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## Lung injury could sideline NU's Berringer

By Todd Walkenhorst  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska's second-string quarterback Brook Berringer was released from Bryan Memorial Hospital on Sunday, after being treated for a partially collapsed lung during Saturday's game against Wyoming.

Berringer's hospitalization put his playing status for next week's Oklahoma State game in doubt, said Dr. Lonnie Albers, director of athletic medicine for the University of Nebraska.

"The lung was able to be re-expanded well," Albers said Sunday. "His status as far as playing is uncertain at this time."

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Berringer became the second NU quarterback in as many weeks to be hospitalized. He returned to Bryan Memorial Hospital Sunday night for additional tests, a hospital spokeswoman told the Daily Nebraskan, but wasn't

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Berringer, a 6-foot-4, 210-pounder from Goodland, Kan., started against Wyoming in place of junior Tommie Frazier, who was treated for a blood clot in his leg last week.

Frazier missed the Wyoming game and also will miss next week's game against Oklahoma State.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said that Berringer suffered the lung bruise on the last play before halftime when Berringer had the ball and scored from five yards out.

"He complained a little bit about a shortness

of breath in the second half," he said. "I asked him a couple of times if he was okay, and he said, 'Yeah, he was fine.'"

Osborne said he didn't think Berringer's injury was too serious.

"He appears to be stable," Osborne said. "Hopefully he'll be back to practice later this week."

The rash of injuries that have hit the Huskers isn't unusual, Osborne said. It's just something that his team has had to deal with.

"We don't have a waiver wire," he said, "but we'll find something. We'll work it out, no

problem."

Osborne said last week that free safety Tony Veland may have to move back to quarterback, his former position, if either Berringer or No. 3 quarterback Matt Turman was to get hurt.

Veland has been taking snaps at quarterback in practice.

"If one of the other quarterbacks go down," Osborne said, "Tony (Veland) will have to go to quarterback full-time."

Albers said that Berringer's condition will be monitored closely by Dr. Deepak Gangahar.

"He will be followed up very closely in the next several days with repeated chest x-rays and visits with Dr. Gangahar," he said.

Albers said that Berringer had not suffered a rib fracture but did sustain a small contusion on the surface of his lung.

Berringer complained of chest pains at the conclusion of Saturday's game and was examined and then later taken to the hospital, Albers said.

"This is unusual," Albers said. "It's an unusual injury, and I think we have had an unusual season here at Nebraska with injuries."

The Associated Press also contributed to this report.

## Rallies lead Huskers past Duke

By Trevor Parks  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team was pushed to the limit on Saturday night.

And the Cornhuskers responded with comebacks in the first and third games to defeat Duke for the second time last weekend and extend their winning streak to 14 matches.

The second- and third-ranked Cornhuskers defeated the No. 18 Blue Devils 15-12, 15-7 and 15-13 before 4,148 at the NU Coliseum. On Friday, the 14-0 Huskers defeated Duke 15-12, 15-1, 15-8.

Nebraska's Allison Weston led the Husker attack Saturday night, knocking down a match-high 19 kills. In the third game, Weston had three service aces late in the game to put the Huskers in the lead for good at 13-11.

Husker coach Terry Pettit said he wanted his team to get the ball to Weston more in the third game.

"I told Christy Johnson in the third game we had to get her the ball," Pettit said. "I think we did a lot of good things to win, but that's because our best attacker was there when we needed her."

The Blue Devils jumped out to an

8-1 lead in the first game, but Nebraska rallied to score eight of the next nine points in the game.

After Duke took a 12-9 lead, Nebraska scored the final six points of the match with Johnson serving.

Duke coach Jon Wilson said letting the first game get away was difficult for his team to recover from.

"We had a slight lead most of the game," Wilson said. "We made some simple mistakes, and they did too, but with their firepower, they can get away with them."

Pettit agreed. "The first game was critical, and we won that," Pettit said. "I think they lost some energy from that."

Nebraska took some of that lost energy and used it to take an 8-0 lead in the second game.

Duke rallied to cut the lead to 9-5, but Nebraska scored six of the final eight points to close out the game.

But the Blue Devils continued to give Nebraska problems in the third game, taking a 4-0 lead.

After the Huskers tied the game at 7-7 on a Weston kill, Duke again scored four straight points to take an 11-7 lead.

With Husker outside hitter Maria

Hedbeck serving and Nebraska trailing 11-9, the speaker system at the Coliseum made a loud noise that caused Hedbeck to serve the ball into the net.

After a five-minute delay, Duke was awarded the serve, much to Pettit's dismay.

When the Huskers got the serve back, Weston served three aces, including two consecutive ones, as Nebraska regained a 13-11 lead.

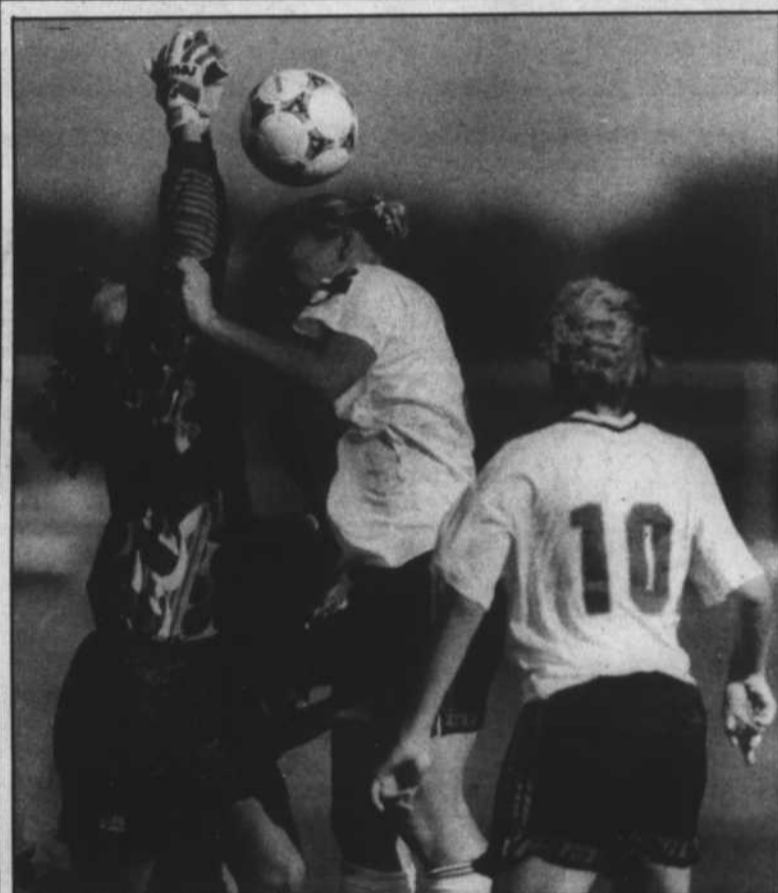
Duke tied the score again at 13, but a Weston kill followed by a Peggy Meyer ace gave Nebraska a 15-13 win.

Nebraska's Billie Winsett, who had 15 kills, said the match, especially the third game, should help the Huskers.

"It's never good to be down," Winsett said. "It's a good character builder in any situation where you need to come back."

Pettit said he was happy that the Blue Devils kept coming back to challenge his team.

"They showed they're a team with a lot of confidence, because most teams would have laid down," Pettit said. "It wasn't pretty, but we got the job done."



Nebraska's Danielle Boswell heads the ball while Teikyo Westmar goalkeeper Carmen Pratt tries to defend during the Cornhuskers' 7-1 win on Friday.

## Huskers notch win on new soccer field

By Clay Short  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska soccer team opened the gates to its new field, the Ethel S. Abbott Soccer Park Complex, on Friday with a 7-1 win over Teikyo Westmar.

Led by the feet of two freshmen, the Cornhuskers scored seven unanswered goals in the first half en route to the win before a crowd of 327.

Freshman midfielder Danielle Boswell scored three goals within the first 17 minutes of the game. All three shots were eight- to 10-yard rockets that left Westmar goalkeeper Carmen Pratt stunned.

The other freshman, Jamie Riley, lined two 20-yard shots past the Eagles, a team from Le Mars, Iowa. Both shots were from outside the goal box, the second one putting the Huskers up 5-0.

Husker coach John Walker was pleased with the win.

"It was a nice way to open here at our new field. I enjoyed the atmosphere," Walker said. "It was like having a second home opener."

Nebraska's defense didn't allow any shots on its goal in the first half and only two in the second half.

Husker freshman Kristina Ritterbush scored on a header to push the score to 6-0, and Dixie Wehrman closed out the scoring with a goal after the ball was deflected off Pratt.

In the second half, Walker cleared the bench, using every healthy player on the roster.

Nebraska had 27 total shots, compared to 4 for the Eagles.

The win propelled the Cornhuskers to 5-2 in their first-ever season, while Teikyo Westmar dropped to 4-4. Nebraska will be back in action at Abbott Soccer Park on Oct. 7 when it takes on Oral Roberts University.



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