

'Jacks Win 20-14 in

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The Lumberjacks, playing rather shabbily, managed to come up with a 20-14 win over Los Angeles State in the Rose Bowl Saturday.

In winning their third of four starts the Axers gained 199 yards on the ground while putting only 116 yards through the air. Seven of 30 passes were caught and a total of 86 offensive plays were consumed by the 'Jacks.

Bob Stewart, going into Saturdays action had completed 63 per cent of his passes, but only had seven receptions in 27 attempts against the Diablos.

The workhorse for the 'Jacks was Bill Tate as he picked up

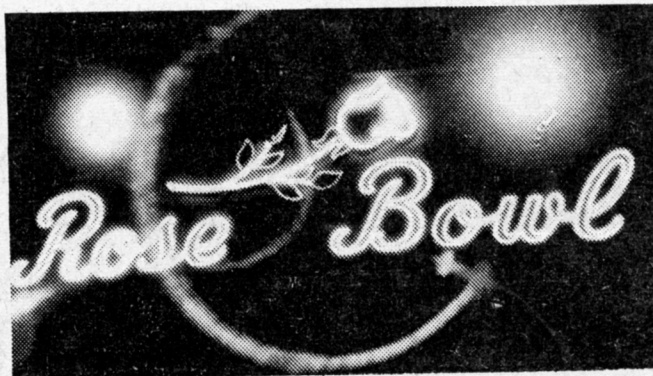
127 yards in 28 carries and rolled in for two touchdowns.

The big play of the game came when Al Clark, after missing three interceptions earlier in the game, picked off a Diablo pass on the NAU 32, with only 39 seconds left in the game.

The Lumberjacks came onto the field losing the toss and kicked off. As the Diablos had a punting situation on their 31, Vlink moved back on a high pass from center. He managed to throw the ball forward, and the 'Jacks had it first and ten on the Diablo 31.

Tate carried four times and moved over on a one yard plunge. Sonny Campbell came up with the point after and NAU took a first period lead 7-0.

Late in the second stanza NAU gave up the ball on downs on their Diablo 37. Vlink, quart-



erback, passed to Wilson for 41 yards and a TD just as the clock ended the half. The point after was made by Martin and it was all tied up.

Both clubs played shoddy football the first period and both looked as though they wanted to let the other grab the victory. But Los Angeles caught fire in the second half and nearly came up with the win.

The Lumberjacks halftime pep talk proved to do some good. They took the kickoff and went five yards and Grey had to punt.

The Axer defense held the Diablos on the L. A. 38 and Jim Fuller grabbed the punt and returned to the NAU 27. Ten plays later Bob Stewart, on a roll-out, moved six yards for a Jack TD and Campbell added the extra point to make it 14-7.

Again the Jacks defense went to work and held L.A. on their own 26 forcing a punt. Fuller picked off the punt on NAU's 44 and returned to the Diablo 26.

Joe Jackson carried for 20 yards, Tate went for two and a pass interference penalty put the Lumberjacks on the L.A. one yard line. Stewart went

in to the end zone on a keeper and Campbell had his first point after attempt blocked.

The Lumberjacks looked as though they had it locked up with a 20-7 lead going into the last 19 minutes of action.

But the Diablos came back three plays later with a 76 yard bomb from Vlink to Wilson for a touchdown and Martin added the 14th point for L.A.

The final period found the Diablos on the NAU 32 yard line with 39 seconds left and it was a first and 10 situation. Vlink attempted a pass to Wilson and Al Clark stepped in to intercept and give the Axers the 20-14 victory.

The Lumberjacks were floundering a number of times and had the Diablo receivers caught an average percentage of the pass attempts, the Axers may have lost the ball game.

Coach John Symank commented after the game, "It was one of those games that we (coaching staff) just have no idea what was wrong. We got the first score cheap, and quick, and it's those kind of things that frighten coaches."

"We hope it was just a bad

game" he continued "it seems as though we win a tough game and then fall apart the next one."

Looking ahead to next week's action at Long Beach Coach Symank anticipates a much better team than the Diablos. "If the team quits worrying about the little things and just goes out there to play football we'll have a good chance of coming up with a win" said Symank.

Offensive coach LaMar McHan had these comments about Saturday's ball game.

"We really had a bad night, that's about all one can say. We overthrew our receivers and then when they were hit they dropped most of the passes. We played a better than average ground game and now if we can put both the ground and air games together we should have a big night."

Coach McHan was complimentary about the Diablo defense saying "They pushed our receivers very well and picked up some of our backs' moves good, but we missed keying on those defensive moves." He added "We didn't do a good job on the continuity of attack. Our game plan fell by the wayside, but it will be better this week against Long Beach."

Statistics	NAU	LA
First Downs		
Rushing		11 3
Passing		5 13
Yards Rushing	199	-40
Yards Passing	116	362
Total Off. Plays	86	76
Fumbles No.-Lost	3-3	0-0
Interceptions		1 2
Line Score		
NAU	7 0 13 0	20
LA	7 0 7 0	14