

## Are you ready for some football?



### Colorado vs. Colorado State

It's that time of year again — football season. Teams across the nation are eager to strap on pads and take the field. Perhaps no other team is more ready to get the season under way than the Colorado Buffaloes. The program was tainted by off-season scandals that included allegations of rape at recruiting parties and sexual harassment.

The controversies led to state and university investigations and prompted a media fury that is yet to die. After serving a short suspension during the investigations, head coach Gary Barnett is back and ready to concentrate on football.

"I think everybody is just anxious to get out there and play," said Barnett during this week's Big 12 conference call. "And our team will be a little more than most, because of what they've had the opportunity to go through."

Because the Buffs' first game is against in-state rival Colorado State, the team is even more anxious.

"I think it's become a good rivalry because we got our butts kicked in 1999, 2000, and then in 2002 we lost as well," Barnett said. "We've gone from being the team that should win to being the team that got beat, and they've taken advantage of it. They do a good job there."

This rivalry will not be played in Denver on a neutral field; rather, Colorado will enjoy its first home field advantage over the Rams in seven years. Barnett hopes the home atmosphere will

help his team focus on football and not the past off-season.

Kickoff will be televised nationally from Folsom Field at 6:10 p.m. on Fox Sports Net.

### Nebraska on the West Coast?

#### Nebraska vs. Western Illinois

While receiving less attention than Colorado this off-season, the Nebraska Cornhuskers still stirred talk at the water cooler with the hiring of former Oakland Raider head coach and West Coast offense advocate Bill Callahan.

A balanced offensive attack for the Huskers meant occasionally giving the ball to the fullback on a dive while running the option to both sides of the field. All of this will change as Callahan plans to use the same pass-happy system that led him and the Raiders to the 2002 Super Bowl.

The first chance to see the new-look Huskers will be this Saturday as they host Division I-AA power Western Illinois. While Nebraska is the heavy favorite, there will be some growing pains in its first couple of games. Nonetheless, the game should provide a good look at what scheme to expect offensively for the Huskers for years to come. In fact, a quote from Callahan during this week's Big 12 conference call might foreshadow what is to come.

"I will tell you that there is a lot of imagination and creativity from offensive coaches, especially in this conference," Callahan said. "When you look at

Texas Tech and the things that Mike Leach has done offensively, it's astounding that you can generate that much yardage with an offensive scheme that offers so much variety."

Can the Big 12 handle another Leach? One thing is for sure: These aren't your father's Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:10 p.m. at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.

### Pay-per-view worthy?

#### Texas vs. North Texas

If the scheme change in Nebraska leaves you up in arms and nostalgic for the running game, then call up your local cable provider and order Saturday's match-up between the No. 7 Texas Longhorns and the North Texas Mean Green. The game will feature two of the nation's top running backs in the Mean Green's senior back Patrick Cobbs and the Longhorns' senior Cedrick Benson.

Led by Cobbs, the Mean Green is out to prove its strength to some critics. Texas head coach Mack Brown, however, needs no convincing, as he realizes the strength of his opponent.

"North Texas came in here three years ago, and no one talked about them much. But since that time, they've won their conference championship three years in a row, they've won 18 straight league games and Darrell Dickey has been coach of the year three times," Brown said. "He has come to the forefront of young coaches, and he and his staff is doing as good of a job coaching at North Texas as anyone in the country."

The game is set to start at 6 p.m. at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

### University Student Rules Have Been Revised

In accordance with Texas A&M University Student Rules, additions, deletions and changes may occur over the course of the academic year. These revisions will be communicated through The Battalion, Aggie Hotline, appropriate university offices, and on the web.

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<http://student-rules.tamu.edu>:

20 Academic Misconduct; 24 Student Conduct Code; 25 Student Conduct System; 26 Rights in Student Conduct Proceedings; 27 Sanctions; 28 Student Conduct Files and Records; 51 Disciplinary Action; and 58 University Disciplinary Appeals Panel.

These rule changes clarify existing rules pertaining to academic misconduct, physical abuse, hazing, and rights of accused students and restructures in the appeal process.

If you need the rules information in an alternate format, please contact the Office of the Dean of Student Life at (979) 845-3111 or e-mail at [studentlife@tamu.edu](mailto:studentlife@tamu.edu).

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