

Burke: Position is exciting, frustrating

By Bob Asmussen

It was early in the fourth period with Missouri leading Nebraska, 10-9. The Huskers had lost quarterback Turner Gill for the day and needed a big play. They got it.

Cornerback Dave Burke intercepted a Brad Perry pass at the Nebraska 33-yard line and set out for the goal line.

"The interception was pretty exciting right when I caught the ball," Burke said.

After returning the ball 21 yards, Burke's excitement turned to frustration. He was blind-sided and fumbled the ball. Missouri recovered at their own 46-yard line and ultimately got a field goal out of the drive.

"I should have run to the sideline," he said. "I was trying to get the ball as far as I could. I was really frustrated but there was nothing I could do about it."

Burke said the play bothered him for a while, but when he came off the field, Coach John Melton told him not to worry about it.

"I couldn't ever blame it on myself because you can't win by yourself or lose by yourself," Burke said.

Before last spring, Burke never would have been in the position to make the interception in the first place. Burke, who redshirted last season, was moved in the spring from I-back to cornerback. He said he first heard about a possible change of position the Friday before the beginning of spring practice.

"There was a note on my locker to see Coach Tom Osborne or Coach Mike Corgan," Burke said. "On the way to see them I saw Coach Bill Thornton. They told

me they wanted me to switch to corner."

"It was up to me too if I wanted to switch," he said. "They ask you if you want to switch. Nine times out of ten, it's to your advantage to switch."

Burke has moved from second-team status to a share of the first team with Neil Harris. He said he's getting a good feel for the position and he is happy he made the move.

"At first I was really uncomfortable," he said. "I wasn't used to backpedaling. Learning the coverage is just a matter of concentration and repetition."

Burke said he hasn't let the criticism of NU's defensive backfield bother him because most people don't realize what the defense is trying to do.

"A lot of times we're playing back and people throw underneath the coverage," Burke said. "People have been able to move the ball on us but they haven't put it in the end zone much."

Burke, a sophomore, said he expects to start as a junior and a senior.

"I'm going to stick around this summer and work hard," he said. "I'll work out with some of the other players and we'll push each other."

If Burke was going to go home this summer he would be going to Layton, Utah, a city of 20,000 just outside of Ogden. He said people in Utah don't have the same football spirit people have in Nebraska for the Big Red.

"People back home were a little concerned about me coming back here and getting lost in the shuffle," he said. "I figured if I wasn't good enough to play here they wouldn't have recruited me."

Sports Shorts

Immanuel Medical Center psychiatrist John Y. Donaldson will speak at Immanuel's second annual Sports Medicine Clinic Friday at 9 a.m. at the Holling Education Center in Omaha. Donaldson's talk will focus on the effects of extensive exercise and long-distance running.

Other speakers for the clinic are Kathy Switzer, the first woman to run in the Boston Marathon, and Bob Anderson, author of the book "Stretching."

Nebraska all-American center Dave Rimington will be featured in the upcoming edition of Sports Illustrated. The issue is expected to be in the newsstands in the Lincoln area today or Friday.

Nebraska leads in five categories of the team football statistics released Wednesday by the Big Eight Service Bureau in Kansas City, Mo.

The Huskers are first in rushing offense, 396.2 yards per game; scoring offense, 41.5 points per game; scoring defense, 10.9 points per game, total offense, 539.2 yards per game; and punt returns, 14.9 yards per return.

The Cornhuskers also are third in rushing defense, sixth in passing offense, eighth in pass defense, fourth in total defense, second in kickoff returns and fourth in net punting.

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