

WOMEN'S TOURNEY AT PEPSI CENTER

Colorado Daily Staff Report

Oklahoma freshman sensation Courtney Paris highlights the NCAA women's tournament sub-regional which begins in Denver on Saturday.

CU hosts the first and second rounds at Pepsi Center with four first-round games on Saturday and two second-round games Monday night.

Paris leads Big 12 champion and No. 2 seed Oklahoma (29-4) against Pepperdine (14-16) in the opening game at 11 a.m. Saturday. Paris needs just three rebounds to become the first woman with 700 points, 500 rebounds and 100 blocks in a season.

The other first-round games match Iowa (17-11) against BYU (25-5), Louisiana Tech (26-4) against Florida State (19-9) and No. 3 seed Stanford (23-7) against Southeast Missouri State (22-8).

The games feature several coaches and players with Colorado connections. Former CU All-American Shelley Sheetz is an assistant coach with Pepperdine, ex-Buff Jenny Roulrier is a graduate assistant with Florida State, and one-time Buff and Fairview High School star Amber Metoyer plays for Louisiana Tech.

For tickets, call 303-49-BUFFS, stop by the Pepsi Center box office or visit www.cubuffs.com.

CU WOMEN'S GOLF STANDS 16TH

Colorado Daily Staff Report

LAS VEGAS — The CU women's golf team shaved six strokes off its performance the day before but remained in 16th place Tuesday after the second round of the 54-hole UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational.

Host UNLV led with a 3-over 579, six shots better than first-round leader Long Beach State. Colorado added a 307 to Monday's 313 for a 620 total.

Junior Hannah Hoch had a 4-over 76 for a 153 total that was tied for 43rd. Senior Maria Persson-Gulda had the best round of the day for the Buffs — a 75 — for a 156 total, which was matched by freshman Lindsay Caljouw (77) and sophomore Lindsay Senger (79). Junior Lindsay Koth (79) was at 159.

WHITE NAMED TO NCAA TOP-100 LIST

Colorado Daily Staff Report

Former CU football standout and Supreme Court justice Byron "Whizzer" White was selected as one of the NCAA's 100 Most Influential Student-Athletes, as chosen by a panel that included university presidents, athletic directors and NCAA officials.

The list, part of the NCAA's centennial celebration, was featured on ESPN Classic on Monday and will be re-aired on ESPNU and ESPN Classic.

White, who died on April 15, 2002, at the age of 84, became CU's first All-American in any sport when he led the football team to an 8-0 regular-season record in 1937. He led the nation in rushing with a record-breaking total of 1,121 yards and amassed 122 points. He also was a .400 hitter on the baseball team and a star on the basketball team that made the NIT in 1938.

A student body president, Rhodes Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa, White went on to a brief NFL career, leading the league in rushing in 1938.

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CU DEFENSE SHINES IN SECOND PRACTICE

The Colorado defense came up with three interceptions on the second day of spring practice Tuesday. The thefts came late in practice during 7-on-7 drills. Sophomore safety Ryan Walters had two of the picks and senior cornerback Lorenzo Sims the other. New head coach Dan Hawkins praised the players' enthusiasm but said he is concerned about the lack of bodies in the offensive line. The Buffs will take Wednesday off, then practice again on Thursday and Friday. Both sessions are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the practice fields and are open to the public.

CU MEN'S BASKETBALL

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CU HOSTS OLD DOMINION TO OPEN NIT PLAY

By DAVID WALLACE
Colorado Daily Staff

With plenty at stake, the Colorado men's basketball team opens the first round of the National Invitational Tournament against Old Dominion at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Coors Events Center.

CU (20-9, 9-7 Big 12) enters the tournament as the fourth seed, while the Monarchs (21-9, 13-5 CAA) are seeded fifth. A win would improve the Buffs' home record to 15-1, marking the most victories in a single season in team history.

Colorado was considered an NCAA Tournament bubble team during the closing weeks of the regular season but faded down the stretch, losing six of its final 11 games and finishing fifth in the Big 12. The Buffs needed strong performance in the conference tournament to keep hopes of an NCAA bid alive, but exited in the second round

with an 86-57 loss to Texas A&M.

FYI

- The CU men's basketball team (20-9) entertains Old Dominion (21-9) in an NIT first-round game on Wednesday night.
- Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. at Coors Events Center.
- There is no television coverage.

"Hopefully by today they've put that behind them," coach Ricardo Patto said Tuesday. "I think that when you have a group that's the majority of seniors, they should be able

to move on."

Senior forward Chris Copeland said he and his teammates are not dwelling on the missed opportunity and are looking ahead.

"I think guys are ready to bounce back and focus on tomorrow," Copeland said. "We're still blessed with the opportunity to be one of those teams that are still playing at this time. We have to keep things in perspective and continue to work hard and try to win as many games as possible."

Old Dominion finished the regular season in fourth place in the Colonial Athletic Conference, having won four straight before its loss to Northeastern in the conference tournament quarterfinals. The Monarchs returned five starters this season from last year's 28-6 squad, which won the 2005 conference championship and was selected to the NCAA Tournament.

"They are very talented," Patto said. "They have inside-outside combinations, they double down with the big guards hurt you with the 3-ball. So it's a very good basketball team."

The Monarch offense boasts three

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Nate Hammer rides a log during the Logging Masters snowboard competition in Beaver Creek on Sunday. [PHOTO COURTESY KURT OLESEK]

SNOWBOARDING

For the love of the ride

SHREDDERS MATCH SKILLS AT BEAVER CREEK'S LOGGING MASTERS

By LAURA LIEFF
For the Colorado Daily

Before I arrived at Beaver Creek's Chairlift 6 on Sunday morning, nothing could have prepared me for what the day would entail. In its fifth year, the Logging Masters snowboard competition has earned a reputation for being the event of Beaver Creek and I was excited to be invited. However, I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

Thirty participants, six photographers, four judges and one curious journalist met at the Moonshine Terrain Park at 10 a.m.

Everyone gathered around Logging Masters creator and judge, Brian "Wookie" Fleming, as he welcomed everyone to the invite-only event. He introduced the four judges — Joe Gilles, Jason Fines, Ian Stifler and himself, who collectively have more than four decades of snowboarding experience — and explained the rules of the event. Each judge was assigned to between seven and nine riders.

The course took two weeks to design and was mapped out all over Beaver Creek Mountain. Local riders Mark Kolker, Nash Pilsbury, Kurt Olesek and Jim Duffy, among others, helped Fleming design the course and choose

the 18 logs that made up the course.

The first seven logs were in the back country, and the last 11 flanked the terrain park. Half of the logs were natural, the other half man-made.

This meant that while some logs had just naturally fallen in the woods and would be ridden where they had fallen, the other logs had been cut, relocated and shaped by Fleming and his crew. The logs ranged from 60-foot tree trunks that hung over eight-foot drops to 40-foot rainbow logs that ranged from five to eight feet in height and stretched anywhere from 25 to 50 feet.

The event was a scored like a golf game, so each log was referred to as a "hole," and each hole had a name such as "The Underpass," "Bird's Eye View" and "Stifler's Mom."

Participants had three chances to slide each log, and the object was to end the day with the lowest score possible. If a rider slid the log on the first attempt, he received a "hole in one." If he needed two attempts, he received a "birdie." If he required three attempts, he received "par." If the participant was unable to clear the log in three attempts, he received a "bogey" or one point over par, and if he gave up before attempting the log three times he received a "double bogey" or two

points over par.

Although Fleming was a tough judge, he was completely fair and very supportive. It was interesting to watch snowboarders, who are often stereotyped as renegades with big egos, being attentive and extremely respectful. None of these guys would have thought twice about arguing with Fleming or any of the other judges. Fleming said his major concerns with the Logging Masters have always been injuries and people having a good time.

"I created this event because I thought it would be awesome to have everyone get together for an end-of-the-season session and just have fun," Fleming said.

As the day continued, snow fell and the temperatures dropped considerably. I watched as these guys and one girl — Missy Keltner — slid logs, slammed into trees, fell on ice and hiked back to the top of every log to do it again. Words like "drive," "heart" and "determination" come to mind, but don't do justice to what I witnessed.

These riders were warriors. After ripping his pants on The Putting Green and running into a tree at 25 mph at "Skate Log" (Log 10), participant Neil Yukimura finished the contest with

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DIGEST

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Mexico's 9-1 win over Canada on Thursday in which he was tagged for six runs on six hits in just 1 1-3 innings.

Colorado's Ian Stewart hit his fifth homer of the spring, capping a four-run, seventh-inning rally. Although he leads the team in hitting (.591), home runs, RBIs (12) and slugging percentage (1.409), he still is slated to start the season at Double-A Tulsa.

Rockies infielder Josh Wilson will be out four-to-six weeks after breaking his left big toe when he fouled a pitch off his foot Monday night.

"Very unfortunate," manager Clint Hurdle said. "He was having a good spring. We were liking what we were seeing out of Josh."

SMITH PROMOTED

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos named director of pro personnel Rick Smith to the newly created position of assistant general manager on Tuesday.

Smith, 37, joined the Broncos in 1996 and served as an assistant coach for four years before moving into administration. He has been director of pro personnel for the past six years.

As assistant general manager, Smith will continue to work with general manager Ted Sundquist and head coach Mike Shanahan on player evaluation and acquisition, the team said.

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SHREDDERS: Riding logs

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enthusiasm. When Tommy Carter fractured his wrist on "Blow Up" (Log 2), he got a brace from an unknown source and not only did he finish the event, he also was one of two participants who cleared "Stifler's Mom," a log that stretches 60 feet in length and is eight feet high, on the first attempt.

"The Masters is no joke. Some of these logs are season-enders for sure," said Carter.

Kevin "KG" Gerken and Justin Court were from Breckenridge, and although they didn't place in the top three, they gave some of the local Beaver Creek riders some serious competition.

Beaver Creek locals took the three podium spots and received \$150, \$100 and \$50, respectively. Additionally, in true golfing tradition, the winner was awarded a green jacket that was created by Fleming.

Sage Keltner was first with a score of 20, while 2005 winner Joe O'Trempa was runner-up with 24 and Ricky Rodriguez took third with 27.

After spending the entire day out of bounds, I realized that snowboarding has become more than a sport. It's a lifestyle where camaraderie is important and support runs deep.

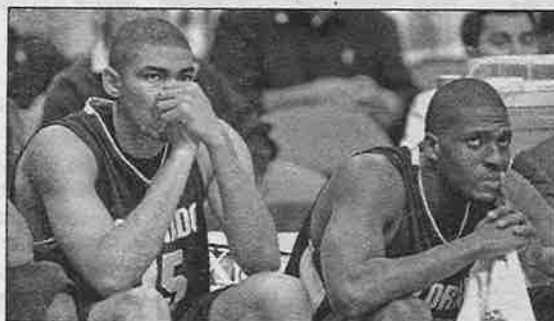
Fleming and Olessek organized and funded the entire event out of their own pockets, including the celebratory drinks that followed that night. Fleming continues to throw this contest every year because he loves it, and as far as I could tell, the support, respect and tal-



Sage Keltner celebrates after winning the Logging Masters on Sunday in Beaver Creek. At right is his sister, Missy Keltner, the lone female in the competition. [PHOTO COURTESY KURT OLESSEK]

ent made all the effort worth it.

Although prizes were given, it became clear to me that the awards were a mere afterthought. These people did this for the love of the ride.



Colorado's Chris Copeland (left) and Jayson Obazuaye watch the final minutes from the bench in the Buffs' 86-53 loss to Texas A&M in the second round of the Big 12 Tournament last Friday in Dallas. The Buffs are hoping to rebound when they host Old Dominion in the first round of the NIT. [DONNA MCWILLIAM/ASSOCIATED PRESS]

BUFFS: NIT on tap

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players with double-digit scoring averages, led by forward Alex Loughton's 14.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Loughton is followed by guard Isaiah Hunter and forward Arnaud Dahi, who are averaging 13.9 and 12 points, respectively.

"I think their big man Loughton is really talented from what I've seen," Copeland said. "They have a pretty talented squad. We're going to have to come out ready, there's no question."

Wednesday's game will be the first match-up between the two teams and only the sixth ever for the Buffs against Colonial Athletic Association opposition. In its season opener this year, CU posted a 73-54 win over eventual CAA Tournament champion UNC-Wilmington, a team Patton has compared to Old Dominion.

"This team is as good and could even be better than Wilmington," Patton said.

Old Dominion beat UNC-W 64-59 on Jan. 3.

Wednesday night's contest will most likely mark the final home game for 10 CU seniors and potentially the final game of their collegiate careers — a possibility that isn't going unnoticed.

"If anything guys will come out a lot more focused because it could be our last game," Copeland said. "I think as a team, we know how important this game is."

It also might be the final CU game for sophomore guard Richard Roby, who is considering jumping to the pros.

With a victory, the Buffs will move on to face the winner of Saturday's match-up between No. 1 seed Maryland and No. 9 seed Manhattan, which defeated Fairleigh Dickinson 80-77 in an opening-round game Tuesday night.

A Maryland win would result in the Buffs playing their second NIT game at College Park, Md., next Monday due to the Terrapins' seeding advantage.

Colorado's most recent NIT appearance came in 2004, when the Buffs were defeated 77-72 in the first round by Oregon.

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SUMMER 2006

The Colorado Daily's summer internships have given dozens of reporters now working locally and nationally their first start in journalism.

One of them was Katy Ibsen of Boulder, currently a student at the University of Kansas's William Allen White School of Journalism.

Ibsen's 2005 summer internship at the Daily helped her to secure other internships at The Lawrence Journal-World, U.S. News & World Report and "Chalk," the student magazine published by the Journal-World.

Working at the Daily, Ibsen says, "was the best experience I've ever had."

"It was a springboard for every other experience I've had in journalism. I got to report without having my hand held, but with just the right amount of coaching and mentorship. I got my feet wet and learned interviewing skills, and all of it built my confidence as a journalist."

Ibsen isn't alone. CU students who have completed Colorado Daily summer photo or reporting internships have worked or are working in media organizations as diverse as the Wall Street Journal, the Denver Post, the Albuquerque Journal, the Associated Press's London and Stockholm bureaus and "Outside" Magazine.

You could be next. The Colorado Daily is accepting applications now through March 31 for four news reporting interns, two feature reporting interns, two sports reporting interns and four photojournalism interns.

The internships are unpaid. Interns will be treated as news staff, receive a byline, professional editing and mentoring, clips and the chance to write some great packaged features suitable for a professional portfolio, or shoot photos for the Daily's Welcome Back fall editions.

"It's the best experience I've ever had. It was a chance for me to do actual reporting. Even though the Daily has a smaller staff, the reporting, the ethics, and the way the paper runs prepared me for everything I've done since."

"I owe the rest of my career to my short time at the Colorado Daily."

-Katy Ibsen, Colorado Daily intern, summer 2005

Applicants must have completed at least a basic reporting class (or have some clips or writing samples), have their own transportation and (for photo internship applicants only) a high-quality digital camera.

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