

# Trojan Line Blamed for Poor Showing

## California Forward Wall Completely Outclasses Troy's Ponderous Defense

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This business of recapitulating a game after a defeat is usually a difficult job because it is always tough to pin the blame on any phase of the play. This week, however, it is easy. The entire responsibility of Southern California's poor showing rests with the line.

The California forward wall outcharged, outfought, and outscored the sluggish SC outfit to roll up a 20-7 victory last Saturday.

### TACKLES RECORDED

From the coliseum press box high up in the stadium, a Daily Trojan reporter kept an accurate account of the defensive play of the Trojans. The reporter recorded every tackle made in the game and releases the following interesting statistics:

Don Willier, sophomore left tackle, was the outstanding man on the Trojan line with 12 tackles to his credit. Captain Ed Dempsey, playing with a bruised leg, chalked up 10. It was Dempsey's alert linebacking that prevented Orv Hatcher from ripping the forward wall to shreds.

Bill Bundy and Jack Banta were the individual defensive stars in the Trojan backfield. Both halfbacks registered nine tackles. A second string running guard, John Pranevicius, proved the unsung hero of the SC defense in the fourth quarter. Playing only 12 minutes in the final period, Pranevicius was in on almost every play and hit the Bear backfield for eight tackles.

From his safety spot Bob Robertson made seven tackles. Ben Sohn, mammoth right guard, registered five, while Al Krueger spilled the ball carrier four times. Carl Benson, second string right tackle, playing 17 minutes of football was credited with four tackles. Bob de Lauer and his substitute Quentin Klenk who played 12 minutes chalked up three tackles each.

### MORRILL GETS TWO

Chuck Morrill and Joe Davis, center and right end, respectively, rang up two tackles each. Bob Peoples, in the fullback spot, made one tackle, and Ron Thomas, at left guard, failed to drop a man.

Robertson, taking his first crack at the quarterback spot, turned in a sparkling performance even though it was spotted with bad

luck. The first time he carried the ball from his new position, Robertson failed to gain. His first pass went incomplete and his toss from the two-yard line was intercepted and converted into a California score.

The former halfback carried the ball 24 times, averaged 3.9 yards, scored six points, and heaved several accurate passes. Robertson was one of the few Trojans injured in the game.

Hopes for a Southern California victory over the Huskies rose yesterday at practice when Floyd Phillips, running guard, appeared on Bovard field in a football suit for the first time since he broke his leg in the Oregon State game. If his leg muscles heal in time Phillips will start in Saturday's game.