

# CU coach predicts NU revenge, crowd hype in match

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Nebraska and Colorado aren't going to battle only on the football field in one of the biggest games of the year.

The two schools also will battle in one of the biggest volleyball matches of the year.

Nebraska, No. 2, comes into the match with a 20-0 record. Colorado is 16-4 and ranked 15th.

Although Colorado has never defeated Nebraska at the NU Coliseum, Buffalo coach Brad Saindon is confident taking his team in front of a packed Coliseum crowd.

"This is a great matchup, and with the addition of the football game, we could be going into a frenzy," Saindon said.

The Buffaloes are 6-0 in the conference, tied with the Cornhuskers for first place. However, the Buffs are trying to win at the NU Coliseum.

"In my opinion, (Lincoln) is the hardest place to play in the nation," Saindon said. "We've never won there."

The Huskers are no doubt in search of revenge. Last season they lost to Colorado in the Big Eight Tournament championship. The Buffs also won the Big Eight regular-season title, taking away the title the Huskers had held for 17 straight years.

"They (Nebraska) are hungrier

this year, because we beat them last year," Saindon said. "I know if I was in their situation, you can bet I'd have revenge on my mind."

Nebraska hopes to tie its all-time win streak with a victory. The streak would be pushed to 21 with a win over the Buffs.

But to beat the Huskers, the Buffs need a near-perfect performance.

"To win we have to play at our best," Saindon said. "They have so many good hitters; they have five

starters back from last season, plus Christy Johnson.

"They are definitely a step up from last season."

Saindon said he would have his team ready for a raucous crowd and a tough match on Saturday night.

"I told my girls that in order to beat Nebraska, everybody has to play their best game of the year," he said. "This game will basically decide the Big Eight."

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