

USIU Beats Fullerton, 17-14

ANAHEIM — Quarterback Doug Omer, returning to the scene of his high school grid career, passed 38 yards to end Tim Titus midway of the final period here last night to give U.S. International University a 17-14 victory over highly-touted Fullerton State in Anaheim Stadium.

Titus made a magnificent leaping grab of the long toss by Omer with two defenders

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	Full	USIU
First downs	18	15
Rushing yardage	149	223
Passing yardage	198	95
Return yardage	91	43
Passes	12-27-0	5-17-0
Punts	6-36.8	10-39.8
Fumbles lost	6	2
Yards penalized	33	70

surrounding him at the two yard line. He juggled the ball for a split second, then retained possession and stepped into the end zone.

Dale Curtis' kick gave USIU its 17th point.

Curtis had set up the situation with one of his field goal specialties, this one from 23 yards with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

This shaved the Titans' margin to 14-10, a lead they had

manufactured via touchdown passes from quarterbacks Chris Jaramillo and Mike Ernst to wide receiver Stan Chapman in the first and third quarters, respectively.

Chapman, one of only two sophomores on the Fullerton roster, went 36 and nine yards on the two scoring aeriels.

Tailback Bill Nugent went up the middle for eight yards to score USIU's first TD in the second period and produce a 7-7 standoff at halftime.

Tailback Len Gaeta and fullback Terry McLean were tough to bring down as was the scrambling Jaramillo. But the Westerners proved tough in the clutches in ending a second successive 7-3 season.

It was only the third defeat against six wins and a tie for Fullerton which ends its season next week at Grambling College.

USIU went 87 yards in 11 plays for its winning touchdown after the Westerners called for a fair catch of a Fullerton punt at the USIU 13.

Nugent went up the middle for 18 yards in a key play of

the drive and fullback Jim Whitfield struggled for three yards on a fourth-and-one situation on the Titans' 36 on another vital effort.

USIU actually had advanced to the enemy 33, but an illegal procedure penalty set them back to the 38 for first and 15. Omer, who had trouble with his option play all evening, rolled to his right and was being hemmed in at the far sideline when he cut loose with the long heave.

The Westerners had to survive some anxious moments before the victory was assured.

Jaramillo returned the following kickoff 42 yards to midfield and defensive back Jerry Daniels made two fine moves to bat down Fullerton passes on third and fourth down.

Still later in the final quarter, the Titans moved all the way to the USIU 25 before the Westerners' Gary Potter threw Gaeta for a loss on third down and Ernst was stopped on a fourth-down smash.

Ernst had combined with Chapman for a 61-yard aerial

strike, the speedy Chapman getting past defender Bobby Lent, but the latter recovering in time to make the tackle.

There still were nearly three minutes to play when Ernst was halted on fourth down and USIU took over on its 24.

Frazer Heaton drove for eight and Omer kept the ball for six for a first down at the 33. On third and 11 at the 38, Nugent sliced off tackle, was hit by three linemen, but pivoted away and rambled all the way to the Fullerton 29 for 33 yards and a most important first down.

John Houchin gave the winners the final first down to assure the win when he smashed three yards on fourth and three at the 22.

The Westerners lost little time in reverting to their favorite pastime of fumbling away the ball although they were later to be outdone in this category by the Titans in the first half.

Jim Whitfield bobbed away the ball on USIU's second offensive play with Fullerton taking over on the enemy 36. But

Gaeta returned the favor on the next play.

The Westerners appeared to have another Fullerton drive halted on fourth and three at the USIU 36 when Jaramillo scrambled to his right, spotted Chapman knifing between two Westerners' defensive backs and hit him on the dead run for the TD.

USIU finally took advantage of the home club's generous tactics and moved in four plays to tie the score after Bobby Lent pounced on the ball for the Westerners at the Fullerton 19.

Omer jogged seven yards on third down for a first and goal at the eight. Nugent then spotted a tremendous hole in the middle of the line and raced into the end zone untouched.

Curtis' kick made it 7-7 with 4:42 left in the half.

USIU	9	7	3	7-17
Fullerton	7	0	3	0-14

Ful — Chapman, 36, pass from Jaramillo (Hlatt kick).

USIU — Nugent, 8, run (Curtis kick).

Ful — Chapman, 9, Pass from Ernst (Hlatt kick).

USIU — FG, Curtis, 23.
USIU — Titus, 38, pass from Omer (Curtis kick).