rectificatif Lausus

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A small corrigendum concerning the death of Lausus, pierced by the sword of Aeneas (*Aen.* 10):

I happened to write that the young man is struck from behind: http://www.virgilmurder.org/imag
es/pdf/tear.pdf
, p. 5-9; http://www

w.virgilmurder.org/images/pdf/turnusengl.pdf

, p. 10-11.

Actually, we should compare the case of the hapless Halaesus who is struck while protecting Imaon with his shield:

dum texit Imaona Halaesus, / Arcadio infelix telo

dat pectus inermum

, 424-25.

Pierce through and through the defenseless body, "and even the shield" (*et parmam*

, 817) of a son who is protecting the retreat of his wounded father, that is the glorious feat of "pious Aeneas"!

You can find on this site ("New Analyses") many examples of Virgil's secret hostility against his alleged hero.