

Robinson, Trojans await UCLA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Robinson has had a wonderful time in his first year back as Southern Cal's head coach. That won't change, even if the Trojans lose to crosstown rival UCLA on Saturday.

Of course, he'd rather win when the No. 22 Trojans and No. 16 Bruins meet in the Rose Bowl decider at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"I've had as much fun with this team as any team I've had," Robinson said Tuesday. "I like this team. And that goes without any equivocation, win or lose.

"We respond to challenges well. We are playing the intangible part of the game really well. We've lost four games, all have been on the road to good teams. Every time we lost, we came back with a good game the following week, every time."

USC (7-4 overall, 6-1 in the Pac-10) holds a one-game lead over UCLA (7-3, 5-2) and No. 13 Arizona (8-2, 5-2) in the conference standings. But Arizona is out of contention because of a loss to UCLA last month.

A tie would have the same value as a victory for the Trojans as far as the Rose Bowl race is concerned, but not to Robinson.

"We're not playing for the Rose Bowl, we're playing to win the game," he said. "The Rose Bowl is involved, but you play to win the game."

Robinson was asked whether he'd go for a tie with a point-after attempt late in the game.

"If I told you, then attendance would drop and no one would go to the game," he said. "We'll just wait and see."

The USC sports information office announced that all 94,159 seats at the Coliseum have been sold for the 63rd meeting of the Bruins and Trojans.

Robinson will be involved in a UCLA-USC game for the first time in 11 years.

"It's the best of times," he said. "There can't be anything better than to be in this game. You never know how they're going to turn out. That's not the point right now. I'm happy to be a part of it."

Cook returns to Bruins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA quarterback Wayne Cook will return to action on Saturday when the Bruins face crosstown rival Southern Cal in a game that will decide which team plays in the Rose Bowl.

Cook, who sat out UCLA's 9-3 loss to Arizona State last weekend because of a bruised right kidney, took a urine test Monday night after participating in a non-contact practice and no blood was detected, the school said Tuesday.

Cook will wear a flak jacket with an additional pad to protect his kidney. He was the only player in pads at Monday's practice.

Rob Walker replaced Cook against Arizona State and struggled, completing 14 of 25 passes for 120 yards with three interceptions, one returned 31 yards by linebacker Dan Lucas early in the fourth quarter for the game's only touchdown.

Cook has completed 120 of

219 passes for 1,601 yards and 16 touchdowns while being intercepted only three times this season. With Cook doing most of the quarterbacking, UCLA scored 322 points in its first nine games before getting only a field goal from Bjorn Merten against Arizona State.

Cook was injured in the first quarter of UCLA's 40-27 victory at Washington State on Nov. 6. Walker fared much better in that game than he did against Arizona State, completing 14 of 33 passes for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

No. 22 USC (7-4) leads the Pac-10 with a 6-1 record. UCLA (7-3) is 5-2 and tied for second place with No. 19 Arizona. Because the Bruins beat the Wildcats last month, they will earn the Rose Bowl berth by beating USC.

If the UCLA-USC game ends in a tie, the Trojans will play the Big Ten champion — either No. 5 Ohio State or No. 12 Wisconsin — at Pasadena on New Year's Day.

"I remember what I felt. It's the same for me. We didn't win them all. I remember the fun of this thing."

Robinson coached the Trojans from 1976-82 before coaching the Los Angeles Rams for nine years and taking a season off.

He was hired to succeed Larry Smith shortly after the Trojans lost to Fresno State 24-7 in last year's Freedom Bowl.

Robinson has a 5-2 record against the Bruins. His first year on the job in his first tenure as USC's coach was Terry Donahue's first year as UCLA's coach.

Donahue is still around and has a 7-9-1 record against the Trojans, including two straight wins.

The Trojans have won five of their six games since losing to Arizona 38-7 on Oct. 2. They lost to No. 1 Notre Dame, 31-13.

Since then, USC has beaten Cal, Stanford and Washington

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to take over first place in the Pac-10.

"The confidence in our football team has increased dramatically," Robinson said. "They never gave up. I think they gradually came together."

"I can remember when we went to Arizona, people saying that the schedule from that point on was terrible. But they hung in there. They just came back Monday and said, 'Beat the next guy.'"

"I think we're tenacious. We hang in there pretty well."

Heisman Trophy still up for grabs

(AP) — Charlie Ward remains the favorite. David Palmer is coming on strong. And don't count out Georgia's Eric Zeier, San Diego State's Marshall Faulk and UCLA's J.J. Stokes.

The Heisman Trophy race is into the homestretch, with Florida State quarterback Ward remaining the odds-on choice to claim college football's top individual honor.

Ward had another fine game Saturday against Notre Dame, completing 31-of-50 passes for 297 yards and three touchdowns. But the Seminoles took their first loss and fell from No. 1 to No. 2, possibly opening a slight crack in the door for the other contenders.

Palmer is Mr. Everything for No. 11 Alabama. Mainly a receiver and kick returner, he has drawn attention in recent weeks with his play at quarterback.

Overall, Palmer has set an Alabama record with 918

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receiving yards on 54 receptions, including seven touchdowns, in addition to rushing for 185 yards, returning punts for 189 and kickoffs for 315. That's 160.7 all-purpose yards per game — not to mention 7-for-13 passing for 170 yards and two touchdowns.

But Ward will be tough to beat. He ranks 10th in the nation in total offense (287.5 yards per game) and is the 12th-rated passer, completing 199-of-291 (68 percent) for 2,308 yards and 19 touchdowns. Plus, his team had been at the top of rankings all season before Sat-

urday's loss.

For sheer production, Zeier, Georgia's junior quarterback, has become a Heisman contender since the Bulldogs abandoned their running game at midseason. He completed 34 of 53 passes for 426 yards and three touchdowns against Auburn, giving him 3,197 yards and 23 touchdowns on the year.

Stokes is having an outstanding year at receiver for UCLA, catching 62 passes for 952 yards — better stats than Palmer's — and scoring 16 touchdowns to rank fifth nationally in that most important of categories.

Faulk, San Diego State's All-American running back, entered the season as a solid favorite to win the award. Faulk is the nation's fourth-leading rusher (1,317 yards) and has scored 18 touchdowns. Plus, some voters may feel sympathetic toward him after denying him the trophy last year.

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American
Treshouse/McCallum's
1769 Franklin Blvd., 485-3444. Open Mon 5p.m.-9p.m., Tue-Sat 11:30a.m.-2p.m. & 5p.m.-9p.m., Sun 9a.m.-2p.m. & 5p.m.-9p.m. Continental offerings from America and Europe. V.MC,DC,SSS.

Beenie's Landing
1214 Kincaid, 687-0600. Open Mon-Fri 7a.m.-1a.m., Sat & Sun 9a.m.-1a.m. Chicken, burgers, breakfast specialties, homemade soups, salads, micros, domestic beers on tap, espresso. V.MC,AE,S.

Bakery
Fall Creek Bakery
881 E. 13th Ave., (next to UO Bookstore), 484-1662. Open Mon-Fri 7:30a.m.-7p.m., Sat 8a.m.-6p.m., Sun 10a.m.-4p.m. Eugene's finest classic bakery since 1980-cakes, cookies, breads, pastries, full deli sandwich & salad menu, box lunch specials, coffee and espresso drinks. \$

Chinese
House of Chen
1861 Franklin Blvd., 343-8888. Open Tue-Fri 11:30a.m.-10p.m., Sat-Mon 4p.m.-10p.m. Elegant and fine dining Cantonese, Szechwan, Mandarin style, sea food. V.MC,DC,AE,SS.

Lonie's Village
947 Franklin Blvd., 343-4480. Open Mon-Thu 11a.m.-10:30p.m., Fri 11a.m.-Midnight, Sat Noon-Midnight, Sun Noon-10:30p.m. Chinese and American cuisine, cocktails. V.MC,S.

Fast Food
Bairy Queen
706 E. 13th St., 343-7512. Open Mon-Fri 10a.m.-11p.m., Sat & Sun 11a.m.-11p.m. Ice cream and frozen yogurt treats. Hamburgers and french fries. \$

Fine Dining
The Grape Vine
30 E. Broadway, 686-5622. Open for dinner 7 days a week, lunch Sunday to Friday and Sunday brunch. Mediterranean and West Coast Cuisine with a full list of fine wines. V.MC,SS.

Indian
Taj Mahal
10th & Oak Streets, 342-1976. Open 6 days plus Sunday dinner. The only Indian restaurant in town. Lunch specials and dinner buffets, with regular menu also. V.MC,AE,DC,CB,S.

Italian
Pizza Pete's Italian Kitchen
2673 Willamette, 484-0996. Open Daily 11:30a.m.-11:00p.m. Calzoni, pizza and Italian dinners. V.MC,S.

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