

Devaney anticipates USC running attack

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Offensively potent Southern California is capable of mapping several routes to the goal line, but Nebraska football

coach Bob Devaney says. "They'll just run right at us." And the Husker boss has sound reasoning behind his statement. USC, despite having first-rate

receivers in flanker Bob Chandler and split-end Sam Dickerson, used their running game to accumulate 485 yards rushing in dumping Alabama 42-21 last weekend.

The most impressive of the Trojan backs was sophomore sensation Sam Cunningham. Cunningham, running at better than 10 yards a clip, scored the Trojans first two touchdowns.

And Cunningham is supposedly running second-string fullback behind veteran Charlie Evans.

"We had heard about Cunningham before the season started," said Devaney. "But like all sophomores, you have to see them play before you really know."

Speaking of sophomore standouts from USC brings back memories of quarterback Jimmy Jones' varsity debut at Nebraska in 1969. Jones was a sophomore with a sore back when the Trojans met the

Huskers in the season opener at Memorial Stadium.

But for a sore-backed quarterback, he didn't do too bad. Jones ran 27 times for 114 yards and tossed a 45-yard touchdown pass to Chandler to lead the Trojans to a 31-21 win.

"The tough part about Jones is that he's hard to throw for a loss because he's so elusive," said Devaney. "We'll try to contain him and force him to throw from a pocket."

Jones' throwing percentage is not that great, but he is very dangerous in clutch situations. He threw 13 touchdown passes in 1969.

The Trojans game breaker is tailback Clarence Davis who led the Pacific Eight in rushing last year and finished fifth in the nation. Davis rushed for 1275 in ten regular season games.

"Over the years, Southern Cal has based its offense on a

strong running attack," noted the Husker mentor. "But they'll use the pass when you're not expecting it."

"Our defense will have to do the job," said Devaney. "I'm sure they'll test us deep and I'm worried about that more than anything else. They beat us deep three times last year."

The Huskers will meet Southern California at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in an 8 p.m. date Saturday. This is the first game under the lights for Nebraska since the 1966 Orange Bowl.

A special night practice has been scheduled Thursday at Seacrest Field in Lincoln.

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