

SC-UCLA Game On Television

What do you say when a losing 3-6-0 football team goes against a winning 8-0-0 team in the traditional "Biggest Game" of the season?

You say it is the 1968 renewal of the Los Angeles crosstown classic between USC's undefeated Trojans and UCLA's multi-whipped Bruins in Memorial Coliseum this Saturday at 3 p.m.

The game gets under way at the unusual kickoff time of 3 p.m. (6 p.m., EST) because it is the second half of a NCAA national television doubleheader over ABC-TV, starting with the Nebraska-Oklahoma contest at 2:45 EST.

Although the Bruins, in the midst of their first losing season under coach Tommy Prothro, will be prohibitive underdogs, it still figures to be a dramatic and colorful meeting, as always, because upsets aren't uncommon in traditionals of this type.

But the Bruins don't see much hope. After all, they just haven't been playing good football, having lost six of their last seven games. To date, they are 3-1 in the Coliseum and 0-5 on the road.

Last Saturday, the Bruins lost a frustrating 6-0 decision to Washington at Seattle in a game they could have won. Three times they were deep in Husky territory — to the Washington 13, 6 and 11 — and each time their passing attack broke down, including two interceptions, one each against Jim Nader and Bill Bolden.

In other words, it was the same story as all season. The Bruins were unable to come up with the big play, the scoring play when they needed it against the Huskies.

But the running of tailback Greg Jones was a UCLA highlight. He showed both power and speed as he netted 105 yards in 23 carries for a 4.5 average to win "Back-of-the-Game" honors. He also caught two passes for 23 yards.

As a soph last year, Jones starred in the Trojan thriller as he gained 74 yards on 18 carries for a 4.10 average, including a 12-yard TD burst over tackle.

Another Bruin who ran well last Saturday was soph fullback Bob Manning, who averaged 5.2 yards on eight carries and also caught two passes. He'll probably start again Saturday because senior Rick Purdy has a shoulder separation suffered against Oregon State two weeks ago. He didn't even make the trip to Seattle.

Among the Bruins' star defenders against Washington were linebacker Don Widmer, tackles Larry Agajanian and Bob Geddes, halfback Mark Gustafson, end Wes Grant, and cornerback Lee McElroy.

Only seven UCLA seniors will wind up their varsity careers Saturday — and probably only five will play. They include Agajanian, split end Harold Busby (definitely out), split end Ron Copeland, defensive end Hal Griffin, Gustafson, offensive tackle Tory Matheson and Purdy (very questionable).

Saturday's game is a far cry from the three previous crosstown classics, all of which were Rose Bowl deciders. In 1965, Prothro's first year at Westwood, Gary Beban & Co. pulled a stunning 20-16 upset; then in 1966, the underdog Bruins again won, 14-7; and, last year, the favored Trojans (by 3 points) won by a skinny one, 21-20.

Keeping Tab on O.J. Simpson

O.J. Simpson's performance of 47 carries and 238 yards rushing against Oregon State has put him into position to establish three national collegiate records and add 10 more to his USC collection.

Simpson, with two games remaining on the regular USC schedule, is averaging 37 carries per game and 181.1 yards.

In computing records, the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. does not count post-season games. But USC does.

If Simpson were to continue at his present pace, he would establish the following NCAA records:

— Single season rushing, 1,811 yards (present record holder, Mercury Morris, West Texas State, 1,571).

— Number of carries in single season, 375 (present record holder, Don Fitzgerald, Kent State, 296).

— Net yards gained per game, 181.1 (present record holder, Ollie Matson, University of San Francisco, 174).

Simpson already holds USC records for single-season rushing, 1,543, established in 1967; most carries per game, 47, established in '68 games with Stanford and Oregon State; most carries per season, 294, established Saturday, and most touchdowns in single game, 4, tied 10 other USC players in 1968 Minnesota game.

USC records within reach and the number he needs in each are:

Career rushing yards, 229; career carries, 29; career total offense, 229 yards; career total plays rushing and passing, 26; career touchdowns, 5; career points, 28; single-season total offense, 231 yards; single-season touchdowns, 1; most touchdowns rushing and passing in single season, 19 and most points scored in single season, 114.

Computer Football Survey

Which is more important in high school football—the running game or the passing game? And by how much?

To answer this football question, and others on the high school version of the game, the CIF office provided Computer Communications, Inc., with 36 variables of high school football game data. The information was poured into a sports analyzer, which created 15 additional variables, and pointed to those which were most important on both offense and defense in the high school game.

According to the computer, the following stats are most important in scoring points to the "average" team in the Southland: points per rush, fumbles lost per rush, points per pass, opponent's passes intercepted, and total rushing yards.

The statistical picture of the high school game is very much like the average college game. The running game is more important than the passing game—for this limited study of only one area, running yards account for 30 per cent of total points scored vs. only 12 per cent for passing yards.

So high school football, like the college game, is won on the ground where the cleat mark spells out famous names like O. J. Simpson and Mike Garrett.



O. J. SIMPSON . . . Going down in history as the greatest running back in USC football history is O. J. Simpson, a million dollar future for pro foot-

ball. Simpson and the Trojans meet the UCLA Bruins today in their annual game. Troy has already earned a trip to the Rose Bowl.

Big Purse Offered at Ascot Park

An all-star field headed by Bobby Hogle of Buena Park, Wayne Weiler of Phoenix, and Al Pombo of Fresno, will battle for \$6,500 in prize money Saturday night at Ascot Park in J. C. Agajanian's 100-mile Pacific Coast Championship CRA super-modified and caged sprint car open competition races.

Agajanian posted the highest purse for such an event in Southern California. He expects to draw more than 80 of the nation's leading cars and drivers for the 200-lap classic.

Hogle, 1968 CRA sprint car title holder, won the USAC sprint car feature at Ascot two weeks ago. He will drive the Morales Bros. Offenhauser powered "Tama Wagon" from Anaheim.

Weiler, a two-time Indianapolis-500 starter, will wheel the famed Peat Bros. Chevy V8 powered "T" roadster from Poway. He led the U.S. Open Competition race at Sacramento last month in this car before spinning into the fence, and flipping over the wall on the final corner.

Vel's-Parnelli Jones Offers Holiday Gifts

With the Thanksgiving and year-end Holiday season upon us, Vel Miletich and Parnelli Jones have found a way of saying "thank you" to their customers at Vel's-Parnelli Jones Ford.

From now until the end of the year they are giving away a holiday gift with any new or used car.

For adults the gift is an authentic Parnelli Jones Turbine Firestone racing jacket identical to those used by Parnelli in Indianapolis. For children the gift is a Parnelli Jones authentic Quarter Midget uniform of white with red stripes (in sizes 2-12).

Wendy Cluff, 18-year-old North High School senior, took 38th place in the women's individual gymnastics division at the Olympics in Mexico City last month. Wendy has now swapped the parallel bar for pencil and paper as she attempts to catch up on four weeks of school work she missed while working out at Lake Tahoe and Mexico City.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cluff of 16815 Ardath St., brown-eyed Wendy is the first resident of Torrance to make the Olympics. She was one of eight representatives of the United States on the women's gymnastic team, competing with 140 contestants in the individual events.

The events included: balance beam, uneven parallel bars, side horse vaulting, and free exercise. For three weeks before arriving in Mexico City, Wendy and her teammates worked out for eight hours a day in Squaw Valley. The teammates ranged in age from 15 to 21 and hailed from Washington state, New York, Illinois, and California.

In Olympic Village, Mexico City, they shared an



WENDY CLUFF

apartment in the Aztec ruins with five alternates on the United States swimming team and ate their meals at the Olympic cafeteria.

Her most exciting moment came when she heard the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" as she made

her entrance, and suddenly it dawned on her that this was unlike any club competition she had known in the past — this time the team she represented was the entire country, the United States. "It was an awesome realization," she relates, "and although what I was doing was familiar, this was different."

"When I realized there were fans from back home in that audience who made the trip just to see us, it made me very proud, and very grateful, and very anxious to do my best for them," she said.

"It was a wonderful experience," she stated, "and a lot of fun; but it is really good to be back to see my friends again and to be here for my senior year. This is one year I don't want to miss!"

How did her schoolmates greet their returning heroine? The Student Council proclaimed a Wendy Cluff Week in her honor and 1,000 bags of popcorn were sold during lunch hour to raise money for the Olympic Fund.



NEW RADAR . . . Skipper Ed Freige of Torrance goes aboard the fishing boat City of Redondo after the installation of radar equipment. It is the third boat in the fleet at Redondo to be equipped.

A Bit O' England Hits Torrance

Cricket, anyone? South High School will be the site of the initial practice of the newly-formed South Bay Cricket Club, according to Anthony Bathurst, organizer of the club. The club will gain membership in the Southern California Cricket Association if it gets enough members—both playing and non-playing — by the end of December.

Not only will the dues paid to the Association buy the equipment needed and permit membership into the SCCA, but they will also entitle members to partake in an excursion flight to England for as little as \$215, round-trip.

"There are many people who join only to get this special flight," Bathurst told the Press-Herald, "and this is fine. We welcome non-playing members."

Bathurst said he urges high school players to come out for the team. "If you don't know cricket, it's easy to learn, and if you have played before, your experience will be valuable to us," he asserts.

Cricket, for the uninitiated, is much like baseball, utilizing bats, balls, base-running, and run-scoring. A cricket team fields 11 men, and usually a game consists of two innings. It is not rare for these two innings to take as long as two or three days to complete, since each team gets ten outs per inning, and a player can hit and score until he is out.

Jack Marder, an area resi-

Bowling Tourney Scheduled

The house qualifying round of the sixth annual junior doubles tournament is scheduled to begin on Nov. 28 and continue through Jan. 5, at all participating bowling centers. The championship finals will be held on Jan. 18, 19, 25 & 26 at the Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance.

The tournament is open to all boys and girls who have not passed their 18th birthday on Aug. 1, 1968 and have an average for at least five (5) league or program sessions. Organized school bowling programs are invited to participate.

Handicap champions will be crowned in nine divisions: bantam boys, girls, and mixed; junior boys, girls and mixed; and senior boys, girl and mixed.

A special award for the scratch champion in each division will be given.

Participants may bowl as many times as they wish in the house qualifying round, with one of every three entries advancing to the championship finals.

Stanislaus Ready for Basketball

With eight returning lettermen, including all five starters back from last year's team, Stanislaus State College is preparing for its second intercollegiate basketball season. The prospects of a winning season are bright, following a 17-7 record last year.

In addition to the returning lettermen, several newcomers in early practice sessions have impressed Coach Jim Hanny, formerly of South High in Torrance.

George White (6'3"), who played for Ernie Marcopoulos at Delta College, is an outstanding prospect. Hank Weske (6'5"), pupil of Jim Mastin at Gavilan College, adds height and strength to the post position. Butch McCormick, a 5'11" guard out of the service, is a fine guard prospect.

The assets of this year's team are again the fine shooters and overall team speed which is becoming the trademark of Warrior basketball. The overall team height is the best in three years but the lack of a big man will handicap the Warriors.



ANTHONY BATHURST

dent and president of the United States Cricket Association, has offered his home for the first meeting and will become a member of the local club in an associate capacity.

So don't be a sticky wicket; all you high school athletes who want to try something new, and all you former athletes who want to get back into the swing of sports—and get a ridiculously inexpensive trip to Europe—contact Anthony Bathurst, 24269 Neece Ave., or phone at 278-5484.

Offense Has to Dig In

Now that the Rams have their offense moving again, tackle Charlie Cowan and his mates on the offensive line have vowed to dig in their cleats a bit harder and see that Quarterback Roman Gabriel keeps it rolling.

As all football fans know, an offense starts with the forward wall and so Cowan feels his unit must take some responsibility for the slump. But he thinks a few explanations are in order and he mentioned them this week as the Rams, now 8-1-1 in the standings, prepared for still another "crucial" with the New York Giants at the Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

"The most important thing on any football team is the cohesion that comes from playing together week after week," he said. "You get to know how each back and end, as well as the rest of the line, is going to handle the play and you react accordingly."

"Injuries, which can't be prevented, wreck that precision. Our running game has been hit hard by injuries, and the necessary shuffling of players has hurt the blocking of the front line as well as that of the backs."

"On runs Dick Bass and Tommy Mason hit very fast, and Willie Ellison is getting that way, too. But they all run a little differently and we linemen have to adjust for each new combination."

"So our execution hasn't been as good as it should be. This cuts down our running game. The opposing defenses, who don't have to worry so much about the run, concentrate on getting to the passer. Our primary duty on the line is to keep their front rushers from sacking Gabriel and I think we've been pretty effective."

"But they're shooting linebackers more now. Those are the men the backs have to pick up. Some teams have dogged us 15 or 20 times a game this year. Last season it was more like five or six."

"Nowadays teams are using the delayed dog and that's why blocking experience in the backfield is so important. An experienced back knows what to watch for, he'll keep the rusher in the corner of his eye. A young back will check him once and then look somewhere else."

"Last year Gabriel was thrown only 25 times. This season our goal is to keep it under that. The total is now 19, so we've got to do better in the next four games to reach our objective."