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**Ben Bolch:** This season has been much more enjoyable so far for D'Antoni. **C4**

**Sam Farmer:** A distracted reaction or tricky distraction by Tomlin? **C14**

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NO. 22 UCLA 35, NO. 23 USC 14

## BRAG-AND-BLUE WIN

For Haden, the answer seems clear: Coach O? No

**BILL PLASCHKE**

As balmy late afternoon quickly turned to chilly darkness, the coronation of USC's new football coach devolved from a crisp exclamation to a harsh declaration.



"Coach O!" had become "Coach Whoa." In the biggest game of his interim tenure Saturday night, Ed Orgeron's USC football team was passionate and disciplined.

It was also a 35-14 loser to UCLA, the Bruins' first victory at the Coliseum in 16 years.

In his final regular-season audition for a permanent position, Orgeron shook fists and patted helmets and commanded the sidelines with his giant positive presence.

Then the game ended and he jogged sheepishly to midfield to congratulate UCLA Coach Jim Mora, who owned the Trojans and the building and the night.

By then, the hands of the relatively few kids remaining in the USC student section were mostly stuck in their pockets instead of held over their heads in the

[See Plaschke, C10]



NO. 3 OHIO STATE 42 MICHIGAN 41

**Wolverines lose two-point gamble**

Buckeyes stay unbeaten by intercepting last-minute conversion try. **C7**



**UCLA'S CASSIUS MARSH** wraps up USC's Cody Kessler for the second time in the first quarter. Marsh also recovered a Kessler fumble in the fourth quarter to end the Trojans' last real chance.

LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

Hundley lifts Bruins to second in a row in rivalry

BY GARY KLEIN

After UCLA players made their way up the Coliseum tunnel Saturday night, Bruins Coach Jim Mora gathered his team outside the locker room and made a pronouncement.

"We own L.A.!" Mora shouted.

Quarterback Brett Hundley, kick returner Ishmael Adams and a tough Bruins defense that forced two turnovers had just led No. 22 UCLA to a 35-14 victory over No. 23 USC in the 83rd game between the cross-town rivals.

"It was awesome," linebacker Anthony Barr said. "It's our city and it will be that way for a while."

UCLA shared the Coliseum with USC until 1981, but the Bruins had struggled at the venue for more than a decade.

No longer. The Bruins won at the Coliseum for the first time since 1997, ending a streak of seven losses that included a 50-0 beatdown two years ago.

The Bruins, however, [See UCLA-USC, C11]



**Now he's officially a USC nemesis**

Brett Hundley becomes only the fourth UCLA quarterback to beat the Trojans twice. **C9**

**USC can pound ball with 'Buck'**

One bright spot for Trojans in loss: They appear set at tailback with Javorius "Buck" Allen. **C9**

## REPRESENTING HIMSELF ANEW

Now sober, former sports super agent Leigh Steinberg is starting over

BY DIANE PUCIN

Leigh Steinberg was once known for his boyish good looks and an elite clientele that included Troy Aikman, Warren Moon and a multitude of other famous names.

Until it all fell apart. Sipping from a bottle of water, he talks about it in the third person.

"Here's the thing about drunks," Steinberg says. "They're good at it."

"Here's the thing about

really smart drunks.

"They're very good at it."

Now Steinberg is starting over. No clients yet. He has a handful of employees, though. And the new Steinberg Sports and Entertainment has been recertified by the NFLPA.

Steinberg, 64, was once the super agent of all super agents, representing clients such as Aikman, Moon, Steve Bartkowski and 150 other professional baseball, basketball, boxing and

[See Steinberg, C13]

NO. 4 AUBURN 34, NO. 1 ALABAMA 28



DAVE MARTIN Associated Press

**CHRIS DAVIS** (11) of Auburn returns a missed field-goal try more than 100 yards for a game-ending touchdown against top-ranked Alabama.

## BCS title-game picture gets fuzzy

New possibilities surface after the Crimson Tide is upset in a wild ending

**CHRIS DUFRESNE ON COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Now that your heart rates have retreated to somewhere near normal, didn't we tell you the Bowl Championship Series (almost) always works out?

Shoot, after days like Saturday, why are they even scrapping it for next sea-

son's playoffs?

(We're kidding.) And what if we told you biggest loser Alabama might still be coming to the Rose Bowl this season, just not for the title game Jan. 6?

College football simply can't get crazier, or better.

It started in the morning when No. 3 Ohio State held off Michigan's two-point

[See Dufresne, C7]

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