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Wednesday, September 1, 2004

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 get the season under way than the Colorado Buffaloes. The program was tainted by off-season scandals that included allegations of rape at recruiting par-

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 na-

tionally 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.

While other traditional running teams, such as the University of Oklahoma, switched to pass-first attacks during the early and late 1990s, Nebraska stayed with the run with great success, winning national titles in 1994,

A balanced offensive attack for 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 1-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 car an offensive scheme that offens so much variety.

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

> **Pay-per-view** worthy?

> > Texas vs. North Texas

nostalgic for the running game. then call up your local cab match-up between the No. Texas Mean Green. The gam will feature two of the nation top running backs in the Mea Green's senior back Patric Cobbs and the Longhorns' se nior Cedrick Benson.

Led by Cobbs, the Mean Green is out to prove its strengt Mack Brown, however, need no convincing, as he realizes the

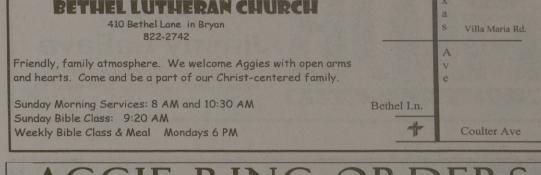
"North Texas came in her three years ago, and no on talked about them much. But since that time, they've wo three years in a row, they'v won 18 straight league game and Darrell Dickey has been coach of the year three times, Brown said. "He has come to the forefront of young coaches, and he and his staff is do ing as good of a job coaching at North Texas as anyone i

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



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