

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY vs. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
 Wednesday, January 1, 1969, 2:00 p.m.

LINEUPS
OHIO STATE

- LE Whitfield, White, Radtke, Kuhn
- LT Schmidlin, Foley, Urbanik
- LG Stillwagon, Donovan, Backhus, Stottlemeyer, Gentile
- C Stier, Fuhlbach, Pollitt, Roman, Trepuzzano
- RG Adams, Jack, Strickland, Bartley, Yurz
- RT Nielson, Noyes, Holloway
- RE Debevo, Jankowski, Sobolewski, Rusnak
- QB Bensibaugh, Kern, Krolejowski, Long
- LH Provost, Hayden, Polaski, Brunard, Brockington
- RH Anderson, Zelina, Gillian
- FB Tatum, Otis, Huff, Burton

USC

- LE Dickerson, Gunn, DeKraai
- LT C'Valley, Redding, Mullins, Hayhoe
- LG Khasigian, Scott
- C Gilmon, Obberreuter, Snow
- RG Lehmer, Jensen, Yary, Haluchak, Fielder
- RT Smith, Terry, MacArthur, McConnell
- RE Klein, Cowlings, Miller, Obbema
- QB Sogge, Battle, Ayala
- LH Limson, Terry, Young, Bowie
- RH Obandler, Durko, Lawrence, Ray
- FB Scott, Shaw, Failor, Covington

SUMMARY OF SCORING

<u>OHIO STATE</u>	<u>USC</u>	<u>1st Q</u> None	<u>2nd Q</u>	<u>TIME</u>
0	3:14		Ayala makes FG from 11, Sogge holds	5:20 played
0	9		Sogge pitches to Limson over left from SC 20--runs for TD	8:22 played
0	10		Ayala converts, Sogge holding	
-6	10		Otis dives over RG for 1 and TD	13:15 played
7	10		Roman converts, Long holding	
10	10		Roman makes FG from 16 (scrim. 10) Long holds	14:57 played
13	10		Roman makes FG from 15 (scrim 8), Long holds	13:20 played
-19	10		Kern passed from 4 to Hayden in end zone for TD	1:08 played
20	10		Roman converts, Long holding	
26	10		Kern passes to Gillian for 16 and TD	4:55 played
27	10		Roman converts, Long holding	
27	16		Sogge passes to Dickerson in end zone for 19 yards and TD	14:15 played

SCORE BY QUARTERS

FINAL

OHIO STATE	0	10	3	14	27
USC.....	0	10	0	6	16

ATTENDANCE: 102,063

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FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	OHIO STATE	USC
Net yards rushing.....	260	177
Net yards passing.....	101	180
Total yards gained.....	361	356
Passes attempted.....	25	32
Passes completed.....	9	19
Passes intercepted by.....	2	0
Yards interceptions returned.....	22	0
Punts.....	7	6
Punting average.....	45.57	36.66
Number times fumbled.....	1	2
Fumbles lost.....	0	1
Penalties.....	3	5
Yards penalized.....	33	50
Ball lost on downs.....	1	0
First downs from rushing.....	1	0
First downs from passing.....	0	0
First downs from penalties.....	0	0
Total first downs made.....	21	19

RUSHING

<u>OHIO STATE</u>	<u>TCB</u>	<u>YG</u>	<u>YL</u>	<u>NET.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>TD</u>
OTIS	30	103	2	101	3.37	1
HAYDEN	15	92	2	90	6.00	0
KERN	12	43	8	35	2.81	0
ZELINA	1	9	0	9	9.00	0
GILLIAN	6	18	4	14	2.33	0
BROCKINGTON	2	6	0	6	3.00	0
HUFF	1	5	0	5	5.00	0
	<u>67</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>3.88</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>USC</u>	<u>TCB</u>	<u>YG</u>	<u>YL</u>	<u>NET.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>TD</u>
SIMPSON	28	181	10	171	6.10	1
SOGGE	8	20	39	-19	-2.37	0
SCOTT	5	16	0	16	3.20	0
LAWRENCE	1	9	0	9	9.00	0
	<u>42</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>4.22</u>	<u>1</u>

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FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

OHIO STATE	Passing					USC	Punting			
	PA	PC	PI	YDS.	PCT.		TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
KERN	5	9	0	101	.600	2	YOUNG	6	221	36.85

USC	PA	PC	PI	YDS.	PCT.	TD	OHIO STATE	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
SOGGE	30	19	1	129	.633	1	SENSIBAUGH	7	319	45.57
SIMPSON	2	0	1	0	.000	0				
	32	19	2	129	.594	1				

OHIO STATE	Pass Receiving				OHIO STATE	Punt Returns			
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD		NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
GILLIAN	4	69	17.25	1	ZELINA	2	14	7.00	0
ZELINA	1	5	5.00	0	SENSIBAUGH	1	6	6.00	0
WHITE	1	17	17.00	0					
JANKOWSKI	1	2	2.00	0					
HAYDEN	2	8	4.00	1					
	9	101	11.22	2		3	20	6.66	0

USC	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	USC	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
SIMPSON	8	85	10.62	0	BATTLE	5	35	7.00	0
DICKERSON	3	50	16.66	1					
LAWRENCE	3	16	5.33	0					
KLEIN	4	31	7.75	0					
CHANDLER	1	7	7.00	0					
	19	129	9.95	1					

OHIO STATE	Interception Returns			OHIO STATE	Kickoff Returns		
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.		NO.	YDS.	AVG.
SENSIBAUGH	1	22	22.00	GILLIAN	2	27	13.50
ANDERSON	1	0	0.00	HAYDEN	1	18	18.00
	2	22	11.00	ROMAN	1	0	0.00
					4	45	11.25

USC	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	USC	NO.	YDS.	AVG.
NONE				CHANDLER	2	32	16.00
				BERRY	2	32	16.00
				SCOTT	1	0	0.00
				SIMPSON	1	20	20.00
					6	84	14.00

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DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

USC

NAME:	UT	AT	AST	FR	PD	PI	KB	NAME:	UT	AT	AST	FR	PD	PI	KB
Whitfield	1	2	1					Gunn	3	2	2				
Schmidlin	1	1	2		1			Scott, W.	4	1	3				
Stillwagon	6	2	1					Terry	1	3	3				
Nielson	1	3	1					Cowlings	1	2	3				
Debeve	1	2	1					Obbema	0	0	0				
Radtke	1	1	0					Redding	2	8	4				
Pollitt	0	0	1					McArthur	0	1	1				
Muhlbach	3	0	0					Hayhoe	1	1	1				
Urbanik	1	1	0					Klein	1	0	0				
Stottlemeyer	1	0	1	1				Allmon	1	0	0				
								McConnell	1	0	1				
								Khasigian	1	0	0				
LINEBACKERS:								LINEBACKERS:							
Stier	4	2	1					Snow	6	7	3				
Adams	5	2	1					Jensen	4	4	2		1		
Tatum	4	0	1	1				Shaw	4	4	1				
Bartley	1	0	0					Haluchak	1	0	0				
Burton	1	0	0		1			Faylor	0	1	0				
BACKS:								BACKS:							
Provost	2	0	0		1			Young	1	1	1				
Anderson	5	2	1		1	1		Darke	1	2	0				
Sensibaugh	2	2			1	1		Battle	4	7	3			1	
Ehrsam	1	0	0					Bowie	1	0	1				
Polaski	1	1	0	1											
TOTALS:	41	21	12	3	5	2	0	TOTALS:	38	44	29	0	2	0	0

Key: UT-unaided tackle; AT-aided tackle; Ast-assist on tackle; FR-fumble recovered;
 PD-pass defected; PI-pass intercepted; KB-kick blocked

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HALFTIME STATISTICS

	OHIO STATE	USC
Net yards rushing.....	148	128
Net yards passing.....	61	65
Total yards gained.....	209	193
Passes attempted.....	10	10
Passes completed.....	5	5
Passes intercepted by.....	3	4
Punts.....	3	4
Punting average.....	46.33	37.75
Number times fumbled.....	0	0
Fumbles lost.....	0	0
Penalties.....	0	0
Yards penalized.....	0	0
Ball lost on downs.....	0	0
First downs from rushing.....	5	4
First downs from passing.....	0	0
First downs from penalties.....	0	0
Total first downs made.....	5	4

RUSHING

OHIO STATE	TCB	YG	NET.	AVG.	TD
OTIS	17	69	68	4.00	1
HAYDEN	7	53	53	7.58	0
KERN	5	18	14	2.80	0
ZELINA	1	9	9	9.00	0
GILLIAN	3	7	4	1.33	0
	<u>33</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>4.48</u>	<u>1</u>

USC	TCB	YG.	NET.	AVG.	TD
SIMPSON	18	138	137	7.61	1
SOGGE	3	3	-16	-5.33	0
SCOTT	3	7	7	2.33	0
	<u>24</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>5.32</u>	<u>1</u>

OHIO STATE	PA	PC	PASSING PI	PCT.	YDS.	TD
KERN	10	5	0	.500	61	0

USC	PA	PC	PASSING PI	PCT.	YDS.	TD
SOGGE	9	5	0	.555	65	0
SIMPSON	1	0	0	.000	0	0
	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.500</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>0</u>

ROSE BOWL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VS. OHIO STATE

PLAYING TIME

(50)

3	Sensibaugh, qb	28.0	56	Worden, c	.5
10	Kern, qb	30.5	57	Backhus, lg	11.0
11	Gillian, rh	25.5	61	Jack, rg	28.5
12	Brungard, lh	.5	62	Strickland, rg	3.0
14	B. Smith, qb	.5	63	Adams, c	27.0
15	Polaski, lh	18.5	64	Kurz, lg	.5
16	Zelina, rh	6.0	65	Hart, lt	.5
18	Maciejowski, qb	.5	66	Donovan, lg	17.0 20.0
21	Burton, fb	.5	67	Holloway, rt	3.5
22	Hayden, lh	29.0	68	Stillwagon, rg	24.5
23	Rusnak, re	3.0	69	Stottlemeyer, rg	3.5
24	Long, qb	.5	70	Foley, lt	30.0
26	Anderson, rh	28.0	72	Hutchison, rt	1.0
28	Ehram, rh	.5	73	Mayes, rt	30.5
32	Tatum, fb	28.0	74	Schmidlin, lt	20.0
33	Bartley, c	1.0	75	Cheney, lt	1.0
34	Huff, fb	1.0	77	Nielsen, rt	23.0
35	Otis, fb	30.5	79	Urbanik, lt	10.5
39	Gentile, lg	.5	80	White, le	25.0
42	Brockington, lh	2.0	81	Kuhn, le	6.5
46	Provost, lh	10.0	82	Jankowski, re	28.5
52	Roman, c	7.5	83	Debevc, re	25.5
53	Muhlbach, c	24.0	88	Whitfield, le	26.5
54	Stier, lg	28.0	91	Sobolewski, le	2.0
55	Radtke, re	3.0	97	Pollitt, rg	.5

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PLAY-BY-PLAY ACCOUNT OF THE GAME
FIRST QUARTER

Has	To		Play
Ball	Dn	OW	
USC wins toss, elects to receive, defending north goal			
Zelina kicks off to Chandler on 14, returned 15			
USC	1	10 sc29	Simpson at lt makes 6
	2	4 35	Scott tries lg for no gain
	3	4 35	Simpson at middle makes 4, just short
	4	ft .39	illegal procedure on Ohio, 5 yd penalty, FIRST DOWN
	1	10 44	Simpson at lt makes 6
	2	4 50	Simpson hits center for no gain
	3	4 50	Simpson at le mid makes 1
	4	3 o49	Young punts out of bounds on 8; 41 yd kick
OSU	1	10 o 8	Haydon at lt makes 8
	2	2 16	pitchout to Zelina around le for 9 and FIRST DOWN
	1	10 25	Otis at lg loses 1
	2	11 24	Kern back to pass, brought down by Terry for 4 yd loss
	3	15 20	Kern keeps at rt for 1
	4	14 21	Sensibaugh punts to Battle on 38, returned 2; 41 yd kick
USC	1	10 sc40	Simpson goes to left for FIRST DOWN, 13 yds
	1	10 o47	Sogge pass complete to Diekerson for 11, FIRST DOWN
	1	10 36	Simpson at rt makes 1
	2	9 35	Sogge pass in flat incomp, but SC holding; 15 yd penalty
	2	19 50	Sogge hit in act of throwing by Schmidlin
	3	19 50	Sogge back to pass, caught by Nielsen for 6 loss
	4	25 sc44	Young punts to Zelina on 18, returned 2 ; 38 yd kick
OSU	1	10 o20	Otis shoots up middle for 12 and FIRST DOWN
	1	10 32	Hayden through rt for 13 and FIRST DOWN
	1	10 45	Kern keeps at lt for 6
	2	4 sc49	Otis handoff to Hayden for 9, but OS in motion, 5 penalty
	2	9 o46	Kern pass intended for Zelina too long
	3	9 46	Kern pass intended for Kuhn incomplete
	4	9 46	Sensibaugh punts to Battle on 7; 47 yd kick, returned 2
USC	1	10 sc 9	Simpson at lt makes 5
	2	5 14	Sogge pass intended for DeKwail incomplete
	3	5 14	Simpson at middle makes 2
	4	3 16	Young punts to Zelina on 50, returned 12; 34 yd kick
OSU	1	10 sc38	Otis at rt makes 1
	2	9 37	Hayden hits center for 3
	3	6 34	Kern pass complete to Zelina for 5
	4	1 29	Otis plunges over lg for 4, FIRST DOWN
	1	10 25	Kern keeps through lg for 9
	2	1 16	Otis at middle makes FIRST DOWN, 2 yds
	1	10 14	Otis at lg makes 3
	2	7 11	Otis at middle makes 1
	3	6 10	Kern pass intended for Zelina on 1 incomplete
	4	6 10	

FIRST PERIOD SCORE: USC 0, OSU 0

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PLAY-BY-PLAY ACCOUNT OF THE GAME
SECOND QUARTER

Has Ball	To Dn	To Go	On	Play
OSU	4	6	10	Long holding on 17, Zelina field goal attempt wide to east
USC	1	10	sc20	Simpson on pitchout to left makes 2
	2	8	22	Sogge pass to Lawrence for 1
	3	7	23	Sogge pass complete to Simpson for FIRST DOWN, 22 yds
	1	10	45	Simpson up middle for 3
	2	7	48	Sogge pass intended for Klein incomplete
	3	7	48	Sogge pass complete to Simpson in right flat, 15, FIRST DOWN
	1	10	o37	Scott pushes over rg for 4
	2	6	33	Scott goes around re for 3
	3	3	30	Simpson goes around re for 5 and FIRST DOWN
	1	10	25	Sogge keeps at re for 3
	2	7	22	Simpson at lg makes 3
	3	4	19	Sogge pass complete to Simpson for FIRST DOWN, 16 yds
	1	8	3	Simpson at lt stopped for no gain
	2	8	3	Simpson at lt caught for 1 yd loss
	3	8	4	Simpson after pitchout passes incomplete to DeKrafi
	4	8	4	Sogge holding, Ayala on 11 makes <u>FIELD GOAL</u> (5:20 played)

SCORE: USC 3, OSU 0

Ayala kicks off to Gillian on 18, returned 13

OSU	1	10	o31	Otis at lt makes 4
	2	6	35	Hayden at rg makes 6, FIRST DOWN
	1	10	41	Kern keeps g around le for 2
	2	8	43	Otis through center for 6
	3	2	49	Gillian at le for no gain
	4	2	49	Sonsibaugh punts over end zone; 51 yd kick

USC	1	10	sc20	pitchout to left, Simpson cuts back for 80 yds, <u>TOUCHDOWN</u> Sogge holding, Ayala makes <u>CONVERSION</u> good (8:22 played)
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SCORE: USC 10, OSU 0

Failor kicks off to Hayden on 13, returned 18

OSU	1	10	o31	Hayden at lg makes 4
	2	6	35	Otis at lg makes 5
	3	1	40	Otis at rt makes 3, FIRST DOWN
	1	10	43	Otis sneaks through lt for 9
	2	1	sc48	Gillian on pitchout to le makes FIRST DOWN, 7 yds
	1	10	41	Otis at middle picks up 4
	2	6	37	Hayden through lt for 6, FIRST DOWN
	1	10	31	Hayden goes through middle for FIRST DOWN, 13 yds
	1	10	18	Gillian on pitchout to left loses 3
	2	13	21	Kern pass intended for Jankowski too long in end zone
	3	13	21	Kern pass complete to Gillian for 18, FIRST DOWN
	1	g	3	Otis at rg makes 2
	2	g	1	Otis dives over rg for 1 and <u>TOUCHDOWN</u> (13:15 played) Long holding, Roman makes <u>CONVERSION</u> good

SCORE: OSU 7, USC 10

Anderson kicks off to Berry on 16, returned 15

USC	1	10	sc31	Simpson at lg makes 4
	2	6	35	Sogge back to pass, snowed under for loss of 13
	3	19	22	Sogge pass intended for Chandler thrown out of bounds
	4	19	22	Young punts to Polaski on fair catch, fumbles, recovers; 38 yd kick

OSU	1	10	o40	Kern pass complete to White for FIRST DOWN, 17 yds
	1	10	sc43	Kern pass complete to Jankowski for 2
	2	8	41	Otis on trap up middle makes 6
	3	2	35	Kern pass complete to Gillian for FIRST DOWN, 19 yds
	1	10	16	Otis at rt makes 6
	2	4	10	Kern pass intended for Brungard almost intercepted by Battle
	3	4	10	Long holding on 16, Roman makes <u>FIELD GOAL</u> (14:57 played)

SCORE: OSU 10, USC 10

Anderson kicks off to Scott on 32, no return

USC	1	10	32	Simpson at re for 3
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HALFTIME SCORE
OSU 10, USC 10

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PLAY-BY-PLAY ACCOUNT OF THE GAME
THIRD QUARTER

Has	To		On	Play
Ball	Dn	Go		
Ayala kicks off to Gillian on 10, returned 14				
OSU	1	10	o24	Otis at rg makes 5
	2	5	29	Otis at center makes 2
	3	3	31	Kern pass intended for Jankowski dropped
	4	3	31	Sensibaugh punts to Battle on 30 33, loses 3
USC				
	1	10	sc30	pitchout to Simpson at re for no gain
	2	10	30	Sogge pass complete to Lawrence for 10, short of FD
	3	ft	40	Sogge kps at middle for FIRST DOWN, 3 yds
	1	10	43	Sogge pass intended for Lawrence incomplete
	2	10	43	Simpson at middle makes FIRST DOWN, 14 yds
	1	10	o43	Sogge pass complete to Simpson in flat to left, makes 1
	2	9	42	Simpson fumbles on pitchout, recovered by Tatum (9 yd loss)
OSU				
	1	10	sc48	Hayden on trap in middle good for 12, FIRST DOWN
	1	10	36	Otis at lg no gain
	2	10	36	Hayden at rt makes 5
	3	5	31	Kern keeps, caught for loss of 2
	4	7	33	Kern back to pass, runs for 3
USC				
	1	10	sc30	Simpson at rt for 2
	2	8	32	Scott at re, fumbles out of bounds for 7
	3	1	39	Scott at re makes FIRST DOWN, 2 yds
	1	10	41	lateral to Simpson loses 2, but SC holding, 21 yd penalty
	1	31	20	Sogge pass complete to Simpson for 19
	2	12	39	Sogge pass intended for Klein incomplete
	3	12	39	Sogge back to pass, dumped for 11 yd loss
	4	23	38	Young punt downed by Smith; 26 yd kick
OSU				
	1	10	o46	Otis at lg makes 7
	2	3	sc47	Otis at middle for 2
	3	1	45	Kern keeps at le for 5 and FIRST DOWN
	1	10	40	Gillian at le makes 8
	2	2	32	Otis up middle for FIRST DOWN, 5 yds
	1	10	27	Hayden at rt makes 5
	2	5	22	Otis makes 1 at rt
	3	4	21	Hayden makes 5 at middle, FIRST DOWN
	1	10	16	Otis stopped for loss of 1 by Snow
	2	11	17	Hayden through lt for 7
	3	4	10	Kern kps at rg makes 2
	4	2	8	Long on 15, Roman makes <u>FIELD GOAL</u> (13:20 played)

SCORE: OSU 13, USC 10

Anderson picks off to Simpson on 7, returned 20

USC	1	10	sc27	Simpson at le makes 3
	2	7	30	Sogge back to pass, hit by Urbanik, fumbles, recovered by Stottlemeyer (9 yd loss)

OSU	1	10	21	Hayden makes 3 at rt
	2	7	18	Kern back to pass, runs for FIRST DOWN, 14 yds
	1	8	4	

THIRD PERIOD SCORE: OSU 13, USC 10

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PLAY-BY-PLAY ACCOUNT OF THE GAME
FOURTH QUARTER

Has	To				
Ball	Dn	Go	On	Play	
OSU	1	g	sc4	Otis at rg makes 2	
	2	g	2	Kern keeps, caught by Cowlings for loss of 2	
	3	g	4	Kern passes complete to Hayden in end zone for <u>TOUCHDOWN</u> , 4 yds	
				Long holding, Roman makes <u>CONVERSION</u> (1:08 played)	

SCORE: OSU 20, USC 10

Anderson kicks off to Chandler on 14, returned 17

USC	1	10	sc31	Simpson at center makes 1	
	2	9	32	Sogge pass complete to Lawrence for 5	
	3	4	37	Sogge pass intended for Klein incomplete	
	4	4	37	Young punts to Sensibaugh on 19, returned 6 ; 44 yd kick	

OSU	1	10	o25	Hayden stopped for loss of 2	
	2	12	23	Hayden at rt makes 2	
	3	10	25	from punt formation, Otis at rt makes 3	
	4	7	28	Sensibaugh punts to Battle on 20, returned 16, but SC clipping, 15 yd penalty ; 52 yd kick	

USC	1	10	sc21	Sogge pass complete to Simpson, fumbles, recovered by Polaski (5 yd loss on pass)	
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OSU	110	16		Kern pass complete to Gillian for 16 and <u>TOUCHDOWN</u> (4:55 played)	
				Long holding, Roman makes <u>CONVERSION</u>	

SCORE: OSU 27, USC 10

Anderson kicks off to Berry on 13, returned 17

USC	1	10	sc30	Sogge pass complete to Klein for 8	
	2	2	38	Sogge keeps at center for FIRST DOWN, 6 yds	
	1	10	44	Sogge pass complete to Klein for 11, FIRST DOWN	
	1	10	o45	Simpson at rt for 2	
	2	8	43	Sogge pass intended for Dickerson intercepted by Sensibaugh on 6, returned to 43; but OS clipping, 15 yd penalty; 22 yd return	

OSU	1	10	o13	Gillian at rg makes 3	
	2	7	16	Kern keeps at lt for 1	
	3	6	17	too much time, 5 yd penalty	
	3	11	12	Kern pass complete to Gillian for FIRST DOWN, 16 yds	
	1	10	28	Otis at middle makes 2	
	2	8	30	Gillian on pitchout to right loses 1	
	3	9	29	Kern pass complete to Hayden for 4	
	4	5	33	Sensibaugh punts out of bounds on sc28; 39 yds	

USC	1	10	sc28	Lawrence on sweep around re makes 9	
	2	1	37	Simpson at rt makes FIRST DOWN, 6 yds	
	1	10	43	Sogge back to pass, runs instead for 8	
	2	2	o49	Sogge pass complete to Klein for FIRST DOWN, 5 yds	
	1	10	44	Sogge pass intended for Dickerson on goal incomplete	
	2	10	44	Simpson at rt makes 6	
	3	4	38	Sogge pass complete to Dickerson for 20 and FIRST DOWN	
	1	10	18	Sogge, almost caught, passes to Chandler for 7	
	2	3	11	Simpson pass intended for Dickerson intercepted by Anderson in end zone	

OSU	1	10	o20	Hayden at rt makes 4, but clipping; 8 yd penalty	
	1	18	12	Otis at rg makes 2	
	2	16	14	Otis at lt makes 3	
	3	13	17	Sensibaugh punts to Battle on 30; 53 yd kick returned 18	

USC	1	10	sc48	Sogge pass complete to Simpson for FIRST DOWN, 11 yds	
	1	10	o41	Sogge pass complete to Simpson for 6	
	2	4	35	Sogge pass intended for Lawrence incomplete	
	3	4	35	Sogge pass complete to Klein for FIRST DOWN, 7 yds	
	1	10	28	Sogge pass intended for Dickerson incomplete	
	2	10	28	Simpson at rt makes 9	
	3	1	19	Sogge pass complete to Dickerson in end zone for <u>TOUCHDOWN</u> and 19 yds; (14:15 played) Sogge pass dropped by Lawrence	

SCORE: USC 16, OSU 27

15 yd penalty against OSU for unauthorized personnel on field
Ayala # kicks off to Roman on 32, no return

Southern California - Ohio State FOURTH QUARTER 2-2-2

OSU 1 10 032 Brockington makes 3 up middle
2 7 35 Brockington at lt makes 3
3 4 38 Huff makes 5 at rg, FIRST DOWN

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Southern California	0	10	0	6	--	16
Ohio State	0	10	3	14	--	27

Attendance: 102,063

Locker Room Quotes

John McKay, USC

We got beat, that's all I can say. When you fumble deep in your own area you'll get beat. Ohio State moved on everyone they played so I assumed they'd move on us some. Their passing was effective after we fumbled and went into man to man coverage deep in our own end. I was not surprised by anything they did. They are a fine team. They ran one play (the cut play) that they have not specialized in and ran it at Cowlings (Al) 99 per cent of the time. Al has not played a lot of defensive end of us.

I think that if we had not given up the ball deep we would have given up not more than two or three touchdowns and that we'd win.

O.J. had a fine game. It detracts somewhat when you fumble. He proved that a containing defense is not the key to stopping him. (O.J. gained 171 in 28 carries and caught 8 passes for 85 yards.)

Our pass protection at times was not as good as it should be and we lost yardage that hurt. Tatum is a real fine player and they have a good defensive team.

I thought we could pass to O.J. Looking back maybe we ~~mmm~~ should have passed to him even more. We felt that Tatum would go to the flanker and by shifting O.J. to the slot we could pass to him.

Both teams were hitting each other real good.

O.J. Simpson: Ohio State is a great team. I thought we'd win even when we were down by 10 points. This team is very hard hitting but not quite as hard as California. Tatum is a great defensive player. Turning point was in the third quarter on the pitchout fumble when Ohio State recovered. ~~mmm~~ Up to that point we were moving the ball real well.

Steve Sogge: Ohio State played well enough to beat us. We didn't execute well enough offensively to win. I didn't think there was one main turning point. Ran to short side mostly because X Tatum was on the wide side of the field. We felt it would take three or four TDs to win.

O.J. Statistics:

1968: 11 games, 383 carries, 1880 yards, 23 TDs

In 21 games at USC: 674 carries, 3423 yards, 36 TDs

Four year career (including two at City College of San Francisco): 5975 yards rushing and scored 90 touchdowns.

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SUMMARY OF FOOTBALL GAME STATISTICS — Visiting Team

TEAM CODE

308

Visiting Team OHIO STATE

First Downs: (Rush) 16 (Pass) 5 (Pen.) 0 Total 21

Penalties Against: (No.) 6 (Yards) 53

Own Fumbles: (No.) 1 (Lost) 0

Player Code	PLAYER	RUSHING					FORWARD PASSING					TOT. OFFENSE		RECEIVING			INT. RETURNS			PUNTING			PUNT RETURNS			K. O. RETURNS			SCORING								
		Times Carried	Yards Gain	Yards Loss	Net Gain	TD's	No. Att.	No. Comp.	Had Int.	Net Gain	Scoring TD's	Conv.	Total Plays	Net Gain	No. Caught	Yards Gain	TD's	No. Inter.	Yards Return	TD's	Times Kicked	Yards Kicked	Blkd.	Number Returns	Yards Return	TD's	Number Returns	Yards Return	TD's	Touch-downs	X Pts. Att.	Kick Made	Other X Pts. Att.	Field Goals Att.	Goals Made	Points	
64	Otis	A 30	103	2	101	1	B					C 30	101	D			E				F			G			H			S	1						6
33	Hayden	A 15	92	2	90	0	B					C 15	90	D 2	8	1	E				F			G			H 1	18	S	1						6	
44	Kern	A 12	43	8	35	0	B 15	9	0	101	2	C 27	136	D			E				F			G			H		S								
96	Zelina	A 1	9	0	9	0	B					C 1	9	D 1	5		E				F			G 2	14	H			S					1			
29	Gillian	A 6	18	4	14	0	B					C 6	14	D 4	69	1	E				F			G			H 2	27	S	1						6	
04	Brockington	A 2	6	0	6	0	B					C 2	6	D			E				F			G			H		S								
34	Huff	A 1	5	0	5	0	B					C 1	5	D			E				F			G			H		S								
89	White	A					B					C		D 1	17		E				F			G			H		S								
41	Jankowski	A					B					C		D 1	2		E				F			G			H		S								
76	Sensibaugh	A					B					C		D			E 1	22		F 7	139		G 1	6	H			S									
02	Anderson	A					B					C		D			E 1	0		F			G			H		S									
	Roman	A					B					C		D			E				F			G		H 1	0	S	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	9	
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SUMMARY OF FOOTBALL GAME STATISTICS — Home Team

TEAM CODE
604

Home Team Southern California

First Downs: (Rush) 8 (Pass) 10 (Pen.) 1 Total 19

Penalties Against: (No.) 3 (Yards) 51

Own Fumbles: (No.) 3 (Lost) 3

Player Code	PLAYER	RUSHING					FORWARD PASSING					TOT. OFFENSE		RECEIVING			INT. RETURNS			PUNTING			PUNT RETURNS			K. O. RETURNS			SCORING									
		Times Carried	Yards Gain	Yards Loss	Net Gain	TD's	No. Att.	No. Comp.	Had Int.	Net Gain	Scoring TD's	Conv.	Total Plays	Net Gain	No. Caught	Yards Gain	TD's	No. Inter.	Yards Return	TD's	Times Kicked	Yards Kicked	Blkd.	Number Returns	Yards Return	TD's	Number Returns	Yards Return	TD's	Touch-downs	X Pts. Att.	Kick Made	Other X Pts. Att.	Made	Field Goals Att.	Made	Points	
79	Simpson	A 28	181	10	171	1	B 2	0	1			C 30	171	D 8	85		E				F			G			H 1	20		S 1								6
82	Sogge	A 8	20	39	-19	0	B 30	19	1	189	1	C 38	170	D			E				F			G			H						1	0				0
77	Scott	A 5	16	0	16	0	B					C 5	16	D			E				F			G			H 1	0		S								
	Lawrence	A 1	9	0	9	0	B					C 1	9	D 3	16		E				F			G			H			S								
	Dickerson	A					B					C		D 3	50	1	E				F			G			H			S 1								6
	Klein	A					B					C		D 4	31		E				F			G			H			S								
	Chandler	A					B					C		D 1	7		E				F			G			H 2	32		S								
	Young	A					B					C		D			E				F 6	221		G			H			S								
	Battle	A					B					C		D			E				F			G 5	35	H			S									
	Berry	A					B					C		D			E				F			G			H 2	32		S								
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ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

Official Attendance <u>102,063</u>	Score by Quarters:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Weather Conditions <u>Sunny, 84</u>	OHIO STATE	0	10	3	14	27
	U.S.C.	0	10	0	6	16

PRINCIPAL INDIVIDUAL PLAYS

List all scoring plays; also non-scoring plays (including punts) gaining 50 yards or more, and all missed field goal attempts for both teams.

Under "type of play" indicate rush, pass, int. runback, punt runback, kickoff runback, punt or field goal. List tries-for-points as P.A.T. kick, P.A.T. rush or P.A.T. pass.

On pass play, give passer first, then receiver, and combined yardage of pass and run. Measure runbacks from goal line, if started in end zone. Measure field goal attempts from point of kick. All other plays are measured from line of scrimmage.

Type of Play	Player or Players	Team	Yards	Scored? (Yes or No)
F.G.	Ayala	S. C.	21	yes
Rush	Simpson	S. C.	80	yes
PAT - kick	Ayala	S. C.		yes
Rush	Otis	OSU	1	yes
PAT - kick	Roman	OSU		yes
F.G.	Roman	OSU	26	yes
F.G.	Roman	OSU	25	yes
Pass	Kern to Hayden	OSU	4	yes
PAT - kick	Roman	OSU		yes
Pass	Kern to Gillian	OSU	16	yes
PAT - kick	Roman	OSU		yes
Pass	Sogge to Dickerson	S. C.	19	yes
PAT - pass	Sogge to Lawrence	S. C.		no
F. G.	Zelina	OSU	27	no
Punts	Sensibaugh	OSU	51-52-53	no

CONDENSED RULES FOR RECORDING FOOTBALL STATISTICS*

(Originated by the N.C.A.A. Football Rules Committee's Sub-committee on Football Statistics)

(Continued from back of Form 347-A)

SECTION 6 — PUNTS.

Article 1: Punts are measured from the line of scrimmage to the point where the receiving team first gains or loses possession of the ball, or if untouched by the receiving team, to the point where the ball is downed by the kicking team or goes out of bounds.

Article 2: When a punt goes over the goal line (touchback), distance of the punt is measured from the line of scrimmage to the goal line.

Article 3: A blocked punt is recorded as a "team" entry, and not charged against the individual kicker. Thus, in the case of a blocked punt which does not pass the line of scrimmage, enter the word "team" in lieu of kicker's name and charge one punt for NO yards, so the blocked punt *is included* under "Times Kicked" in team totals.

If the ball travels toward the kicker's goal and is recovered by the **blocking** team, the yardage is treated as a punt return by the player who blocked the kick. If the ball travels toward the kicker's goal and is recovered by the **kicking** team, the yardage is treated as a punt return by the player who blocked the kick—and the blocking team is charged with a fumble lost, except on fourth down.

SECTION 7 — KICK RETURNS.

Article 1: Only the number of punts and kickoffs which the receiving team actually attempts to return are included under kick returns. (**Exception** — Blocked kicks which travel toward the kicker's goal. See Article 3 of Section 6.)

Article 2: Returns are measured from the point where the returning player first gains or loses possession of the ball to the point where the ball is declared dead or is lost by fumble. **Exception:** On kickoffs that go over the goal line, the return is measured only from the goal line on. (See B1-3.)

Article 3: The return of an attempted field goal, which falls short and is returned by the defending team, is treated as a punt return.

SECTION 8 — FREE KICKS.

Free kicks are recorded as kickoffs if made from placement and as punts if the ball is punted. The receiving player is credited with a kickoff return or a punt return, respectively.

SECTION 9 — GOALS FROM THE FIELD.

Successful goals from the field are measured from the point where the ball is kicked to the goal posts (to the goal line plus ten yards, since the goal posts are ten yards behind the goal line).

The distance of such kicks is recorded on form 347 only under "principal individual plays". If kick is unsuccessful, show yard line from which kicked, in lieu of distance.

SECTION 10 — POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN.

Article 1: A player attempting a try-for-point-after-touchdown by kicking is **not** charged with an attempt when a bad pass from center or a fumble by the ball holder, precludes an opportunity to kick. Such an unsuccessful attempt is charged to the "team," rather than to any individual player. However, if the ball is momentarily fumbled and then kicked, an attempt *is* charged to the individual kicker, regardless of the success or failure of the effort.

Article 2: The try-for-point-after-touchdown is made while time is out and *is not* recorded as a play from scrimmage (rush, pass or kick).

When a try-for-point-after-touchdown is by forward passing, the **passer** is charged (under SCORING) with the attempt, whether successful or not. If successful, the **receiver** is credited under SCORING with the conversion and points scored, and the **passer** is credited with a conversion under FORWARD PASSING.

Such a passing effort is recorded as a PAT attempt and is NOT recorded as a pass attempt or a pass reception.

SECTION 11 — SAFETIES.

No individual credit is recorded for any player on either team when a safety is scored. The team benefitting from the score is credited.

SECTION 12 — FUMBLES.

On any play **terminated** by a fumble, the yards involved to the point of recovery are credited or charged to the player who fumbled, regardless of which team recovers the fumble.

(Approved Ruling — On rushing play, ball carrier of Team A fumbles at the line of scrimmage and the ball travels 5 yards toward Team B goal line, before it is recovered by Team B. Player of Team A who fumbled is credited with rushing gain of 5 yards and Team A is charged with a fumble lost.)

WILD PASS FROM CENTER.

Any loss resulting from an **obvious** wild pass from center is charged to "center pass," and not to any individual player.

*See the OFFICIAL FOOTBALL STATISTICIANS' MANUAL for complete rulings and interpretations.

SCORE
OHIO 27
OPP. 16

ATTENDANCE
102,063

CAPTAIN
Foley, Worden

MANAGER

By **PAUL HORNUNG**
Dispatch Sports Editor

PASADENA, Calif — Ohio State's 1968 national champions rested Thursday — and on their laurels.

They can afford to do it now and they've earned it.

Their magnificent comeback from a 10-0 deficit to a 27-16 victory over Southern California in a blue chip Rose Bowl classic Wednesday climaxed a season matched only once before in the school's 78 years of football.

THE 1954 Buckeyes also went 10-0, but their claim to the No. 1 position among college teams was disputed. This time, there could be no question. The Buckeyes proved it right on the field — and to the satisfaction of even Trojan rooters among the 102,063 fans in the massive bowl and the largest TV audience ever to watch a collegiate event.

Although it gave up a disputed touchdown in the final minute, Ohio State's defense showed the almost — frenzied effectiveness in the second half that it had achieved earlier in the regular-season's key game against Purdue.

"We didn't give them field position, we gave them great field position," declared defensive co-ordinator Lou McCullough — bursting with pride over his unit's under-pressure reaction.

BUT THE offense, led by "player of the game" Rex Kern, Jim Otis Leo Hayden and Ray Gillian, cashed in on its opportunities to win the first Rose Bowl played between two unbeaten teams in the 22-year history of the Big 10-Pacific Coast pact.

But the 10-point rally in the last eight minutes of the first half can't be underestimated, either. A field goal and a spectacular 80-yard run by Heisman Trophy-winner O. J. Simpson — second-longest in Bowl history — had pushed the No. 2 Trojans ahead 10-0 and even the 18,000-20,000 wildly-partizan Buckeye fans in the crowd became concerned.

Fortunately, nobody on the Ohio State bench did, because Kern marched his team 69 yards in 13 plays for a touchdown and roared back with a 54-yard drive that stalled on USC 6 where time nearly ran out.

CENTER JIM Roman made his fourth field goal of the year pull the Bucks even with three seconds of the half remaining.

After President-elect Nixon and both bands had occupied the crowd's attention for 25 minutes, Ohio State marched 54 yards in a dozen plays for one touchdown, converted Vic Stottlemeyer's recovery of a fumble by USC Quarterback Steve Sogge into a 21-yard, five-play strike and made good in one play after half-back Mike Polaski's recovery of Simpson's fumble on the U.S.C. 16.

They made the score 27-10 with 10:05 to play and this Ohio State team just wasn't going to have the No. 1 ranking reclaimed from their grasp.

KERN, WHOSE shoulder injury cost him the first 10 practices, completed 9 of 15 passes for 101 yards and a pair of touchdowns, plus running 12 times for 35 yards. He was voted the "Player of the Game" trophy by writers covering the game.

Otis, getting the call 30 times, rushed for 101 yards, while Hayden, starting for the first time since Wisconsin, jolted the Trojan defense for 90 yards. Gillian, taking over when starter Larry Zelina cracked a rib in the first half, caught four passes for 69 yards, one of them for a touchdown and another that set up a touchdown.

Simpson, finishing a brilliant career in defeat, ran for 171 yards, but almost half of that came on the dazzling cut-back TD sprint. He also caught 8 passes for 85 yards, after being used only 18 times as a receiver in 10 regular season games—for 126 yards.

SOGGE, especially feared by the Buckeye defense, had a sizzling average—633—on 19 of 30 passes for 189 yards.

But Ohio State's defensive forwards gave him a damaging rush and the secondary kept his receivers in tow—or hit them as soon as they grabbed the ball.

Over-all, the Bucks lost the yardage game to their challengers for the national championship, 366 to 361, but they didn't lose the ball on a fumble or an interception—USC lost it five times—and, as Coach Woody Hayes pointed out, they did well enough in the only statistic that counts: the 27-16 glowing on the scoreboard as darkness settled over the fabled Rose Bowl and one of its most exciting spectacles.

In fact, the Bucks did so well in that important statistic they're being compared to the great college teams in recent history.

THE GAME was replete with thrills and key plays.

Kern had Zelina wide open behind the USC defense late in the scoreless first quarter, but overshot the mark. A few minutes later, another Kern pass bounced off Zelina's fingers at the 1.

Zelina's try for a field goal was wide on the next play.

Zelina had apparently a cracked rib on a punt return earlier in the first period and spent the last three quarters on the sideline.

Roverback Jack Tatum contributed a big play early in the second quarter. He knocked Simpson out of bounds on the 3-yard line when a touchdown seemed almost sure. Mike Sensibaugh met Simpson for no gain; Sensibaugh and Tim Anderson cracked him for a yard loss; a Sogge pass was incomplete and Ron Ayala kicked a 21-yard field goal for a 3-0 USC lead.

SIMPSON took a pitchout wide around left end, behind good blocking but cut back sharply to the right and wound up with a three-man convoy on his touchdown run. There wasn't much doubt from about midfield that the 9.4 sprinter would make it.

The Bucks bounced back, with Otis and Hayden pounding over the tackles. Kern read a USC blitz and sent Hayden up the middle for 13. Gillian made a high grab of a Kern pass for 18 to the 3 and Otis got the first TD in two tries.

With the defense pushing the Trojans back to 3rd and 19, the Bucks got possession on their own 40 on a punt with 1:04 remaining. (Southern Cal had called time between plays, but couldn't run out the clock).

SPORT
Football

YEAR
1969

DATE OPPONENT PLACE
January 1 University of Pasadena
Southern California

COACH
Hayes

KERN STARTED the comeback with a 17-yarder on Jan White's great catch and Gillian's catch added 13. Roman kicked the tying points on fourth down.

Roman's third-quarter field goal followed a 12-play series in which Otis and Hayden again pounded the vulnerable middle of USC's defense.

But the real break came when Bill Urbanik tackled Sogge hard and Stottlemeyer recovered at the USC 21. Kern ran up the middle for 14 to the 4 when he found no receiver and, two plays later, pitched to Hayden cutting through the end zone.

After Polaski's recovery, Kern survived a Trojan blitz to get the ball away and Gillian grabbed it — and threw the ball into the stands. Roman's kick made it 27-10 and the Bucks had come from behind only the third time this season.

Ohio State	0	10	3	14-27
USC	0	10	0	6-16

USC—FG Ayala 21; USC—Simpson 80 run (Ayala kick); OSU—Otis 1 run (Roman kick); OSU—FG Roman 26; OSU—FG Roman 25; OSU—Hayden 4 pass from Kern (Roman kick); OSU—Gillian 16 pass from Kern (Roman kick); USC—Dickerson 19 pass from Sogge (pass failed).
A—102,063.

	OSU	USC
First Downs	21	19
Rushing Yardage	260	177
Passing Yardage	101	189
Return Yardage	42	35
Passes	9-15-0	19-32-2
Punts	7-45.5	6-36.8
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Yards Penalized	53	51

GAME NOTES

PASADENA, Calif. — "The world will never know what Mark Stier did today," Ohio State defensive coach Lou McCullough told a group of writers Wednesday, "unless you tell them."

What Stier did was play probably his greatest game as a Buckeye, despite suffering a shoulder separation Monday, he called the defensive signals, as usual, and made tackles all over the hot Rose Bowl field (it was 81 here New Year's day).

"It hurt quite a bit," Mark conceded, "but they did a pretty good job of padding it up."

THERE WAS some question whether Stier could play at all, or whether he would last more than a few plays.

"It was a good way to go out," conceded the senior linebacker.

"O. J. Simpson," he noted, "deserves the Heisman Trophy. He was always looking to cut back, but we did a pretty good job of stopping him. On that long run, he cut back behind about eight guys."

"When the No. 2 team's got you down 10-0," observed Rex Kern, "what do you do; do you fold up or do you come back like champions?"

The Buckeyes answered that question against Southern Cal in the 55th Rose Bowl, 27-16.

"Our running backs did a tremendous job" he decided.

LEO HAYDEN confessed he didn't expect so much work Wednesday.

"It surprised me somewhat," he noted, explaining that he'd had a slight muscle pull for the last few days. But he started and carried 15 times for 90 yards.

TEAMS

	OSU	SC
First downs rushing	16	8
First downs passing	5	10
First downs penalty	0	1
Total first downs	21	19
Net yards rushing	260	177
Passes	15-9-0	39-19-2
Net yards passing	101	189
Total yards gained	361	366
Yards interceptions returned	22	0
Punts	7	6
Punting average	45.6	36.9
Number fumbles	1	3
Fumbles lost	0	3
Penalties	6	3
Yards penalized	53	51
Ball lost on downs	1	0

INDIVIDUAL

OHIO STATE RUSHING—Otis, 30 carries, 101 net yards; Hayden, 15-90; Kern, 12-35; Zellins, 1-9; Gillian, 6-14; Brockington, 2-6; Huff, 1-5. Totals 67-267.

USC RUSHING—Simpson, 28-171; Sogge, 8- (minus 19); Scott, 5-16; Lawrence, 1-9; totals 42-177.

PASSING—OSU: Kern 15 attempts, 9 completions, 101 yards, 2 TDs. USC—Sogge 30-19-1 int., 189, 1 TD; Simpson, 2-0-1-0. Totals: 32-19-2-189-1.

PASS RECEIVING—OSU: Gillian 4, 69, 1 TD; Zellins 1-5; White 1-17; Jankowski 1-2; Hayden 2-8-1; totals: 9-101-2. USC—Simpson 3-85; Dickerson 3-50-1; Lawrence 3-16; Klein 4-31; Chandler 1-7. Totals 19-189-1.

INTERCEPTION RETURNS — OSU: Sensibaugh 1, 22 yards; Anderson, 1, 0; totals: 2, 22. USC: (none). aaaa1/24

PUNTING — OSU: Sensibaugh 7, 319 yard, 45.6 average. USC: Young 6, 221, 36.9.

PUNT RETURNS — OSU: Zellina 2, 14 yards; Sensibaugh 1-6; totals 3-20. USC: Battle 5-35.

KICKOFF RETURNS—OSU: Gillian 2, 27; Hayden 1-18; Roman 1-0. Totals: 4-45. USC: Chandler 2-32; Berry 2-32; Scott 1-0; Simpson 1-20. Totals: 6-84.

SCORE
OHIO **OPP.**
 27 16

ATTENDANCE
 102,063

CAPTAIN
 Foley, Worden

MANAGER

By **PAUL HORNUNG**
Dispatch Sports Editor

PASADENA, Calif.—“Now let them vote,” yelled Rex Kern as Ohio State’s no-longer disputed national champions burst into their locker-room Wednesday afternoon.

“Yeah,” shouted a dozen Buckeye teammates, although you couldn’t be sure it was an answer to Rex’s challenge or just an exclamation of deliriously happy and proud young men.

Woody Hayes sat down on a bench, holding the game football under his arm. Buckeye players quickly gathered around, each shaking his hand and someone started the chant: “One, One, One,” with forefinger brandished above his head and soon the whole squad was jammed around Hayes screaming “One, One, One,” and holding up the one finger.

THEN THE chant switched to a deafening “Rose Bowl, Rose Bowl.” As this died down, one of the Bucks near the dressing room door yelled: “Hey, guys, quiet: O.J., O.J.”

“It’s O.J.,” attested several others, pleading: “Quiet, guys.”

Suddenly, the boisterous room grew silent and all eyes turned to the doorway where stood a sweating, husky young man in a rumpled red and gold uniform with No. 32 on the front. O.J. extended his hand and said loud enough for all to hear: “You’re the best ball team in the country and don’t let anybody tell you you aren’t — congratulations.”

The Buckeyes grabbed his hand and Woody came over to shake hands, murmuring: “Thanks, thanks.” Southern

Cal’s Heisman Trophy winner waved his hand over his head, two fingers upraised — indicating he’d accepted the No. 2 ranking behind the Bucks — as he left for his own dressing room.

“He’s a real sportsman,” Hayes assured.

HAPPY bedlam reclaimed the hot, crowded quarters under the Rose Bowl. Hayes called for quiet and held a private talk with his unbeaten young stars, turning them loose for Wednesday evening and all day Thursday—“except for a meeting at 9 o’clock in the morning—before I leave for Vietnam.”

“Who gets the game ball?” he asked and, as he often does, supplied the answer: “How about John Muhlbach? The little guy probably had his ankle fractured today. (A groan went up from John’s teammates). Doggone, he deserves it anyway.”

Several nominations from the floor included Ray Gillian, who replaced injured Larry Zelina and caught two big passes; Co-Capt. Dave Foley; “all the seniors”; Mark Stier, who played superbly with a painful shoulder injury and others. Woody nominated Billy Long, who’d “been ‘Steve Sogge’ all week against our defense.”

“I guess we’ll wind up giving about five,” the coach concluded—Muhlbach, Foley, Stier, Gillian, Long. He suggested making the award to Muhlbach “right now,” but the injured senior center was in the shower and the ceremony was postponed.

ASSISTANT Coach Hugh Hindman came rushing in with news that another “important visitor” was coming. Woody immediately guessed President-elect Nixon, who’d attended the game, but as Hugh was nixing that assumption Bill Schroeder of the Helms Foundation arrived.

Carrying a silver trophy, Bill explained that it goes each year to the outstanding player in the Rose Bowl, as judged by writers. “This year,” he announced, “it goes to Rex Kern.”

Cheers bounced around the locker-room again and teammates pummeled Rex. “Don’t hit him on this shoulder,” Woody pleaded, protecting Kern’s left. “It went out again today.”

“Every part of this belongs to you guys,” proclaimed Rex, waving the trophy around the room, “the greatest team in the nation.”

MORE CHEERS, the taunts for guard Tom Bachkus who’d climbed on top of a locker to get a flash picture. “Prayer,” shouted several Bucks, repeating Hayes’ call for quiet. Silence settled once more on the room, but outside the OSU marching band was booming with all its brass and Hayes had to speak over it. Heads bowed and he gave a longer-than-usual prayer.

With the “Amen” echoed by some, the Buckeyes began ripping off their uniforms, shouting and responding like you would expect one of the youngest teams ever to win a national championship and finish 10-0.

WOODY MOVED toward the interview room, because a platoon of writers had become noisily impatient. The police guard opened the door and the scribes swarmed around Hayes. Through the open door came chants of “We Want Woody.”

“Is that the band?” He asked. Someone said it was. As he started for the door the writers protested. “I gotta say hello to the band,” Woody maintained.

It wasn’t the band after all. They’d gone, but Woody waved to the fans who responded with a lusty “Woody’s No. 1.” He was again engulfed by the press and jumped up on a training table so he could be heard by more of them.

“The biggest factor,” he said, “was our defense in the second half. O. J. broke loose for that big one in the first half, but we did a good job of stopping him in the second half. We did a good job of rushing (quarterback Steve) Sogge. We forced them into two fumbles and two interceptions. That’s four turnovers and the biggest thing was that we had no fumbles and no interceptions.”

WHAT DID you think when Southern Cal went ahead 10-0? someone called.

“I thought we’d win,” Woody assured. “Hell, yes. Oh, sure.”

“Why? Because I felt we could move the ball on them. They took away our wide game but to do it they put eight men up front and we hurt them with our passing and we could run inside. I felt if we just played our football we could still win.”

What was the biggest single play a writer asked and when Hayes hesitated, another suggested Sogge’s fumble that led to Ohio State’s second touchdown and a 20-10 lead.

“I hate to put the rap on the kid,” Woody said, “but I guess you could say that was a big play.” Tackle Bill Urbanik jarred Sogge and Vic Stottlemeyer grabbed the ball. Both incidentally, were filling in at the time for Buckeye starters.

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Football	1969	January 1	U.S.C.	Pasadena	Hayes

WHAT ABOUT Jim Roman's field goal that tied the score at 10-10 in the fading seconds of the first half?

"That was big as the devil," Woody agreed. "Say, we were a great field goal team today, weren't we?" (The Bucks made two of three, one to tie, one to go head 13-10.)

Out in the locker room Kern was probably coming closer to explaining it: "There were many key plays," said Rex. Hayes later agreed Rex's run on a pass play to the USC 4 to set up the second TD was another big play; so were Gillian's catches, one for a score, another to set up a score.

What about O.J.'s 80-yard run?

"It takes a great back to cut back," Woody commented, "but that son-of-a-gun sure did it. That's the biggest play we've had broken on us in 10 games."

WOODY SAID he ran on the field after Southern Cal's last-minute touchdown to get an explanation of the call.

"I knew I was taking a 15-yard penalty," he pointed out, "but I wanted to find out. and I still don't know. The official said he'd tell me later and if he does I'll tell you. But it's the first time I ever saw a touchdown called with the ball on the ground."

After one of his three previous Rose Bowl victories (1954), Hayes incurred the wrath of west coasters by saying he felt four or five Big 10 teams were stronger than Southern Cal. That question popped up Wednesday.

"I'll be doggoned if you're going to catch me again," Woody dodged. "I'd put Purdue and Michigan and this team on just about par. All three are great football teams, maybe I'd better put it that way and nobody'll be mad."

IS THIS your best team?

"It won its 9th game more decisively," Hayes mused, "but that '54 team was a fabulous team. We had some great runners on that team too; maybe not as many as we do now and not as much speed on the line. Our '61 team was awfully good, too."

Woody called in Lou McCullough, "who coaches all our defense" and turned the writers over to him. He sent a manager to get Hindman to answer further questions on the offense (Hugh is senior assistant in this area).

Stealing swiftly away Hayes checked on Muhlbach who was on his way out with Dr. Bob Murphy to have X-rays taken of the injured ankle (X-rays showed no fracture).

BY THIS time, most of the Buckeyes had dressed and left. But Woody went around to those remaining, shook hands and talked quietly. Eventually, he got back to his own locker. The press had gone; the trainers had gone. Only equipment chief Paul West remained.

"Was this your biggest victory?" Woody was asked.

"I suppose it was," he agreed as the hot shower water splashed on the tile floor. "Pretty convincing wasn't it?"

"I was a little worried," he confessed. "We weren't sharp and we had Stier hurt—and Rex's shoulder. But Mark played the whole game and Rex's shoulder went out again, but he said it went right back in after he went all the way."

Defensive backfield coach

Lou Holtz dashed in. "Coach," he shouted into the shower, "the boys are getting awfully restless. They'd like to get going."

"Don't wait on me," Woody waved. "I'll get back to the hotel. Get 'em going."

THERE WAS an almost-immediate thunder of a big bus revving up in the stadium tunnel outside and away they went.

"Happy?" Woody repeated a question. "Why sure I'm happy. Say, I got to get back to the hotel. The President of the United States is going to call. That's the word they got to me. I don't want to miss that."

Hayes becomes an unofficial U.S. envoy to servicemen in Vietnam and adjacent military installations as of Friday and will he be happy to show the color movies of Wednesday's classic? He promised to go win or lose, but it's bound to be better after one of football's great victories — for the national title, against an unbeaten foe, after you've spotted a team with the great O. J. Simpson 10 points.

JIM OTIS felt "I knew we were going to go," even when the Trojans went ahead 10-0. When I went into the huddle, I said all we've got to do is take it to them."

He thought "Southern Cal had a good defense," but that the Bucks had an advantage because "like Woody Hayes has said so many times, we've got four runners in the backfield."

BY ROY DAMER

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1—The Buckeyes are the best. There's no question about it.

Ohio State proved its eupremacy in college football today by whipping Southern California, 27 to 16, in a colorful Rose bowl game which was spiced by a long list of dramatic events that ushered in 1969 on a sensational note.

The theme for the Tournament of Roses parade this sunny New Year's day was "A Time to Remember." And the young Buckeyes, with 13 sophomores in the lineup, gave the 102,063 fans in the big bowl some unforgettable moments.

U. S. C. Led, 10-0

They spotted Southern California a 10-to-0 lead in the second quarter, stormed back to tie the score at half time, grabbed a 13-to-10 advantage in the third period, then put the game away early in the final stanza with a pair of touchdowns to up the margin to 27 to 10.

The Trojans scored with 45 seconds remaining on a disputed play in which Coach Woody Hayes of Ohio State rushed onto the field to find out what was happened. It cost his team a 15-yard penalty on the following kickoff.

O. J. Simpson, who has been the hero thruout his brilliant two-year career at Southern California, found out how the other half lives today. He fumbled away the ball at his team's 16-yard line and Ohio State quickly moved in for the touchdown which clinched the decision.

In the third quarter, O. J. also had bobbed away the ball to halt a Southern California drive.

Another Trojan fumble, by Quarterback Steve Sogge at his 21-yard line in the fourth period, led to the Buckeye touchdown which raised the count to 20 to 10.

2 Touchdown Passes

After the first fumble in the fourth period, Rex Kern tossed a 4-yard touchdown pass to Leo Hayden, and on the second the dandy sophomore quarterback found Ray Gillian on a 16-yard scoring aerial.

Kern, who completed nine of his 15 passes for 101 yards, was named the outstanding player in the game. Kern suffered a shoulder dislocation in practice back in Columbus, O., three weeks ago, and Hayes revealed after today's game, "Kern also had another shoulder dislocation today but it didn't bother him."

Simpson broke off an 80-yard touchdown run in the second period and gained the outstanding total of 171 yards in 28 carries. But the alert and agile Buckeye defense limited the Orange Juice man to only 34 in the second half as the tempo of the game slid Ohio State's way.

Away From Tatum

Southern California directed most of its running plays to the short side of the field, away from Rover Back Jack Tatum, who always plays on the open side of the gridiron. While the Buckeyes didn't stop Simpson, they contained him enough so that he never was able to take control of the game.

On the short side of the field, Ohio State had two excellent performers who held the dike against the tide of Orange Juice—End Mark Debevc and Halfback Tim Anderson.

Ohio State and Southern California both had entered this showdown with unbeaten records and the top two national rankings. The Buckeyes left little doubt about the issue by completing their first undefeated and untied season in 14 years.

"Who's O. J.?"

The fans from Ohio, and it was reported there were 18,000 of them here, signaled the final moments of the game in semi-darkness by renewing the old chant, "We're No. 1." The goal posts quickly were torn down and later around the Buckeye locker room came the chant, "Who's O. J.?"

Southern California lost only two games in Simpson's two years there. And the Heisman trophy winner went out with class, telling reporters afterward that "Ohio State is a great team."

The beautiful afternoon started on a comical note long before the game when Hayes grabbed a megaphone and helped the cheerleaders lead the hurrahs for the sizable Ohio delegation. He left 'em laughing several hours later.

Nixon in Crowd

Before the game, an impressive and heart-warming flag ceremony was held and it appeared each of the 102,063 was waving a small American flag. President-Elect Richard Nixon was in the audience and he changed sides at half time to an ovation.

The first quarter consisted mainly of sparring between the two teams, altho, late in the period Ohio State had achieved field position and was threatening. But Larry Zelina missed a field goal try from the 17-yard line. Jim Roman later kicked two.

Southern California took over and marched to the first score. Quarterback Steve Sogge, a good catcher in baseball, successfully engineered four third down plays. Three of those times he passed for good yardage to Simpson, and the last for 16 yards and a first down at Ohio State's 3. But here the Buckeyes closed the gates.

U. S. C. Kicks Field Goal

Mike Sensibaugh came up from his safety position to drop Simpson for a yard loss. Sensibaugh and Anderson combined to hold O. J. for no gain and then Simpson threw a pass which went awry to end Terry Dekraai in the end zone. The Trojans had to settle for a 21-yard field goal by Ron Ayala.

Following an Ohio State punt, Southern California took over at its 20. On first down, Simpson took a pitchout around left end behind strong blocking, broke a couple of tackles after a 10-yard gain, then reversed field and turned on his great speed. He went 80 yards for a touchdown and the Trojan fans loudly cheered their 10 to 0 lead.

But it didn't last long. The Buckeyes took the following kickoff and marched 69 yards to their first touchdown in 13 plays. When Hayden gained 13 yards on a draw play, Ohio State had a first down at the Trojan 18. It was third down and 13 when Gillian made a great diving catch of Kern's pass at the 3-yard line. On second down, Jim Otis dove a yard for the touchdown. Otis netted 101 yards and Hayden got 90, a combined total which offset Simpson's yardage.

Trojans Make Mistake

Ohio State's touchdown came with 1:45 left in the half and shortly thereafter the Trojan players made a dreadful mistake. When Dave Whitfield and Debevc dropped Sogge for a 13-yard loss the Trojans quickly, just by instinct, called time out. But all it did was give Ohio State time to tie the score by the half.

After the punt, the Buckeyes took over on their 40 with 1:04 left. Kern threw to Tight End Jan White for 17 yards and when he hit Gillian for 19 over center, it was first down at the Southern Cal 16.

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Football	1969	January 1	University of Southern California	Pasadena	W. W. Hayes

Otis ran for 6 yards and the Buckeyes had to use up their final time out to stop the clock. After an incomplete pass, Roman kicked a 26-yard field goal with 3 seconds left. The Buckeyes agreed they gained great momentum by getting that tie at half time.

Simpson Fumbles

Southern Cal had driven into Ohio State territory in the third period when Simpson fumbled away the ball. This did not prove to be as costly as his second bobble, however.

But later in the quarter, a 26-yard Trojan punt gave the Buckeyes field position at their 46 and they moved far enough for Roman to kick a 25-yard field goal to gain the lead for good.

Then what had been a tight game dramatically and suddenly turned. On second down after the kickoff, Tackle Bill Urbanik hit Sogge and the resulting fumble was recovered by Vic Stottlemeyer on the Trojan 21. Kern sprinted 14 yards after failing to spot a receiver and then threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Hayden while going to his left.

O. J. Spills It

The time remaining was 13:52. After an exchange of punts, Sogge passed to Simpson in the flat. O. J. fumbled when hit by Linebacker Mark Stier and Mike Polaski recovered to set up Ohio State on the Southern Cal 16.

On first down, Kern threw over the middle to Gillian, who took the ball in stride at about the 12 and dashed into the end zone. The time remaining was 10:05, Ohio State had a 27 to 10 lead, and it was all over.

The final embarrassment for Simpson came when a pass he threw from Ohio State's 11 was intercepted in the end zone by Anderson.

One Last Harrah

But Southern California did score one more time—with 45 seconds left. It came on a 19-yard pass from Sogge to Sam Dickerson and resulted in Hayes' appearance on the playing field.

It looked like Mike Polaski had intercepted the pass. He had his back to the end line and Dickerson had his arms wrapped around the Buckeye as they both went out of the end zone.

The officials ruled that both players had the ball and gave the touchdown to Southern California. It really didn't matter. Ohio State already had won everything—from the game, to the national championship, to the adulation of its many fans. Yes, No. 1 belongs in Columbus, O., this season.

Buckeye Power

OHIO STATE [27] S. CALIFORNIA [16]

Jan White L. E. Sam Dickerson
 Dave Foley L. T. Jack O'Malley
 Brian Donovan L. G. Fred Khaslegian
 John Muhlbach C. Dick Allmon
 Phil Strickland R. C. Steve Lehmer
 Rufus Mayes R. T. Sid Smith
 Bruce Jankowski R. E. Bob Klein
 Rex Kern Q. B. Steve Sogge
 Leo Hayden L. H. O. J. Simpson
 Larry Zelina R. H. Bob Chandler
 Jim Otis F. B. Dan Scott

Ohio State 0 10 3 14-27
 Southern California 0 10 0 6-16

Scoring—

Southern California: Ayala, 21-yard field goal 3-0

Southern California: Simpson, 80-yard run [Ayala, kick] 10-0

Ohio State: Otis, 1-yard dive, [Roman kick] 10-7

Ohio State: Roman, 26-yard field goal 10-10

Ohio State: Roman, 25-yard field goal 10-13

Ohio State: Hayden, 4-yard pass from Kern, [Roman, kick] 10-20

Ohio State: Gillian, 16-yard pass from Kern, [Roman, kick] 10-27

Southern California, Dickerson, 19-yard pass from Sogge, [pass failed] 16-27

Substitutions—Ohio State: ends, Whitfield, Debevc, Radtke, Kuhn, Sobolewski, Rusnak; tackles, Schmidlin, Nielsen, Urbanik, Holloway; guards, Stier, Adams, Jack, Backhus, Stottlemeyer, Gentile, Bartley, Kurz; centers, Stillwagon, Roman, Polliitt, Trapuzzano; backs, Tatum, Provost, Anderson, Sensibaugh, Polaski, Maciejowski, Lons, Brungard, Brockington, Gillian, Huff, Burton.

Southern California: ends, Gunn, Dekraai, Cowlings, Miller, Obbema; tackles, Redding, Mullins, Hayhoe, Terry, MacArthur, McConnell; guards, W. Scott, Jensen, Yary, Maluchak, Fielder; centers, Snow, Obberreuter; backs, Battle, Ayala, Berry, Young, Bowrie, Durko, Lawrence, Ray, Shaw, Covington, Failor.

Referee—Charles Moffett, Umpire—Richard Lowell, Head Linesman—Paul Kamanski, Field Judge—Lou Lehman, Back Judge—Rudy Hansen.

Coaches—Woody Hayes, Ohio State; John McKay, Southern California.

Attendance—102,063.

Statistics

	Ohio State	U.S.C.
FIRST DOWNS	21	19
Rushing	16	8
Passing	5	10
Penalty	0	1
YARDS GAINED	361	366
Rushing	260	177
Passing	101	189
F/R/W/R D. PASSES, Attempted	15	32
Completed	9	10
Had intercepted	8	2
Yards interceptions returned [By opponents]	0	22
PUNTS, Number	7	6
Average distance	45.6	36.7
Returned [By opponents]	5	3
Blocked [By opponents]	0	0
KICKOFFS, Returned by	4	6
YARDS KICKS RETURNED	65	119
Punts	20	35
Kickoffs	45	84
FUMBLES, Number	1	3
Ball lost [recovered by opponents]	0	3
PENALTIES, Number	6	3
Yards penalized	53	51
Total Plays from scrimmage	82	74

INDIVIDUAL

Passing

	Att.	Com.	Yd.	Td.	Int.
Kern, Ohio State	15	9	101	2	0
Sogge, U. S. C.	30	19	189	1	1
Simpson, U. S. C.	2	0	0	0	1

Receiving

Ohio State	U. S. C.				
	No.	Yds.	Tds.	Att.	Com.
Gillian	4	69	1		
Zelina	1	5	0	Dickerson	3
White	1	17	0	Simpson	8
Jankowski	1	2	0	Lawrence	3
Hayden	2	8	1	Klein	4
				Chandler	1

Rushing

Ohio State	U. S. C.				
	No.	Yds.	Simpson	No.	Yds.
Otis	30	101	Simpson	28	171
Hayden	15	90	Scott	5	16
Gillian	6	14	Sogge	8	19
Kern	12	35	Lawrence	1	9
Zelina	1	9			
Brockington	2	6			
Huff	1	5			

For [Chicago Tribune Press Service]

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1—Night already was smothering the Arroyo Seco canyon and its famous Rose bowl. Like stars winking thru the blackness, lights blinked in homes high along the San Gabriel mountain range. The Buckeye band long since had tooted out of the arena. The darkness blanketed a scoreboard that had read: "Ohio State, 27; Southern California, 16."

Still the door to the Ohio State dressing room was barricaded by a deputy sheriff. Newsmen pressed and pushed and waited.

Behind them were increasingly jubilant numbers of Ohio State students, and the groups grew in size as each minute passed. The college guys and gals wore touches of scarlet and gray, the Ohio colors, and they were chanting:

"O. J. who? O. J. who? O. J. who? We're No. 1. We're No. 1."

The locker room door opened and an attendant stepped out to confer with the deputy sheriff. The newsmen hollered: "Let us in. Come on and let us in. We can't wait all night."

The attendant said: "You don't know that fat man in there."

This was a reference to the victorious coach, Ohio's stocky Woody Hayes. One of the nicest things you can say about Woody's attitude immediately after winning a football game is that he's almost as gracious as Vince Lombardi was after losing.

THE attendant opened the door to return inside. While the door was open, the crowd spotted Hayes stalking around in his patent baseball cap and short-sleeved white shirt. Immediately the happy Ohio State collegians began chanting:

"We want Woody. We want Woody. We want Woody. We want Woody."

That was the chant easing the tension that Woody does not discard as easily as an overcoat. The coach came out thru the door, smiled broadly, and tipped his cap to the cheering throng.

Then Woody summoned newsmen to follow him. "But don't let that girl get thru the door," he shouted, pointing to a news hen.

Camera lights popped. The Ohio State coach leaped atop a high table so that he was head, shoulders, and knees above the group. He laughed: "Now I'm king of the hill and everyone wants to knock me off."

Scores of questions came at once. Woody paused in thought. Finally, a writer shouted: "You know what we want, Woody. Just tell it like it was."

So he began, like Humphrey or Stengel.

WOODY: "The biggest factor, as I saw it, was our defense in the second half. O. J. broke the big one in the first half [the 80-yard touchdown run] but we contained him well afterwards. In the second half he made only that one big pass catch and that was good for only 19 yards when they needed 31.

"At the half we made up our mind that we weren't going to let O. J. cut back. You know, that's the story of most big sweeps—the runner cuts behind at least five guys. I swear it looked to me like O. J. cut behind nine players.

"Lou McCullough [Woody's No. 1 aid and a defensive genius who ran his part of the operation from the press box] told me that the instant he saw O. J. cut, he said 'O, hell, there goes six points.'

"Look at that second half. We forced 'em into three fumbles and made two interceptions. That was five turnovers without them scoring. You can't turn over the ball five times like that.

"On the other hand, we didn't lose the ball once on fumbles, or by interception. We did drop one touchdown pass in the first half. I mean we missed a sure touchdown. [Rex Kern's aerial to Larry Zelina on the 1 was incomplete, forcing Ohio to settle for the field goal attempt that Jim Roman missed.]"

WOODY, going on: "They took away our wide game. We love to go wide and we've got the speed to do it. They didn't put that good, big [Al Cowlins] at end for nothing. He played real wide for an end and that's why we could run so well inside.

"With those eight men up front they did take away our wide game but this enabled us to pass on them in just about the same way they passed against Notre Dame.

"Hell, yes, I thought we'd win when we were behind by 10 to 0.

We felt we could move the ball and knew that O. J. wasn't going to be able to cut back again.

"We sent in almost every play from the press box. I don't like this, because it slows our momentum. On the other hand, up in the press box you can notice that their defense becomes a pattern. Maybe the quarterback notices it, too, but he can't write it down and upstairs we can. So we see the pattern unfold.

"That field goal [the Roman three-pointer that tied the score at 10 to 10 shortly before half time] gave us a great psychological lift. You remember that just before we got that ball for the field goal, we threw Steve Sogge for a 13-yard loss. That was a big play. So was the one where Urbanik [Bill] hit Sogge and Stottlemeyer [Vic] recovered to set up our second touchdown."

WOODY, continuing: "When I ran out on the field in the fourth quarter [on the controversial play that provided Southern Cal's last touchdown] I knew that it was going to cost me 15 yards, but I wanted to find out what happened. Well, I got the penalty but darned if I yet know what happened.

"The official said he'd tell me, sometime, but right now he was telling me 15 yards. Well, at least I kept my hands in my pockets. He can't claim I threatened him.

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"I didn't talk to McKay [Trojan Coach John McKay] afterwards. I started toward him, and then the mob took over the field, and I'm getting too old to fight mobs, so I beat it in here. I'm also sorry I didn't get to see Nixon [President-Elect Richard Nixon.]

"O. J. Simpson did come into our locker room and congratulated our boys on a fine game. That's a real fine gentleman. I've never seen him anything but a gentleman. You don't have to like O. J. in a game, but you respect him. A real fine young man. Every time I've run into him, I've tried not to make him mad."

The king of the hill nodded. The interview was over, and Woody deserved a short celebration before taking off for Viet Nam tomorrow.

The king of the hill can make you mad. Then he can make you love him either way. The king of the hill is the guy you want coaching your ball club.

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By BILL JAUSS
Chicago Daily News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — This was the precise instant of excitement that Richard Nixon, 192,062 other sun-swept fans and 100,100,000 TV viewers had been conditioned to expect.

The Buckeyes had expected it also ... only for them it was the Rose Bowl instant they dreaded.

O. J. Simpson began sweeping to his left, toward the short side of the field. Then, like Gale Sayers, he accelerated, lengthened his stride and cut back against the grain. Three sets of Ohio State arms clutched for O. J. ... and missed.

"When I saw that from the bench," said Ohio State's fullback Jim Otis, "I knew

he was gone ... and we were behind 10-0."

IT WAS an instant that could have wrecked a weaker team. Or a team that isn't, like the Buckeyes, as close as brothers.

But Simpson's brilliant 80-yard second quarter TD dash had exactly the opposite effect on Otis, quarterback Rex Kern, the defensive players and the other Buckeyes. It keyed their 27-16 victory.

As 6 foot 5 inch, 250-pound tackle Rufus Mayes put it, "It's funny, it happened just like we'd been told it might happen. Wham. Eighty yards. But I honestly feel O. J.'s run sparked us up.

"There weren't many words when we got into the

huddle," Mayes said. "But I looked at the others and felt t. We're close. That's our secret. As close as brothers. I knew right then we'd get it back."

THE BUCKEYES doing exactly what Otis told them as they went onto the field — "now — take it to 'em" — marched 69 yards to a TD. Then they tied the game with Jim Roman's field goal two seconds before the close of the half.

Coach Woody Hayes, who left Thursday for Vietnam, where he'll show the Rose Bowl films to GIs, said that getting those 10 points by halftime gave his team a big lift.

"But hell," said Woody, "I knew we'd win when we were behind 10-0. We have a good team."

Maybe Otis put it best. "In a game like this," he said, "a game between two great teams, you can win it or lose it 20 times. It's life and death on 20 different plays. I just said in the huddle, Simpson's run is just one play — now let's just do our regular stuff."

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'You Can't Fumble and Win,' Says McKay

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1 (AP)—“You can't fumble the ball and expect to be in the game,” said a weary Coach John McKay after his Southern California Trojans had been ripped, 27 to 16, by Ohio State in the Rose bowl today.

“We gave them the ball and they capitalized on it, that's all,” added McKay. “If we hadn't given up the ball deep in our territory, I don't think we would have given up more than two or three touchdowns and I think we would have won.”

Two key fumble recoveries helped the Buckeyes to 14 points in the final quarter after they had led, 13 to 10.

Buckeyes Not Surprising

“I wasn't surprised by anything that Ohio State did,” said McKay. “They're a fine football team. They moved the ball on everyone else and they moved the ball on us.”

Asked if one of his game plans was to throw passes to O. J. Simpson more than in

the past, McKay answered, “Yes,” and then added, “Looking back, maybe we should have thrown to him a lot more than we did.”

Simpson caught 18 passes in 10 regular season games but he caught eight today for 85 yards.

O. J. One-on-One

“Jack Tatum is their rover,” McKay said. “And by sending Simpson in motion, we thought

we could isolate him one-on-one with someone.”

Simpson agreed with the game plan and said he might be used more as a pass receiver by the professional team that drafts him.

“When I was in junior college, I was primarily a flanker,” Simpson said. “But at U. S. C. the offense calls for a ground game. But I love to

get one-on-one with a defensive man.”

The extra running as a receiver, plus his 18 carries in the first half, which included an 80-yard touchdown, left him a bit tired at halftime, he said.

“My legs were a little tired but I felt pretty good,” Simpson said.

McKay felt his Trojans came out of the dressing room after halftime with the momentum, despite the fact the Buckeyes had scored 10 points within the final two minutes of the second quarter.

“If there was a turning point, or a key, it came on our first drive after halftime,” McKay said.

“We were moving the ball easily and then we were hit with that 15-yard penalty for holding,” McKay said of the thwarted drive.

“Ohio State isn't as big as Notre Dame,” McKay commented, “but they were a lot quicker and faster.”

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GLORY DAYS

"As a freshman, Woody expects you to be passive and let the upperclassmen knock the hell out of you. I guess we had a rebellious class, because things just didn't work out the way Woody wanted."

— from *They Call Me Assassin 1* by Jack Tatum, 19791

By Bob Baptist

Dispatch Sports Reporter

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It was the autumn of 1967, and things were not going as Woody Hayes had willed. His Ohio State football team was 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the Big Ten after a 17-13 loss to Illinois in Ohio Stadium. For the sixth straight season, there would be no Big Ten championship for the Buckeyes. They would finish fourth in the conference a year after coming in sixth, the program's worst back-to-back finishes in the 17 years Hayes had been at OSU.

What's more, the freshman team was regularly embarrassing the varsity in practice.

"There were people calling for the firing of coach Hayes," then-assistant Earle Bruce recalled recently, "and we thought, 'My God, would we turn over something if we were fired. Somebody's going to walk in here and be a national champion.'"

Hayes and his staff survived, and their intuition was never more correct. In 1968, the once-in-a-lifetime class of sophomores that included quarterback Rex Kern and roverback Jack Tatum was turned loose on the rest of college football and led the Buckeyes to a 10-0 record and the national championship.

They were Ohio State's — and the Big Ten's — last national champions. The 25th anniversary of that season will be observed tonight with a reunion on the enclosed practice field in the Woody Hayes Athletic Center. Most of the players and coaches from the team will be among the 2,200 expected to attend the \$75-a-plate affair. The team also will be honored at halftime of Saturday's homecoming game against Michigan State.

"There was a closeness to that team, a closeness that was phenomenal," said wingback Larry Zelina, one of the Super Sophs. "There were a lot of big names, but if you go down the list game by game, there was somebody different stepping up and making the big plays every week.

"I think that was the difference. Everybody contributed, and because of that, we all respected

each other's ability."

Another of the sophomores, tailback Leo Hayden, said the upperclassmen thought they were cocky and brash — but that they also knew the kids could play.

"We had some great seniors on that team — Rufus Mayes, Dave Foley, John Muhlback, Mark Stier and Dirk Worden and that crowd," said fullback Jim Otis, one of just six juniors and seniors in the starting 22. "They weren't big in numbers, but they were great leaders. We had a great combination of the young, brash guys with lots of talent and some older guys that had great leadership abilities."

STARTING THE ODYSSEY

The season began in the Horseshoe with a 35-14 victory over Southern Methodist. SMU's Chuck Hixson completed 37 of 69 passes for 417 yards, all NCAA records at the time. But Kern was the quarterback that day who, in one play, set an era in motion.

"I remember having a conversation with Woody before the season," Kern said. "He said, 'Rex, when you're on the field, you're in charge. You'll see things out there that I and my coaches won't see. Sometimes, you'll have to go with your own gut reaction.'"

With OSU leading 20-7 just before halftime, Kern did.

"It was fourth-and-10 at like midfield, and Woody wanted to send the punter in," he said. "I waved Woody and the punter off the field and huddled the guys up quickly. In my perspective, and my teammates', we were one play from making something happen and blowing that team out. We didn't need to kick.

"So I called a robust delay pass, and doggone it if they didn't cover the thing well. Nobody was open, I'm 5 to 7 yards deep, and the corner is blitzing me. I try to avoid him, but he hits me. I do a 360-degree pirouette, land on my feet, run for my life and pick up the first down.

"The crowd just went nuts. That kind of set the tone for the class for the next three years."

Kern had undergone delicate surgery in June to repair a spinal disk. When preseason practice began, he was ready to play but not in top shape. He hadn't been able to fully condition himself while rehabilitating during the summer. Consequently, minor injuries would knock him out of games frequently that season. But as Zelina noted, there was a wealth of talent ready to step up.

The following week against Oregon, Kern was injured early and senior Bill Long, the starter in '67, encountered problems. In went

THE COACHES

■ **Woody Hayes** — Head coach. Compiled record of 205-61-10 in 28 years at OSU. Deceased.

■ **Earle Bruce** — Coached guards and centers. Later head coach at Tampa, Iowa State, Ohio State, Northern Iowa and Colorado State. Currently employed as OSU football analyst for WTVN-AM radio and coach of the Cleveland Thunderbolts of the Arena Football League.

■ **George Chaump** — Coached offensive backs. Currently head coach at U.S. Naval Academy.

■ **Glenn "Tiger" Ellison** — Freshman coach. Deceased.

■ **Hugh Hindman** — Offensive coordinator and tackles and tight ends coach. Later OSU athletic director. Currently brokering commercial real estate in Columbus.

■ **Lou Holtz** — Coached defensive backs. Currently head coach at Notre Dame.

■ **Rudy Hubbard** — Graduate assistant coach. Later head coach at Florida A&M. Currently IBM sales representative in Tallahassee, Fla.

■ **Bill Mallory** — Coached defensive line. Currently head coach at Indiana.

■ **Lou McCullough** — Defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. Later athletic director at Iowa State and commissioner of Trans-America Conference. Retired and living in Athens, Ga.

■ **Esco Sarkkinen** — Defensive ends coach. Retired and living in Grandview.

sophomore Ron Maciejowski, who threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to fellow soph Bruce Jankowski to ignite a 21-6 win.

"I had a couple nice runs, too, so Woody liked me pretty quick," Maciejowski said. "It made him feel good about playing me in those situations. I think there were five games that year — Oregon, Northwestern, Illinois, Michigan State and Wisconsin — where we scored on the first drive I came in. And a lot of times it wasn't the last three minutes where people were mopping up."

The victory over Oregon made Ohio State 2-0 for the first time in four years. But the record didn't figure to stay unblemished with No. 1 Purdue coming to town with Heisman Trophy candidate Leroy Keyes and quarterback Mike Phipps. The year before, with the OSU freshmen watching in Ohio Stadium, Purdue had whacked the Buckeyes 41-6.

A DIFFERENT RESULT

The outcome of that game led to a wager the following spring between two OSU assistant coaches, offensive coordinator Hugh Hindman and secondary coach Lou Holtz.

"We were at the Arlington Arms, just sitting around entertaining the state high school coaches at



our annual clinic," Hindman said, "and Lou popped up like he always does and said, 'By God, we're going to shut them out.' I said, 'C'mon, Lou, they beat us 41-6 last year.' But he insisted. So I wrote on a cocktail napkin that if we shut out Purdue, I would pay him \$100."

The score was 0-0 at halftime. In the third quarter, cornerback Ted Provost intercepted a Phipps pass in the flat and returned it 35 yards for a 6-0 lead. Later in the quarter, nose guard Jim Stillwagon dropped to cover the tight end across the middle and intercepted another Phipps pass at the Purdue 28-yard line. Long, two plays after replacing an injured Kern, ran 14 yards for a touchdown. The Buckeyes, 13-point underdogs going in, came out 13-0 winners.

"I paid Lou with a check," Hindman said. "It's never been cashed to this day. He had it framed. It's still hanging on his wall."

The shutout underscored a supreme defensive effort that also included Tatum's shadowing of Keyes, who finished with 19 yards rushing and 46 receiving. But the offense's contribution loomed large, also. A ball-control strategy resulted in OSU outgaining the Boilermakers 411 yards to 186.

"They were No. 1 in the country and we ran all over that team in the second half," Otis said. "That's kind of when I knew that we were going to have a special team."

THE MOMENTUM BUILDS

Northwestern fell 45-21 the following week before the Buckeyes, now 4-0, hit the road for the first time. They led 24-0 at halftime at Illinois, but the Illini, who came into the game with an 0-5 record, rallied to tie by scoring three touchdowns and a two-point conversion after each.

But in the closing minutes, Maciejowski and Zelina hooked up on a 44-yard completion to the Illinois 2 and Otis scored the touchdown for a 31-24 win. Sophomore safety Mike Sensibaugh ended Illinois' last possession with an interception, one of 22 in his career, still an OSU record.

"Like any team that wins the national championship, you have one or two games you aren't mentally prepared for or have a letdown in but you have to win," Provost said. "I think the Illinois game put a big scare in us."

The victory was one of three by seven points or fewer that season. "It's amazing how many close games there were," Foley said.

The following week there was another. The Buckeyes returned home and beat Michigan State 25-20 as Jankowski caught eight passes,

which landed him on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. They then headed to Wisconsin, where Maciejowski ran for three touchdowns and passed for another in a 43-8 win, and on to Iowa, where they won 33-27.

That set up the battle for the Big Ten title against Michigan in Ohio Stadium. The Wolverines were undefeated as well, but against the Buckeyes they were overmatched. Ohio State broke a 14-14 halftime tie with 36 second-half points and won 50-14. The defense forced five fumbles. Otis rushed 34 times for 142 yards, Kern added 96 and Zelina 92 as the Buckeyes totaled a season-high 421.

"One of the little wrinkles Woody put in for that game was an unbalanced line," Foley said. "It had me on the same side with Rufus Mayes (the other starting tackle) and (tight end) Jan White. It was like a steamroller. We made some really big gains with it in the second half. I'm not sure how many yards Otis had rushing in the second half, but it was a lot."

FINISHING TOUCHES

The win over the Wolverines sent Ohio State to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 11 years. The No. 2 Buckeyes' opponent was No. 1 and defending national champion Southern California.

Kern dislocated his left shoulder hitting a blocking sled the first day of bowl practice in Columbus and didn't work out again until the team arrived in California. But on game day, he was never better.

Ohio State fell behind 10-0 in the second quarter after an 80-yard touchdown run by O.J. Simpson, who would rush 28 times for 171 yards and catch eight passes for 85. But OSU stormed back to tie the game at halftime. Otis capped a 69-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown plunge, and Jim Roman kicked a 16-yard field goal with three seconds left.

"We just fought our way back a chunk at a time with the game plan we had and we finally got into some rhythm," Hindman said. "When Jimmy Roman kicked that field goal right before the half to put us back even, those kids were on the roof. We just took over in the second half."

The Trojans fumbled twice inside their 25-yard line in the third quarter, and Kern made them pay with touchdown passes of 4 yards to Hayden and 16 yards to Ray Gilliam, who caught four passes for 69 yards. Kern, who completed 9 of 15 passes for 101 yards and rushed for 35, was the game's MVP.

More important, the Buckeyes were national champions.

"It was a great year," Tatum said. "A storybook year."