

USC Retains Claim To No. 1 Spot With 42-37 Win Over Wisconsin In Rose Bowl Football Thriller

Pasadena, Calif. (UPI)—Wisconsin rewrote most of the Rose Bowl records but Southern California pointed to the 42-37 score today as proof it deserved the national football championship.

Badger quarterback Ron VanderKelen put on the greatest exhibition of passing in the history of the New Year's Day classic as Wisconsin scored 23 points in the final quarter but fell short before 98,698 fans.

And after it was over coach John McKay said the final score proved Southern California deserved to be rated

No. 1 and Wisconsin still was second in the nation.

The drama of the game centered around the passing of VanderKelen and Trojan quarterback Pete Beathard, who were chosen co-players of the game, and the pass-catching duel between All-America ends Pat Richter of Wisconsin and Hal Bedsole of Southern California.

VanderKelen in his amazing demonstration of passing completed 33 of 48 throws for 401 yards and two touchdowns. Beathard, however, threw a record four touchdown passes while completing eight of twelve serial strikes.

Great as VanderKelen's passing proved to be, he was stung by his aerial game also, throwing three interceptions. And two of them were turned into touchdowns by the Trojans.

Richter Sets Mark

Before the final second rolled around, he posted a record 401 yards passing and a new mark of 406 total yards. Richter's 11 catches also was a new Rose Bowl mark. He gained 163 yards.

Other records were 32 first

downs for one team by Wisconsin, the most total points in a Rose Bowl game, the most points for a losing team and the most net yards passing, 419 by Wisconsin, in addition to VanderKelen's personal marks.

The loss was the third straight for the Badgers in the Rose Bowl. For Southern California, it was the 10th victory in the classic against three losses.

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SPORTS

Trojan, Badger Tussle Most Spectacular of Day

United Press International ball team and the Southeastern conference rates the nod as the nation's strongest group of teams in 1962.

Whatever doubt there was on either question was dissolved Tuesday when Southern California defeated Wisconsin, 42-37, in one of the most thrilling of all Rose Bowl games and Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana State won the three other big bowl carnivals.

Southern California's sensational victory over Wisconsin in a head-to-head meeting of the nation's first-and-second-ranked teams was easily the most spectacular of the day. But there was plenty of glory, too, for the Southeastern Conference as Alabama defeated Oklahoma, 17-0, in the Orange Bowl, Mississippi beat Arkansas, 17-13, in the Sugar Bowl and LSU beat Texas, 13-0, in the Cotton Bowl.

Crowds totaling 330,082— compared to the 319,019 which viewed the same four bowl offerings on Jan. 1, 1962—saw two offensive duels and two tight defensive struggles.

A crowd of 98,698 at Pasadena, Calif., saw Southern Cal's Pete Beathard and Wisconsin's Ron VanderKelen hook up in the most spectacular passing and scoring duel in Rose Bowl history.

With Beathard throwing four touchdown passes, Southern Cal surged to a 42-14 fourth-period lead and seemed enroute to an easy victory. But then Wisconsin rallied behind the magnificent passing of VanderKelen to score 23 points in the final 13 minutes.

VanderKelen wound up throwing two touchdown passes and scoring himself on a 17-yard run.



UPENDED—Wisconsin's Ralph Kurek (34) is upended by Southern California's Gary Hill (31) and Loran Hunt (35) after receiving pass from quarterback Ron VanderKelen in first quarter of Rose Bowl football game at Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's day. Kurek picked up 20 yards before the violent stop by the two Trojans. USC went on to win 42-37. (UPI)

Troy Team Glum After Bowl Fray

Pasadena, Calif. (UPI)—The result was all that mattered today to the shellshocked Southern California football team, and records that spiraled in the Rose Bowl darkness didn't diminish the sour aftertaste of defeat for Wisconsin.

"These are just kids, after all they're just 19 and 20 year olds," a team representative said of the Badgers following their epic 42-37 loss in Tuesday's classic.

The Badgers—despite their tremendous fourth period spurge after trailing 42-14—were "very sorry to have lost," said quarterback Ron VanderKelen.

"They won the first half, and we won the second," said Wisconsin coach Milt Bruhn, carefully restrained despite some sharp criticism of officiating. "But they won the ball game, too," Bruhn added.

Coach John McKay, whose Trojans appeared almost as glum as if they had lost the game as they walked to the dressing room, said he victory showed his team was still the nation's best and Wisconsin was No. 2.

Badgers Best Faced

McKay left no doubt he regarded Wisconsin as the best team Southern California faced this year. "Washington didn't get 37 points on us, and nobody else did either until today."

The Trojans—who warmed up physically and emotionally after realizing they did indeed win the football game despite the Wisconsin drive—were hard pressed for tackles. Co-captain Marv Marinovich was ejected in the first half. Gary Kirner was handicapped by a severe hand injury, and Mike Gale was lost earlier because of a pre-Rose Bowl neck injury.

To McKay, the biggest factor in the game—and one that almost caused the Trojan machine to run down completely—was the four touchdown bulge built by the start of the fourth period. To Bruhn, the turning point came in the second period, when he felt the officiating was most open to question.

Bruhn strode across the field at the half to question officials on a "quick whistle" and on a Wisconsin touchdown pass called back because of a penalty. The officials ruled quarterback Bill Nelsen retained possession when thrown for a loss, and Nelsen subsequently threw a 45-yard pass to Willie Brown to set up a touchdown.

LA Links Prelude Set

Los Angeles (UPI)—The amateur prelude to the \$55,000 Los Angeles open golf tournament will hold the stage at Rancho Golf Course Thursday with top names from the golfing and entertainment world competing.

Headed by Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, the leading pros will tee off with such entertainers as Dean Martin, Mickey Rooney and Lawrence Welk.

Martin is paired with Ken Venturi; Rooney with Lionel Hebert; and Welk with Stan Leonard.

This is an 18-hole affair, with the 72-hole open grind slated to start on Friday.

Among the other big pro names playing in the pro-am are Gene Littler, Dr. Cary Middlecoff, Doug Sanders, Tommy Bolt, Jack Fleck, Bob Rosburg, Tony Lema, Jay Hebert, George Bayer, Mike Souchak, Doug Ford and Julius Boros.

TELEVISION EVENTS

New York (UPI)—The Pan American water ski championships in Miami, Fla. and the world barrel jumping championships at Grossinger, N.Y., will be presented on ABC-TV Wide World of Sports program on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Portland Will Share Franchise In Roller Loop

Portland (UPI)—Portland is going to share a National Roller Derby league franchise.

League officials announced today that Portland, Seattle and Spokane have been given a franchise held by Chicago.

Officials said the new team will be known as the Westerners and will skate weekly in the three Pacific Northwest cities.

The team is scheduled to open in Portland May 17.

Football Scores

Tuesday College Results

United Press International

Orange Bowl
Alabama 17 Oklahoma 0
Cotton Bowl
Louisiana State 13 Texas 0
Sugar Bowl
Mississippi 17 Arkansas 13
Rose Bowl
Southern Cal 42 Wisconsin 37

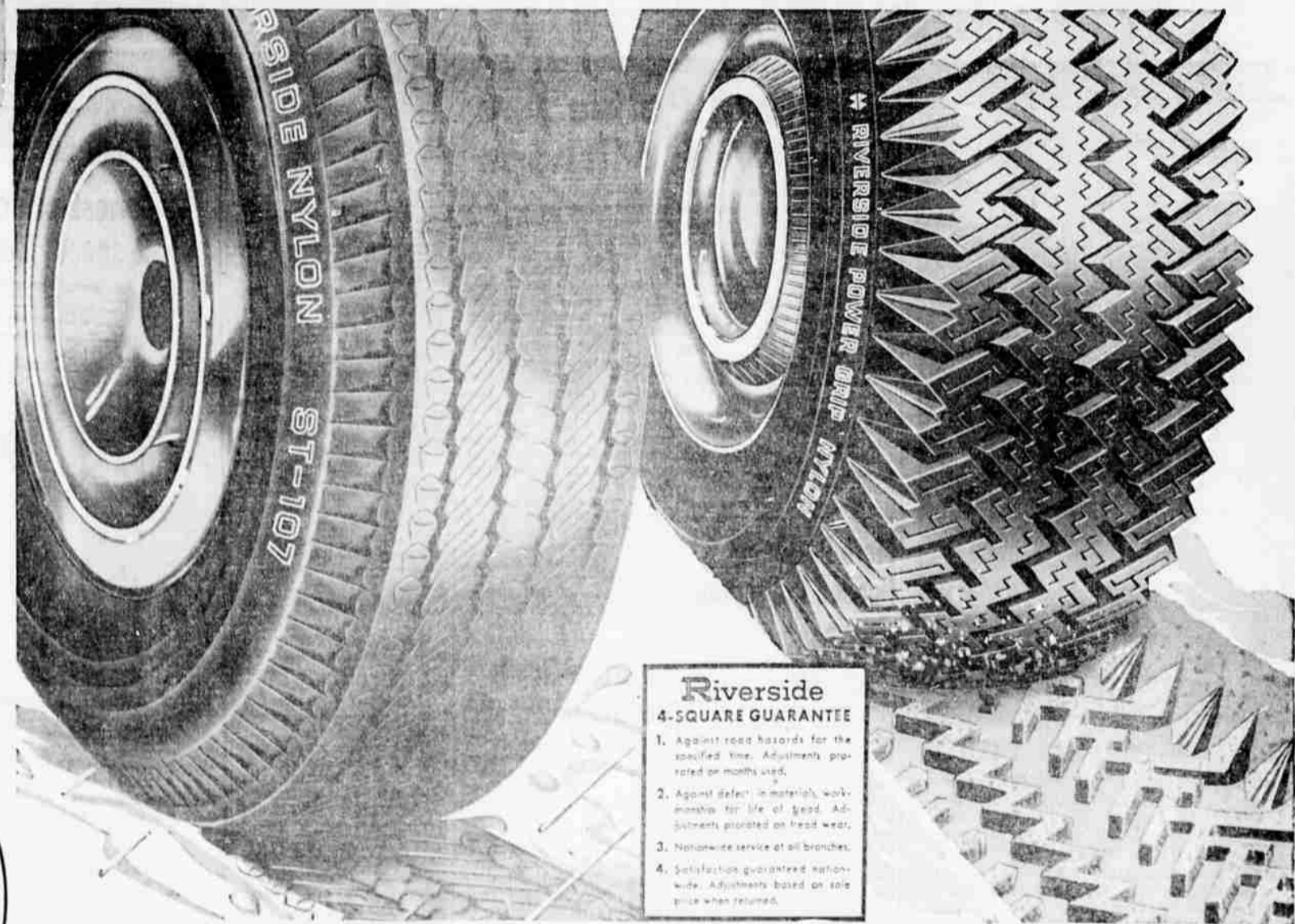
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