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espite loss, Wisconsin coach happy with team performance

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Wisconsin women's volleyball coach John Cook's return to the NU Coliseum Saturday night was a painful one as his Wisconsin Badgers lost to Nebraska in three games.

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Cook, a former assistant for the Huskers under Nebraska coach Terry Pettit from 1988-90, admitted that his for five years, Cook said he missed Badgers weren't at the same level as Nebraska, and he thought about it Pettit from 1988-90, admitted that his top-ranked Nebraska. Despite the loss, Cook said he was pleased with his team's effort.

And he said Nebraska's program life. was running at a national championship level.

"I really hope Coach Pettit wins the national title this year; he deserves it," Cook said.

"He's the best coach I've ever been around. I'm just really thankful I had the opportunity to work with this program for three years."

After being away from Nebraska to their home matches.

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often. He said he had a lot of great memories and friends in Lincoln, and that he'd remember it for the rest of his But he's happy with the Wisconsin

ob. Cook took the job at Madison, Wis., because of its similarity to Lincoln. Madison is comparable to Lincoln in population, and both are college towns named after presidents.

Wisconsin is also similar to Nebraska in enthusiasm for volleyball. The Badgers regularly draw 3,000 fans

"The crowd noise wasn't a prob-

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lem at the Coliseum; we play in a very noisy gym," he said. "It's something our team is accustomed to, playing in the Big 10 Conference. The players, with the exception of our freshmen, have played in it before. I wasn't worried about that at all."

But he was worried about Nebraska's talent going into the match.

Physically, he (Coach Pettit) has a really great team, with great physical talent," Cook said. "He's got great senior leadership with Christy Johnson; she runs the team really well."

Surgery reason Irish's Holtz to miss first game in 26 years

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz will have spinal surgery today and will be sidelined at least three weeks.

Defensive coordinator Bob Davie will coach the No. 24 Irish while Holtz is out.

"We kind of just all sat there in disbelief," said offensive guard Ryan Leahy, describing a team meeting Monday in which Holtz broke the news to his players. Leahy said Holtz was calm, but the

team was shocked.

"It's pretty hard to take that," Leahy said. "Half the time you see your coaches as indestructible. But then you realize they're just human."

The operation will take place at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where Holtz is expected to remain for about a week, said university physi-cian Dr. James Moriarity. The 58year-old coach could be out three to four weeks.

have to take freshman Frankie Lon-

Monte Christo, who was listed

Osborne said if Frazier didn't play,

the coaching staff was hoping fresh-

man kicker Kris Brown would be able

to take over the third-string spot be-

- leaving the fourth-string

fourth on the quarterback depth chart,

tore his anterior cruciate ligament in two-a-day practices and will miss the

don out of his redshirt season.

quired an immediate operation to avoid run onto the field with his team and permanent spinal cord damage and climb the stairs to the locker room,' possible paralysis.

"There's no reason for the operation not to be totally successful." Moriarity said at a news conference. "The only difference would be ... if all the damage already done to the spinal cord is reversible.

peared to be a bone growth that had compressed the spinal cord. Doctors believe the growth has been developing for some time and is not the result of an injury.

Surgeons will enlarge the diameter of the spinal canal, so the cord will be able to fit.

Moriarity said Holtz had experienced weakness in the muscles of his legs and hands the past four weeks.

"On the morning of the Northwest-ern game (Sept. 2), he came to us for

don out of his redshirt year. Kris Brown is fairly talented. He could go in there and hand off, and he could handle himself well. If Frazier couldn't play, or if something happened to Berringer, it is likely. we would need another guy.'

Last season, an apparent bruised INJURY NOTES: calf in the fourth game of the season turned into a blood clot for Frazier that kept him out for the rest of the regular season. When a second blood clot formed, Frazier missed the last eight games before returning for the Orange Bowl.

Osborne said he didn't foresee the deep thigh bruise leading to a blood

Holtz was told the condition re- medical advice after he was unable to Moriarity said.

Holtz could miss as many as three games against current Top 25 teams. Notre Dame faces Vanderbilt Saturday, then plays No. 15 Texas, No. 10 Ohio State and No. 18 Washington.

"In 26 years as a head coach, I've Moriarity said Holtz had what ap- never missed a practice, let alone a game," Holtz said. "I've seen three different doctors, trying to find the least bit of encouragement to delay this, but they all say it has to be done now

Though the players knew Holtz was uncomfortable — he told them not to slap him or bump him on the sidelines - Leahy said they were all surprised at the seriousness of his condition.

"He's a fighter, so I'm sure he'll probably get out of there as quick as he can," Leahy said.

due to the fact that his blood flow is normal. He's not any more prone to a blood clot than he was last year. It could always happen, but I don't think

 Defensive tackle Larry Townsend, offensive tackle Chris Dishman, offensive guard Steve Ott and Benning also missed practice Monday.

Osborne said Benning missed practice because of his pulled hamstring, which kept him from making the trip to Michigan State. He said Benning was only 85 percent, and his status for Saturday was questionable.

ATTENTION STUDENTS FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN

Fall semester distribution of Federal Perkins Loan checks will be on September 13, 14, and 15 in the Ballroom of the Nebraska Union. Hours of distribution are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. each day. Students must present their student photo ID to receive their check. New borrowers are reminded to bring the promissory note that was previously mailed to them. Checks not claimed by 4:00 p.m. September 15

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"We are going to work with Kris Brown a little bit," he said. "We would rather not bring Frankie Lon- blood clots," Osborne said. "That's

Samson

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any place in the country and probably start.

Childs obviously will move to Iback full-time since Phillips was dismissed from the team Sunday, and his long climb back finally could have him on top of the pack as a starter.

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university and yourself."

Smith said that these kind of incidents also were happening more often in college athletics, putting coaches into positions they would rather not be

"Today it seems like a commonplace thing," he said, "and you better be ready to address it. Unfortunately, I think football coaches have to be judges, and they don't want to be." First-year Colorado coach Rick

clot.

"We haven't had any problems with

Even without Phillips, Nebraska still would have depth at the position if Childs stayed at fullback.

Benning would take over the starting role, with true freshman Ahman Green right behind him. Green rushed for 126 yards on 10 carries in his first two games as a Husker.

James Sims, who scored on an 80-yard run against Michigan State, is a talented third-team I-back.

Neuheisel said he applauded Tom Osborne's decision.

"I certainly applaud Osborne's de-cision," Neuheisel said. "I know Coach Osborne doesn't act rashly. He's been

in this business for a long time, and he did what was best for Lawrence Phillips and his team."

Neuheisel also is trying to institute discipline with the Buffaloes by creating the "Penalty Box," a study hall situation for players facing disciplinary actions.

Many of the coaches do not foresee the Huskers having too many prob-

Childs proved to everyone Saturday that he is too valuable to be spending his games on the side-lines, or even worse, at home.

It would be difficult to argue against keeping Childs at I-back after his performance Saturday.

But, then again, nobody has ever seen him at fullback.

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lems filling the running back slot.

"I've been around long enough to know Nebraska has a bevy of talented players," Neuheisel said. "Hopefully Lawrence can get his life back together.'

Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons said that the young I-backs behind Phillips, namely Clinton Childs and Ahman Green, should be able to take his spot.

"Those two kids are going to come in and do an excellent job," Simmons said. "Nebraska never depends on one player, and I think their program will survive."