throwing bombs night after night.

"We've been working on our shooting. We're not a strong 3-point shooting club like we've had in the past," said coach Eddie Sutton.

"I don't think we're going to be in the upper echelon of 3-point shooters in the Big 12. We want to shoot them when they're there. I don't think you're going to see us hitting seven or eight 3-pointers in a game the way we have been in the last two ball games."

Kansas State does not have a mid-week game before going to Kansas on Saturday But it will be hard for the Wildcats to get in much extra practice because the injury to center Joe Leonard has reduced them to just nine healthy players. They can't even play a five-on-five.

"In the short term, it has not been as difficult as one might think," said coach Jim Wooldridge. "But we still have six or seven weeks left. That's

Cowboys pin second place slot in Hays tourney

The Hays Senior Prairie Classic is a good measure of how a wrestling team is doing, and it was a good test for the young Goodland Cowboys Saturday as they came away with seven individual places and a second place trophy.

Bryce Bahe was the top wrestler at 130 pounds. Finishing second were Blayze Bahe at 103 and Bryce Abbey at 125. Third place finishers were Kyle Schulte at 112, Kyle Whisler at 135 and Thomas Tompkins at 189. Mark Carmichael was fourth at 119 pounds. "We have been waiting to see our younger wrestlers turn the corner,"

said Coach Chris Guillot. "We think they did this weekend. Kyle Schulte and Thomas Tompkins wrestled great, as well as Jordan Bedore and Chris Zimmerman."

The Cowboys did very well in the lighter weights, with six wrestlers placing in the top four from 103 to 135 pounds. Taylor Brack (140), Bedore (160) and Zimmerman (171) came close to placing as they each won three matches of their five matches.

The Cowboys finished second in team standings with 160.5 points behind first place McPherson, which won with 168.5. Oakley was third.

"We wrestled very well through the backside of the tournament," Guillot said. "Last year we placed seven and won the tournament with 158.5 points. This year we finished second, placing the same number and outscored the team from last year by two points."

"I feel our team is right there with everyone else," he said, "and at the regional and state tournaments, anything can happen."

This week the Cowboys will try to build on their success in Colby Saturday for the Northwest Kansas League tournament, which begins at 9 a.m.

Individual results:
103 — Blayze Bahe, second.
112 — Kyle Schulte, third.
119 — Mark Carmichael, fourth.
125 — Bryce Abbey, second.
130 — Bryce Bahe, first.
135 — Kyle Whisler, third.
140 — Taylor Brack, (3-2).
145 — Max Saint, (1-2).
152 — David Crutcher, (1-2).
160 — Jordan Bedore, (3-2).
171 — Chris Zimmerman, (3-2).
189 — Thomas Tompkins, third.
215 — Brandon Nemechek, (0-2).
Hwt — Curtis Swager, (2-2).

Angry Buffs can't quite get there

By Aaron J. Lopez

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BOULDER, Colo. — As Jose Winston lay motionless on the floor, his coach charged onto the court and his Colorado teammates came to his defense like a group of hockey players protecting their goalie.

While their grit and determination was admirable, it wasn't enough to end a decade of futility against the Kansas Jayhawks.

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The Buffs (12-7, 2-4 Big 12) haven't defeated Kansas (16-1, 5-0) since Feb. 20, 1991.

"We were missing one major piece," Colorado forward D.J. Harrison said. "We're just one step away from being like Kansas. They're not that much better than us."

Kansas was the only top 25 school to play Monday night.

Former star to coach at CU

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Eric Bieniemy, a former running back who was a key part of Colorado's national championship season 10 years ago, will get a chance to restore credibility to his alma mater as an assistant coach.

Bieniemy was named as Colorado's running backs coach on Monday, joining a team that finished 3-8 last season. Head coach Gary Barnett had an opening after wide receivers coach Gregg Brandon took a job at Bowling Green.

"I'm very appreciative to get back in black," Bieniemy said. "This was a great opportunity at a prestigious university that happens to be my alma mater, so I am seizing the moment."

As part of his agreement with Barnett, Bieniemy needs to complete 12 hours of course work required for an undergraduate degree in sociology.

With a record crowd (11,363) on hand and a national audience watching, the two teams played an entertaining game that turned confrontational 3:53 into the second half.

Buffs coach Ricardo Patton stormed onto the court after Jayhawks forward Nick Collison was called for a flagrant foul on Winston, who landed on his back and hit his head on the court. Patton whistled at Collison as players from both teams went chest-to-chest.

Collison, who is 6-foot-9, later apologized to the 5-11 Winston, but not before Patton and Kansas coach Roy Williams got into a brief shouting match.

"I thought that the foul was very cheap and flagrant," Patton said. "Jose probably has a concussion. When he came back in, he wasn't the same."

Collison said he got his shoulder into Winston but did not intend to injure him.

"Nick Collison is not a dirty player," Williams said. "Things are going to be said in the heat of battle. What was said should stay between Ricardo and myself, but I have a tremendous amount of respect for Ricardo."

Winston sat out less than three minutes and returned with Colorado leading by seven with 13:32 remaining. Things went south from there as the Buffs went 4-for-16 with four turnovers the rest of the way.

The collapse included a six-minute

stretch without a field goal before Harrison and Nick Mohr made back-to-back shots in the final 27 seconds.

"I look for a positive," Patton said. "We're getting very close. We laid it on the line but fell short."

Still trailing by two with 6:30 remaining, Kansas outscored Colorado 16-4 down the stretch, getting points from five different players in that span. The production came after Williams challenged his players during a timeout.

"We kept fighting and fighting," Boschee said. "Whenever we needed a basket, we just got the ball down inside and our post players came through."

The Kansas frontcourt of Drew Gooden, Eric Chenowith, Kenny Gregory and Collison combined for 53 points, and point guard Kirk Hinrich had 11 assists for the Jayhawks, who have won nine straight since a 31-point loss to Wake Forest.

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Athletes of the Week are:

Wendy's Athletes of the Week are Goodland's Cowgirl Basketball players, Jara McKee and Cody Pettibone. These seniors were both named to Colby's Orange & Black Classic All-Tournament Team. Great efforts by these girls and all the Cowgirls led to the team bringing home a third place trophy, the best Cowgirl placing in five years.

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