

Bears Dedicate Game to Roth

Trojans Face Another Emotion Factor Today

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BERKELEY—USC goes from one emotional environment to another today when it meets California in a Pacific 8 game at Memorial Stadium.

Last Saturday, the Trojans were in South Bend, where they lost to super-charged Notre Dame, 49-19. The Irish got a psychological lift by changing from standard navy blue jerseys to shamrock green just before kickoff.

Mike White's Bears don't figure to switch jerseys, but they'll undoubtedly be motivated. Today's game has been dedicated to the memory of Joe Roth, the former California quarterback who died of cancer early this year. A sellout crowd of 76,780 is expected for the 1 p.m. game.

USC, the co-Pac-8 leader with Washington (3-0), is a seven-point favorite. The Trojans (5-2) lost national prestige in losing to Alabama (21-20) and Notre Dame, but John Robinson hasn't lost a conference game in 10 starts since he became coach last year.

California, 1-2 in the Pac-8 and 5-2 overall, is virtually out of the Rose Bowl race. But the Bears still hope to get a bid to another bowl game and a victory over the Trojans would enhance their chances.

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Cal is a well-balanced team featuring accurate-throwing quarterback Charlie Young, and hard-running fullback Paul Jones and an improved defense. Young, formerly of Taft High and Pierce College, is a 56% passer and has accounted for 1,435 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Some Bay Area cynics say that Cal hasn't beaten a really strong team. Then again, the same can be said of the Trojans.

In the last meeting here in 1975, California upset USC, 28-14, after John McKay, USC's former coach, announced that he was leaving for a job with Tampa Bay of the NFL. This information supposedly had an adverse emotional effect on the Trojans. Anyway, they lost four straight conference games.

Robinson facetiously says he has no plans to abandon ship. But he's concerned because his team has been inconsistent in big games.

The Trojans couldn't get a running game going against Alabama, and the passing attack faltered against Notre Dame. They have also been lax in cashing in scoring opportunities.

Scattered showers are forecast today with the temperature in the 60s.

Trojan Notes

The Trojans could lose today and still win the Pac-8 title by sweeping their remaining games against Stanford, Washington and UCLA . . . If the game is close, Cal place-kicker **Jim Breech** might figure prominently. The 5-7 senior is the conference field goal record-holder, 45 in 74 attempts. He kicked four in a 21-19 loss to UCLA last week . . . **Charles White**, USC's sophomore tailback, has rushed for more than 100 yards eight times in his brief career including 135 yards against Notre Dame. He's averaging five yards (834 net) this season . . . USC split end **Randy Simmrin** needs only one reception for a modest two yards to break **Hal Bedsole's** school record for receiving yardage. Simmrin has 1,716 career yards.