



***A Tribute to Earl Sullins
Ponca City High School
1939 - 1971***



COACH EARL SULLINS 1939-1971

featuring

**COACH TOM OSBORNE
Head Football Coach, University of Nebraska**

PONCA CITY HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1997

*Ponca City, we love you
With your colors, red and blue
Ever loyal, faithful and true,
O dear old Ponca, We love you.*

—Charles H. Cunning

Sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes

COACH TOM OSBORNE



Tom Osborne

Dr. Tom Osborne has been the Head Football Coach at the University of Nebraska for the past 23 seasons. He is the nation's winningest active coach. His Cornhuskers were back-to-back National Champions in 1994 and 1995. His record is 231-47-3 for a .827 winning percentage. His teams have played in 23 consecutive Bowl games.

Coach Osborne is a member of the National Board of Trustees with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He and wife Nancy feel coaching is a ministry, and their lives have been great examples for thousands of coaches and athletes across America.

Coach Osborne believes his players need to be college graduates upon leaving Nebraska. 86 percent of the players he has coached have degrees.

Coach Osborne also believes in the high school coach. The high school coach is the true molder of the student athlete. Fundamentals, character, confidence, and courage must be taught prior to the college experience.

Coach Osborne is happy to be in Ponca City to honor Coach Earl Sullins and support the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

EARL SULLINS

A member of the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame, a man who coached 115 victories at Ponca City High School during 16 years as Head Coach, and a man known to many as "Mr. Sullins" describes Earl Sullins.

Coach Sullins' desire was that every player would be respected on and off the field. He believed there were many values a boy could learn in competition he might not learn in the classroom. He would not stand for bad language or poor discipline. He taught "great character produces great people". His players never saw him smoke, drink alcohol, or use bad language. He was a role model everyone could look up to.

In 1977 Ponca City's football stadium was named "Sullins Stadium". He gave his life for kids. A former player, Dick Bowman, was named coach Sullins' replacement in 1959. Coach Sullins continued as Athletic Director until 1971.

No one in the history of athletics in Ponca city stands so tall as "Mr. Sullins". The past ninety years have been good to Earl Sullins, but he has been **good** perhaps the **best** for the young people he has touched. Thanks coach!

PROGRAM

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.	Ponca City HS Cafeteria
Program - 7:30 p.m.	Allen Robson Field House
Welcome	Sherol Hovis, MC
Prayer	Rev. Clyde Glazener, '53
Greetings	Mayor Marilyn Andrews Bill White, Superintendent of Schools
Introductions	Sherol Hovis
Player Remarks	Jon Kennedy, Class of '63 Jim Barnes, Class of '52 Lon Clinton, Class of '55
Letters to Coach	Kenny Ray
Jim Thorpe Award	Lynne Draper
Speaker Introduction	Eddie Sutton, OSU Basketball
Speaker	Tom Osborne
Presenting Earl Sullins	Chuck Bowman & Tom Catlin
Closing	Dr. Phillip Briggs, '51

Special Thanks

Kenny Ray, former Wildcat Coach
Jack Shilling, Ponca City Chamber CEO
Louise Abercrombie, Ponca City News
Nancy Spielbush, Decorations

Phi Turney, WBBZ
C. D. Northcutt
Ike Glass, Airplane

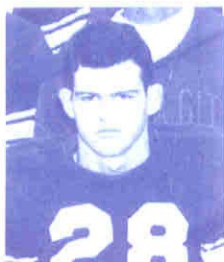
WILDCAT VICTORY SONG

Wildcats, hold that line, hold that line
Wildcats, now's the time, now's the time
Drive on, strive on - we must make a score
For Ponca city as we have before
Wildcats, hold that line, hold that line
We must win this game
For we will fight, fight,
Fight until we have another Wildcat victory!

STUDENT'S CREED

I believe in Ponca City High School and in the things for which she stands - health in body, honest work, generous comradeship. I believe in achievement and forcefulness to accomplish what I set out to do. I believe in loyalty to our school and to her traditions and I pledge upon my honor to help in all her undertakings, in all that will make her a stronger and nobler school.

Wildcats Salute Coach Earl Sullins



Tom Catlin '49



TRIBUTE CO-CHAIRMEN



Chuck Bowman '54

1938
Dorothy Carpenter Leonard
1939
Warren "Deacon" Dailey
Roy M. Essary
1940
Earl M. Applebee
Elmer Barnett
Wilson Clark
Dr. J. E. Fuller
Gloria Harris
J. P. "Pat" Norris
C. L. Schneider
Harold Warren
J. Guy Ziegler
1941
Merle E. Applebee
Doyle W. Davis
Harold Fisher
Bob Holder
Bob McCartney
John C. McKay
Wayne Morgan
Donald L. Myers
Rusty Scovill
Jack & Rosemary Paris
Thomas Ellis Robinson
Jack Sells
Clifford T. Vannest
1942
Scotty Alcorn
Kenneth Coatney
James R. Dillman
Wallace H. Edwards
Joan Evans Gregg
Robert Gregg
Harry Moore
Wallace Officer
Roy Oxford
Douglas Robison
Fred A. White
1943
Wade Branen
Robert L. Hardy
Frank Jobe
Paul Masters
Bob J. Sappington
W. J. Somerville
James A. Webb
1944
Charles Baker
Carl Balcer
Harry "Pooch" Daily
Bruce Davis
Don Mertz
Bob Oswalt
Thornton Paynter
Bill Ray
Don Taylor
Calvin C. Young
1945
Jack J. Hardy
Bob Woolley
1946
Jim Paris
Al Taylor

1947
Alvin R. Cassingham
Robert E. Christensen
A. Lloyd A. Geimers
Dwight L. Grubb
Gordon Stangeland
Donald Welch
George West
1948
Ray Balcer
Gary Clark
Jim Conner
Stan Hollis
Bill Kirkpatrick
Neal A. Onstot
Richard Powell
Harold Rogers
George Schwarz
C. N. Simmons
Bob Stevenson
J. Guy Trerrick
1949
Patricia Beall
George W. Boring
Jerry Bowker
Dick Bowman
L. J. Buchanan, Jr.
Tom Catlin
Robert F. Cottman
Wallace Dow
Delbert D. Grassman
Tom Holliday
Kenneth Mann
Reed McAlister
Robert C. Martin
Jerry Nicks
Steve Parsons
Charles L. Silvy
Mildred Smith
R. Alan White
1950
Bruce L. Athton
Buddy L. Bonfy
Charles Casey
Bob Daniels
Joseph D. Early
Tom L. Feagins
Thomas Rex Maddox
Rollo S. Maxwell
John McFadden
Gilbert D. Newman
Bob Sale
Jack Snyder
Bill Webster
1951
Phillips Briggs
Max Cobb
Sherman Coffman
George R. Fluke
Cliff Maples
Tom Sigler
John Stacy
1952
Alan B. Anderson
Jim Barnes
Bob Beattie

Darrel Davis
Lew Ferguson
Ted Hayden
Joe Newman
Don Pfalzgraf
Tom N. Ross
Pat Schlesinger
Charles Vanover, Jr.
1953
Fred Clarke
Kenneth B. Cookson
Donald W. Early
Clyde Glazener
Garry Grayson
Carla Hayden
Bob Hughes
Delbert Long
Roy Manos
Joe McFadden
Dean Nelsen
Roy Swain
1954
Rex Anderson
Chuck Bowman
Harold Cavett
Jerald D. Gregg
Gary Lynes
Gene Mullin
Lanny Officer
Gary K. Parr
Duane Roedy
Bill Taiclet
Don Tooman
1955
Jim D. Harper
Tom Lamb
Jan Merrifield
Jack Rein
Truman Smith
Larry Trapenning
Dick Wilson
Frank Wright
Bob Yeaman
1956
Larry Clement
Dennis J. Dodson
Mike Doolin
Donald R. Goldman
Jim Henson
Larry T. Hughes
Dave Richards
1957
Don McBride
Joe N. Short
1958
Donald R. Brattain
Harold Helmbrecht
Mike Laundauer
John Taylor
Bill Walker
1959
Chris Cook
Owen Greer
Sherol Hovis
Howard R. Martin
Jim Spencer
John J. Young

1961
Loren L. Clinton
Bob Goldman
Mike Shaw
1963
Jon Kennedy
Joseph McKenney
Kevin Harlan
No Graduation
Year Given
John Alcorn
R. F. Askw
William S. Barksdale
Larry Bittman
Bill Bridwell
Bill & Judy Coddington
Robert E. Ford
Marlin Glass, Jr.
Harold Goodman
William H. Harlan
Mike Helms
Mildred L. Hibbert
Gordon Hilland
Randy Lauritsen
Paul Martin
Jim Maynard
James McNeese
David Myers
Francis Nine
C. D. Northcutt
Bob Olinger
Harvey Peters
Don Putnam
Allen Robson
Roy Rogers
Jerry Runyan
Jack Shilling
Jack Suffitt
Jerry Vap
Hubert J. Watts