

# Texas A&M, Colorado expect war

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Texas A&M and 12th-ranked Colorado, two of the Big 12's biggest football disappointments, renew a rivalry Saturday in College Station, Texas.

The Buffs return to the field after a bye week following a Colorado loss 20-13 to Michigan.

Texas A&M won its first game last Saturday, a 55-0 shellacking of North Texas. A&M has had problems with offensive and defensive execution and turnovers. And last week, despite the victory, the Aggies fumbled five times losing just one.

A year ago, No. 7 Colorado knocked off the third-ranked Aggies 29-21 in Boulder.

"It had more of an effect than just a loss would have had," A&M Coach R.C. Slocum said.

Texas A&M's secondary has shown its vulnerability this season, yielding 536 yards passing and six touchdown passes to Brigham Young in the Pigskin Classic.

"(Colorado) puts more pressure on you than BYU — if that's possible," Slocum said.

CU Coach Rick Neuheisel expects a battle.

"These are two great programs that had a bump in the road," Neuheisel said. "It's going to be a heavyweight fight. They're going to play with a fury we haven't seen."

# Lubick says Rams need to grow up

BY TREVOR PARKS  
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Colorado State Football Coach Sonny Lubick wants the Nebraska football team to realize that the Rams are not responsible for ending the Cornhuskers' 26-game winning streak.

"I just hope they are not mad at us, because we're not the ones who beat them," Lubick said. "We're just a bunch of guys playing football. The next time they play Arizona State, they should be angry at them."

"Everybody is wondering about whether they will play us differently. Win or lose the week before, they are going to play hard like they always do."

Lubick, in his fourth year at CSU after a four-year stint as the defensive coordinator at Miami, should know.

In the fourth game of his first season, CSU visited sixth-ranked Nebraska, losing 48-13. While at Miami, Lubick designed a defense that allowed only a field goal to Nebraska in two Orange Bowl meetings.

One of those games, a 22-0 Hurricane victory in the 1992 Orange Bowl, was the last time the Huskers were shutout — until they lost 19-0 to Arizona State last Saturday.

Lubick said NU's offensive problems were more of a factor in the shutout last week than the Sun Devil defense.

"I think Arizona State caught them on the right night," Lubick said, "Nebraska didn't play well. They made a lot of fumbles and had some key dropped pitches. They usually make those plays that they had problems with."

"Everyone wants to try to slow them down, but no one has had much success."



Lubick

Despite Nebraska's seven-spot drop in The Associated Press Top 25 to a No. 8 ranking, Lubick said, the Huskers will be in the national title hunt at the end of the year.

NU's motivation to return to a championship level will be hard for the young Rams to overcome, he said. Colorado State starts five seniors and just two on defense.

Except for junior cornerback Eason Ramson, every member of the CSU secondary is a freshman. Left defensive tackle Kirk Bowman and strongside linebacker Jim Detterick are the only seniors — reserve or starters — on the Ram defense.

Overall, the Rams' defense ranks second to last among 111 Division-I teams in total defense, allowing 505.3 yards per game.

"Our guys need to grow up a bit," Lubick said. "They are improving more each week, and this weekend we need to improve big time."

But the Nebraska offense hasn't been much better, ranking 97th in total offense and last in the Big 12. Even though NU is averaging only 27.5 points per game, it is a 37-point favorite Saturday.

An experienced defense was the key in CSU's eight wins last year, 10 games the season before and building the Ram program into a Western Athletic Conference power, Lubick said.

Since 1993, Lubick has turned a program that was 24-45-1 in the six years before his arrival into the back-to-back champions of the WAC.

Of any coach in Ram history he reached the 25-win plateau the fastest. The Rams were mauled 54-21 by Kansas State — Nebraska's next opponent — in the Holiday Bowl last season.

"We've won more football games and we've gotten stronger each year that I've been here," Lubick said. "People will see Nebraska is catching us in a year when we are a darn young team that makes a lot of young mistakes."

"Next year, our kids should be bigger and more experienced. But for now, these kids are playing with a lot of heart and character."

# Nebraska eyes mental rebound against Rams

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-ball team," Osborne said. "We've got our hands full. I just hope people don't come into the stadium on Saturday expecting that we won't have a battle on our hands, because I think we do."

"They'll play hard, and they'll play with confidence. It will be a tough ballgame."

Osborne said he is more concerned about NU's recovery than he is about Colorado State's game plan.

"My main concern is that we play well and that we play with intensity," Osborne said. "If somebody is better than we are, I can't control that. That was the discouraging thing. I know we didn't play as well as we could play (against ASU), and that's what hurts."

This game could not have come quickly enough for Husker Scott Frost. Against the Sun Devils, the junior quarterback completed 6 of 20 passes for 66 yards and rushed for minus-10 yards.

Although he was supported by Osborne and the team, Frost has been criticized by fans and the press this week.

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TOM OSBORNE  
NU football coach

"I had to deal with some things that Nebraska quarterbacks don't have to deal with most of the time," Frost said. "I don't expect that to happen again."

Despite the loss, Frost said, the Huskers are still in contention for an unprecedented third straight national title — unless they play again like they did last week.

"If we don't play better than that, then we don't have to worry about it," Frost said.

The last time Nebraska lost a regular-season game — Nov. 14, 1992 — it responded with a 37-game regular-season winning streak.

## Starters

Saturday, 11:38 a.m.  
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Nebraska Offense				Colorado St. Offense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3 215 Jr.	QB	13	Moses Moreno	6-2 187 Jr.
RB	30	Ahman Green	6-0 220 So.	RB	20	Damon Washington	5-11 193 So.
WR	35	Kris Brown	5-10 206 So.	WR	18	Matt McDougal	5-11 193 Sr.
TE	77	Adnan Trou	6-6 305 Sr.	TE	77	Mark Rogowski	6-5 291 Sr.
OL	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1 305 Jr.	OL	64	Mike Nowell	6-4 278 So.
DL	75	Chris Delmonico	6-3 310 Sr.	DL	78	Steve Dunlap	6-3 286 Jr.
LB	64	Jon Zelenka	6-2 260 Sr.	LB	77	Anthony Cozzetta	6-4 299 Sr.
CB	67	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	CB	71	Eric Bailey	6-7 277 So.
SB	70	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	SB	85	Justin Shull	6-3 245 Sr.
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10 206 So.	PK	18	Matt McDougal	5-11 193 Sr.

Nebraska Defense				Colorado St. Defense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.
DE	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6 310 Sr.	DE	99	Kirk Bowman	6-4 270 Sr.
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LB	64	Jon Zelenka	6-2 260 Sr.	LB	77	Anthony Cozzetta	6-4 299 Sr.
CB	67	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	CB	71	Eric Bailey	6-7 277 So.
SB	70	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	SB	85	Justin Shull	6-3 245 Sr.
OLB	64	Jon Zelenka	6-2 260 Sr.	OLB	77	Anthony Cozzetta	6-4 299 Sr.
MLB	44	Jon Hesse	6-4 260 Sr.	MLB	45	Willie Taylor	6-0 215 So.
WLB	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6 310 Sr.	WLB	99	Kirk Bowman	6-4 270 Sr.
LCB	20	Michael Booker	6-2 205 Sr.	CB	2	Eason Ramson	5-9 190 Jr.
FS	10	Mike Minter	5-10 190 Sr.	FS	36	Kevin McDougal	6-4 197 Fr.
SS	19	Jesse Koach	6-0 185 Sr.	SS	23	Teddie Nunn	5-9 175 Fr.
P	18	Matt McDougal	5-11 193 Sr.	P	18	Matt McDougal	5-11 193 Sr.

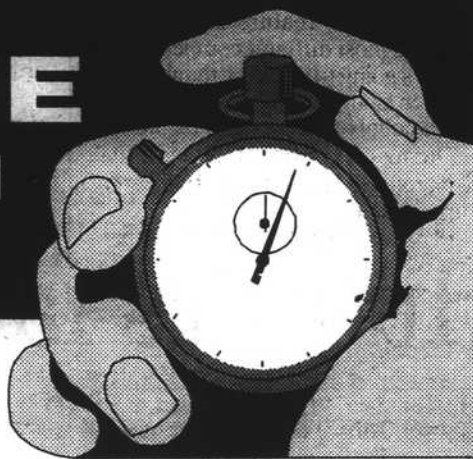
## Football Picks

The Daily Nebraskan sports staff members pick the winners in 10 college football games this weekend. The staff is 28-12 this season and was 5-5 last week.

Ohio St.	at	North Dakota
North Carolina	at	Florida St.
Oregon	at	Arizona St.
UCLA	at	Michigan
Colorado	at	Texas A&M
Texas	at	Virginia
Kansas	at	Iowa
Missouri	at	Iowa State

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