## Teams turn attention to internal problems, look for leadership

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rushing offense, averaging 347.7 yards per game.

"We're certainly not taking anything for granted in any game we play this year," CU coach Rick Neuheisel said. "Wyoming is an excellent-looking football team."

Both teams used their off weeks in similar fashion. After Colorado's 27-3 loss to Michigan and Texas' 66-3 loss to UCLA, both Neuheisel and UT coach John Mackovic said their teams focused on internal problems, rather than dwelling so much on the blowout losses.

Mackovic said after the UCLA game Texas needed to take total

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inventory of its football team.

"What did we do wrong against Name something," Mackovic said. "The way we played in that game, everything had to be looked at again, and we had to rethink what we were doing."

was spent getting the Buffaloes into a positive mood and looking forward to

"A lot of people are assuming it will be a down year for us, when we know it's not going to be," he said.

Both coaches said after the losses they told their players to put the games out of their minds.

Mackovic said he tried to take \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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thoughts of the game away by simulating game situations in practice. Mackovic said the Texas offense and defense lined up against each other, and ran whatever formations or plays they wanted.

'We needed to just play some Neuheisel said much of his time football," he said. "We have to find out which guys are going to be able to make plays on the field for us, and help our team out in the future."

> will be the return of senior quarterback James Brown, who was hurt against UCLA.

Despite that optimism, neither team expects an easy game on Saturday, especially Mackovic, whose Texas team lost the last time it played at Rice, a 19-17 setback in

Mackovic said stopping the Rice wishbone attack could be a tough task for four quarters.

"We don't face that kind of offense every week, so we have Another plus for the Longhorns poured a lot of time into trying to prepare for that," Mackovic said. "It's not going to be easy.'

Still, both coaches said they are "James is one of the those certain 'looking at this week as a chance to replayers who really lifts our team up," establish themselves as national pow-Mackovic said. "He's our No. 1 guy." ers with wins over respectable teams.

# Makovicka role expands for offense

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Makovicka will be the first NU fullback to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Tom Rathman currently holds the record for fullback rushing yards in a season with 881 in

Makovicka said Rathman is the standard by which all Husker fullbacks are measured.

"I don't really remember watching him when I was growing up," Makovicka said, "but when guys talk about good fullbacks at Nebraska, they talk about Tom Rathman. You want to play like

With just a little less than two years left in his career, Makovicka has established himself as a legitimate threat running the football from the fullback position.

Following in the footsteps of his brother, Jeff, Joel Makovicka said he owes most of his running prowess to his high school days at East Butler High School, where he rushed for 3,500 yards in his career.

"I just try to stay low and keep my head down," Joel Makovicka said. "When I get out in the open field, I think about the times that I played tailback in high school and all of those things come back to you."

In college, Makovicka said he's had plenty of good tutors, the foremost of whom is his brother.

"He's always taught the right way to do things around here," he said. "Jeff knew how to give a team spark with his running, and I think that some of that has rubbed off on me in many ways.'

Makovicka gives credit to NU running backs coach Frank Solich as well. Solich played fullback for the Huskers in 1965.

"Coach Solich is kind of a perfectionist, which is a good thing," he said. "He likes to make sure you're doing everything right."

Makovicka said he's seen the fullback taking on a bigger responsibility in the Husker's offense.

"We're getting the fullback out on the swing pass more often and getting them out more on screens." he said.

While the offense rushed for 384 yards against the Huskies, Makovicka said the Huskers' offense hasn't reached its full potential.

"We still have a lot of things that we have to work on, and we're going to get better," he said. "I wouldn't want to be the defense that goes against us at the end of the year."

# Texas packs punch

By Jay Saunders Assignment Reporter

Some of the nation's top offensive soccer players will be in Lincoln this weekend when Baylor and Texas Tech face Nebraska on Friday and Sunday, respectively, at the Abbott Sports Complex.

Baylor forwards Molly Cameron and Courtney Saunders will lead the Bears' attack in Friday's 7 p.m. game against the Huskers. Cameron and Saunders combined to score 123 points last season for the Bears, who finished third in the Big 12 conference with a 17-3-1 record.

That same one-two punch has already contributed 12 goals this season, guiding Baylor to a 7-1 record overall and a 3-1 mark in the Big 12 conference.

This will be the first time Saunders will play against the Huskers. She sat out last year's 2-1 Nebraska victory because of an

Baylor coach Randy Waldrum said the Bears will need more than just two players to beat Nebraska (6-2 overall, 2-2 in the Big 12).

"It will need to be a collective favorite thing to do. effort," Waldrum said. "We need to "It is just kind do a good job of finishing and make sure we are organized overall."

Waldrum said this is a big game for his team to see where their program stands. Despite having a better NU, Waldrum said the Bears were still intimidated by NU.

We still feel they are the best team in our conference," Waldrum said. "We can't go into Lincoln putting all of our marbles into one bag. That is unrealistic to put our kids under that kind of pressure."

Defense is one place where Baylor may find themselves under maintain possession of the ball. Once pressure. Nebraska scored 15 goals in we turn it over it will be tough to get two games last weekend against Iowa it back."

State and Arkansas.

Leading the Baylor defense is freshman goalkeeper Dawn Greathouse.

Baylor

Although Greathouse is just a freshman she is familiar with biggame situations, and was a high school American. She also played goalie for the U.S. under-17 national team,

and has compiled a 0.55 goals against average so far this season. "(Nebraska) has a lot of weapons

on that team," Waldrum said. "Dawn won't be rattled by the pressure. She doesn't play like a freshman.' The offensive firepower of

Saunders and Cameron won't be the only pressure Nebraska will go up against this weekend. Texas Tech sophomore Kristy

Frantz leads the Red Raiders. Texas Tech and NU will play a noon game Sunday at the Abbott Sports Complex.

Red Raiders coach Felix Oskam said playing Nebraska was not his

'It is just kind of scary to play them," Oskam said. "If you go down the list they have very good players at every position."

The Red Raiders return 10 starters from last year's team, which overall and conference record than lost to NU 2-0 on two second half goals last season in Lubbock, Texas.

Oskam knows NU has scored goals early and often this season, but said it was very important to keep the game close and not let the Huskers get up early.

We have to go into the game with the thought that we can beat Nebraska," Oskam said. "We have to

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