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QB pair combines to succeed at KSU

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Neither Brook Berringer nor Matt Turman knew how much they would play against Kansas State.

And neither one really cared.

All Turman and Berringer were concerned about was a Nebraska victory, and that's what they got as the quarterback duo combined to lead the Cornhuskers to a 17-6 win at Kansas State.

They may take that same attitude into next week's game at Missouri.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he was "99.9 percent sure" that Berringer didn't reinjure his lung. He said Berringer would play against the Tigers.

Berringer, who suffered a partially collapsed lung in the past two weeks' games, went through practice last week in noncontact drills.

So Turman, a walk-on from Wahoo, was tabbed by Osborne to start against the Wildcats. But Berringer would be available to play.

"We really didn't know for sure when we'd be switching back," Turman said.

Offensive line and kickers coach Dan Young said Turman exceeded expectations Saturday.

"I thought Matt Turman did a good job coming in the first half in the first game he has ever started," he said Monday at the Extra Point Club luncheon. "He handled it pretty well."

Turman played for most of the first half before Berringer replaced him for the last drive of the half.

The 5-foot-11, 165-pounder completed 2 of 4 passes for 15 yards. Both completions were screen passes to 1-back Lawrence Phillips.

But he gave way to Berringer as the Huskers threatened to score toward the end of the first half. Turman had no problems with being pulled from the game.

"I knew for sure that if we got into a hurry-up offense situation, Brook would be coming in," he said.

Berringer was cleared by doctors to play against Kansas State.

"I was ready to go," Berringer said. "Matt came in and played really well."

Berringer couldn't lead the Huskers to a score at the end of the first half, and he started the second half at quarterback.

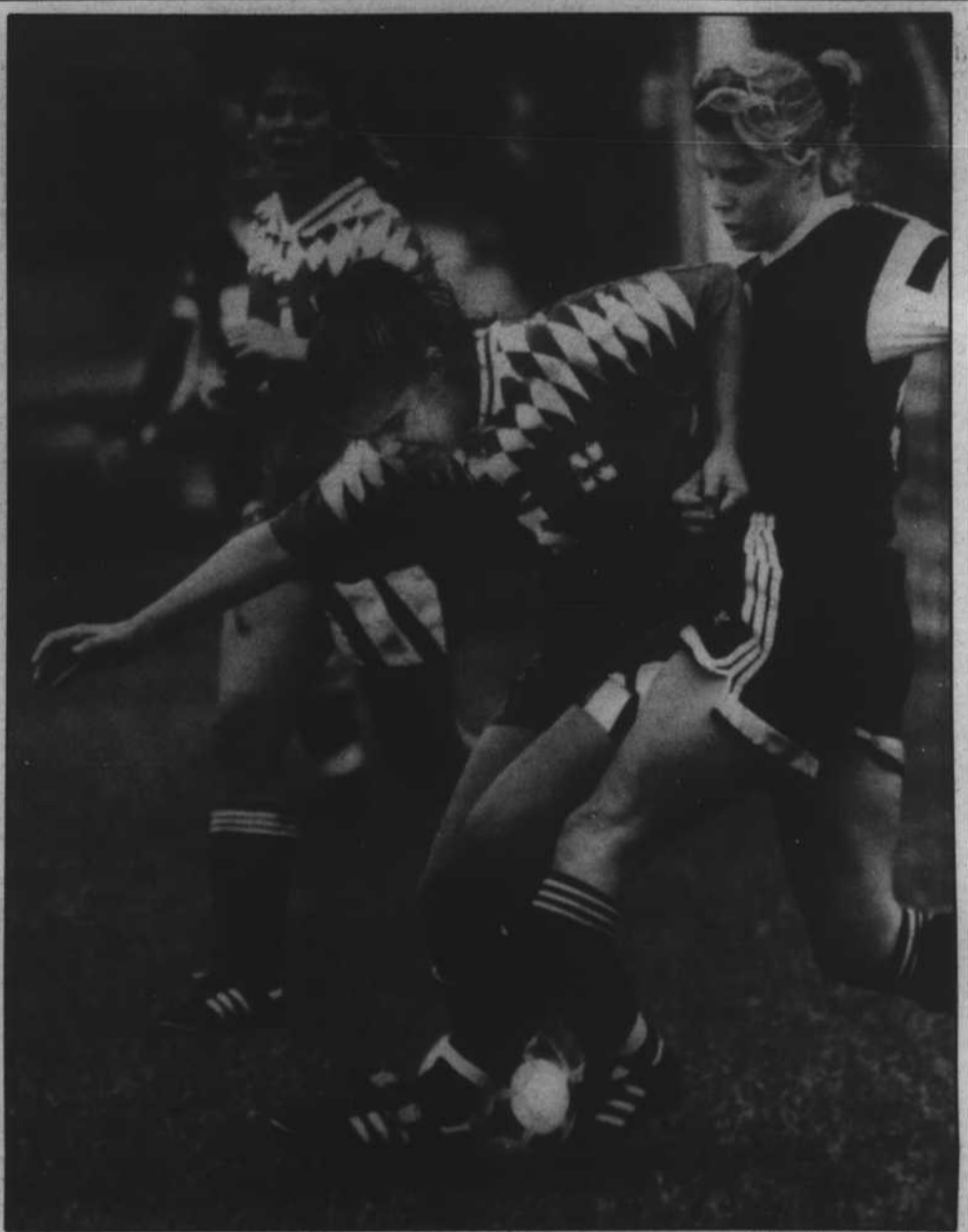
The junior from Goodland, Kan., led the Huskers to their second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter. Berringer didn't complete a pass on the drive, but all he had to do was hand off to Phillips.

"Lawrence ran the ball hard," Berringer said. "He played with a lot of heart."

Phillips ran for 117 yards and caught two passes for 15 yards. Berringer said the Huskers' game plan going into the game was to run the ball.

Berringer completed just 2 of 7 passes for 34 yards, but one of his completions was a 34-yarder to Abdul Muhammad that set up Darin Erstad's 24-yard field goal.

"They probably knew I wouldn't be running a whole lot," he said.



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Nebraska's Tara Herbrick battles Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Jackie Boldt for the ball during the Cornhuskers' final home game Sunday.

Running ahead of the best will put NU in NCAA meet

By Clay Short
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To qualify for the NCAA National Championships this season, the Nebraska men's and women's cross country teams will have to beat some of the top competition in the country.

The Cornhuskers' finish in the Penn State Invitational last weekend might be the first step in that quest to qualify.

"We saw a lot of competition," Husker coach Jay Dirksen said. "Obviously with Georgetown and Penn State and some of those schools, some of the top talent in the country was there."

Husker Julie Mazzitelli finished sixth amongst the talented field with a time of 17:38.0.

Her performance, along with a 29th-place finish from Nora Shepherd, a 37th-place run from Kristina Blackmer, and a 45th- and 53rd-place finish from Amber Parkinson and Olym-

pia Sanchez, respectively, gave the Huskers their sixth-place finish overall.

"With the Big Eight meet just two weeks away, we needed a meet like this to help prepare us for the rest of the season," Dirksen said.

Kansas was also in the competition and finished ahead of both Cornhusker squads.

"We were disappointed that Kansas beat us," Dirksen said. "We were a little tired from the traveling, and that might have had something to do with our finish."

The men's team might have done better than some people expected at the invite, Dirksen said.

Kevin Miiller placed 14th; Brady Bonsall was just twelve seconds behind Miiller, in 22nd place. Balazs Tolgyesi was 34th with 26:29.0; Dave Draheim finished 51st.

Overall, the Huskers finished seventh with 178 points.

Husker soccer on a roll, to take show on the road

By Todd Walkenhorst
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The Nebraska women's soccer team must go on the road for the remainder of the season.

And Cornhusker coach John Walker is glad his team had two more home games last weekend to prepare them.

The Huskers completed a two-game sweep this weekend at Whittier Field to improve their record to 10-2.

Walker said that it was good for his team to have a tough game before hitting the road for their remaining six games.

"It was important to get a tough game before next weekend," Walker said. "We face some tough teams next weekend."

Nebraska will put its six-game winning streak on the line next weekend when it travels to Colorado Springs, Colo., to play Colorado College and No. 2 Stanford.

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Kansas State Wildcats pay price for too much pride

Kansas State quarterback Chad May connected with Wildcat wideout Mitch Running for a touchdown Saturday afternoon at KSU Stadium to cut Nebraska's lead to 7-6 midway through the first quarter.

Immediately the K-State faithful responded by throwing oranges onto the playing field. Apparently the Wildcat fans were reminiscing about their many fond memories of K-State's last Orange Bowl appearance.

Oh wait, they've never been there — couldn't have been that.

"Please do not throw items on the playing field," boomed the public address announcer in his obnoxiously loud voice. "We have too much class for that."

Wrong again.

The fans of Kansas State, desperate for a victory over Nebraska, a team they haven't beaten since the 1960s, displayed an utter lack of class and very little respect for their visitors from the north.

Manhattan radio stations aired predictions such as, "Kansas State 77, Nebraska 0." Commercials invited fans to come on out and enjoy the

Wildcat win after the game.

"ABC — Another Blood Clot," blurted a radio pre-game caller.

On top of that, Wildcat officials really pulled out all the stops for this, the biggest game in Kansas State history. Before the game, all the K-State fans were invited to join the marching band in a variety of "new Wildcat traditions."

They just don't understand.

You don't decide to start a new tradition. Tradition is something that is built over years. Tradition for Kansas State is all 10,000 fans leaving at halftime of a 63-6 loss en route to another 1-10 season and a meeting with Kansas in the Toilet Bowl.

The most noticeable of K-State's new traditions was the unleashing of a small ankle-high cloud of white smoke as the Wildcats ran through the stands from their locker room to the field.

For a few minutes there, I thought I was at a Miami game.

If Kansas State wanted to see tradition, all they had to do was glance over at the other side of the line of scrimmage.



Mitch Sherman

But Kansas State's fans weren't the only people in Manhattan with a warped sense of reality.

One quick look at the sports page of the Saturday morning Topeka Capital-Journal leads one to believe that either everyone in the state of Kansas is more intelligent than Pete Goering or else nobody has an IQ above 50.

Goering, sports editor of The Capital-Journal, said in his column that the key to a Wildcat win would be coach Bill Snyder's ability to make sure the 'Cats didn't overlook No. 2 Nebraska.

"Quite frankly, it would be easy for K-State to look ahead to next week's showdown at Colorado," Goering said. "Not to worry, coach. Keep your

guys' minds off Colorado, and this will be a piece of red meat."

That was just the beginning of what he said, and remember, he wasn't kidding.

"Sure, I've heard they can run the ball," Goering said, "but without (Tommy) Frazier, this team is no match for the undefeated Wildcats... When K-State wins, the man Wildcat fans will want for president will be a football coach, not a politician."

The purple sunglasses covering Goering's eyes must have been a little too dark because he obviously couldn't see the light.

"Nebraska has a decent running game, but not to worry, so did Kansas," he said. "With Frazier, it might have been a good game. With (Matt) Turman, well, he's no Asheiki Preston. Enough said."

Exactly, Pete.

I think we've heard just about all we need to hear to draw our own post-

game conclusions about Kansas State and its backwards fans.

First of all, come on up to Lincoln next year when Nebraska has its quarterback, and you don't have yours. The result of the game will be the same, but the score will be different.

Secondly, take a closer look at the fans of Memorial Stadium and notice that they don't have an inferiority complex when it comes to playing Kansas State.

And most importantly, remember, Wildcat fans, to make sure you have beaten a team at least once in the last 25 years before you act like a victory is a foregone conclusion.

Follow those guidelines and if you're lucky, maybe you'll scrape out a victory against the Huskers sometime in the next quarter of a century. Then again, maybe not.

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