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ABOVE: NEBRASKA QUARTERBACK Eric Crouch is upended by Texas free safety Quentin Jammer after a 15 yard gain to the Nebraska 49 yard line in the second quarter. Crouch led Nebraska on the ground with 108 yards rushing.

TOP: LONGHORN HEAD COACH Mack Brown is carried off the field by his players after delivering the Huskers a 20-16 loss Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Williams helps pace UT victory

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Not too many coaches not wearing red get carried off the field at Memorial Stadium.

In fact, none have in the last eight years. A 47-game winning streak will do that to an opposing team.

But seconds after Texas' 20-16 upset over No. 7 Nebraska on Saturday, there was UT Coach Mack Brown being carried by his players to the southwest corner of Tom Osborne Field.

Awaiting Brown and the players was the Longhorn marching band, which was playing the school's fight song, "The Eyes of Texas."

"What a great win for the University of Texas and the great state of Texas," Brown said. "Words are hard to express what you feel for the kids."

A big part of the win was Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy hopeful who came into the game the focal point of Nebraska's defensive attack.

Williams answered the call with 150 yards on 37 carries. The senior from San

Diego had 82 yards at halftime and eclipsed the 100-yard mark with nine minutes and 45 seconds left in third quarter. It was 60 yards below his season average.

"I had to work for all the yards I got," Williams said. "I felt that I earned them and they are special."

Freshman quarterback Major Applewhite also stepped up in a big way, completing 14 of 26 passes for 269 yards. He also threw for two touchdowns.

The second touchdown, a 2-yard pass to senior wide receiver Wane McGarity, was the game-winning score. The pass came on third down after the Husker defense stopped Williams twice.

"They were swarming Ricky down there," Brown said. "We wanted Major to get to the corner like a two-point conversion. He did a great job keeping his patience."

Applewhite, who took over the starting job from injured senior Richard Walton, has thrown for over 200 yards in each of the six games he has started this season. The result has been five

wins in six games for the Longhorns.

"I never dreamed we'd be 6-2 with our two losses being to No. 2 and No. 4," Brown said. "This is beyond my wildest expectations."

The Texas defense also exceeded many expectations. A unit that was ninth in the Big 12 Conference held Nebraska to 194 yards rushing, 76 yards below its average, and 311 yards overall.

Several times, the Longhorns were in the Husker backfield shortly after the ball was snapped. NU quarterbacks were sacked four times.

"We've had blitzes we used since this spring," UT linebacker Dusty Renfro said. "This week we put a couple of new ones in to change things up a little bit."

With this win, Texas becomes the only conference team to beat Nebraska twice in the 1990s. The Longhorns also upset Nebraska in the 1996 Big 12 championship game.

"I have never lost to them," Renfro said. "This will be a story you can tell down the road."

"It is something you can be proud of!"