



Jayhawks

It might have seemed like the day of the running back to the 76,392 fans who jammed Memorial Stadium Saturday in the Huskers' 52-7 win over the University of Kansas. But the hero in the Husker locker room after the game was quarterback Eddie Burns.

As teammates shouted "Eddie! Eddie! Eddie!" the fifth-year senior from Omaha Rummel was presented the game ball.

It was not Burns' statistics—one of two passes completed for 33 yards and two rushes for four yards including one touchdown—which earned him the honor. Burns has seen little varsity action in his five years at Nebraska and his teammates honored him for that reason.

"You have to admire guys like Eddie," Husker Head Coach Tom Osborne said. "Guys like Eddie typify perseverance."

Burns, who entered the season as the number three quarterback, was moved up to the second unit after an injury to Tom Sorley.

Husker center Tom Davis praised Burns. "Eddie Burns and I came here together," Davis said. "I got to play a lot more than Eddie, but seeing Eddie play today meant a lot more to me than being in the game."

Highlight of career

Burns said Saturday's game was the highlight of his career as a Husker and the presentation of the game ball left him speechless for a few moments.

"I'll remember this as long as I live," Burns said. "It's a great way to end it all here. I won't remember sitting on the bench, I'll just remember the way it ended. This makes it all seem so easy."

While Burns was savoring the highlight of his Husker career, the Husker running backs were busy rewriting the record books, amassing 550 yards rushing. That surpassed the 523 yard rushing record record in 1954 against the University of Hawaii.

Sophomore I-back I.M. Hipp led the Huskers' ground attack, rushing for 200 yards on 23 carries. It was his third 200-yard game this season. He is 73 yards short of the Husker single season rushing record set by Bobby Reynolds in 1950.

Junior I-back Rick Berns rushed for 107 yards on eight carries and three touchdowns. Sophomore Tim Wurth rushed for 90 yards on 13 carries at I-back.

Berns, who rambled for a 63-yard touchdown around left end on his first carry said the play helped re-establish his confidence.

Todd ties

Husker kicker Billy Todd tied one record and broke