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**(Neb.)-Husker women lose only center**



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Lincoln - Nebraska junior Adrianna Maurer has decided to end her playing career for the Husker women's basketball team because of continuing back pain, Coach Connie Yori announced on Monday, Jan. 7.

Maurer, a 6-3 center from Shawnee Mission, Kan., played in nine non-conference games and averaged 2.2 points and 2.7 rebounds per game in 2012-13, after returning to the court following major back surgery in mid-January of 2012. Maurer appeared in 10 non-conference games as a sophomore before her back injury sidelined her from competition. In 43 career games, Maurer scored 113 points and grabbed 91 rebounds. She was the only center on Nebraska's roster this season.

"Adri put in a tremendous amount of work during the offseason to put herself in a position to get back on the court, but her back pain has returned to the point that it is not in her best interest to continue to play basketball," Nebraska Coach Connie Yori said. "She has experienced a lot of pain the past two seasons, and hopefully with rest, she can lead a normal life after basketball. Adri is an outstanding student, and we expect her to continue to do a great job as she focuses on academics."