

1977 ROSE BOWL GAME  
 PACIFIC-8 CONFERENCE  
 TEAM STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE 106,182

OFFICIAL STATISTICS by TED D. HILLEN & STAFF

	WISCONSIN	USC
FIRST DOWNS . . . . .	12	19
BY RUSHING . . . . .	8	11
BY PASSING . . . . .	4	8
BY PENALTY . . . . .	0	0
RUSHING ATTEMPTS . . . . .	45	55
YARDS RUSHING . . . . .	183	242
YARDS LOST RUSHING . . . . .	28	42
NET YARDS RUSHING . . . . .	155	200
NET YARDS PASSING . . . . .	76	181
PASSES ATTEMPTED . . . . .	12	20
PASSES COMPLETED . . . . .	4	14
HAD INTERCEPTED . . . . .	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS . . . . .	57	75
TOTAL NET YARDS . . . . .	231	381
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY . . . . .	4.05	5.08
FUMBLES: NUMBER—LOST . . . . .	4—2	2—1
PENALTIES: NUMBER—LOST . . . . .	2—20	6—55
INTERCEPTIONS: NUMBER—YARDS . . . . .	1—21	0—0
NUMBER OF PUNTS—YARDS . . . . .	5—225	3—89
AVERAGE PER PUNT . . . . .	45.0	29.7
PUNT RETURNS: NUMBER—YARDS . . . . .	0—0	1—1
KICKOFF RETURNS: NUMBER—YARDS . . . . .	3—64	1—16
TIME OF POSSESSION	24:03	35:57
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	17-6	20-11

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MICHIGAN

USC

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

PLAYER	TCB	YDS.	YL	NYG	AVG.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	TCB	YDS.	YL	NYG	AVG.	TD	LONG
LYTLE	18	69	2	67	3.72	1	14	WHITE	32	122	8	114	3.56	1	15
R. DAVIS	10	39	0	39	3.90	0	8	BELL	4	16	0	16	4.00	0	6
LEACH	13	60	26	34	2.62	0	11	TATUPU	7	60	0	60	8.57	0	20
J. SMITH	1	5	0	5	5.00	0	5	EVANS	8	37	14	23	2.88	1	22
HUCKLEBY	3	10	0	10	3.33	0	6	FARMER	3	7	0	7	2.33	0	3
								BAD SNAP FROM CENTER	1	0	20	-20	-20.00	0	-20

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

PLAYER	PA	PC	HI	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	PA	PC	HI	YDS.	TD	LONG
LEACH	12	4	0	76	0	32	EVANS	20	14	1	181	0	30

RECEIVING

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG
G. JOHNSON	2	24	0	12	DIGGS	8	98	0	30
J. SMITH	2	52	0	32	GAY	1	7	0	7
					M. ROBINSON	2	42	0	25
					SIMMONS	1	27	0	27
					TATUPU	2	7	0	4

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PUNTING

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG
John ANDERSON	5	225	45.0	55	WALKER	3	89	29.7	34

INTERCEPTIONS

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG
O'NEAL	1	21	0	21	NONE				

PUNT RETURNS

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG
NONE					THURMAN	1	1	0	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG
J. SMITH	2	45	0	26	JAMERSON	1	16	0	16
L. REID	1	19	0	19					

FUMBLE RECOVERY DUFER, TEDESCO (DEF.) FUMBLE RECOVERY MATTHEWS (DEF.) WHITE  
D. LEWIS (DEF.)

FUMBLE CAUSED HICKS FUMBLE CAUSED MARTIN 2,  
MATTHEWS

PASSES DEFLECTED BOLDEN PASSES DEFLECTED THURMAN,  
STKOZIER

BLOCKED KICKS NONE BLOCKED KICKS UNDEBUCCED (ON PAT)

# PACIFIC-8 CONFERENCE OFFICIAL FOOTBALL STATISTICS

MICHIGAN VS. SOUTH CALIFORNIA

DATE January 1, 1977

SITE ROSE BOWL, PASADENA

## SCORING SUMMARY

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
MICHIGAN	0	6	0	0	6
SOUTH CALIFORNIA	0	7	0	7	14

TEAM	DESCRIPTION	CONVERSION	QUARTER	TIME Play	SCORE SC-TM
MICH.	Lytle 1 Yd. Run	Kick Blocked	2nd	7:52	0-6
USC	Evans 1 Yd Rollout	Walker Kick	2nd	13:32	7-6
USC	White 7 Yd Run	Walker Kick	4th	11:57	14-6

OFFICIALS: Referee-James Mercer, Umpire-Frank L. Strocchia, Head Linesman-Raymond Curry,  
Line Judge-Dale L. Grem, Field Judge-Otto R. Puls, Back Judge-William T.ayer

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TEMPERATURE 58°

WIND 15 MI SW

WEATHER Partly Cloudy

# PACIFIC-8 CONFERENCE

## LINEUPS

NOVEMBER, 1977

### OFFENSE

### DEFENSE

#### MICHIGAN

SE Stephenson, White  
QT Kenn,  
EG Lewis, Szara,  
C Downing, Nauta,  
LG Donahue,  
ST Dufek,  
TE Johnson, Schmerge  
QB Leach,  
TB Lytle, Reid, Huckleby  
FB Davis R.,  
WB Smith, Richardson,  
P Anderson  
K Wood

WDE Tedesco, Seabron  
WDT Morton, Greer  
EG Graves, Lang,  
SDT Hennessy,  
SDE Anderson, DeSantis  
WLB Vogele, Meter,  
MLB O'Neal, Simpkins,  
WOLF Euber, Patek,  
MBE Bolden, Jolly, Bell,  
SBE Pickens, Howard,  
S Hicks,

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TEB Bay, Burns D., Shipp  
ST Powell,  
SG Hickman,  
C Bethel, McDonald, Lawryk, Foote  
WG Howell, Budde,  
WT Page, Miller  
SE Robinson, Sierria, Bradovich  
QB Evans, Bartel,  
TB Bell, White, Tarver  
FB Farmer, Tatupu  
FL Diggs, Dandle, Williams K.,  
P-PK Walker  
K Kerr

OLB Lewis,  
LT Jeter, Dimlet,  
EG Steele,  
DT Underwood, VanDyke, McPartland,  
OLF Martin, Gutierrez, Kenlon  
ILB Matthews, Cobb,  
ILF Williams, Celotto  
LC Odom, Burns H.,  
EC Bush, Hartwig  
S Thurman, Spino  
R Strozier, Jamerson

# PACIFIC-8 CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Michigan	T	AT	Total
Zuver	0	2	2
Hicks *	7	4	11
Pickens	4	3	7
Bolden	1	2	3
Patek	5	4	9
Vogels	2	3	5
Graves	0	1	1
Hennessey	3	1	4
Morton	5	2	7
J. Anderson *	4	1	5
O'Neal *	9	4	13
Meter	8	2	10
Lang	0	2	2
Tedesco *	3	0	3
Giesler	1	0	1
Kenn	0	1	1

Southern Cal	T	AT	Total
Tauran	3	1	4
Bush	4	3	7
Odom	2	1	3
Strozier	2	0	2
Gutierrez	1	0	1
Martin *	6	4	10
Williams *	4	2	6
Lewis	5	5	10
Celotto *	2	1	3
Matthews	5	3	8
Steele	2	0	2
Vandylke	1	1	2
Jeter *	2	1	3
Dialer	3	2	5
Underwood	3	1	4
Cobb	0	1	1
Evans	1	0	1
Obradovich	1	0	1

\*Responsible for losses:

Hicks, 1 yd; Anderson, 5 yds;

O'Neal, 1 yd; Tedesco, 10 yds

\*Responsible for losses:

Martin, 10yds; Williams, 1 yd;

Celotto, 7 yds; Jeter, 2 yds

T-PRIMARY TACKLE/AT-ASSISTED TACKLE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA vs. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
 Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California, January 1, 1977, 2 p.m.

Official Play-by-Play  
 By Eddie Irwin and Dick van Praag

Has To  
Ball Dn. Go      On Play      FIRST QUARTER

Michigan wins toss, elects to receive; SC defending north goal

Kerr kicks off to Smith on 10, returned 19

M 1 10 M 29 Leach pitches to Lytle inside le makes 8  
 2 2 37 Lytle at middle makes 1  
 3 1 38 /Davis at middle makes 3 and FIRST DOWN #1  
 1 10 41 Davis at rt makes 6  
 2 4 47 Leach keeps at re, fumbles, recovered by Matthews; 11 yd gain

USC 1 10 sc42 Bell at lt gains 4  
 2 6 46 Bell at le makes 2  
 3 4 48 Evans pass complete to Gay for 7 and FIRST DOWN #1  
 1 10 m45 Bell at lt gains 4  
 2 6 41 Bell at le makes 6 and FIRST DOWN #2  
 1 10 35 Evans pass complete to Diggs for 8  
 2 2 27 Tatupu goes through rg for 7 and FIRST DOWN #3  
 1 10 20 Evans back to pass, runs right, then left end for 7  
 2 3 13 illegal procedure, 5 yd procedure  
 2 8 18 White slips through lt for 12 and FIRST DOWN #4  
 1 g 6 White at lt gains 1  
 2 g 5 White at le trips up for loss of 1  
 3 g 6 Evans pass to Tatupu on 4 dropped  
 4 g 6 Hertel holding, Walker from 13 misses, off to left

M 1 10 m20 Davis at lt makes 3  
 2 7 23 Lytle at lg gains 5  
 3 2 28 pitch to Lytle around re goes for 11 and FIRST DOWN 2  
 1 10 39 Smith on reverse around re makes 5  
 2 5 44 Davis struggles over lg for 5 and FIRST DOWN #3  
 1 10 49 Leach back to pa ss, caught by ~~Sakka~~ for loss of 7 by Celotto  
 2 17 42 Davis on draw at lt makes 3  
 3 14 45 Leach pass intended for Davis on 50 incomplete  
 4 14 45 J. Anderson punts out of bounds on sc28; 27 yd kick

USC 1 10 sc28 White on pitch to left makes 3  
 2 7 31 Tatupu at lt for 8, but SC holding, 15 yd penalty  
 2 22 16 Evans pass complete to Diggs for 8  
 3 14 24 Tatupu plows up middle for 13  
 4 1 37 Walker punts taken by Hicks on fair catch on 36; 27 yd kick

M 1 10 m36 Davis at lg makes 4  
 2 6 40

FIRST QUARTER SCORE: Southern California 0

Michigan 0

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SECOND QUARTER

Has	To			
<u>Ball</u>	<u>Dn.</u>	<u>Go</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>Play</u>
M	2	6	m40	pitch to Lytle around re gains 5
	3	1	- 45	R. Davis at lg stepped for no gain
	4	1	45	Anderson, J. punts into end zone; 55 yd punt
USC	1	10	sc20	pitch to White at le for 2, but SC holding; 10 yd penalty
	1	20	10	White around le gains 6
	2	14	16	White at rg met by Morton for no gain
	3	14	16	Evans pass to Diggs on 26 incomplete
	4	14	16	Walker, rushed, punts to J. Smith on fair catch on 50; 34 yd kick
M	1	10	50	Lytle at re goes for 14 and FIRST DOWN #4
	1	10	sc36	pitch to Lytle to right, fumbles out of bounds; 2 yd gain
	2	8	34	Leach rolls to left to pass, keeps for 7 yds
	3	1	- 27	pitch to Lytle to right, caught by Lewis for no gain
	4	1	- 27	Lytle hits lg for 1 and FIRST DOWN #5
	1	10	26	<del>Leach</del> pitch to Lytle to left for 3
	2	7	23	Leach fakes pass, runs re for 4
	3	3	19	Leach keeps at rt for 6 and FIRST DOWN #6
	1	10	13	R. Davis at rt gains 3
	2	7	10	pitch to Lytle around le good for 4
	3	3	6	Leach pitch to Lytle over rt makes 5 and FIRST DOWN #7
	1	g	1	Lytle dives over lg for 1 and TOUCHDOWN (7:52 played) Stephenson holding, B. Wood has kick blocked by Underwood

*Lytle 8 plays*

SCORE: MICHIGAN 6, SOUTHERN CAL 0

Wood kicks off to White in end zone, touched down

USC	1	10	sc20	White on pitch to right gains 5
	2	5	25	White goes around re for 15 and FIRST DOWN #5
	1	10	40	Evans pass complete to Diggs on 49; 9 yd gain
	2	1	49	White <del>hit</del> inside re makes 3 and FIRST DOWN #6
	1	10	m48	Evans pass complete to Diggs on 20, 2 yd run for 30 and FIRST DOWN #7
	1	10	18	Tatupu at rt makes 5
	2	5	13	White at re makes 4
	3	1	9	White goes over rt for 5 and FIRST DOWN #8
	1	g	-4	White at rt tripped up by Simpkins for no gain
	2	g	-4	White at re on pitch gains 2
	3	g	-2	White hits rg for 1
	4	g	1	Evans fakes to White over middle but rolls left for 1 and TOUCHDOWN (13:32 played) Hertel holding, Walker makes CONVERSION

*200 FT OUT*

SCORE: SOUTHERN CAL 7, Michigan 6

Kerr kicks off to Reid on 12, returned 19

M	1	10	m31	Leach pass intended for Davis on 24 incomplete
	2	10	31	Leach pass complete to G. Johnson on 43, out there for 12 and FIRST DOWN #8
	1	10	43	Leach pass intended for J. Smith almost intercepted by Strozler, but illegal man down field, 15 yd penalty
	1	25	28	Davis at lg gains 4
	2	21	32	Leach pass intended for Stephenson too long on sc30
	3	21	32	Davies at le makes 8
	4	13	40	J. Anderson punt rolls dead on 6; 54 yd kick
USC	1	10	sc 6	Evans falls on ball for 1 yd loss

HALFTIME SCORE: Southern California 7

Michigan 6



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	MICHIGAN	USC
FIRST DOWNS . . . . .	8	8
BY RUSHING . . . . .	7	6
BY PASSING . . . . .	1	2
BY PENALTY . . . . .	0	0
NET YARDS RUSHING . . . . .	125	104
NET YARDS PASSING . . . . .	12	62
PASSES ATT.-COMP.-INT. . . . .	4-1-0	7-5-0
TOTAL NET YARDS . . . . .	137	166
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS . . . . .	33	31
FUMBLES: NUMBER--LOST . . . . .	2-1	0-0
PENALTIES: NUMBER--LOST . . . . .	1-15	3-30
Time of Possession	15:29	14:36
<u>Third Down Efficiency</u>	9-5	7-3

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### RUSHING

PLAYER	TCB	YDS.	YL	NYG	AVG.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	TCB	YDS.	YL	NYG	AVG.	TD	LONG
LYTLE	13	60	0	60	4.62	1	14	WHITE	14	57	1	56	4.00	0	15
J. SMITH	1	5	0	5	5.00	0	5	BELL	4	16	0	16	4.00	0	6
LEACH	5	28	7	21	4.20	0	11	TATUPU	3	25	0	25	8.33	0	13
R. DAVIS	10	39	0	39	3.90	0	8	EVANS	3	8	1	7	2.33	1	7

### PASSING

PLAYER	PA	PC	HI	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	PA	PC	HI	YDS.	TD	LONG
LEACH	4	1	0	12	0	12	EVANS	7	5	0	62	0	30

### RECEIVING

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG	PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LONG
G. JOHNSON	1	12	0	12	DIGGS	4	55	0	30
					GAY	1	7	0	7

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THIRD QUARTER

Has	To			
<u>Ball</u>	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Go</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>Play</u>
				Wood kicks off to Jamerson in end zone, run out 16 yds
USC	1	10	sc16	Farmer at lt makes 2
	2	8	18	Evans pass complete to Diggs for 6
	3	2	24	White goes around le for 12 and FIRST DOWN #9
	1	10	36	Evans pass complete to Robinson for 17 and FIRST DOWN #10
	1	10	m47	White at re makes 5
	2	5	42	White at rt hit by Hicks, fumbles, recovers for loss of 1
	3	6	43	Evans, caught by Seaborn, passes to Tatupu for 4
	4	2	39	delay of game, 5 yd penalty
	4	7	44	Walker punts to J. Smith on fair catch on 16; 28 yd punt Leach
M	1	10	m16	<del>Lytle</del> keeps at rt, fumbles, recovered by Dufek for loss of 7
	2	17	9	Leach keeps, passes incomplete to J. Smith out of bounds on 22
	3	17	9	pitchout to Lytle, <u>fumbles</u> , recovered by Lewis (1 yd loss)
USC	1	g	m 8	White hits center, <u>fumbles</u> , recovered by Tedesco on 9 (1 yd loss)
M	1	10	m9	Lytle at lg makes 2
	2	8	11	Leach keeps up middle for 5
	3	3	16	Leach keeps at le for 2
	4	1	18	Anderson punts to Thurman on 35, 1 yd return; 47 yd kick
USC	1	10	sc36	Evans, pressured, throws long to Diggs, out of bounds on 25
	2	10	36	Farmer ploughs straight ahead for 3
	3	7	39	Evans pass complete to Robinson for 25 and FIRST DOWN #11
	1	10	m36	White at lt makes 5
	2	5	31	Tatupu at middle makes 1
	3	4	30	Evans pass complete to Tatupu for 3
	4	1	27	White goes through lt for 2 and FIRST DOWN #12
	1	10	25	Evans back to pass, <u>sacked by Tedesco for loss of 8</u>
	2	sc20	35	Evans back to pass, scrambles at le for 7
	3	13	28	Evans pass intended for Gay on 25 incomplete
	4	13	28	Hertel holding on 35, Walker attempted field goal wide to left
M	1	10	m20	Lytle powers way over rg for 5
	2	5	25	Leach keeps ball through lg for 11 and FIRST DOWN #9
	1	10	36	Lytle at rt makes 2
	2	8	38	Leach pass to Stephenson on 38 incomplete, hit by Thurman
	3	8	38	Leach, almost trapped, passes to Smith for 20 and FIRST DOWN #10
	1	10	sc42	illegal procedure, 5 yd penalty
	1	15	47	Leach back to pass, scrambles for 8
	2	7	39	Huckleby at le goes for 6

THIRD PERIOD SCORE: Southern California 7, Michigan 6

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FOURTH QUARTER

Has Ball	To Dn.	Go	On	Play
M	3	1	33	Lytle at lt loses 1
	4	2	34	Leach goes back to pass, runs, caught by Jeter for loss of 2
USC	1	10	sc36	White at rg makes 2
	2	8	38	White on pitchout to left makes 6
	3	2	44	Evans pass complete to Diggs for 11 and FIRST DOWN #13
	1	10	m45	White at lt makes 3
	2	7	42	Evans pass intended for Diggs on 26 incomplete
	3	7	42	Evans pass complete to Diggs for 10 and FIRST DOWN #14
	1	10	32	White at re stopped for loss of 5
	2	15	37	White at re hit by Hicks for no gain
	3	15	37	Evans pass complete to Diggs for 16 and FIRST DOWN #15
	1	10	21	Tatupu at lg gains 4
	2	6	17	White up middle makes 3
	3	3	14	Evans pressured, passes, <u>intercepted by O'Neal</u> on 1, returned 21
M	1	10	m22	<del>Huckleby</del> Huckleby makes 1 at lt
	2	9	23	Huckleby on pitch to left makes 3
	3	6	26	Leach back to pass, sacked by Martin for loss of 10
	4	16	16	J. Anderson punts to Thurman on fair catch on 42.; 42 yd kick
USC	1	10	sc42	White at rt makes 4
	2	6	46	White at re gains 5
	3	1	m49	White at rt makes 2 and FIRST DOWN #16
	1	10	47	illegal procedure, 5 yd penalty
	1	15	sc48	Tatupu at rt makes 10
	2	5	m42	White at lt for 5, but 15 yd holding penalty
	2	20	43	Evans pass complete to Simarin for 27 yds and FIRST DOWN #17
	1	10	30	White at lt makes 3
	2	7	27	Illegal procedure on both teams, no play
	2	7	27	Tatupu breaks through lt for 20 and FIRST DOWN #18
	1	g	7	White on pitchout through rt for 7 and <u>TOUCHDOWN</u> (11:57 played) Hertel holding, Walker makes <u>CONVERSION</u>

SCORE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 14, MICHIGAN 6

Kerr kicks off to Smith on 7, returned 26

M	1	10	m33	Leach pass complete to J. Smith for 32 and FIRST DOWN #11
	1	10	sc35	Leach pass complete to Johnson for 12 and FIRST DOWN #12
	1	10	23	Leach pass intended for Smith on 15 incomplete
	2	10	23	Leach keeps at rt for 6
	3	4	17	Leach pass intended for Stephenson on 16 thrown out of bounds
	4	4	17	Leach pass intended for <del>Lytle</del> Lytle in end zone thrown out of bounds
USC	1	10	sc17	White at lt makes 6
	2	4	23	Farmer at rg gains 2
	3	2	25	Evans keeps around re for 22 yds and FIRST DOWN #19
	1	10	47	Evans falls on ball for loss of 1
	2	11	46	Evans falls on ball again for loss of 2
	3	13	44	bad snap, ball rolls free, recovered as game ends, 20 yd loss

SCORE BY QUARTERS:	Southern California	0	7	0	7	--	14
	Michigan	6	0	0	0	--	6

Attendance: 106,182

Handwritten notes:  
 52  
 23  
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January 1, 1977

63rd ANNUAL ROSE BOWL

USC vs. Michigan

Notes

USC extended its record of having won more bowl games than any team in college football history with its 16th victory today. The Trojans now have a 16-6 bowl record for a .727 winning percentage, the highest of the 14 major college teams that have played in at least 10 bowl games.

The Pacific-8 representative has won eight of the last 10 Rose Bowl games, but the Big Ten still leads the series, 18-13, since the Rose Bowl pact was conceived in 1947.

Although playing only briefly, junior split end Randy Simrin of USC caught one pass to extend his streak of having a reception in 24 consecutive games---since becoming a starter in the 1975 opener...Michigan, the national total offense champion with an average of 448.1 yards a game, was held to 231 yards today by the Trojan defense...USC senior tailback Ricky Bell, leaving the game early because of a head injury, had 16 yards on four carries to fall short of Anthony Davis' Pacific-8 record. Bell finished his career with 3,689 yards, second best in Pac-8 history and 35 yards behind Davis' total of 3,724.

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Vince Evans, USC senior quarterback

Locker Room Quotes

JOHN ROBINSON, USC COACH:

Let's hear it for good old Vince Evans (the Player of the Game).

I thought it was one of the great football games I've been involved in. They're all great people. I believe it was also one of the toughest games. There were a lot of collisions out there. I believe we just wore them down. We simply tried to run at them and mix it up with passes.

Vince Evans played a great football games. He was super. There's nothing more pleasing to me than to say that.

Ricky Bell is one of the greatest players in southern California and in this game of football. He's also a great leader. But you win as a team---we won with all 60 of our players from the University of Southern California.

We ~~were~~ were never down (after Bell was hurt). I don't believe in turning points. We just go out and play 60 minutes of football and see the scoreboard at the end of the game to see who won.

Evans is such a great leader, too. He ran for a touchdown and made a key first down at the end of the game to keep our drive alive. He was ~~such~~ absolutely brilliant.

Michigan had the best pass defense that we played against this year. I have unlimited respect for their coaching.

(When asked about whether USC should be ranked No. 1 regardless of what Pittsburgh did today) W You're damn right, I do. I still feel the way I felt before the game on that matter. I don't intend to be objective. If a club can claim a share of the national championship, they should. I'm in no way casting inference on Pittsburgh---they're a great team. And USC is a great team. And Michigan is a great team, too. Besides, one poll has already picked us No. 1. It's not the UPI poll. It's the USC poll.

(more quotes coming next page)

Robinson (more quotes):

Our defense again was absolutely fantastic. Our people have just been outstanding. Our coaching staff---well, there's just no words to describe how well they've done.

(When asked if there should be a playoff between USC and Pittsburgh for the national championship) No. These bowl games and polls are better than a playoff. Right now, our kids are behind in ~~school~~ school. We've played UCLA, Notre Dams and Michigan back-to-back. They are three of the toughest teams in the country. That's a lot of pressure on the kids. A playoff would be great for you sportswriters and us coaches, but it's bad for the players. They have school, and that's important.

Michigan is a great football team. They're the best running team in the country. ~~They are the best and most difficult team to stop without question---that's why I'm so proud of our defense.~~ They are ~~also~~ also one of the best defensive teams we played.

Ricky Bell was hurt on a legitimate and excellent tackle. He took it in the side of the head. He now has a headache, and because of that, he didn't really feel like talking to the press.

You've got to feel good, however, about the way Charles (White) played.

Bo Schembechler, Michigan Coach:

I feel very strongly that USC is a very powerful and quick team. Since I've been at Michigan, I don't think we've played a team as physical and quick as them. I don't have a ~~vote~~ vote in the UPI poll, but if I did I would vote for USC as the No. 1 team.

(Asked about the difference in the game) They made the big plays both offensively and defensively, and we didn't. But most of what we didn't do on offense should be attributed to their defense. They shut off our short-yardage situations, and we're not used to that. I make no apologies for the way we played. We have a very young team. These kids played hard and gave everything they had. ~~We~~ We enjoyed coming out here, and we're not going to give up. I think we'll be back very soon. We just have to get better.

USC is a tremendous football team. They have players who are great athletes and great young men, and they conducted themselves accordingly.

Their quarterback (Vince Evans) played a great game. I ~~was~~ was not unhappy with the defensive rush. The ability of Evans to step up and ~~avoid~~ avoid the rush ~~was~~ made it very difficult.

We played too much defense. That's because our offense played poorly and did not control the ball. (when asked if ~~his~~ his defense tired)

(Jerry Zuver suffered a mild concussion, same as Ricky Bell. But he is all right and showered.)

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