

# in Seattle



## Husky coach primed for competition

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Staff Reporter

Never before has there been a game between higher-rated teams in Husky Stadium than there will be this Saturday when second-ranked Washington plays No. 7 Nebraska in Seattle.

Washington coach Jim Lambright understands the magnitude of the game, and is preparing for what may be the biggest victory of his tenure as head coach of the Huskies.

"You want as a coach to get to experience this moment," Lambright said. "This game is what you hope to coach for."

Lambright, who is in his fifth year as Washington's head coach after being an assistant for the Huskies for 22 years, is going for his 33<sup>rd</sup> win on Saturday.

Lambright said Nebraska would provide a measuring stick as to how far the team has come this year, and how the Huskies will fit into the national title picture.

"It's a huge game as far as us showing how much we have grown in the last couple of years," Lambright said. "We think we can step and play

the way we want to."

Nebraska does present several problems to the Huskies on both sides of the ball, Lambright said.

Defensively, UW will have to adjust to the Nebraska option attack, an offense rarely used by teams in the Pac-10. Oregon State does run some option, but Lambright said the Beavers are not the caliber of the Huskers in the option game.

Lambright said stopping the NU option would be important to controlling the game.

"We haven't faced too many option teams, so this is going to be an adjustment," he said. "We've got to guard the quarterback and pitch as well as possible. We're practicing against it every week, so we're confident we're ready for it."

Nebraska's senior quarterback Scott Frost already owns a 46-28 victory over the Huskies from his sophomore season at Stanford. While Frost's play has come into question by some in Lincoln, Lambright said he has little doubt of Frost's ability to run the NU offense.

"Frost can really run the option offense well," Lambright said. "I'm impressed with him as an athlete overall."

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When Washington has the ball, Lambright said he will put an emphasis on minimizing mistakes. The Huskies have lost three fumbles this year, but sophomore quarterback Brock Huard has yet to throw an interception.

Lambright said Washington can't give the Huskers easy opportunities to score, specifically stopping NU's pass rush.

"They get you in trouble with some key turnovers and big plays," he said. "They put pressure on you by a combination of pressures and coverages. It's essential we control their pass rush up front."

The other element in the game that cannot be overlooked is the crowd at Husky Stadium, often considered one of the loudest in the nation. The stadium seats 72,500 fans, who Lambright said provide UW with an added edge.

"We'd like to play every big game at home," he said. "Home field and home crowd provide a really big advantage for us."

Lambright said that beyond the players, he is also looking forward to locking heads with NU coach Tom Osborne for the first time in his career.

"I really admire what Tom has done as a coach at Nebraska, both as an assistant and now as a head coach," Lambright said. "He's one of the reasons that Nebraska is as successful as they are."

Now that the waiting is almost over, Lambright said he and his team are ready for the Husky-Husker showdown.

"You try and be honest with your players about how big of a game this is," he said. "You don't have to do very much as a coach to get your team ready for a game like this."

### Football Starters

#### Nebraska Starters

##### Offense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
SE	6	Kenny Cheatham	6-4	205	Jr.
LT	73	Fred Pollack	6-4	305	Sr.
LG	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	Sr.
C	59	Josh Heskey	6-3	280	Jr.
RG	64	Jon Zatechka	6-2	290	Sr.
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4	305	Sr.
TE	90	Tim Carpenter	6-3	250	Sr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3	220	Sr.
FB	45	Joel Makovicka	5-11	235	Jr.
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0	215	Jr.
WB	5	Shavin Wiggins	5-11	190	Jr.
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10	205	Jr.

#### Washington Starters

##### Offense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
SE	24	Jerome Patton	5-11	190	Sr.
WT	67	Tony Coats	6-7	300	Jr.
WG	70	Ben Kadletz	6-2	310	Jr.
C	77	Olin Kreutz	6-4	290	Jr.
SG	76	Benji Olson	6-4	310	Jr.
ST	75	Aaron Dalan	6-7	320	Jr.
TE	85	Cameron Cleeland	6-4	275	Sr.
QB	7	Brock Huard	6-5	220	So.
TB	1	Rashaan Shahee	5-11	210	Sr.
FB	25	George Keiaho	5-9	235	Jr.
HB	36	Mike Reed	6-0	215	Sr.
P	15	Sean O'Laughlin	6-0	190	Jr.

##### Defense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LR	57	Chad Kelsay	6-3	250	Jr.
DT	99	Jason Wiltz	6-3	310	Jr.
DT	55	Jason Peter	6-5	285	Sr.
RR	98	Grant Wistrom	6-5	225	Sr.
SLB	46	Brian Shaw	6-1	215	So.
MLB	44	Jay Foreman	6-1	235	Jr.
WLB	4	Octavious McFarlin	5-11	200	Sr.
LCB	11	Jerome Peterson	5-7	185	So.
FS	3	Eric Warfield	6-0	195	Sr.
ROV	21	Mike Brown	5-11	205	So.
RCB	22	Ralph Brown	5-10	180	So.
P	19	Jesse Kosch	6-0	190	Sr.

##### Defense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
SLB	46	Jason Chorak	6-4	255	Sr.
DE	35	Chris Campbell	6-2	240	Sr.
DT	95	Jabari Issa	6-6	300	So.
NT	67	Sekou Wiggs	6-4	280	Sr.
ILB	27	Marques Hairston	6-2	235	So.
ILB	17	Lester Towns	6-3	240	So.
WLB	40	Jerry Jensen	6-2	230	Sr.
ROV	8	Nigel Burton	5-9	180	Jr.
FS	7	Tony Parrish	5-11	205	Sr.
CB	1	Jermaine Smith	5-11	195	So.
CB	25	Mel Miller	5-11	190	So.
PK	48	Randy Jones	6-2	210	So.

Saturday 2:30 p.m.  
Huskey Stadium

### Picks from the Hicks

The Daily Nebraskan sports staff members pick the winners (in bold) of 10 college football games this weekend. For the season, the staff is 19-1.

Tennessee	at	<b>Florida</b>
<b>Florida St.</b>	at	Clemson
Auburn	at	<b>LSU</b>
Iowa	at	ISU
BYU	at	<b>ASU</b>
<b>Michigan St.</b>	at	Notre Dame
Baylor	at	<b>Michigan</b>
Arizona	at	<b>Ohio St.</b>
<b>Penn St.</b>	at	Louisville
Nebraska 17	at	<b>Washington 28</b>

### In the '90s

NU coach Tom Osborne is 5-16-0 (4-9 in regular season games) against AP top three opponents. However, Osborne has won his last three games against teams ranked in the top three.

Nebraska vs. the AP No. 1-3 teams during the 1990's

Season	NU (AP rank)	vs. Opponent (rank)	Bowl or Regular Season	W/L	Score
1990	NU (19)	vs. Georgia Tech (2)	Citrus Bowl	L	21-45
1991	NU (11)	vs. Miami (1)	Orange Bowl	L	0-22
1992	NU (12)	vs. Washington (2)	Regular Season	L	14-29
1992	NU (11)	vs. Florida St. (3)	Orange Bowl	L	14-27
1993	NU (2)	vs. Florida St. (1)	Orange Bowl	L	16-18
1994	NU (3)	vs. Colorado (2)	Regular Season	W	24-7
1994	NU (1)	vs. Miami (3)	Orange Bowl	W	24-17
1995	NU (1)	vs. Florida (2)	Fiesta Bowl	W	62-24
1997	NU (7)	vs. Washington (2)	Regular Season		

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