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sports K-State becomes charter member of the 'whipped by Hipp' fraternity

"Oh no, not him again," a Kansas State University (KSU) fan said as Husker I-back I.M. Hipp strode into the end zone for an 82-yard touchdown run.

It was Hipp's day again Saturday as the sophomore from Chapin, S.C., led the Huskers to a 26-9 victory over the Wildcats before 41,100. About 20,000 Big Red fans followed the Huskers to Manhattan, Kan.

Hipp scored twice on runs of 82 and 66 yards. His 82-yard run is two yards short of the Husker's record of 84 yards.

Hipp finished the game with 207 yards on 23 carries. Last week Hipp set a Husker rushing record by picking up 254 yards against Indiana University. Hipp has rushed for 621 yards this season.

Husker head football coach Tom Osborne said the Huskers played well, but added that he wished the Huskers would have moved the ball better during the third quarter.

"Our offense sputtered a little bit, but our defense played as well as we have all season," Osborne said. "It wasn't a spectacular win but it was an important win for us."

The Wildcats pulled within seven points at 17-9 with less than 12 minutes left in the game. However, the Wildcat's offense turned the ball over to the Huskers the last three times they had the football.

The Huskers recovered two Wildcat fumbles and intercepted three passes including two interceptions by cornerback Rene Anderson.

"I am really excited about the interceptions," Anderson said. "I was just playing my game and helping the team the best I could.

"It's the Big 8 now, there is no more preseason. You have to be able to play the best you can week after week. I just want to go all the way this year so I have to go for broke."

The Huskers were led by Randy Garcia and Tom Sorley as Osborne alternated his two top quarterbacks against the Wildcat defense.

"I think this stuff about Tom not being able to throw and me not being able to run isn't so true anymore. Maybe we aren't going to set the world on fire but we do okay." Garcia said.

Garcia completed three of four passes for 23 yards and Sorley completed four of eight passes for 33 yards Saturday.

Saturday's win pushed the Huskers record to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Big 8 Conference. The Huskers will be home Saturday to play Iowa State University.





