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A 6-foot-4 post, Salesian's Zoe Correal drew a nice list of suitors during the July evaluation period before committing to Colorado last

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week. NCP caught up with her to talk about the decision and her play with CA Ballaz this summer.

Ranked No. 31 in the pre-July rankings, Correal committed to the Buffaloes over offers from Iona, Providence, Loyola Marymount and UC Santa Barbara. She visited the school earlier this month before committing.

"I really liked their campus. I went to a class there for the major (psychology) I would like and I really liked it. I like their team and the whole atmosphere. I thought I would fit there," Correal said.

Colorado went 25-7 (13-5 in the Pac-12) last year and lost to Kansas in the first round. It was the first trip to the NCAA tournament since 2004. Starting center Rachel Hargins will be a senior this coming season with Correal potentially feeling that void.

Correal is currently ranked No. 31

in the NCP Top 40 rankings "Their big is leaving so I figured with a little training and developing I could probably try to feel her shoes on their team," Correal said.

While she is a raw prospect, Correal is a strong rim protector and has added some mobility since the high school season. If she can add to her offense and continue to become more agile, she could be a solid defensive center for Colorado.

Always on the radar with her size, Correal opened more eyes this summer playing for CA Ballaz providing an inside presence to go with numerous perimeter options.

"I feel like I rebounded well and I helped move our offense," Correal said. "I feel like I was a really big help in the middle on defense. No one really came down the middle."

Correal is the second Division I commit for Salesian (Mariya Moore to Louisville is the other). The Pride are the back-to-back NorCal Division IV champions.

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