

Trojans Leave for Husky Tilt

An oriental prayer rug, designed to accommodate five Southern California coaches, was added to the traveling list last night as the Trojan special, carrying 33 varsity football players to Seattle and the Washington game, embarked from the Union station.

If the advanced predictions of experts who rate the Huskies overwhelming favorites in the contest Saturday are correct, the rug will see plenty of service. Until last week Headman Howard Jones and his staff depended on their veteran backfield and heavy line for victory, but neither have contributed profusely to the ravenous Trojan appetite, leaving the coaches with nothing left to do, but pray.

Coach Jones did anything but pray, however, in practice yesterday. The headman sent his injury-riddled squad through one of the roughest scrimmages ever witnessed on Bovard field. No one, but a few invalids, was spared from the Trojan blitzkrieg.

Two third string backfield aces, Jerry Bowman and Max Green, were the individual stars of the afternoon. Bowman, at quarterback, knifed through the first-string line for numerous long gains and heaved several bullet passes to End Tom McGarvin and Green. Carrying the ball from the right halfback spot, Green was almost unstoppable. He slashed the varsity forward wall to shreds with his driving plunges and reverses.

BERRYMAN RETURNS

Needed strength was added to the quarterback position with the return of Bob Berryman who recently recovered from a broken hand. Although Berryman has been practicing with the team all week, yesterday was the first time since his injury that he participated in an actual scrimmage. The lanky signal caller tossed several accurate passes and turned in an impressive performance packing the ball.

For the third straight day Bob Robertson witnessed the proceedings from the sidelines. Robertson is suffering from a bruised back sustained in the California game, but is expected to be in uniform by Saturday.

In an effort to strengthen the running guard spot, Jones shifted Carl Benson, right guard, to the left side of the line. Benson was a running guard in high school and held down the spot for a short time on the freshman squad. With the addition of Benson, the important line position is now three deep.

THOMAS TO START

Ron Thomas gets the starting call, followed by Benson and Sophomore Bill Seixas. If possible Jones prefers to use Benson as substitute rather than Seixas, in order to save the latter's eligibility. Norman Verry moved into the second string right guard position behind Ben Sohn after the shift.

Reports from Seattle state that two of Coach Jimmy Phelan's regulars returned to action yesterday in practice. Ernie Steele, left halfback, and Dick Greenwood, right guard, donned their mole-skins for the first time since the Stanford game. Both veterans were suffering from leg injuries.

Neither the prospect of rain nor the vaunted Husky backfield disturbs the Trojan coaching staff. What the coaches do fear, however, is the one-man football team known as Rudolph Mucha. The giant center almost defeated SC single-handed last year, with his tremendous line play. It was Mucha's performance against Troy that stamped him as an all-American prospect.

The Trojans will engage in a light workout today in Sacramento at Grant Union high school and will arrive at its destination tomorrow afternoon.