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## Husker QB situation still a waiting game

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Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Sunday that it might be Thursday before he announced who would start at quarterback this week against Kansas State.

With Tommie Frazier out indefinitely and Brook Berringer questionable because of a partially collapsed left lung suffered in the second quarter of Saturday's 32-3 win over Oklahoma State, Matt Turman is the only quarterback with any game experience this season.

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound sophomore walk-on from Wahoo played the entire second half against Oklahoma State, leading the Huskers to 23 points.

He passed for 23 yards and ran for six yards, but more importantly,

Turman handed the ball to Lawrence Phillips and committed only one turnover.

"I thought Matt went in and did a good job under the circumstances," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I think Matt did well the things that he does. Overall, we were satisfied with his performance."

Berringer, who re-injured his lung on a quarterback keeper with about six minutes remaining in the first half, was taken to the University Health Center for X-rays during halftime.

Berringer said he knew something was wrong when he was hit on the play.

"I have had a couple of weeks of practice at it now, so I could tell something was wrong," said Berringer, who completed 10 of 15 passes for 75 yards in the first half.

Berringer originally injured his lung in the first half of Nebraska's win over Wyoming on Oct. 1. Following the Wyoming game, he spent the night at Bryan Memorial Hospital.

Saturday, he underwent tests at the hospital but didn't stay overnight. Berringer said he felt much better after Saturday's game than he did after the Wyoming game.

Dr. Pat Clare, Nebraska medical chief of staff, said Berringer's condition was better than it was last week at the same time, but his status for the Kansas State game still was questionable.

"Brook was not symptomatic," Clare said, "but as a precautionary, we made an agreement to X-ray him at halftime. There was some reoccurrence, so we re-expanded the lung, and he feels fine."

If Berringer is not able to play against Kansas State, Osborne said Turman probably would start.

The other possibility is to move free safety Tony Veland to quarterback full-time. Veland has been taking snaps in practice at quarterback for two weeks.

"First thing a quarterback has to do is get repetition and a certain number of snaps," Osborne said. "If they would clear Brook to play but say he couldn't practice until Thursday, obviously that would mean he would not start."

Quarterback coach Turner Gill said the quarterback situation had everyone wondering what was going to happen next.

"It's a frustrating situation for everyone," Gill said. "To have Tony as a starter on defense and to have him ready to take some snaps on offense

is a frustrating deal."

Veland, who still is not completely recovered from knee surgery, which held him out last season, is probably the Huskers' best option quarterback, Gill said.

"Tony is an excellent option runner," Gill said. "There is no doubt about it. He is very, very quick, and he has good speed."

After Veland, Osborne said, the Huskers may be pressed into playing senior cornerback Barron Miles, who hasn't played quarterback since high school.

"He has a lot of talent, and he's very quick," Gill said of Miles. "He's definitely a guy that could do it, but it would be really tough. He really doesn't know anything about the offense. You would really have to tailor your offense to be very small if Barron was in there."



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Nebraska's Jamie Riley plays the ball off her head in front of the Marquette goal during Sunday's 2-1 win. The Huskers improved to 8-2.

## NU soccer team wins two more

By Todd Walkenhorst  
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The Nebraska women's soccer team completed a sweep this weekend with victories over Oral Roberts and Marquette.

On Friday, the Huskers defeated Oral Roberts 2-0. Nebraska outshot the Golden Eagles 23-5.

Freshman Danielle Boswell capped off the scoring at the 71-minute mark to give the Huskers a 2-0 lead against Oral Roberts. The goal was Boswell's sixth in three games. Freshman goalkeeper Alison Dudley recorded her second shutout of the year.

On Sunday afternoon, the Huskers took care of Marquette 2-1 at Whittier Field. The Huskers got on the scoreboard when freshman Tara Herbrik scored 19 minutes into the match to give Nebraska a 1-0 lead.

Sophomore Stephanie Vacek put the Huskers up 2-0 12 minutes into the second half, when she scored from 10 yards out.

Marquette cut the lead in half when sophomore Danielle Henion

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scored with 15 minutes left in the game. Marquette put pressure on the Huskers in the final minutes of the match but could not score. The 2-1 win gave the Huskers their fourth consecutive victory and raised their record to 8-2. Marquette dropped to 5-5-2.

Even though this was the fourth win in a row for the Huskers, Nebraska coach John Walker said he was a little disappointed with the finish. Marquette pulled within one goal and had opportunities to tie the score at the end.

"(Marquette) battled hard," Walker said. "As soon as they

scored one, then they knew they were back in it."

Nebraska has progressed a long way in its first year, Walker said, and at the beginning of the year the Huskers had hoped to be in this position.

"To be 8-2 is good," he said. "We had hoped for that, but we didn't know if we could get that."

Walker said his players needed to play hard for the full 90 minutes if they wanted to become a great team.

"We played in spurts again," he said. "That's something we have to continue to work on."

## Team beats Sooners, sets school record

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska volleyball team set a school record Saturday night in Norman, Okla., by winning its 15th consecutive match to open the season.

The second-ranked Huskers swept the Sooners 15-9, 15-10, 15-9. It was Nebraska's 13th sweep in 15 matches this year.

Middle blocker Allison Weston paced Nebraska with 21 kills. Kelly Aspegren contributed 11 kills and three service aces.

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said the Sooners, who start four players who are 6 feet 1 inch or taller, were an intimidating team.

"Oklahoma is a scary team," Pettit said. "I thought before the game they would make runs on us when we made attack errors, and that's what happened."

Nebraska middle blocker Jen McFadden and specialist Stephanie Clerc, both suffering from back spasms, played in all three games. McFadden registered 10 kills.

"I was surprised at how consistent McFadden played," Pettit said. "Peggy (Meyer) has played well lately, but McFadden's strength is the size of her block."

Nebraska, 2-0 in conference play, resumes its four-match road trip Wednesday in Manhattan, Kan., at 7:30 p.m. against Kansas State.

## Team takes opportunity at Wayne, runs with it

By Tony West  
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Nebraska cross country coach Jay Dirksen said Saturday's meet at Wayne State helped build confidence for his runners.

Dirksen did not field full squads for the LeRoy Simpson Invite, but he said the runners who competed did well.

"For the people we took, we got a lot accomplished," Dirksen said.

Nebraska sophomore Christina Blackmer won the meet for the women with a time of 19:13.3, which was a course record.

"This meet was good for her," Dirksen said. "She looked good running, and I hope it helped get her confidence back."

Senior team captain Kris Ellenbecker, who is returning from illness, and JoDee Shufelt finished second and third, respectively, for the

women.

Senior co-captain Chad Jansen led the Nebraska men's finishers with a fourth-place finish overall.

Dirksen said Jansen, who is coming back from a heart problem, was battling for a chance to break into the top five on the men's team.

"Jansen took a definite step in the right direction," Dirksen said. "I saw some improvement from him. I thought he ran really well."

Although the Huskers didn't field an entire team, Dirksen said the opportunity to be in the leading pack was beneficial to the runners who competed Saturday.

"This meet gives them a chance to run in the upper part of the race, and I think that really helps them," Dirksen said. "It really changes the way they run."

The Huskers' next meet will be the Penn State National Invitational in University Park, Pa.

## Win

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launched the ball into the air, and it ended up in the hands of Erstad, who was running toward the goal line.

"Maybe (Vedral) is the next quarterback, I don't know," Osborne joked. "That was kind of an exceptional play."

Clinton Childs gave Nebraska more insurance in the fourth quarter with his 7-yard touchdown run to put Nebraska on top 32-3.

But it wasn't the offense that won the game; it was the Husker defense.

After giving up an average of 388 yards in its past three contests, Ne-

braska held Oklahoma State to 136.

Defensive tackle Christian Peter said the Husker defense took a different attitude into Saturday's game.

"We just went out there, and we were hungry," Peter said.

Nebraska is preparing for its ABC-televised showdown with undefeated Kansas State on Saturday in Manhattan.

"Where we go from here, I don't know. I guess to Manhattan," Osborne said. "I think we'll play well. We have a good football team. Individuals certainly make a difference, but we're going to work out a way to make it work no matter who plays where. We'll get things put back together."