

TROJAN FOOTBALL 2009

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2009 USC Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME*
Sept. 5	San Jose State	L.A. Coliseum	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	8 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Washington	Seattle, Wash.	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Washington State	L.A. Coliseum	TBA
Oct. 3	at California	Berkeley, Calif.	5 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Oregon State	L.A. Coliseum	5 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	5 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	5 p.m.
Nov. 14	Stanford	L.A. Coliseum	TBA
Nov. 28	UCLA	L.A. Coliseum	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	Arizona	L.A. Coliseum	12:30 p.m.

*All times are local to game site and subject to change

2008 Results (12-1)

DATE	OPPONENT	USC	OPP.	ATTENDANCE
Aug. 30	at Virginia (at Charlottesville, Va.)	52	7	64,947
Sept. 13	Ohio State (at L.A. Coliseum)	35	3	93,607
Sept. 25	at Oregon State (at Corvallis, Ore.)	21	27	42,839
Oct. 4	Oregon (at L.A. Coliseum)	44	10	82,765
Oct. 11	Arizona State (at L.A. Coliseum)	28	0	84,956
Oct. 18	at Washington State (at Pullman, Wash.)	69	0	25,118
Oct. 25	at Arizona (at Tucson, Ariz.)	17	10	57,427
Nov. 1	Washington (at L.A. Coliseum)	56	0	80,216
Nov. 8	California (at L.A. Coliseum)	17	3	88,523
Nov. 15	at Stanford (at Palo Alto, Calif.)	45	23	50,425
Nov. 29	Notre Dame (at L.A. Coliseum)	38	3	90,689
Dec. 6	at UCLA (at Pasadena, Calif.)	28	7	87,790
Jan. 1	vs. Penn State (at Pasadena, Calif., Rose Bowl)	38	24	93,293

2008 Attendance

Average per home game (6 games, 520,756)	86,793
Average per road game (7 games, 421,839)	60,263
Average per game (13 games, 942,595)	72,507

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USC Quick Facts

Location Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone (213) 740-2311
Founded 1880
Size 235 acres
Enrollment 33,500 (16,500 undergraduates)
President Dr. Steven Sample
Colors Cardinal and Gold
Nickname Trojans
Band Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song "Fight On"
Mascot Traveler VII
First Football Team 1888
USC's All-Time Football Record 766-303-54 (70.6%)
Stadium Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
 (93,607 capacity, natural grass surface)
Conference Pacific-10
Athletic Director Mike Garrett
Head Football Coach Pete Carroll (Pacific, 1973)
Record at USC 88-15, Ninth Year
Overall College Coaching Record 88-15, Ninth Year
Coach's Telephone (213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation Multiple
Defensive Formation 4-3
2008 Record 12-1 overall, 8-1 for 1st in Pac-10, No. 3/2 rank
Squadmen Returning 85 (59 lettermen)
Starters Returning 12 (9 offense, 3 defense, 0 special)
Squadmen Lost 23 (19 lettermen)
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Season tickets for all 6 of the Trojans' 2009 home games are sold out. Individual reserved tickets for 5 of USC's home contests (all but UCLA), if available, can be purchased from the USC Ticket Office for \$50. Group rates (20 or more) and pre-game hospitality packages are available (all but UCLA) by calling (213) 740-4170.

The USC Ticket Office does not have tickets on sale for Troy's 6 road games.

For tickets and information, contact the USC Ticket Office at File No. 2235, Los Angeles, Calif. 90074-2235, (213) 740-GO SC (4672). The office is located in Student Union 100 and is open between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

USC home game tickets, if available, are on sale on-line at www.usctrojans.com. On the day of home games, remaining tickets are on sale at the Coliseum, starting 3 hours prior to kickoff.





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It's Not 'Southern Cal'

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USC Athletic Department Mission Statement

To recruit and develop student-athletes who will perform successfully in the classroom and compete at the championship level in every sport, in compliance with the letter and spirit of all applicable rules and under an administrative structure managed in an open and fiscally sound manner, supporting equitable opportunity for all students and staff, and committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct. Decision-making in the Athletic Department will follow 4 basic principles: (1) promoting the well-being of student participants; (2) attaining and maintaining competitive excellence; (3) administering clearly, openly and responsibly; and (4) supporting the overall goals of the USC community.

In a more specific context, the goals for USC Athletics include the following: (1) to compete successfully in every sport, striving to be in the Top 10 nationally, with the ultimate goal of winning national championships; (2) to graduate every student-athlete who completes athletics eligibility at USC; (3) to provide an environment conducive to positive growth and development of student-athletes and Athletic Department staff; (4) to provide adequate financial support within the department to ensure continuing development of the sports programs without university subsidization; and (5) to comply fully with all NCAA and Pac-10 regulations.

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2009 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

It is safe to say that the USC football program, under ninth-year head football coach **Pete Carroll**, has found its groove.

In each of the past 7 seasons, the Trojans have registered an AP Top 4 finish (including national championships in 2003 and 2004), played in a BCS bowl (an NCAA record), captured a Pac-10 crown (a league record) and won at least 11 games (also an NCAA record).

Carroll has turned out 33 All-American first teamers (including 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span, plus winners of the Walter Camp, Chuck Bednarik, Johnny Unitas, Doak Walker and John Mackey Awards) and 53 NFL draft picks (including 14 first rounders).

Continuing that "groove" in 2009 will certainly be challenging, but Carroll—whose mantras are "Win Forever" and "Always Compete"—likes nothing better than a challenge.

"We always have high expectations at USC, and 2009 is no exception," said Carroll, college football's winningest active coach (88-15 for an 85.4% mark). **"Every season presents new and different challenges, as is certainly the case this year, but we do have the ingredients to have another very good team."**

"The key is to recapture the competitiveness and intensity that we've always played with. I loved how competitive we were in spring practice and how our players worked in the off-season to get ready. Their conditioning and focus was phenomenal, and that should carry over at a high level into the fall."

"We had a really good spring and dealt well with some obvious issues. We identified personnel at critical positions and we had new coaches transition in well. Our team spirit and work ethic and competitiveness are just right. It has all come together in really good fashion and we're right on track."

USC is coming off a 12-1 season in 2008 (8-1 in the Pac-10) that featured a big early-season home win over No. 5 Ohio State and culminated in a dominant victory over No. 8 Penn State in the Trojans' record fourth consecutive Rose Bowl appearance. Troy ended up No. 3 in the final AP poll.

The Trojans—who have been ranked in the AP Top 25 for their past 91 contests, a school mark—enter 2009 riding some winning streaks: 8 Pac-10 games, 10 overall games, 12 non-conference games, 13 non-conference home games, 27 November games and 28 night games.

USC returns just 12 starters from last fall's squad (9 on offense, only 3 on defense and neither the kicker or punter). In all, 85 squadmen are back from last year, including 68 who saw playing time (58 were lettermen and 39 were on USC's season-ending 2-deep). On the roster are 28 Trojans who have started at least once in their career.

Joining them in 2009 will be 18 new scholarship players, including 1 who enrolled at USC early so he could participate in spring practice. For the seventh year in a row, USC's recruiting class was ranked in the Top 10 nationally by the media.

The Trojan offense, despite losing the veteran throw-and-catch combo of quarterback Mark Sanchez and Patrick Turner, is well-stocked in 2009. Last year, USC ranked 11th in total offense (454.7), 14th in scoring offense (37.5) and 20th in rushing offense (194.9) in the nation.

USC's top 4 rushers from 2008 return, including tailbacks **Stafon Johnson** (1,058 all-purpose yards in 2008, including 705 on the ground with 9 TDs), **Joe McKnight** (905 all-purpose yards last fall including 659 rushing) and **C.J. Gable** (875 all-purpose yards with 10 TDs in 2008, with 617 yards coming on rushes), as does 2-year starting fullback **Stanley Havili** (45 career receptions). All but 2 of Troy's top 11 pass catchers of 2008 are back, including dynamic wide receivers **Damian Williams** (58 catches, 869 yards, 9 TDs last year) and **Ronald Johnson** (982 all-purpose yards in 2008 and 33 receptions) and steady tight end **Anthony McCoy** (22 receptions in 2008). And 2008's offensive line returns intact: All-Pac-10 first team center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, guards **Jeff Byers** (a 2-year starter who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA) and **Alex Parsons** and tackles **Charles Brown** and **Butch Lewis** (tackle **Nick Howell** and guard **Zack Heberer** also have significant starting experience).

Still, the loss of NFL picks Sanchez and Turner can't be discounted. Sanchez, who passed up his senior season to enter the NFL draft, completed 65.8% of his passes for 3,207 yards and 34 touchdowns with 10 interceptions last year. The 2008 All-Pac-10 first teamer led the Pac-10 in passing efficiency (a school record 164.6) and total offense last fall. He wound up ninth on USC's career passing chart and 15th in total offense. Turner, who caught 49 passes for 741 yards and 10 TDs in 2008, finished 10th on the school's all-time receiving ladder with 138 grabs and 30 TDs as a 2-year starter.

The Trojan defense must be revamped after heavy personnel losses, including 8 NFL draftees. The 2008 unit led the nation in scoring defense (9.0, USC's best mark since 1967), pass efficiency defense (85.8) and pass defense (134.4, USC's best since 1977), plus it was second in total defense (221.8, USC's best since 1967) and fifth in rushing defense (87.4).

RETURNING STARTERS (12)

OFFENSE (9)

TB C.J. Gable
C Kristofer O'Dowd
OG-C Jeff Byers
WR Damian Williams
FB Stanley Havili
TE Anthony McCoy
OT Charles Brown
OT Butch Lewis
OG-C Alex Parsons

DEFENSE (3)

S Taylor Mays
S-CB Josh Pinkard
DT Christian Tupou

KICKERS (0)

None

OTHERS RETURNING WITH CAREER STARTS

QB Mitch Mustain (8)*
OT Nick Howell (6)
S Shane Horton (6)*
S Will Harris (5)
DE Everson Griffen (5)
OG Zack Heberer (5)
WR David Ausberry (5)
CB Kevin Thomas (4)
WR Ronald Johnson (3)
CB Shareece Wright (3)
DT Averell Spicer (3)
TE Rhett Ellison (2)
TB Allen Bradford (2)
TB Stafon Johnson (1)
TB Joe McKnight (1)
LB Michael Morgan (1)

*Mustain's starts were at Arkansas, Horton's at UNLV

Taylor Mays, USC's marquee player, returns for his fourth season as the starting free safety. The hard-hitting, athletic 2-time All-American first teamer was a Thorpe Award finalist in 2008 while recording 53 tackles and 9 deflections. Joining him in the secondary is 2-year starter **Josh Pinkard**, who has 108 tackles and 3 interceptions in his career while playing safety and cornerback. Like Byers, he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. USC's only other returning defensive starter is nose tackle **Christian Tupou**. But there are a number of other defenders available who have starting experience, including end **Everson Griffen**, safety **Will Harris** and cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** and **Shareece Wright**.

Those gone from USC's dominant 2008 defense read like a Who's Who. Ferocious middle linebacker Rey Mauluga was a unanimous 2008 All-American first team pick and won the Bednarik Award while notching 79 tackles (he had 273 in his career). Fellow 3-year starting linebacker Brian Cushing also was an All-American first teamer in 2008 while making 73 stops, including 10.5 for losses. And linebacker Kaluka Maiava (66 tackles in 2008) became the third consecutive Trojan to win Rose Bowl Defensive Player of the Game accolades (joining Mauluga and Cushing). Also departed are strong safety Kevin Ellison (a 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer) and tackle Fili Moala (a 2008 All-Pac-10 first team selection), both 3-year starters, plus both ends—2-year starter Kyle Moore (he was USC's 2008 sack leader) and converted linebacker Clay Matthews—and 3-year starting cornerback Cary Harris, who had 5 career picks. All 8 players were selected in the 2009 NFL draft.

The Trojans will be breaking in new specialists in 2009, as both 2-year starting placekicker David Buehler and 3-year punter Greg Woidneck have graduated. The strong-legged Buehler—an All-Pac-10 first teamer in 2008 who was drafted by the NFL—was not only a consistent point scorer (117 PATs and 26 field goals in his career), but he was a weapon as 58.3% of his career kickoffs pinned foes within the 20-yard line. Woidneck—who doubled as Buehler's holder—averaged just 37.7 yards in his career, but that number is deceiving as he punted for hangtime and placement.

But both snappers (long snapper **Cooper Stephenson** and short snapper **Chris Pousson**) return in 2009, as do the primary returners, Ronald Johnson and Gable on kickoffs (fifth and 11th, respectively, among all-time USC kick returners) and Stafon Johnson and McKnight on punts. USC was second nationally in kick returns in 2008 (26.5).

Besides the changes on the USC roster in 2009, there also was some movement within the Trojan coaching staff. There are 3 new fulltime assistants, each who came to USC from the NFL: quarterbacks coach and assistant head coach of the offense **Jeremy Bates** (Denver Broncos), defensive line coach **Jethro Franklin** (Houston Texans) and special teams coordinator **Brian Schneider** (Oakland Raiders). Wide receivers coach **John Morton** added the offensive coordinator duty, secondary coach **Rocky Seto** took on the additional role of defensive coordinator and linebackers coach **Ken Norton Jr.** added the title of assistant head coach of the defense. **Justin Mesa** went from recruiting and operations assistant to wide receivers graduate assistant. Plus, **Mark Jackson** (senior associate athletic director) and **Matt Capurro** (director of football operations) joined the staff from the Raiders' front office.

As usual, USC's schedule is imposing, as half of the teams on the 2009 slate played in bowl games last season (5 won their bowl) and 5 opponents posted at least 8 victories in 2008. After opening 2009 by hosting San Jose State on Labor Day weekend, the Trojans travel to Ohio State for the first time since 1990 for a Sept. 12 clash. Troy then opens its Pac-10 season the following week at Washington, now coached by former USC offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian. Two more league contests (versus Washington State and at California) and a bye follow before USC makes its biennial trip to Notre Dame on Oct. 17 aiming for an eighth straight win over the Irish. The Trojans return to conference play on Oct. 24 to host Oregon State, the only team to defeat them in 2008. Games at Oregon and Arizona State follow before USC concludes the regular season with a 3-game homestand: versus Stanford (the Homecoming game on Nov. 14), UCLA following a bye and Arizona on Dec. 5.

Whether at home or on the road, USC football has been a popular attraction lately. In the past 5 years, Troy has averaged at least 85,000 fans in the Coliseum and 72,000 for any game. During Carroll's tenure, USC has set Pac-10 records for home total and average attendance and school standards for overall total and average attendance.

"All 12 games we play are as challenging as ever," said Carroll, who has won a league record 85.1% of his Pac-10 contests (57-10). **"We know each team will be ready for us. It's important that we develop our competitive edge."**

OFFENSE

Nine starters return on offense from 2008: tailback **C.J. Gable**, wide receiver **Damian Williams**, fullback **Stanley Havili**, center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, guard-center **Jeff Byers**, tight end **Anthony McCoy**, tackles **Charles Brown** and **Butch Lewis** and guard **Alex Parsons**. Others back with starting experience include tailbacks **Stafon Johnson**, **Joe McKnight** and **Allen Bradford**, wide receivers **Ronald Johnson** and **David Ausberry**, tackle **Nick Howell**, guard **Zack Heberer** and tight end **Rhett Ellison**, as well as quarterback **Mitch Mustain**, who was a starter while at Arkansas. Nine of USC's top 11 rushers and pass catchers from 2008 return (including its 4 leading runners), but the Trojans' top passer is gone. With all that returning personnel, Troy is hopeful that it can build upon last year's offensive output that saw it finish 11th in total offense (454.7), 14th in scoring offense (37.5) and 20th in rushing offense (194.9) nationally.

"Our goal each year on offense is to create a balanced attack," said Carroll. **"We not only plan on doing that again in 2009, but we want to continue to expand our offense. It'll be all about competition on the offensive side of the ball, as we have a lot of players who can contribute and a number of ways to use them. We'll surround our new quarterback with some impressive talent that will allow us to put together an explosive, wide-open offense. We'll be very stout up front with our deep, experienced line. And our skill guys are fast, exciting, veteran playmakers."**

"Jeremy Bates' background in the NFL and John Morton's background here give us a great 1-2 coaching punch. They'll be very comfortable in their new roles with our offense."

QUARTERBACKS

When Mark Sanchez unexpectedly declared for the NFL draft following his 2008 junior campaign (he was the draft's fifth pick), it meant that for the first time in the Pete Carroll era USC will enter consecutive seasons breaking in a new starting quarterback. Sanchez had an outstanding 2008 in his only season as a starter, earning All-Pac-10 first team honors as he completed 241-of-356 passes (65.8%) for 3,207 yards and 34 touchdowns with 10 interceptions (he also ran for 3 scores). He topped the Pac-10 in passing efficiency (a school record 164.6) and total offense (247.9) last fall, was 14-2 as a starter and wound up ninth on USC's career passing chart and 15th in total offense.

There was a spirited battle this past spring to replace Sanchez in 2009. Sophomore **Aaron Corp** (2-of-4, 50.0%, 14 yds in 2008), USC's most mobile signalcaller, emerged as the starter, but the fight for the job will continue this fall. Corp, who guided his high school team to the California state championship in 2006, saw minimal action in 2008, getting into 5 games.

Precocious first-year freshman **Matt Barkley** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.) was thrown into the competition this past spring after graduating high school a semester early and was very impressive. Expect to hear lots more about the prep All-American, who in 2007 was the first junior to be the Gatorade national prep player of the year.

Junior **Mitch Mustain** (11-of-16, 68.8%, 157 yds, 2 TD, 2 int in 2008) is USC's most experienced quarterback, as he started—and won—8 games for Arkansas in 2006 while throwing for 894 yards with 10 scores. After sitting out 2007 at USC, he saw limited time in 8 Trojan contests last fall, highlighted by a 111-yard outing against Oregon. He has a 61-2 record as a starting quarterback dating back to eighth grade. Like Barkley, he was a Gatorade national prep player of the year (in 2005).

Versatile senior **Garrett Green** (7 tac in 2008), who has also played safety, wide receiver and on special teams at USC, is available at quarterback in an emergency role (he'll be used more at wide receiver in 2009). He took a few snaps in just 3 games last year. His only career pass as a Trojan was a touchdown, but it came off a lateral in the 2008 Rose Bowl while playing wideout. A fine student, he has begun work on his master's degree in business.

Bolstering the quarterback corps is untested redshirt freshman walk-on **John Manoogian**.

"The competition for the starting quarterback job in the spring was as wide-open as we've ever had and it remains close," said Carroll. **"Aaron Corp came out of it in the lead position with his consistent play and his ability to make plays with his legs. But I'm sure Matt Barkley and**

Mitch Mustain will have a say about that in the fall. From the first day, Matt showed remarkable physical and mental gifts for the position. Mitch is a solid, experienced player with high-level skills. We'll let them all continue competing this fall and see what happens. Every day will be important."

QUARTERBACKS

Matt Barkley, Fr.
Aaron Corp, So.
Garrett Green, Sr.
John Manoogian, Rs. Fr.
Mitch Mustain, Jr.

RUNNING BACKS

USC's 2009 tailback corps is deep, talented, experienced and multifaceted. The team's 4 most productive tailbacks from 2008—senior **Stafon Johnson** (138 tcb, 705 yds, 5.1 avg, 9 TD in 2008, plus 7 rec, 48 yds, 6.9 avg and 33 PR, 305 yds, 9.2 avg), juniors **Joe McKnight** (89 tcb, 659 yds, 7.4 avg, 2 TD in 2008, plus 21 rec, 193 yds, 9.2 avg, 1 TD and 9 PR, 53 yds, 5.9 avg) and **C.J. Gable** (107 tcb, 617 yds, 5.8 avg, 8 TD in 2008, plus 6 rec, 62 yds, 10.3 avg, 1 TD and 7 KOR, 196 yds, 28.0 avg, 1 TD) and sophomore **Marc Tyler** (36 tcb, 198 yds, 5.5 avg, 1 TD in 2008, plus 1 rec, 10 yds, 10.0 avg, 1 TD and 1 tac)—return, as do junior **Allen Bradford** (14 tcb, 57 yds, 4.1 avg, 1 TD in 2008, plus 4 rec, 44 yds, 11.0 avg and 1 tac) and redshirt freshman **Curtis McNeal**.

Each offers a different look to opponents:

—Johnson, who led the Trojans in rushing and punt returns in 2008, is a consistent, dependable runner who is especially effective running up the middle. He has 1,395 career rushing yards (33rd on USC's career list) and 5 career 100-yard games.

—McKnight is an exciting, speedy all-purpose breakaway back who can strike as a runner (he has 1,199 career rushing yards and 3 career 100-yard rushing games), receiver (44 career receptions) and returner. He has 8 career games with at least 100 all-purpose yards. His 7.4 average per carry in 2008 was fourth best in the nation.

—The slashing Gable, an 11-time starter last fall, is the most experienced of the group, with 18 starts, 1,194 rushing yards and 4 100-yard games in his career. He is also 11th on Troy's career kickoff return list (662 yards).

—In limited appearances in 2008, Tyler showed much promise attacking both inside and on the edge, including an 85-yard rushing performance against Washington.

—Bradford, a hard-charging runner who is particularly adept catching passes out of the backfield and who also shines on special teams, is coming off a hip injury that sidelined him most of last season.

—The diminutive McNeal had many eye-opening showings on the practice field in 2008 and in 2009 spring drills, leading the coaches to believe that will translate into more of the same in games.

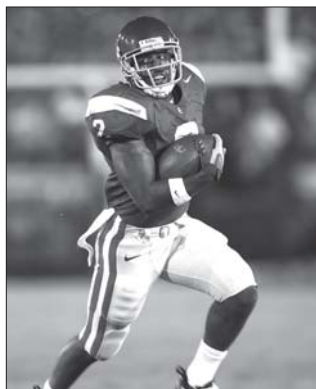
"We have terrific depth and talent at tailback," said Carroll. **"It will continue to be a highlighted, competitive situation, with a fierce battle for playing time. The veteran tailbacks are all ready for breakout seasons. Stafon Johnson, Joe McKnight and C.J. Gable are battle-tested, productive runners, and Allen Bradford is ready to make his mark. Marc Tyler and Curtis McNeal got a lot of work in spring practice and excited us with their showings."**

Junior **Stanley Havili** (13 tcb, 71 yds, 5.5 avg in 2008, plus 24 rec, 324 yds, 13.5 avg, 3 TD) will man the fullback spot for his third season in 2009. He is not only a fine blocker, but an effective runner and receiver.

Senior **Adam Goodman** (1 tcb, 1 yd, 1.0 avg in 2008, plus 2 rec, 8 yds, 4.0 avg and 1 KOR, 13 yds, 13.0 avg and 3 tac) is the prototype blocking fullback and also sees time on special teams. Sophomore **D.J. Shoemate** (1 tac in 2008), who came to USC last year as a wide receiver, offers some intriguing possibilities, as he is now a combo fullback/tailback/receiver.

Joining the fullbacks in the fall as a freshman will be **Simione Vehikite** (Kapolei High in Kapolei, Hi.).

"We have some outstanding fullbacks, but we need to establish some depth," said Carroll. **"Stanley Havili is a proven veteran. D.J. Shoemate showed great improvement in the spring and will give us a different look with his versatility from the position."**



TB C.J. GABLE



TB JOE McKNIGHT



TB STAFON JOHNSON



FB STANLEY HAVILI

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RUNNING BACKS

Allen Bradford, Jr., TB
C.J. GABLE, Jr., TB
Adam Goodman, Sr., FB
STANLEY HAVILI, Jr., FB
Stafon Johnson, Sr., TB
Joe McKnight, Jr., TB
Curtis McNeal, Rs. Fr., TB
D.J. Shoemate, So., FB
Marc Tyler, So., TB
Simione Vehikite, In. Fr., FB

WIDE RECEIVERS

Despite losing one of the most productive wide receivers in USC history, the Trojans should be in good shape here in 2009. Two-year starter Patrick Turner ended his USC career 10th on the school's all-time receiving chart (138 receptions) and his 30 career touchdowns were tied for the second most at USC. He had 49 catches for 741 yards and 10 TDs in 2008. He was an NFL third round selection.

A quartet of juniors highlights the wideout group. **Damian Williams** (58 rec, 869 yds, 15.0 avg, 9 TDs in 2008, plus 4 tcb, 43 yds, 10.8 avg and 1 PR, -1 yd, -1.0 avg), a clutch possession receiver, stepped right in after transferring from Arkansas and led USC in receiving in 2008. Equally impressive is fleet **Ronald Johnson** (33 rec, 570 yds, 17.3 avg., 8 TD in 2008, plus 14 KOR, 380 yds, 27.1 avg and 6 tcb, 32 yds, 5.3 avg and 0-of-1 passing, 0 yds, 0.0% and 3 tcb), the Trojans' deep threat. He also was Troy's top kickoff returner the past 2 seasons and already ranks fifth on the program's career kickoff return list (1,000 yards). Then there's the physical **David Ausberry** (6 rec, 85 yds, 14.2 avg, 1 TD in 2008), who had 5 starts in 2007, and **Travon Patterson** (3 rec, 25 yds, 8.3 avg in 2008), who is among the fastest Trojans.

Looking to break into the playing rotation here are soph **Brandon Carswell** (1 rec, 7 yds, 7.0 avg in 2008, plus 3 PR, 20 yds, 6.7 avg and 5 PR, 31 yds, 6.2 avg and 1 tcb), junior **Jordan Cameron**, who also played on the Trojan basketball team, and redshirt freshman **Brice Butler**. Senior **Garrett Green**, who doubles as a quarterback, also could see action here.

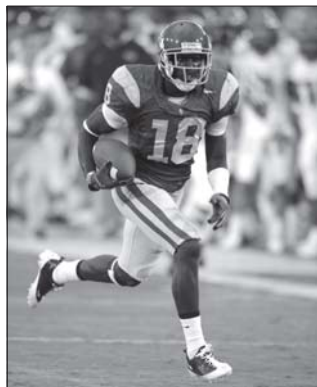
A group of walk-ons who have yet to catch a pass fill out the wideout unit: juniors **Sean Calcagnie**, **Preston Cavignac**, **Joe Gibson**, **Scott Stephens** and **Spencer Vigoren**, sophomores **Kit Barmeyer** and **Drew Ness** and redshirt freshmen **Steve Blackhart** and **Robbie Boyer**.

Prep All-American **De'Von Flournoy** (Birmingham High in Van Nuys, Calif.) enrolls in the fall as a freshman.

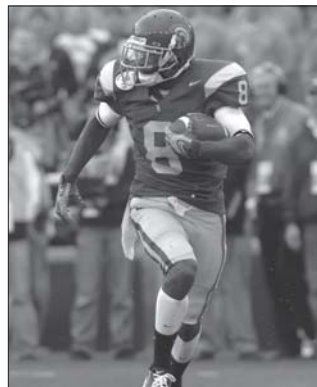
"We have two of the best wide receivers around, **Damian Williams** and **Ronald Johnson**," said Carroll. "The competition to get into the playing rotation with them will be wide open. I'm excited to watch some of our less experienced wideouts step up."

WIDE RECEIVERS

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Garrett Green, Sr.
Ronald Johnson, Jr.
Drew Ness, So.
Travon Patterson, Jr.
Scott Stephens, Jr.
Spencer Vigoren, Jr.
DAMIAN WILLIAMS, Jr.



WR DAMIAN WILLIAMS



WR RONALD JOHNSON

TIGHT ENDS

USC's tight end position is not deep, but it is very capable.

Senior **Anthony McCoy** (22 rec, 256 yds, 11.6 avg, 1 TD 2008, plus 0 tcb, 23 yds) did a commendable job as the starter in 2008. He'll be backed by sophomores **Rhett Ellison** (4 rec, 58 yds, 14.5 avg in 2008, plus 1 tcb), who even started twice at fullback in 2008, and **Blake Ayles** (6 rec, 41 yds, 6.8 avg, 1 TD in 2008). Ellison is the son of ex-USC and NFL linebacker Riki (Gray) Ellison. Also figuring in are senior **Thomas Herring**, a converted offensive guard who missed 2009 spring drills with an Achilles injury, and senior walk-on **Steve Gatena**, who has also worked at center and offensive tackle.

"Tight end is a really good position for us," said Carroll. "Anthony McCoy and Rhett Ellison are good, solid players, and we want to expand the versatility of Blake Ayles."

TIGHT ENDS

Blake Ayles, So.
Rhett Ellison, So.
Steve Gatena, Sr., C-OT
Thomas Herring, Sr.
ANTHONY MCCOY, Sr.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

USC's offensive line could be among the premier units in the country, as all 5 starters and 2 part-time starters from last season return in 2009.

Anchoring the line is junior center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, who made the 2008 All-Pac-10 first team after winning Freshman All-American first team acclaim in 2007. He missed 2009 spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery.

Senior left guard **Jeff Byers** is a 2-year starter who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA because he missed 2005 and 2006 with injuries. He can also play center. One of USC's top student-athletes, he is completing work on his M.B.A.

Also back as starters are senior right guard **Alex Parsons**, who can also play center or tackle, plus tackles **Charles Brown**, a senior on the left side, and junior **Butch Lewis** on the right side. Lewis might work on the left side in 2009.

Both senior **Nick Howell** (6 starts at right tackle), the son of former USC All-American and NFL guard Pat Howell, and junior **Zack Heberer** (3 starts at right guard) saw significant action in 2008. They give the Trojans plenty of options and flexibility up front (for instance, Howell might work at right guard and Heberer at left guard), and they could even end up starting.

Also competing to get into the mix are sophomore tackle **Tyron Smith** (he emerged from 2009 spring drills as the starter on the right side), soph guard **Martin Coleman**, sophomore center **Michael Reardon** (he has also worked at tackle and tight end), redshirt freshman guard **Khaled Holmes** and redshirt freshman tackle **Matt Kalil**.

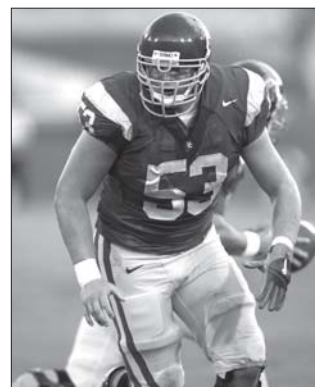
Then there are walk-ons **Garrett Nolan**, a senior center, and **Abe Markowitz**, a redshirt freshman center who can also play guard.

A pair of prep All-Americans—tackle **Kevin Graf** (Agoura High in Agoura, Calif.), whose father and brother played at USC, and center **John Martinez** (Cottonwood High in Salt Lake City, Utah)—come aboard this fall as freshmen.

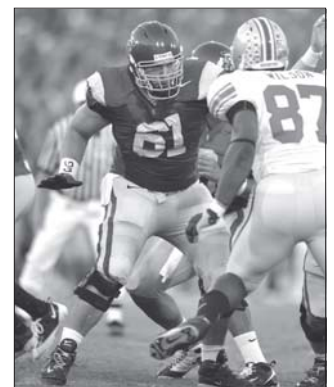
"The offensive line is a deep, experienced unit for us, and it will be highly-competitive all season long for playing time," said Carroll. "We'll be able to work guys at a number of spots. It's great to have Jeff Byers back for another season and we'll count on his senior leadership."

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

CHARLES BROWN, Sr., OT
JEFF BYERS, Sr., OG-C
Martin Coleman, So., OG
Kevin Graf, In. Fr., OT
Zack Heberer, Jr., OG
Khaled Holmes, Rs. Fr., OG
Nick Howell, Sr., OT
Matt Kalil, Rs. Fr., OT
BUTCH LEWIS, Jr., OT
Abe Markowitz, Rs. Fr., C
John Martinez, In. Fr., C
Garrett Nolan, Sr., C
KRISTOFER O'DOWD, Jr., C
ALEX PARSONS, Sr., OG-C
Michael Reardon, So., C
Tyron Smith, So., OT



OG-C JEFF BYERS



C KRISTOFER O'DOWD

DEFENSE

Only 3 defensive starters return from 2008: safety **Taylor Mays**, safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard** and tackle **Christian Tupou**. Others back with starting experience are end **Everson Griffen**, safety **Will Harris**, cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** and **Shareece Wright**, linebacker **Michael Morgan** and tackle **Averell Spicer**, plus safety **Shane Horton** (while at UNLV). The bar has been set high for the 2009 defense, as the 2008 Trojans led the nation in scoring defense (9.0, USC's best mark since 1967), pass efficiency defense (85.8) and pass defense (134.4, USC's best since 1977) and were second in total defense (221.8, USC's best since 1967) and fifth in rushing defense (87.4). USC also was 11th nationally in tackles for a loss (7.5) and led the Pac-10 in opponent third down conversions (27.6%). Foes got into the end zone just 14 times (only 6 via passing) in 2008, as Troy posted 3 shutouts. USC set an NCAA record by allowing only 8.8 yards per completion last fall, and opponents also averaged just 3.6 yards per play and 2.7 yards per rush. The Trojans' +0.5 turnover margin figure was their best in 3 years. But the team's top 4 tacklers from last season are gone, as are its 2008 leaders in tackles for a loss and sacks.

"I expect us to play with great speed and athleticism on defense," said Carroll. **"And we'll count on our guys to be very aggressive in the style of previous years. Rocky Seto, who will now coordinate our defense, has been with us from the start and has a great feel for how we do things."**

"Yes, we lost a lot of outstanding defensive players, but I'm confident we'll have another strong defense, led by the secondary. We'll be very fast up front, where we have a chance to field one of our best pass rushing units in years. Obviously, the key area is the new linebacking group, but don't underestimate them."

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

There will be a near-overhaul of USC's defensive line in 2008, as gone are 3-year starting tackle Fili Moala (a 2008 All-Pac-10 first team selection), plus both ends, 2-year starter Kyle Moore (he was USC's 2008 sack leader with 5) and Clay Matthews. Moala had 90 tackles and 23.5 tackles for a loss in his career and Moore had 76 career stops. Matthews, who converted from linebacker last fall, was the surprise of the 2008 Trojan defense, getting 56 tackles, including 9 for a loss with 4.5 sacks. He also was a special teams fiend, blocking 3 field goals in his career. All 3 were NFL draftees, Matthews in the first round, Moala in the second and Moore in the fourth.

The only somewhat stable position on the defensive front in 2009 is at nose tackle, where junior **Christian Tupou** (12 tac, 3 for loss, 1 dfl in 2008) returns after starting the last 10 contests in 2008. But promising sophomore **Jurrell Casey** (12 tac, 2 for loss, 1 FF in 2008) had an impressive spring and could emerge as the starter there. Junior college transfer **Hebron Fangupo** (Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif.), who will enroll as a junior in the fall, also will figure in the rotation.

Senior **Averell Spicer** (8 tac, 1 for loss in 2008), who started at nose tackle in 2008's first 3 games, moved over to Moala's tackle spot in the spring and won the starting job. Competing with him are junior **Derek Simmons**, who moves back to his original position after spending 2008 as an offensive guard, and sophomore **DaJohn Harris** (1 tac, 0.5 for loss, 0.5 sack in 2008). Fangupo also will be used here.

Aiming to fill the vacant end spots will be quick-off-the-ball junior **Everson Griffen** (18 tac, 6 for loss, 4.5 sack in 2008), a 2007 Freshman All-American first teamer who has 5 career starts (including the first 3 games of 2008), sophomores **Armond Armstead** (10 tac, 3 for loss, 1 sack in 2008), who slid out from tackle, and **Malik Jackson** (4 tac, 2 tac for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF, 1 dfl in 2008) and redshirt freshmen **Wes Horton** and **Nick Perry**. Griffen and Armstead had impressive spring performances and won the starting roles. There's also walk-on redshirt freshman end **Eric Childs**.

Then, in the fall, prep All-American ends **James Boyd** (Jordan High in Los Angeles, Calif.) and **Devon Kennard** (Desert Vista High in Phoenix, Ariz.) will enter the fray as freshmen.

"Jethro Franklin returns to a very competitive situation on the defensive line and the unit is shaping up nicely," said Carroll. **"Christian Tupou and Everson Griffen provide some experience. We're expecting a lot from our younger linemen."**

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Armond Armstead, So., DE
James Boyd, In Fr., DE
Jurrell Casey, So., DT
Eric Childs, Rs. Fr., DE
Hebron Fangupo, In. Jr., DT
Everson Griffen, Jr., DE
DaJohn Harris, So., DT
Wes Horton, Rs. Fr., DE
Malik Jackson, So., DE
Devon Kennard, In. Fr., DE
Nick Perry, Rs. Fr., DE
Derek Simmons, Jr., DT
Averell Spicer, Sr., DT
CHRISTIAN TUPOU, Jr., DT

LINEBACKERS

USC will have a drastically new-look linebacking corps in 2009, as all 3 of last year's starters—Rey Mavaluga in the middle and Brian Cushing and Kaluka Maiava outside—are gone. To say those are huge losses is an understatement. Mavaluga, who had 273 career tackles, was a unanimous 2008 All-American first team pick and won the Bednarik Award while leading the Trojans in tackles (79). He also was a finalist for the Lombardi, Nagurski and Butkus Awards last fall. He was a 3-time All-Pac-10 first teamer, including being named the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 2008. Cushing, like Mavaluga a 3-year starter and 2008 Butkus finalist, earned All-American first team honors last season while making 73 stops, including a team-best 10.5 for losses. In his career, he had 178 tackles (27 for losses). Maiava was third on the Trojans in tackles in 2008 with 66 and was named the Rose Bowl Defensive Player of the Game (following in the footsteps of the 2 previous winners, Mavaluga and Cushing). Cushing was an NFL first round pick, Mavaluga went in the second round and Maiava was a fourth rounder.

None of the returning linebackers has more than 35 career tackles, but each has seen the field to a limited degree, mostly on special teams. This past spring's drills sorted things out, leaving the coaches pleased with the new starters' potential. Although less experienced than last year's group, this year's version is much faster.

Sophomore **Chris Galippo** (12 tac, 2 for loss, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2008), who was Mavaluga's backup last season (but saw minimal action), takes over in the middle. Junior **Michael Morgan** (24 tac, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FR in 2008), the only current Trojan linebacker to have started a game (he did so against Oregon last year), backed up Cushing on the strong side in 2008 and he'll start there in 2009. Fellow junior **Malcolm Smith** (18 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2008), the brother of ex-Trojan All-American and NFL wide receiver Steve Smith, was Maiava's backup on the weak side and emerged as the 2009 starter there.

Senior **Luther Brown**, who had a back injury and missed last season, is able to play any linebacker position.

Then there are senior **Nick Garratt** (5 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2008) and sophomores **Jordan Campbell** (7 tac in 2008) and **Uona Kaveinga** (3 tac, 1 for loss in 2008), along with a pair of walk-ons in junior **Dan Deckas** and soph **Ross Cumming** (3 tac in 2008). Kaveinga and Cumming play in the middle, the others on the outside.

A trio of prep All-Americans—**Jarvis Jones** (Carver High in Columbus, Ga.), **Marquis Simmons** (Dominguez High in Compton, Calif.) and **Frankie Telfort** (Gulliver Prep High in Miami, Fla.)—will join the battle in the fall as freshmen, along with **Kevin Greene** (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in San Francisco, Calif.). Simmons' brother, Melvin ("Champ"), played linebacker at USC early in Carroll's tenure.

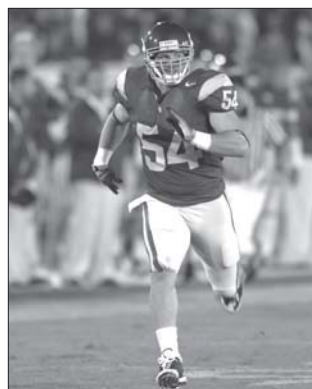
"We addressed the linebacker spot extraordinarily well in spring and we're confident this new group will live up to the level we're used to," said Carroll. **"We'll count on the younger guys to make contributions, as well. I'm confident that Ken Norton will turn out another great group of linebackers."**



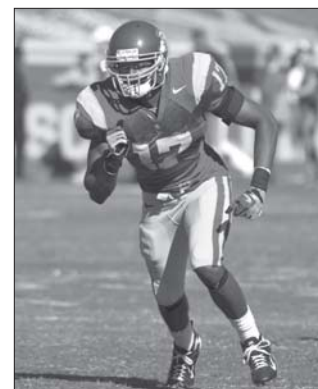
DT CHRISTIAN TUPOU



DE EVERSON GRIFFEN



LB CHRIS GALIPPO



LB MICHAEL MORGAN

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LINEBACKERS

Luthur Brown, Sr.
Jordan Campbell, So.
Ross Cumming, So.
Dan Deckas, Jr.
Chris Galippo, So.
Nick Garratt, Sr.
Kevin Greene, In. Fr.,
Jarvis Jones, In. Fr.
Uona Kaveinga, So.
Michael Morgan, Jr.
Marquis Simmons, In. Fr.
Malcolm Smith, Jr.
Frankie Telfort, In. Fr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Even though 2 of last fall's starters are gone, USC's strength on defense in 2009 will be the secondary.

Leading the way will be senior 2-time All-American first team free safety **Taylor Mays** (53 tac, 2 for loss, team-best 9 dfl in 2008), who will be starting for his fourth year. A punishing tackler and freakish athlete, he was a Thorpe Award finalist last season when he made 53 tackles and broke up a team-best 9 passes. In his career, he has 180 tackles and 4 interceptions.

Joining him will be **Josh Pinkard** (39 tac, 1 for loss, 3 dfl, 2 FR, 2 FF, 1 int in 2008), whose career resume as a 2-year starting cornerback includes 108 tackles and 3 interceptions. He will start this season at strong safety, where he played during the first part of his Trojan career. Like teammate Jeff Byers, he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA after missing the 2006 and 2007 campaigns with injuries.

The openings in the secondary come as a result of the loss of a pair of 3-year starters: 2-time All-Pac-10 first team strong safety Kevin Ellison and cornerback Cary Harris. Both had 5 career picks and both were NFL sixth round selections.

Senior **Will Harris** (38 tac, 4.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 2 int, 1 FR, 3 dfl in 2008) performed capably while starting 5 late-season contests at strong safety in 2008 when Ellison was out with an injury, so he has some invaluable experience.

Two players with starts under their belts—senior **Kevin Thomas** (15 tac, 2 for a loss, 2 sack, 3 int with 1 TD, 7 dfl in 2008) and junior **Shareece Wright** (8 tac in 2008)—will be first in line for the open cornerback spots. Thomas has 4 career starts, 1 more than Wright, who missed most of last season with a neck injury after starting the first 2 games.

Among the other safeties seeking time are sophomores **Drew McAllister** (16 tac, 3 int in 2008, plus 1 KOR, 21 yds, 21.0 avg), who had an impressive rookie showing in 2008, and **Shane Horton**, who started 6 games at UNLV in 2007 but sat out last season after transferring (he's the brother of Trojan defensive end Wes Horton). There are also 3 walk-on safeties: junior **Robert Erickson** (1 tac in 2008) and sophomores **Ryan McMahon** and **Spencer Spiegel**.

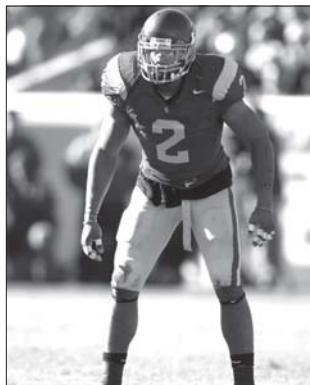
The other cornerbacks pushing to get into the rotation are junior **Marshall Jones** (6 tac in 2008), a converted safety, soph **T.J. Bryant** (7 tac, 2 dfl, 1 int in 2008) and redshirt freshman **Brian Baucham**, along with 3 walk-ons: senior **Justin Hart**, junior **Omari Crittenden** and sophomore **Daniel Harper** (4 tac in 2008).

This fall as freshmen, prep All-Americans **Patrick Hall** (St. Bonaventure High in Ventura, Calif.), **T.J. McDonald** (Edison High in Fresno, Calif.) and **Jawanza Starling** (Lincoln High in Tallahassee, Fla.) enter the safety competition, while prep All-American **Byron Moore** (Narbonne High in Harbor City, Calif.) along with **Torin Harris** (Palo Verde High in Las Vegas, Nev.) will compete at cornerback. Hall is the cousin of former USC and NFL receiver Keary Colbert, while McDonald is the son of ex-USC All-American and NFL All-Pro safety Tim McDonald.

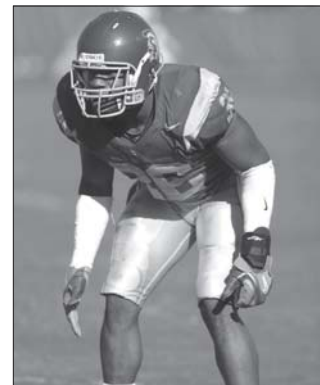
"The secondary is big and fast, and really, really experienced," said Carroll. "Taylor Mays is one of the best football players in America and we expect him to be a true leader. Josh Pinkard's return gives us great versatility. The competition at the safety spots is about as good as you can ever hope, with Will Harris in the mix. Our cornerbacks are very fast and athletic. This should be one of the best defensive backfields we've ever had."

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Brian Baucham, Rs. Fr., CB
T.J. Bryant, So., CB
Omari Crittenden, Jr., CB
Robert Erickson, Jr., S
Patrick Hall, In. Fr., S
Daniel Harper, So., CB
Will Harris, Sr., S
Torin Harris, In. Fr., CB
Justin Hart, Sr., CB
Shane Horton, So., S
Marshall Jones, Jr., CB
TAYLOR MAYS, Sr., S
Drew McAllister, So., S
T.J. McDonald, In. Fr., S
Ryan McMahon, So., S
Byron Moore, In. Fr., CB
JOSH PINKARD, Sr., S-CB
Spencer Spiegel, So., S
Jawanza Starling, In. Fr., S
Kevin Thomas, Sr., CB
Shareece Wright, Jr., CB



S TAYLOR MAYS



S-CB JOSH PINKARD

SPECIAL TEAMS

USC's top kickoff (**Ronald Johnson**) and punt (**Stafon Johnson**) returners and both snappers (long snapper **Cooper Stephenson** and short snapper **Chris Pousson**) from last year are back in 2009, but a new placekicker, punter and holder must be found. The Trojans hope to remain as sound as they were in some areas of special teams in 2008, when they ranked second nationally in kickoff returns (26.5) and first in the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage (48.2). However, USC's net punting (33.0, in the nation's bottom 20), punt returning (8.0) and field goal kicking (9-of-13) numbers from 2008 could stand improvement.

"For the first time, we'll have a fulltime special teams coach in **Brian Schneider** and his expertise and experience will really help us," said Carroll. "Our return game should be a real strength, with some very dangerous players involved there. The focus will be developing a kicker and a punter."

PUNTERS

A replacement must emerge for Greg Woidneck, whose 3-year career as USC's punter is completed. He averaged just 37.7 yards in his career, but he specialized in hangtime and placement (39.4% on his punts trapped opponents within the 20-yard line).

Battling for the job will be untested but much-improved junior walk-on **Billy O'Malley** and JC All-American **Jacob Harfman** (Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif.), who transfers in as a junior in the fall and can also placekick. Walk-on sophomore **Boomer Roepke**, a one-time USC football manager and Trojan swimmer, also is available.

PLACEKICKERS

USC is looking for a successor to strong-legged David Buehler, the 2008 All-Pac-10 first team placekicker. Besides doing a nice job putting the ball through the uprights (he had 117 PATs and 26 field goals in his career), Buehler was an underrated weapon when kicking off as 58.3% of his career kickoffs pinned foes within the 20-yard line (including 38.3% that were touchbacks). He was a fifth round NFL draft pick.

A pair of promising walk-on kickers—senior **Jordan Congdon** and junior **Joe Houston**—have yet to get on the field at USC, although Congdon was Nebraska's kicker in 2004 and 2005. They'll compete for the job with JC All-American transfer **Jacob Harfman** (Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif.), a junior enrollee this fall who is also looking to be USC's punter.

SNAPPERS

Both snappers—junior long snapper **Cooper Stephenson**, who can also play tight end, and sophomore short snapper **Chris Pousson**—return in 2009 after performing well last fall.

HOLDERS

Punter Greg Woidneck doubled as the holder on placekicks last season, but he has graduated. The logical replacement is senior quarterback **Garrett Green**, who served as Woidneck's backup in 2008 (although he was never called to duty). Junior walk-on punter Billy O'Malley could be the backup.

RETURNERS

USC will have some effective and exciting returners in 2009, as the key performers from last fall are back. Junior wide receiver **Ronald Johnson** (14 KOR, 380 yds, 27.1 avg in 2008) topped Troy in kickoffs the past 2 years and already ranks fifth on the all-time Trojan kickoff return list (1,000 yards), while junior tailback **C.J. Gable** (7 KOR, 196 yds, 28.0 avg, 1 TD in 2008) also stands back deep and is 11th on that chart (662 yards). Gable returned a kickoff for a TD at Stanford in 2008. Senior tailback **Stafon Johnson** (33 PR, 305 yds, 9.2 avg in 2008) was USC's leading punt returner last season. Junior tailback **Joe McKnight** (9 PR, 53 yds, 5.9 avg in 2008)—he led the team in punt returns in 2007—and sophomore wide receiver **Brandon Carswell** (5 PR, 31 yds, 6.2 avg in 2008) also fielded some punts in 2008. Others who might be tried include junior wide receiver **Damian Williams** as a punt returner and redshirt freshman tailback **Curtis McNeal** as a kickoff returner.

SPECIALISTS

Jordan Congdon, Sr., PK
Jacob Harfman, In. Jr., PK-P
Joe Houston, Jr., PK
Billy O'Malley, Jr., P
CHRIS POUSSON, So., SNP
Boomer Roepke, So., P
COOPER STEPHENSON, Jr., SNP

2009 USC DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE —	8	Ronald Johnson (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	9	David Ausberry (6-4, 235, Jr.)*
	23	Jordan Cameron (6-5, 220, Jr.)*
	80	Brandon Carswell (6-1, 185, So.)*
	47	Scott Stephens (6-1, 185, Jr.)*
	81	Spencer Vigoren (6-4, 220, Jr.)*
	28	Drew Ness (6-0, 190, So.)*
	82	Kit Barmeyer (6-3, 195, So.)*
	83	Steve Blackhart (6-2, 180, Fr.)*
LT —	71	CHARLES BROWN (6-6, 285, Sr.)*
	68	BUTCH LEWIS (6-5, 285, Jr.)*
	77	Kevin Graf (6-6, 315, Fr.)
LG —	53	JEFF BYERS (6-3, 290, Sr.)* OR
	74	Zack Heberer (6-5, 290, Jr.)*
	78	Khaled Holmes (6-4, 300, Fr.)*
	72	Martin Coleman (6-5, 315, So.)*
C —	53	JEFF BYERS (6-3, 290, Sr.)* OR
	61	KRISTOFER O'DOWD (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	67	Michael Reardon (6-5, 285, So.)* OR
	64	Garrett Nolan (6-4, 275, Sr.)*
	59	John Martinez (6-3, 275, Fr.)
RG —	76	Nick Howell (6-5, 290, Sr.)* OR
	56	ALEX PARSONS (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	50	Abe Markowitz (6-1, 280, Fr.)*
RT —	70	Tyron Smith (6-6, 285, So.)
	75	Matt Kalil (6-6, 295, Fr.)*
TE —	86	ANTHONY MCCOY (6-5, 250, Sr.)
	40	Rhett Ellison (6-5, 255, So.)*
	88	Blake Ayles (6-5, 245, So.)*
	89	Steve Gatena (6-5, 270, Sr.)*
	85	Cooper Stephenson (6-3, 220, Jr.)*
	87	Thomas Herring (6-6, 330, Sr.)*
FL —	18	DAMIAN WILLIAMS (6-1, 195, Jr.)*
	17	Travon Patterson (5-10, 175, Jr.)*
	19	Brice Butler (6-3, 200, Fr.)*
	14	Garrett Green (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	49	Robbie Boyer (6-0, 185, Fr.)*
	46	Sean Calcagnie (6-0, 190, Jr.)*
	41	Preston Cavnagac (6-0, 185, Jr.)*
	84	Joe Gibson (6-0, 185, Jr.)*
	1	DeVon Flournoy (6-0, 180, Fr.)
QB —	15	Aaron Corp (6-3, 200, So.)*
	7	Matt Barkley (6-2, 230, Fr.)
	16	Mitch Mustain (6-3, 200, Jr.)*
	14	Garrett Green (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	6	John Manogian (6-0, 205, Fr.)*
FB —	31	STANLEY HAVILI (6-1, 230, Jr.)*
	10	D.J. Shoemate (6-0, 220, So.)
	45	Adam Goodman (6-1, 240, Sr.)*
	36	Simione Vehikite (6-0, 245, Fr.)
TB —	13	Stafon Johnson (5-11, 210, Sr.) OR
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 190, Jr.) OR
	2	C.J. GABLE (6-0, 205, Jr.)* OR
	21	Allen Bradford (5-11, 235, Jr.)*
	22	Curtis McNeal (5-8, 190, Fr.)* OR
	26	Marc Tyler (6-0, 225, So.)*
SPECIALISTS		
P —	39	Billy O'Malley (6-1, 190, Jr.)*
	27	Boomer Roepke (5-9, 180, So.)*
	48	Jacob Harfman (5-11, 200, Jr.)
PK —	30	Joe Houston (5-8, 175, Jr.)* OR
	38	Jordan Congdon (5-9, 175, Sr.)*
	48	Jacob Harfman (5-11, 200, Jr.)
SNP —	85	COOPER STEPHENSON (6-3, 220, Jr.)*—P
	62	CHRIS POUSSON (6-4, 240, So.)—PAT, FG
HLD —	14	Garrett Green (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	39	Billy O'Malley (6-1, 190, Jr.)*

DEFENSE

DE —	94	Armond Armstead (6-5, 295, So.)
	96	Wes Horton (6-5, 255, Fr.)*
	95	Eric Childs (6-4, 235, Fr.)*
	16	James Boyd (6-5, 230, Fr.)
NT —	91	Jurrell Casey (6-1, 295, So.) OR
	44	CHRISTIAN TUPOU (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	92	Hebron Fangupo (6-2, 330, Jr.)
DT —	99	Averell Spicer (6-2, 295, Sr.)*
	90	Derek Simmons (6-4, 285, Jr.)*
	98	DaJohn Harris (6-4, 295, So.)*
	92	Hebron Fangupo (6-2, 330, Jr.)
DE —	93	Everson Griffen (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	97	Malik Jackson (6-5, 245, So.) OR
	8	Nick Perry (6-3, 250, Fr.)*
	42	Devon Kennard (6-3, 255, Fr.)
SLB —	17	Michael Morgan (6-4, 220, Jr.)*
	52	Luthur Brown (6-2, 235, Sr.)*
	57	Nick Garratt (6-1, 235, Sr.)*
	81	Kevin Greene (6-3, 235, Fr.)
MLB —	54	Chris Galippo (6-2, 250, So.)*
	35	Uona Kaveinga (6-0, 245, So.)*
	46	Ross Cumming (6-1, 220, So.)*
	10	Jarvis Jones (6-3, 225, Fr.) OR
	53	Marquis Simmons (6-1, 225, Fr.)
WLB —	6	Malcolm Smith (6-1, 225, Jr.)
	37	Jordan Campbell (5-11, 230, So.)*
	59	Dan Deckas (5-10, 215, Jr.)*
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	27	Marshall Jones (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	45	Omari Crittenden (6-0, 185, Jr.)*
	9	Byron Moore (6-1, 205, Fr.)
FS —	2	TAYLOR MAYS (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	19	Drew McAllister (6-1, 195, So.)*
	38	Robert Erickson (5-11, 190, Jr.)*
	29	Jawanza Starling (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR
	25	Patrick Hall (6-1, 185, Fr.)
SS —	36	JOSH PINKARD (6-1, 215, Sr.)* OR
	26	Will Harris (6-1, 210, Sr.)*
	23	Shane Horton (6-1, 210, So.)*
	49	Ryan McMahon (6-0, 195, So.)*
	34	Spencer Spiegel (5-11, 175, So.)*
	7	T.J. McDonald (6-2, 205, Fr.)
CB —	24	Shareece Wright (6-0, 185, Jr.)*
	1	T.J. Bryant (6-0, 180, So.)*
	22	Daniel Harper (5-10, 180, So.)*
	28	Justin Hart (6-0, 180, Sr.)*
	4	Torin Harris (6-1, 175, Fr.)

RETURNERS

KOR —	2	C.J. GABLE (6-0, 205, Jr.)* OR
	8	RONALD JOHNSON (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	22	Curtis McNeal (5-8, 190, Fr.)*
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 190, Jr.)
PR —	18	Damian Williams (6-1, 195, Jr.)* OR
	13	STAFON JOHNSON (5-11, 210, Sr.)* OR
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 190, Jr.) OR
	80	Brandon Carswell (6-1, 185, So.)*

Depth chart as of start of 2009 fall practice
 Projected 2009 starters in boldface
 Players connected with "OR" are considered equal
 Returning 2008 starters are listed in ALL CAPS
 Incoming 2009 players listed alphabetically at end of positions
 *Used up redshirt year



HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL



Energetic and charismatic ninth-year USC head football coach Pete Carroll has returned the Trojan football program to national prominence.

He is 88-15 (85.4%) in 8 years (2001-2008) as a college head coach (all at USC), the best winning percentage of any current Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience. His 88 victories tie Bob Pruett of Marshall for most by a Division I coach in their first 8 seasons since 1900 (Penn's George Woodruff had 102 before then). He reached 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of just 65 points (4.3 average) and only 1 was by more than a touchdown (it was by 11 points). After starting off his Trojan career 2-5, he has gone 85-10 (89.5%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 57-10 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 85.1% winning mark (a league record). His teams have been ranked in the AP Top 25 for the past 91 games, a school record. He is 27-0 in November. He has 32 victories over AP Top 25 teams (32-7 overall, 82.1%). His teams have won an unprecedented 7 consecutive Pac-10 titles and appeared in an NCAA record 7 consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games). His teams have recorded at least 11 victories in each of the past 7 seasons, an NCAA record, and finished ranked in the AP Top 4 in each of those 7 seasons. USC's 13, 25, 37, 48, 59, 71, 82 and 88 wins during 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- and 8-year spans under Carroll represent the winningest periods in Trojan history. He is 6-2 in bowl games, including 6-1 in BCS games.

Under Carroll, USC is riding winning streaks in 28 home night games, 27 November games, 13 non-conference home games, 12 non-conference games, 9 non-conference road games (not including 7 neutral site contests) and 10 overall games. His USC teams also had a number of other since-broken winning streaks: a Pac-10 record 35 consecutive home games, Pac-10-record 34 overall games, a Pac-10-record 27 Pac-10 games, a Pac-10 record 24 consecutive league home games, a school-record 18 road games (not including 4 neutral site contests), 18 October games, 16 non-conference games, 16 games against AP Top 25 teams, 15 September games and a school-record 13 Pac-10 road games. His Trojans also set a no-longer-active NCAA record by scoring at least 20 points in 63 consecutive games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including 2 pre-season polls) and was ranked in the AP Top 10 for a school-record 63 consecutive games. He has gone 14-2 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA.

Also under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. Carroll has produced 33 All-American first teamers and 53 NFL draft picks (including 14 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His USC program has had the nation's most draftees in 2006, 2008 and 2009. His last 7 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 10 nationally (including first 5 times by some experts). In 2009, he was named **Coach of the Decade by Lindy's**. He also served as USC's defensive coordinator in his first 5 seasons at Troy.

USC posted an 12-1 record in 2008 and for a record seventh consecutive year won a Pac-10 title (going 8-1), advanced to a BCS bowl (a fourth consecutive Rose Bowl) and won 12 games. Troy beat Penn State, 38-24, to become the first team to win 3 straight Rose Bowls. In the polls, the Trojans finished ranked second by USA Today and third by AP. Included was a sweep over rivals Notre Dame (the seventh in a row) and UCLA. USC ranked in the Top 20 in almost every national offensive and defensive statistical category, including first in scoring defense (at 9.8, its finest in 41 years), pass defense (at 134.4, its best in 31 years) and pass efficiency defense and second in total defense (at 221.8, its best in 41 years). USC surrendered just 14 touchdowns in 2008. Linebackers Rey Mauluaga (the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year and USC's first-ever Bednarik Award winner) and Brian Cushing and safety Taylor Mays were named All-American first teamers. Carroll was **among 9 finalists for the 2008 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award**. In the 2008 pre-season, he was picked as the nation's top head coach by CBS Sports.com.

In an injury-riddled 2007 season, USC went 11-2 and finished second in the USA Today poll and third in the AP poll (it held the AP No. 1 ranking for the season's first 4 games) for its sixth AP Top 4 ranking in a row, was 7-2 in the Pac-10 to share an unprecedented sixth consecutive league crown and advanced to a third straight Rose Bowl (and record sixth BCS bowl in a row), its fourth trip to Pasadena in 5 years (its 49-17 win over Illinois equaled the most points ever in a Rose Bowl). Troy swept traditional rivals UCLA (giving Carroll his 75th Trojan victory) and, for the sixth straight year, Notre Dame. USC's defense was in the top 6 nationally in total, scoring, rushing and pass efficiency defense (second in the first 2). Troy broke the school record for overall attendance and overall average attendance in 2007. Five Trojans—offensive tackle Sam Baker, defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis, tight end Fred Davis, linebacker Keith Rivers and safety Taylor Mays—were named All-American first teamers (Baker became USC's third-ever 3-time All-American, while Ellis was an All-American for the second year in a row and was named the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year and Davis won the 2007 Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end).

In 2006 in what was considered a rebuilding year after losing a pair of Heisman winners and 11 NFL draftees from 2005, USC went 11-2, finished No. 4 in the final polls and shared the Pac-10 title at 7-2 to capture an unprecedented fifth straight league crown. Troy did this despite starting just 4 seniors, playing 15 first-year freshmen and facing what was the nation's second toughest schedule according to the Sagarin rating (USC played 9 bowl teams). The Trojans beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl and came within a regular season-ending 4-point loss at UCLA to advancing to a third consecutive BCS Championship Game. USC was ranked in the AP Top 10 all season and beat rival Notre Dame for the fifth year in a row. The Trojans were in the national Top 25 statistically in scoring, total and passing offense, as well as rushing, pass efficiency, total and scoring defense. USC broke its Pac-10 record home average attendance record for the fourth consecutive year and its Pac-10 record

home total attendance record for the second straight season, plus it set the school record for the third straight year for home sellouts (6), regular season sellouts (10) and season sellouts (11). Five Trojans—wide receivers Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith, offensive tackle Sam Baker, center Ryan Kalil and defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis—were All-American first teamers (Jarrett and Baker for the second year in a row). Carroll was named the **2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year** (for the third time) and was **1 of 15 semifinalists for the 2006 George Munger Coach of the Year Award**.

In 2005, his Trojans held AP's No. 1 ranking for the entire regular season. USC went 12-1 overall (while facing 6 AP Top 25 teams) to advance to the BCS Championship Game in the Rose Bowl, where it barely fell to Texas, and 8-0 in the Pac-10 to win its fourth straight league title. The Trojans, who finished second in both polls, played the nation's ninth most difficult schedule according to the NCAA. USC swept rivals Notre Dame and UCLA for an unprecedented fourth season in a row. Troy's offense was in the national Top 6 in every offensive category, including tops in total offense (579.8) and second in scoring offense (49.1), and set Pac-10 records for total offense yardage, points scored, touchdowns and PATs. The Trojans won games by an average of 26.2 points. USC became the first school to have a 3,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard runners and a 1,000-yard receiver in a season. And USC was second nationally in turnover margin (+1.6). For the third consecutive year, USC set Pac-10 records for total home attendance and home attendance average and school marks for overall attendance and overall attendance average. The Trojans also set school standards for the second straight year for home sellouts (4), regular season sellouts (9) and season sellouts (10). For the second consecutive year, a school-record 6 Trojans were All-American first teamers, including Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Reggie Bush. Carroll was the **2005 Playboy Pre-Season All-American team Coach of the Year** and was named by **The Sporting News as the top coach in the nation**. He received the **United States Sports Academy Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award**. He was the **2005 Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year**, as well as the **American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year**. He was **1 of 5 finalists for the 2005 Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award**, **1 of 6 finalists for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award** and **1 of 12 semifinalists for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award**.

In 2004, he guided No. 1-ranked USC to its second consecutive national championship with a convincing win over Oklahoma in the BCS Championship Game in the Orange Bowl. USC became only the second team ever to hold its AP pre-season No. 1 ranking all the way through a season. It was only the 10th time that a team won back-to-back AP crowns. His team was 13-0 (a school record for wins) and went 8-0 in the Pac-10. He also led the Trojans to their third consecutive Pac-10 title and their third straight season sweep of traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame (a first at Troy). Troy was in the national Top 10 in every defensive statistical category (its total defense average was USC's lowest in 15 years), including first in rushing defense (for the second year in a row) and turnover margin and third in scoring defense. USC outscored opponents by 25.2 points (including a school-record 8 games with a margin of at least 30 points). USC played before 3 home sellouts, 7 regular-season sellouts and 8 season sellouts, all school marks. And Troy set a USC and Pac-10 record for home attendance average, as well as school records for total home attendance, overall attendance average and total overall attendance. A school-record 6 Trojans (Heisman Trophy quarterback Matt Leinart, tailback Reggie Bush, defensive linemen Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson, and linebackers Matt Grootegeod and Lofa Tatupu) were named All-American first teamers. Carroll was the **2004 National Quarterback Club College Coach of the Year** and **a finalist for the 2004 Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award, the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award and the ESPY Best Coach of the Year Award** and a **semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award**. He was the **2004 ESPN.com Pac-10 Coach of the Year**.

The 2003 season—his third at Troy—was one of the best in USC history. The Trojans won the AP national championship (USC's first national crown since 1978) and entered the Rose Bowl also ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN poll but weren't allowed to keep the top spot after winning that bowl because of a contractual agreement which required the coaches to vote the Sugar Bowl winner as their poll's champion (USC ended up second). USC was 12-1 overall (the only loss was by 3 points at California in triple overtime) and, at 7-1 in the Pac-10, Troy won its second consecutive league title for the first time since 1988-89 (and its first outright crown since 1989). His Trojans won their last 9 games and posted back-to-back seasons of double digit wins for the first time since 1978 and 1979. For just the second time in history (the other time also was 1978 and 1979), USC swept traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame in consecutive years. His 2003 squad featured a potent offense, a stingy defense and productive special teams. USC had a stretch of 11 consecutive 30-point games (also a school mark) and 7 straight 40-point contests (a Pac-10 record). USC's 534 points was a Pac-10 record. The defense led the nation in rushing defense and was second in turnover margin, forced 42 turnovers and scored 8 touchdowns. And the Trojans topped the nation in net punting. Five Trojans—wide receiver Mike Williams, offensive tackle Jacob Rogers, defensive end Kenechi Udezue, punter Tom Malone and quarterback Matt Leinart—were first team All-Americans (Leinart and Williams finished sixth and eighth, respectively, in the Heisman Trophy voting).

For all this, Carroll was named the **2003 American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Coach of the Year, Home Depot National Coach of the Year, Maxwell Club College Coach of the Year, ESPN.com National Coach of the Year, Pigskin Club of Washington D.C. Coach of the Year and All-American Football Foundation Frank Leahy Co-Coach of the Year**. He also was the **Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year** (USC's first honoree since Larry Smith in 1988), **a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year**, **1 of 6 semifinalists for the Eddie Robinson/Football Writers Association of America Coach of the Year** and **American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year**. In early 2004, he received the

Chuck Benedict Founders Award (for special achievement) from the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association, the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation Sportsman of the Year Award, the Spirit of Los Angeles Award from the Los Angeles Headquarters Association and the Vincent T. Lombardi Hall of Fame Award from the Boy Scouts of America San Gabriel Valley Council.

In 2002, just his second season at USC, his Trojans thrived despite playing what was ranked by the NCAA, Sagarin and the BCS as the nation's most difficult schedule (facing 9 AP-ranked teams and 11 bowl squads). USC—which beat Iowa in the Orange Bowl—posted an 11-2 overall record and a No. 4 ranking in the final polls, and won the Pac-10 championship while going 7-1. The Trojans also won their last 9 home games. It was USC's first 11-win season since 1979 and its highest ranking since 1988. Troy won its final 8 games (scoring at least 30 points in each), including blowouts of traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame (the first time USC beat both in the same season since 1981 and the first time in back-to-back games since 1978). USC led the Pac-10 in total offense (449.3) and total defense (284.9), as well as scoring offense (35.8) and scoring defense (18.5), and was in the NCAA's Top 25 in nearly every team statistical category on both sides of the ball. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer and safety Troy Polamalu were first team All-Americans. Carroll was **1 of 8 finalists for the 2002 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** and was **1 of 4 runners-up for the 2002 American Football Monthly Schutt Sports Division I-A Coach of the Year Award**.

Carroll brought big doses of experience, enthusiasm and leadership in his quest to revive the USC football program when he was named the Trojans' head football coach on Dec. 15, 2000 (he signed a 5-year contract). After USC started off his opening 2001 season slowly at 1-4, Carroll stayed the course and got his troops to rally by winning 5 of their last 7 games (including the final 4 regular season contests) to finish at 6-6 overall. USC, which won its last 5 Pac-10 games after beginning league play at 0-3, placed fifth in the conference at 5-3 and earned a berth into the Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl. Putting an exclamation point on the regular season was a 27-0 blanking of No. 20 UCLA, USC's first shutout in the crosstown rivalry since 1947 and the series' biggest margin of victory since 1979.

The 57-year-old Carroll has 34 years of NFL and college experience, including 16 on the college level.

He was the head coach of the NFL's New England Patriots for 3 seasons (1997-99) and New York Jets for 1 year (1994). He guided the Patriots into the playoffs in his first 2 seasons, winning the AFC Eastern Division title at 10-6 in 1997 and advancing to the second round of the playoffs, then posting a 9-7 regular season mark in 1998. His overall record in New England was 27-21 in the regular season (including 8-8 in 1999) and 1-2 in the playoffs. He owns the franchise's second-best winning percentage (54.9%).

After serving as the Jets' defensive coordinator for 4 seasons (1990-93), he became the team's head coach the following season. His 1994 Jets went 6-10. Only 3 other Jets head coaches won more games in their rookie campaign.

He spent the next 2 years (1995-96) as the defensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers, who won the NFC Western Division title both seasons. The 49ers were 11-5 in the 1995 regular season when they had the NFL's top-ranked defense and then went 12-4 in 1996.

Carroll began his coaching career at the college level, serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Pacific, for 3 years (1974-76), working

with the wide receivers and secondary. He then spent a season as a graduate assistant working with the secondary at Arkansas (1977) under Lou Holtz as the Razorbacks won the 1978 Orange Bowl, and then a season each as an assistant in charge of the secondary at Iowa State (1978) under Earle Bruce (the Cyclones played in the 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl) and at Ohio State (1979) under Bruce. That Buckeye squad lost to USC in the 1980 Rose Bowl. He next spent 3 seasons (1980-82) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at North Carolina State, then returned to Pacific in 1983 as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

He entered the NFL in 1984 as the defensive backs coach of the Buffalo Bills, then held a similar position with the Minnesota Vikings for 5 seasons (1985-89). The Vikings advanced to the playoffs his last 3 years there, getting to the NFC Championship game in 1987. The 1988 team was 11-5 in the regular season and the 1989 squad won the NFC Central Division crown with a 10-6 mark. His secondary averaged 25 interceptions a season and led the NFL in passing defense in 1989.

Carroll spent the 2000 season as a consultant for pro and college teams, doing charitable work for the NFL and writing a column about pro football for CNNISI.com.

Carroll was a 2-time (1971-72) All-Pacific Coast Conference free safety at Pacific and earned his bachelor's degree in 1973 in business administration. He received his secondary teaching credential and a master's degree in physical education from Pacific in 1976. He was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

After he graduated from Pacific, he spent a year trying out for the World Football League and selling roofing materials in the Bay Area.

He was a 3-sport (football, basketball and baseball) standout at Redwood High in Larkspur, Calif., earning the school's Athlete of the Year award as a senior. He played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back. He was inducted into the inaugural Redwood High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. He then played football at Marin Junior College in Kentfield, Calif., in 1970 (he also was on the team in 1969, but did not letter).

He was born on Sept. 15, 1951 in San Francisco. He and his wife, Glenna, who played volleyball at Pacific, have 3 children: sons Brennan, 29, who played tight end at Pittsburgh (he previously played at Delaware) and is now an assistant football coach at USC, and Nate, 20, a junior at USC, and daughter Jaime, 25, who played on the Women of Troy's highly-ranked volleyball team which competed in the 2000 NCAA Final Four. He also is the grandfather to Brennan's newborn son, Dillon.

In 2003, he helped develop "A Better L.A.," a non-profit group consisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities. He received the **Courageous Leadership Award from Women Against Gun Violence in 2005**, as well as being named a **Cedars-Sinai Sports Spectacular Honoree**. In 2008, he was honored at the **Summa Children's Foundation's "Night of Inspiration."** In the fall of 2008, he helped organize "LA LivePeace 08," a march and rally at the Coliseum to promote gang intervention and non-violence in Los Angeles. In late 2008, he was named the **coach on the Orange Bowl's 75th anniversary all-time team**. In the spring of 2009, he received the **Crystal Heart Award** from the USC School of Social Work for his involvement with "A Better L.A." (the Pete Carroll Scholarship was established for students pursuing graduate study in the school).

Year-by-Year with Pete Carroll

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	RECORD (POST-SEASON)	HEAD COACH
1974	Pacific	Graduate assistant/wide receivers	6-5	Chester Caddas
1975	Pacific	Graduate assistant/secondary	5-6-1	Chester Caddas
1976	Pacific	Graduate assistant/secondary	2-9	Chester Caddas
1977	Arkansas	Graduate assistant/secondary	11-1 (Orange)	Lou Holtz
1978	Iowa State	Secondary coach	8-4 (Hall of Fame)	Earle Bruce
1979	Ohio State	Secondary coach	11-1 (Rose)	Earle Bruce
1980	North Carolina State	Defensive coordinator/secondary coach	6-5	Monte Kiffin
1981	North Carolina State	Defensive coordinator/secondary coach	4-7	Monte Kiffin
1982	North Carolina State	Defensive coordinator/secondary coach	6-5	Monte Kiffin
1983	Pacific	Asst. head coach/offensive coordinator	3-9	Bob Cope
1984	Buffalo Bills	Defensive backs coach	2-14	Kay Stephenson
1985	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	7-9	Bud Grant
1986	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	9-7	Jerry Burns
1987	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	8-7* (2-1)	Jerry Burns
1988	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	11-5* (1-1)	Jerry Burns
1989	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	10-6** (0-1)	Jerry Burns
1990	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	6-10	Bruce Coslet
1991	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	8-8* (0-1)	Bruce Coslet
1992	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	4-12	Bruce Coslet
1993	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	8-8	Bruce Coslet
1994	New York Jets	Head coach	6-10	-
1995	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive coordinator	11-5** (0-1)	George Seiffert
1996	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive coordinator	12-4** (1-1)	George Seiffert
1997	New England Patriots	Head coach	10-6** (1-1)	-
1998	New England Patriots	Head coach	9-7* (0-1)	-
1999	New England Patriots	Head coach	8-8	-
2001	USC	Head coach	6-6 (Las Vegas)	-
2002	USC	Head coach	11-2+ (Orange)	-
2003	USC	Head coach	12-1+ # (Rose)	-
2004	USC	Head coach	13-0+ # (Orange)	-
2005	USC	Head coach	12-1+ (Rose)	-
2006	USC	Head coach	11-2+ (Rose)	-
2007	USC	Head coach	11-2+ (Rose)	-
2008	USC	Head coach	12-1+ (Rose)	=
	USC CAREER		88-15 (85.4%)	
			+Pac-10 champions	#Won national championship

*Advanced to playoffs

**Division champions and advanced to playoffs

HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PETE CARROLL

COACHES

Bud Grant, former Minnesota Vikings head coach: "He's got that intangible I think head coaches have to have. There's an instinct you have to have. A lot of excellent coaches can't be head coaches. We used to talk a lot. He was always interested in the whys of things, and not just in his sphere. He wanted to know: 'Why do this? Where did you get this idea? Where did you come up with that idea? You do it differently. Why?' I think that has made him a better coach. Pete is special. He's the right kind of guy. Honorable. He has a good philosophy of the game, he teaches good technical skills and he understands the abilities of his players. The thing that helps Pete the most as a head coach is his ability to see the whole picture. Some head coaches don't have that ability to be able to stand in the middle of a practice field and know everything that's going on. And he's secure enough in his knowledge and his ability to take what he learns on the practice field and use it to make the tough decisions and stand by them. Pete has all of that and more."

George Seifert, former San Francisco 49ers head coach: "He's got quite an energy level. In fact, we kid him about being so hyper. I've been impressed by the way his players play, the enthusiasm with which they play."

Bill Walsh, former San Francisco 49ers head coach: "Pete is one of those unique, dynamic people with great charisma who has a gift. I don't think there's anybody better."

New York Jets assistant coach Bob Sutton: "He's a very good technician, yet he has that other side of him that lets him reach outside the boundaries. That's one thing he does very well. He's not afraid to try something new."

Ed Donatelli, New York Jets assistant coach under Carroll: "USC got a dandy coach. He'll be a phenomenal recruiter. I think the college game is probably where he belongs. He's just a unique individual. He knows what's important in life. He knows the coaches don't have to be in the offices until midnight. But if people think he's easy, they're wrong, and the players will be the first to find out."

Steve Gutman, New York Jets president during Carroll's tenure: "He's a good guy in a business not famous for good guys. He has achieved a rare balance of man-husband-father-coach."

Chester Caddas, Carroll's Pacific head coach: "I loved Pete as a player. He was a tremendous college player. He truly loved the game. He was intense and he was smart and he looked forward to every snap. I knew once he committed himself 100 percent to coaching, he would make a great coach. He had an idea every 30 seconds. He also had great knowledge of the technical aspects of the game, on both sides of the ball. But most importantly, the players liked him. He was honest and upbeat. Whatever Pete tells you, you can go to the bank with. I think players appreciate that. One thing Pete has always had is an ability to deal with people. I think people enjoy his enthusiasm. He's always upbeat, but he's never out of control. I don't think I've ever seen him down."

Bob Troppman, Carroll's Redwood High head coach: "Pete was born to coach. His mind was always going. Even when he was playing Pop Warner and freshman football, he was the guy in the huddle drawing plays in the dirt. He was always off someplace working out new drills. He's really an ingenious type of guy. He's always been an innovator, always a step ahead."

PLAYERS

Carson Palmer, former USC Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback: "He's the best. He's the coach who is going to make USC what USC used to be. He's going to take the school back to the top, just because of the type of person he is and the way he treats his players and his coaches and the people around the program. He's the answer that USC has been looking for."

Shaun Cody, former USC All-American defensive lineman: "The energy he brings to the field every day and the work ethic he brings on and off the field, it's just inspirational. You go out to practice, you see how he works so hard. He's with you in the huddle. He's all around. You can feel his presence everywhere."

Matt Leinart, former USC Heisman Trophy quarterback: "It's his personality, how he relates to players, how he coaches. He coaches with tremendous enthusiasm. Also, he's a defensive genius. He makes us want to play with him, go all out for him. You don't get that in coaches today, where he's kind of a little kid inside a grown man."

Mike Williams, ex-USC All-American wide receiver: "He's one of us. He's not about ego. He really just loves football and loves being around young people and everything having to do with football. Guys will line up and play for him. His competitive nature has rubbed off on this whole team. Guys will support him, and whatever he asks us to do, we'll just go out there and do it 110 percent."

Former USC tailback LenDale White: "My first reaction to him was, 'How can't you play for this guy?' People say he's a players' coach, and some people say that's a bad thing. But I know when it's time to get the job done, he'll stick his foot in your behind and make you take care of business. I also know when it's time to have fun, he'll be right there having fun with you."

Former USC cornerback Marcell Allmond: "The last thing he is is soft. He knows when to have fun, but he is extremely serious about work. And if someone gets out of line, he's the one who's going to bring the wood."

Former USC cornerback Will Poole: "Players love the style of play we play here. Freshmen get an opportunity to come in and play. The coaching staff is just great, they're jumping around, they're in your face. And you're in L.A. Who wouldn't want to come to L.A.?"

Former USC All-American quarterback Paul McDonald: "Pete Carroll is the total package. It's amazing how he relates to everyone—players, recruits, parents, alumni—all of those things that are so important."

Willie McGinest, New England Patriots defensive end under Carroll: "Pete is a good coach, he's approachable, you can speak to him, he's energetic, he knows how to motivate guys and he's also knowledgeable about the game. His style fits the college game, especially USC. College kids will definitely relate to him. His energy suits college guys. They'll love him. That type of enthusiasm he has will be great in the college game. He's fun to play for. He gets you fired up to play for him."

Tim McDonald, San Francisco 49ers safety under Carroll: "Anyone who calls a corner blitz when there's 99 yards to go has some big kanoodles. And he's definitely got them. He's not afraid to take a chance. He also makes it fun. He tries to get a vibe for what a team needs. He's willing to do whatever it takes to get a team going."

Steve Young, San Francisco 49ers quarterback under Carroll: "If he walked into my living room and recruited me, there's no way I could turn him down."

Art Monk, New York Jets end under Carroll: "His optimism and enthusiasm. I've never been around a coach like Pete. He gives energy."

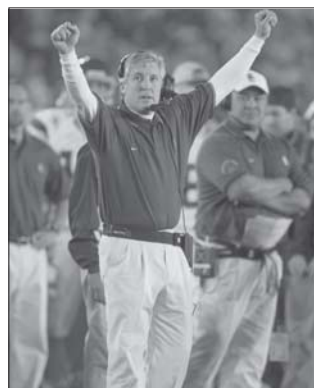
Gary Plummer, San Francisco 49ers linebacker under Carroll: "He's a diverse individual and he knows there's more to life than just football. He forges relationships with people. There are coaches out there who will leave you hanging, tell you one thing, and if it doesn't work, you get hung out to dry in the papers. Pete Carroll isn't one of those guys."

MEDIA

Allen Wallace, Super Prep: "He's really the hottest college coach in America."

Bill Plaschke, Los Angeles Times: "Today, he's the best coach in the country, the perfect man for a perfectly impossible job."

Eric Sondheimer, Los Angeles Times: "USC became a recruiting champion because Carroll's enthusiasm, charisma and competitiveness are resonating among prospects in Southern California."



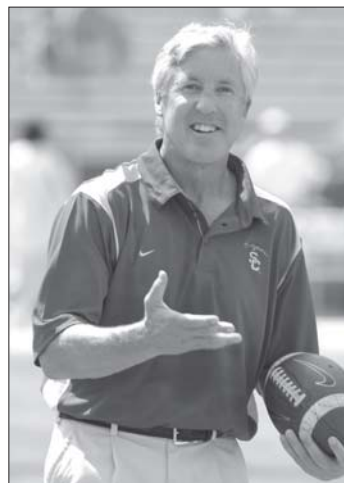
Dennis Dodd, CBSsportsline.com: "The perfect coach with the perfect staff at the perfect school makes the perfect storm. Carroll looks like he is ready to rule Los Angeles, the Pac-10 and college football for years to come. The formula is a simple one: Round up all the best talent in Southern California with work ethic, charisma and charm. Then go out on Saturday and beat the heck out of the opponent. Nothing is going to change for the foreseeable future."

Diane Pucin, Los Angeles Times: "Carroll has rebuilt the Trojan program from mediocre to excellent, from stagnating to electric, from boring to intriguing, from No. 2 in its own city to maybe the best in the country."

Josh Dubow, Associated Press: "Carroll is a new-age kind of coach, who makes points without yelling, plays pickup hoops with his players and even will throw himself into drills...His players say it's a big reason why Carroll returned the Trojans to the top of the polls...He has won his team over with his backslapping, low-key approach. But he bristles at the suggestion that he runs a loose ship. He points to the way his team plays on the field to show that he's a disciplinarian."

Clark Judge, FOXSports.com/San Jose Mercury News: "Carroll is the perfect fit for USC. He is from the West Coast. He was a successful defensive coordinator and experienced head coach in the NFL. He is a superb tactician. He is energetic. He is charismatic. In short, he is everything you'd want from your college football coach. Don't you want someone coaching your team who can, first, get the talent, then, know how to use it? He proved he could win with ordinary talent and without having complete authority in New England. He is young, he is enthusiastic, he is articulate, he works well with the media, he works better with his players and, most important, he does his job as proficiently as anyone in the business. Nobody will accuse Carroll of running with the pack. He quotes Jerry Garcia, splices film clips of beavers at work in with defensive highlight footage, used to surf the aisles of charter flights on cafeteria trays and, yes, spends afternoons after practice running with a football."

Dan Shaughnessy, Boston Globe: "Pete Carroll is the perfect coach for USC. He's a guy with great family values. I would send my son to USC to play under him."



TOP ACTIVE COACHES BY WINNING PERCENTAGE

(Minimum five years as Division IA head coach; Record at four-year colleges only)

		Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
1.	Pete Carroll, USC	8	88	15	0	.854
2.	Urban Meyer, Florida	8	83	17	0	.830
3.	Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	10	109	24	0	.820
4.	Mark Richt, Georgia	8	82	22	0	.788
5.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	43	381	124	4	.754
6.	Joe Paterno, Penn State	43	383	127	3	.750
7.	Jim Tressel, Ohio State	23	218	76	2	.740
8.	Brian Kelly, Cincinnati	18	159	57	2	.734
9.	Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	19	170	62	2	.731
10.	Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	12	116	43	0	.730





ASSISTANT COACHES



JEREMY BATES Assistant Head Coach of the Offense Quarterbacks

Jeremy Bates, a highly-regarded quarterbacks coach with 7 years of NFL experience, is in his first year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in January of 2009 and serves as the quarterbacks coach and assistant head coach of the offense.

Bates, 33, handled the Broncos' quarterbacks in 2008—when he called plays for the NFL's No. 2 offense and helped Jay Cutler reach the Pro Bowl—after working with their quarterbacks and wide receivers in 2007. He was an offensive assistant when he first came to the Broncos in 2006, working primarily with the offensive line.

Bates began his coaching career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, serving as the offensive quality control coach for 2 years (2002-03), then becoming the Buccaneers' assistant quarterback coach in 2004. Tampa Bay won Super Bowl XXXVII in 2002.

He was the New York Jets' quarterbacks coach in 2005.

He lettered at quarterback at both Tennessee (1995) and Rice (1997 and 1999). He also played baseball at Rice.

He received his bachelor's degree from Rice in 1999.

He prepped at Sevier County High in Sevierville, Tenn.

His father, Jim, is a long-time NFL and college assistant coach, including many years as a defensive coordinator. His NFL stints were with the Buccaneers, Broncos, Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins (he even served as the interim head coach there for 7 games in 2004), Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns and Atlanta Falcons. He also spent 3 seasons in the USFL and a season with the Arena Football League. His collegiate coaching stops included Tennessee, Southern Mississippi, Villanova, Kansas State, West Virginia, Texas Tech and Florida.

Bates' brother, James, was a linebacker at Florida, where he captained the Gators' 1996 national championship team. He now is a television play-by-play announcer with the Mountain West Sports Network.

He was born Aug. 27, 1976.

BATES SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 27, 1976

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Sevier County HS, Sevierville, Tenn.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Rice, 1999

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Sevier County HS, Sevierville, Tenn.

Tennessee, quarterback, 1995

Rice, quarterback, 1997, 1999

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 7 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	Denver Broncos	Quarterbacks	—
2007	Denver Broncos	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers	—
2006	Denver Broncos	Offense/Offensive Line	—
2005	New York Jets	Quarterbacks	—
2004	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Quarterbacks	—
2003	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Offensive Quality Control	—
2002	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Offensive Quality Control	Super Bowl



BRENNAN CARROLL Tight Ends Recruiting Coordinator

Brennan Carroll, the oldest son of USC head coach Pete Carroll, is in his eighth year on the USC staff, including his sixth as a full-time assistant. He is in charge of the tight ends. He took on the additional duty of recruiting coordinator beginning in 2007.

In 2007, tight end Fred Davis won the Mackey Award, made All-American first team first team and was a second round NFL draft pick following the season. Tight end Dominique Byrd was a third round NFL draft pick following the 2005 season.

He joined the USC staff in August of 2002 as a graduate assistant. He spent 2002 working with the offense and special teams, then handled the tight ends in 2003.

USC played in the 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl, 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl. In 2003 and 2004, the Trojans won national championships.

Carroll, 30, was a reserve tight end and key special teams player at Pittsburgh the previous 3 years (1999-2001). He caught 3 passes for 25 yards (8.3 average) as a 2000 junior, including 1 for a touchdown (a 3-yarder versus Boston College). He added a 12-yard reception as a senior in 2001. The Panthers played in the 2000 Insight.com Bowl and the 2001 Tangerine Bowl. He redshirted the 1998 season.

He spent his 1997 freshman season at Delaware, but did not see action as a reserve tight end.

He prepped at Saratoga (Calif.) High, where he starred as a linebacker in football and also played basketball.

He earned his bachelor's degree in social sciences from Pittsburgh in 2001.

Born March 20, 1979, he is married and his wife's name is Amber (she played volleyball at North Carolina, in Europe and on the AVP beach tour). They have a newborn son, Dillon.

His father, Pete, has been USC's head coach since 2001 and has 35 years coaching experience in college and the NFL (he was the head coach of the New England Patriots and New York Jets). His mother, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific. His sister, Jaime, was on the USC women's volleyball team in 2000 and 2001 (the 2000 Women of Troy advanced to the NCAA Final Four). His brother, Nate, is a senior at USC. His late grandfather, Dean Goranson, received his master's degree from USC.

CARROLL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 20, 1979

FAMILY: Wife, Amber; Son, Dillon, newborn

HIGH SCHOOL: Saratoga (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, social sciences, Pittsburgh, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Saratoga (Calif.) HS.

Delaware, tight end, 1997

Pittsburgh, tight end, 1999-2001

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 7 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator	Rose
2007	USC	Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator	Rose
2006	USC	Tight Ends	Rose
2005	USC	Tight Ends	Rose
2004	USC	Tight Ends	Orange
2003	USC	Offensive Assistant/Tight Ends	Rose
2002	USC	Offensive Assistant/Special Teams	Orange



JETHRO FRANKLIN Defensive Line

Jethro Franklin, who has spent 18 years coaching defensive lines at the NFL and collegiate levels, is in his second stint coaching the defensive line at USC. He returned to the Trojan staff in January of 2009.

He also spent 2005 at USC. In 2005, defensive ends Lawrence Jackson and Froste Rucker were All-Pac-10 first teamers, while Rucker (third round) and LaJuan Ramsay (sixth round) were NFL draft picks. USC played in the 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS

Championship Game).

Franklin, 43, then went on to coach the defensive lines with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2006 and the Houston Texans for 2 seasons (2007-08). Mario Williams set the Texans' sack record in 2007 and made the Pro Bowl in 2008.

He originally came to USC after spending 5 seasons (2000-04) handling the defensive line for the Green Bay Packers. The defense set various Packers' game, season and all-time sack records during his tenure.

Franklin began his coaching career at his alma mater, Fresno State, where he was in charge of the defensive line for 8 seasons (1991-98). The Bulldogs played in 3 bowls while he was there: the 1991 California Bowl, 1992 Freedom Bowl (a 24-7 upset over USC) and 1993 Aloha Bowl.

While at Fresno State, he had a pair of NFL coaching fellowships, working with the Buffalo Bills in the summer of 1994 and the Cleveland Browns in the summer of 1995.

In 1999, he coached the interior defensive line at UCLA.

After being drafted by the Houston Oilers in 1988, he spent the 1989 season playing defensive line for the Seattle Seahawks. He then was the No. 1 draft choice of the San Antonio Rough Riders of the World League of American Football in 1991, but instead opted to begin his coaching career.

He started on the defensive line for 2 seasons (1986-87) at Fresno State, earning All-American second team honors both seasons. As a 1986 junior, he set a then-school record with 19.5 sacks. He was the Pacific Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year and Fresno State's MVP as a 1987 senior. He had 31.5 career sacks.

Prior to Fresno State, he played 2 seasons (1984-85) at San Jose (Calif.) Community College, winning junior college All-American honors in 1985.

He was on the football and track teams at Yerba Buena High in San Jose (Calif.).

He earned his bachelor's degree in criminology at Fresno State in 1989.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1965, in St. Lazaire, France, where his father was stationed in the military.

He and his wife, Cherise, have a son, Khalil, 12, and a daughter, Takara, 10.

FRANKLIN SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 25, 1965

FAMILY: Wife, Cherise; Son, Khalil, 12; Daughter, Takara, 10

HIGH SCHOOL: Yerba Buena HS, San Jose, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, criminology, Fresno State, 1989

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Yerba Buena HS, San Jose, Calif.

San Jose (Calif.) Community College, defensive line, 1984-85

Fresno State, defensive line, defensive line, 1986-87

Seattle Seahawks, defensive line, 1989

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 18 years

FRANKLIN SNAPSHOT CONTINUED

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	Houston Texans	Defensive Line	—
2007	Houston Texans	Defensive Line	—
2006	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Defensive Line	NFC playoffs
2005	USC	Defensive Line	Rose
2004	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Line	NFC playoffs
2003	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Line	NFC playoffs
2002	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Line	NFC playoffs
2001	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Line	NFC playoffs
2000	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Line	—
1999	UCLA	Interior Defensive Line	—
1998	Fresno State	Defensive Line	—
1997	Fresno State	Defensive Line	—
1996	Fresno State	Defensive Line	—
1995	Fresno State	Defensive Line	—
1994	Fresno State	Defensive Line	—
1993	Fresno State	Defensive Line	Aloha
1992	Fresno State	Defensive Line	Freedom
1991	Fresno State	Defensive Line	California


TODD McNAIR
Running Backs

Former NFL player Todd McNair, a one-time NFL running back and assistant coach, is in his sixth year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2004. He also took on the additional duty of special teams coordinator from 2005 through 2008.

Placekicker David Buehler won All-Pac-10 first team honors in 2008. In 2007, tailback Chauncey Washington was a seventh round pick in the NFL draft following the season. McNair was named one

of the nation's top 5 recruiters by CBS Sportsline.com in 2007 and he was picked as one of the country's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com in 2006.

In 2005, tailback Reggie Bush won the Heisman Trophy and Doak Walker Award, was a unanimous All-American, was the Player of the Year by AP, Walter Camp and the Touchdown Club of Columbus and was the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year. Bush joined fellow tailback LenDale White as the first pair of USC runners to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing in a season. Bush was the second pick of the 2006 NFL draft and White was a second rounder, while fullback David Kirtman was a fifth round choice. USC was sixth nationally in rushing offense (260.0) in 2005 and averaged a national-best 6.4 yards per carry. He was named the nation's third-best recruiter by Rivals.com in 2005.

In 2004, Bush finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy balloting, was an All-American and was the Pac-10 Co-Offensive Player of the Year. The Trojans won the national championship.

USC played in the 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl.

Before coming to USC, he spent the previous 3 seasons (2001-03) coaching the running backs for the Cleveland Browns.

McNair, 44, began his coaching career as the offensive coordinator at Camden (N.J.) High in 1998 and 1999, then handled similar duties at Schalick High in Pittsgrove, N.J., in 2000.

He was a running back and special teams standout for 8 seasons in the NFL, first with the Kansas City Chiefs for 5 years (1989-93), followed by 2 seasons (1994-95) with the Houston Oilers and then back with the Chiefs in 1996. In his career, he ran for 803 yards with 3 touchdowns, caught 252 passes with 7 scores and averaged 18.6 yards on kickoff returns. He retired as the Chiefs' No. 10 all-time receiver.

He lettered 4 years (1985-88) as a running back at Temple, where he was a 1987 All-American honorable mention selection. He ended up third on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,383 yards and 16 TDs. As a junior in 1987, he ran for 1,058 yards with 6 scores.

He prepped at Pennsauken (N.J.) High. Among his prep teammates were future NFL players John and Keith Taylor and David and Billy Griggs (the Griggs were his cousins).

He was born on Aug. 16, 1965. He and his wife, Lynnette, have 3 daughters—Logan, 15, Daryn, 10, and Thai, 5—and a son, Todd Jr., 2.

McNAIR SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 16, 1965

FAMILY: Wife, Lynnette; Daughters, Logan, 15, Daryn, 10, and Thai, 5; Son, Todd Jr., 2

HIGH SCHOOL: Pennsauken (N.J.) HS

EDUCATION: Temple

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Pennsauken (N.J.) HS

Temple, running back, 1985-88

Kansas City Chiefs, running back, 1989-93, 1996

Houston Oilers, running back, 1994-95

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 11 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Running Backs/Sp. Tm. Coord.	Rose
2007	USC	Running Backs/Sp. Tm. Coord.	Rose
2006	USC	Running Backs/Sp. Tm. Coord.	Rose
2005	USC	Running Backs/Sp. Tm. Coord.	Rose
2004	USC	Running Backs	Orange
2003	Cleveland Browns	Running Backs	—
2002	Cleveland Browns	Running Backs	AFC playoffs
2001	Cleveland Browns	Running Backs	—
2000	Schalick HS	Assistant Coach	—
1999	Camden HS	Assistant Coach	—
1998	Camden HS	Assistant Coach	—


JOHN MORTON
Offensive Coordinator
Wide Receivers

John Morton, formerly an assistant coach with the New Orleans Saints and Oakland Raiders, is in his third year at USC. He joined the USC staff in February of 2007 as the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator. He was named USC's offensive coordinator in 2009, while continuing as the wide receivers coach.

Wide receiver Patrick Turner was a third round pick in the 2009 NFL draft. USC played in the 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl.

Morton, 39, was an offensive assistant in 2006 with the New Orleans Saints, assisting in the passing game and other facets of game preparation on offense. The Saints advanced to the 2006 NFC Championship game.

In 2005, he was the passing game and wide receivers coach at the University of San Diego. The Toreros went 11-1 and won the Pioneer Football League championship.

He spent the previous 8 seasons (1997-2004) in several capacities with the Oakland Raiders. He began with the Raiders in 1997 working in the personnel department, then was an offensive assistant working with the wide receivers for 2 years (1998-99) and the offensive quality control coach working with the wide receivers for the next 2 years (2000-01). He was a senior offensive assistant in 2002, when Oakland played in the Super Bowl, and 2003. He then was the tight ends coach in 2004. Among the players he coached were Jerry Rice and Tim Brown.

Morton originally signed with Oakland as an undrafted rookie wide receiver in 1993 and spent part of the next 2 seasons (1993-94) on the Raiders practice squad. He also spent time with Green Bay in 1993, was in training camp with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 1995 and with the Raiders again in 1996. He played for the CFL's Toronto Argonauts in 1995 and 1996, then with the World League's Frankfurt Galaxy in the spring of 1997.

He played at Western Michigan for 2 seasons (1991-92), where he finished 10th on the school's career receiving list (78 catches) and eighth in receiving yards (1,278). He won All-Mid-American Conference honors as a 1992 senior. He received a bachelor's degree in general studies from Western Michigan in 1997.

He came to Western Michigan after 2 years (1989-90) at Grand Rapids (Mich.) Community College. He received his associate's degree from there in 1990.

He was an All-League receiver at Avondale High in Auburn Hills (Mich.). Born on Sept. 24, 1969, he and his wife, Shannon, have 2 daughters, Tierney Rose, 6, and Sage Marie, 2.

MORTON SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Sept. 24, 1969

FAMILY: Wife, Shannon; Daughter, Tierney Rose, 6, and Sage Marie, 2

HIGH SCHOOL: Auburn Hills (Mich.) HS

EDUCATION: Associate's degree, Grand Rapids (Mich.) Community College, 1990

Bachelor's degree, general studies, Western Michigan, 1997

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Avondale HS, Auburn Hills, Mich.

Grand Rapids (Mich.) Community College, wide receiver, 1989-90

Western Michigan, wide receiver, 1991-92

Toronto Argonauts, wide receiver, 1995-96

Frankfurt Galaxy, wide receiver, 1997

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 12 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Pass. Game Coord./Wide Rec.	Rose
2007	USC	Pass. Game Coord./Wide Rec.	Rose
2006	New Orleans Saints	Offensive Assistant	NFC playoffs
2005	San Diego	Passing Game/Wide Receivers	—
2004	Oakland Raiders	Tight Ends	—
2003	Oakland Raiders	Senior Offensive Assistant	—
2002	Oakland Raiders	Senior Offensive Assistant	Super Bowl
2001	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Quality Control/WRs	AFC playoffs
2000	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Quality Control/WRs	AFC playoffs
1999	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Assistant/WRs	—
1998	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Assistant/WRs	—
1997	Oakland Raiders	Personnel Department	—


KEN NORTON JR.
Assistant Head Coach of the Defense
Linebackers

Ken Norton Jr., one of the premier linebackers in NFL and collegiate history, is in his sixth year on the USC staff, including his fifth as a full-time assistant working with the linebackers (he was promoted in February of 2005). In 2009, he added the title of assistant head coach of the defense. He spent his first year at USC as a graduate assistant (helping with the linebackers) after joining the Trojan staff in February of 2004.

In 2008, linebacker Rey Mauluga was named an All-American first teamer and the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year, made his third consecutive All-Pac-10 first team and was USC's first-ever winner of the Bednarik Award (he also was a finalist for the Lombardi, Butkus and Nagurski Awards). Fellow linebacker Brian Cushing was also a Butkus Award finalist and won All-Pac-10 first team honors. Following the season, Cushing was a NFL first round pick (as was parttime linebacker Clay Matthews), Mauluga was a second rounder and Kaluka Maiava was a fourth rounder.

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In 2007, linebacker Keith Rivers was an All-American first teamer and was a first round NFL draft pick following the season, while linebacker Thomas Williams was a fifth round NFL selection. In 2006 and 2007, Rivers and linebacker Rey Mavaluga made the All-Pac-10 first team. Linebackers Dallas Sartz (fifth round) and Oscar Lua (seventh round) were selected in the 2007 NFL draft.

In 2005, Mavaluga was a Freshman All-American first teamer.

In 2004, linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu were named All-American first teamers (Grootegoed also was a Butkus Award finalist and Tatupu was a NFL second round pick). The Trojans won the national championship.

USC played in the 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl.

Norton Jr., 42, spent 13 years playing in the NFL, first with the Dallas Cowboys for 6 seasons (1988-93) and then 7 years with the San Francisco 49ers (1994-2000). The All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection is the only player in history to play on 3 consecutive Super Bowl-winning teams (the Cowboys in 1992 and 1993 and the 49ers in 1994).

After retiring from the NFL, he was a radio and television commentator and analyst, including on the NFL Network.

He also served as the defensive coordinator at Hamilton High in Los Angeles in 2003.

He was the Cowboys' second round NFL draft pick in 1988 after earning All-American honors at UCLA in 1987. He lettered 4 seasons (1984-87) with the Bruins and was a finalist for the 1987 Butkus Award. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from UCLA in 1988.

He prepped at Westchester (Calif.) High.

Born Sept. 29, 1966, he and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: daughters Brittney, 22, and Sabrina, 14, and son Ken III, 12. His father, Ken Sr., is the former world heavyweight boxing champion and played football at Northeast Missouri State.

NORTON JR. SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Sept. 29, 1966

FAMILY: Wife, Angela; Daughters, Brittney, 22, and Sabrina, 14; Son, Ken III, 12

HIGH SCHOOL: Westchester (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, sociology, UCLA, 1998

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Westcheser (Calif.) HS

UCLA, linebacker, 1984-87

Dallas Cowboys, linebacker, 1988-93

San Francisco 49ers, linebacker, 1994-2000

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 6 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Linebackers	Rose
2007	USC	Linebackers	Rose
2006	USC	Linebackers	Rose
2005	USC	Linebackers	Rose
2004	USC	Def. Asst./Linebackers	Orange
2003	Hamilton HS	Assistant Coach	-

PAT RUEL Offensive Line

Pat Ruel, who has 35 years of college and NFL coaching experience, is in his fifth year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2005 and works with the offensive line.

In 2008, he was picked as one of the country's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com and as the nation's top offensive line coach by CBSSports.com. Center Kristofer O'Dowd made the 2008 All-Pac-10 first team.

In 2007, offensive tackle Sam Baker was named an All-American first teamer for the third consecutive year (becoming just the third Trojan to do so), offensive guard Chilo Rachal made the All-Pac-10 first team and center Kristofer O'Dowd was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Baker was a first round NFL draft pick following the 2007 season, while Rachal was a second rounder.

In 2006, Baker was named an All-American first teamer for the second year in a row, while center Ryan Kalil—a Rimington Award finalist and the Pac-10 Morris Trophy winner—also was an All-American first team pick (he was a second round pick in the 2007 NFL draft).

In 2005, Baker and offensive guard Taitusi Lutui were All-American first teamers and Kalil was on the All-Pac-10 first team. Lutui and offensive tackle Winston Justice were second round picks in the 2006 NFL draft, while offensive guard Fred Matua was a seventh rounder.

USC played in the 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl.

Ruel, 58, spent the 2004 season as an offensive line assistant with the New York Giants.

He worked on the college level for the first 26 years of his career before moving to the NFL for the next 5 years. His coaching career began in 1973 as a graduate assistant at Miami, his alma mater. He was promoted to a fulltime assistant handling the offensive line for the Hurricanes for the following 3 years (1974-76).

He next was the assistant offensive line coach at Arkansas in 1977 (USC head coach Pete Carroll was a member of that Razorbacks' staff and the team played in the 1978 Orange Bowl).

He then spent 4 years (1978-81) at Washington State, the first 2 seasons as the offensive line coach before adding offensive coordinator duties for his final two seasons. The 1981 Cougars played in the Holiday Bowl.

He was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Texas A&M for the next 3 years (1982-84), then had similar duties (along with being the assistant head coach) at Northern Illinois for 3 seasons (1985-87).

He spent the next 9 years (1988-96) at Kansas, the first 3 as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, then adding assistant head coach to his title the final 6 years. The Jayhawks played in the 1992 and 1995 Aloha Bowls.

After spending 1997 in private business, he then was at Michigan State for 2 years (1998-99), the first year as the offensive line coach and then adding assistant head coach duties in the second season. The Spartans played in the 2000 Florida Citrus Bowl.

He moved to the NFL in 2000 as the offensive line coach with the Detroit Lions, then spent the next 2 seasons (2001-02) as the assistant offensive line coach for the Green Bay Packers. The Packers were in the NFC playoffs both seasons. He was the offensive line coach with the Buffalo Bills in 2003 before going to the Giants.

He lettered at offensive guard for Miami in 1971 and 1972. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Miami in 1972.

He prepped at Coral Gables (Fla.) High, where he starred in football.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1950. He and his wife, Marti, have a daughter, Sabra, 21, a USC graduate. His full name is Golden Pat Ruel.

RUEL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 5, 1950

FAMILY: Wife, Marti; Daughter, Sabra, 21

HIGH SCHOOL: Coral Gables (Fla.) HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, psychology, Miami, 1972

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Coral Gables (Fla.) HS

Miami, offensive guard, 1971-72

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 35 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Offensive Line	Rose
2007	USC	Offensive Line	Rose
2006	USC	Offensive Line	Rose
2005	USC	Offensive Line	Rose
2004	New York Giants	Offensive Line Asst.	—
2003	Buffalo Bills	Offensive Line	—
2002	Green Bay Packers	Asst. Offensive Line	NFC playoffs
2001	Green Bay Packers	Asst. Offensive Line	NFC playoffs
2000	Detroit Lions	Offensive Line	—
1999	Michigan State	Asst. HC/Off. Line	Florida Citrus
1998	Michigan State	Offensive Line	—
1996	Kansas	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1995	Kansas	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	Aloha
1994	Kansas	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1993	Kansas	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1992	Kansas	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	Aloha
1991	Kansas	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1990	Kansas	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1989	Kansas	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1988	Kansas	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1987	Northern Illinois	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1986	Northern Illinois	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1985	Northern Illinois	Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line	—
1984	Texas A&M	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1983	Texas A&M	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1982	Texas A&M	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1981	Washington State	Off. Coord./Off. Line	Holiday
1980	Washington State	Off. Coord./Off. Line	—
1979	Washington State	Offensive Line	—
1978	Washington State	Offensive Line	—
1977	Arkansas	Asst. Offensive Line	Orange
1976	Miami	Offensive Line	—
1975	Miami	Offensive Line	—
1974	Miami	Offensive Line	—
1973	Miami	Graduate Assistant	—

BRIAN SCHNEIDER Special Teams Coordinator

Brian Schneider, who has 15 years of experience coaching the special teams, is in his first year as USC's special teams coordinator. He joined the Trojan staff in January of 2009.

Schneider, 38, spent the previous 2 seasons (2007-08) as the Oakland Raiders' special teams coordinator. Both seasons, Shane Lechler led the NFL in punting and was named to the Pro Bowl.

Schneider began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Colorado State, for 3 years (1994-96), working with the special teams and defense. He then was promoted as a fulltime assistant there for the next 6 seasons (1997-2002), as the special teams coordinator and coaching the tight ends.

He moved to UCLA for 3 seasons (2003-05), working with the linebackers and safeties in addition to the special teams. Maurice Jones-Drew led the nation in punt returns in 2005.

In 2006, he handled the special teams and tight ends at Iowa State. He then moved briefly to the Air Force Academy in early 2007 before being hired by the Raiders that season.

He was a 4-year (1990-93) letterwinning linebacker at Colorado State, starting 3 seasons and earning All-Conference first team honors as a senior in 1993. The Rams played in the 1990 Freedom Bowl.

He earned his bachelor's degree in social science from Colorado State in 1994.

He starred in football, basketball and track at Pomona High in Arvada (Colo.).

He was born on May 16, 1971. He and his wife, Kelli, have a daughter, Jaden, 10, and 3 sons, Jace, 8, Joby, 7, and Joel, 4.

SCHNEIDER SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: May 16, 1971

FAMILY: Wife, Kelli; Daughter, Jaden, 10; Sons, Jace, 8, Joby, 7, and Joel, 4

HIGH SCHOOL: Pomona HS, Arvada, Colo.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, social science, Colorado State, 1994

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Pomona HS, Arvada, Colo.

Colorado State, linebacker, 1990-93

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 15 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	Oakland Raiders	Special Teams Coordinator	—
2007	Oakland Raiders	Special Teams Coordinator	—
2006	Iowa State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	—
2005	UCLA	LBs/Safeties/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Sun
2004	UCLA	LBs/Safeties/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Las Vegas
2003	UCLA	LBs/Safeties/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Silicon Valley
2002	Colorado State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Liberty
2001	Colorado State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	New Orleans
2000	Colorado State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Liberty
1999	Colorado State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Liberty
1998	Colorado State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	—
1997	Colorado State	Tight Ends/Sp. Teams. Coord.	Holiday
1996	Colorado State	Sp. Teams/Def. Grad. Asst.	—
1995	Colorado State	Sp. Teams/Def. Grad. Asst.	Holiday
1994	Colorado State	Sp. Teams/Def. Grad. Asst.	Holiday

ROCKY SETO
**Defensive Coordinator
Secondary**


Former USC linebacker Rocky Seto is in his 11th year on the USC staff, including his seventh as a full-time assistant. He took over the handling of the secondary in 2006 after being in charge of the linebackers in 2004 and 2005 and the safeties in 2003. In 2009, he added the duty of defensive coordinator.

In 2008, safety Taylor Mays was an All-American first team pick for the second year and also was a finalist for the Thorpe Award, while safety Kevin Ellison made his second consecutive All-Pac-10 first team. Ellison and cornerback Cary Harris were NFL sixth round draft picks following the season.

In 2007, safety Taylor Mays was an All-American first teamer, safety Kevin Ellison made the All-Pac-10 first team and cornerback Terrell Thomas was a fifth round NFL draft pick following the season.

In 2006, safety Taylor Mays was a Freshman All-American first teamer and the Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year.

In 2005, linebacker Rey Mavaluga was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Safety Darnell Bing was a fourth round pick in the 2006 NFL draft.

In 2004, linebackers Matt Grootegeod and Lofa Tatupu were named All-American first teamers (Grootegeod also was a Butkus Award finalist and Tatupu was a NFL second round pick). The Trojans won their second consecutive national championship.

In 2003, Bing was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Troy won its first national championship since 1978.

He spent the previous 2 years (2001-02) as a Trojan graduate assistant, the first year working with the defense in general and then handling the safeties in 2002 (where he worked with All-American first teamer and NFL first rounder Troy Polamalu).

He spent the 2000 season as an administrative graduate assistant with the USC program. In 1999, he was a volunteer assistant, working with the defense and special teams.

USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl, 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl.

Seto, 33, was a linebacker at USC for 2 seasons (1997-98). After spending 1997 as a walk-on, he earned a scholarship for the 1998 season. He was awarded USC's Black Shirt (scout team) Defensive Player of the Year Award in 1998.

He transferred to USC from Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut (Calif.), where he was a fullback and defensive end in 1995 and 1996. His coach at Mt. San Antonio was ex-USC All-American offensive guard Bill Fisk.

He prepped at Arcadia (Calif.) High, where he was on the football and track teams.

He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from USC in 1999 after getting his associate's degree in general studies from Mt. San Antonio in 1997. He then earned his master's degree in public administration from USC in 2001.

Born March 12, 1976, his wife's name is Sharla (she played soccer at USC under her maiden name of Sharla Chiang, including on the Women of Troy's 1998 Pac-10 championship squad). They have 2 daughters, Kaylani, 3, and Mia, 2, and a newborn son, Troy.

SETO SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1976

FAMILY: Wife, Sharla; Daughters, Kaylani, 3, and Mia, 2; Son, Troy, newborn

HIGH SCHOOL: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Associate's degree, general studies, Mt. San Antonio Junior College, 1997

Bachelor's degree, exercise science, USC, 1999

Master's degree, public administration, USC, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

Mt. San Antonio Junior College, Walnut, Calif., fullback/defensive end, 1995-96

USC, linebacker, 1997-98

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 10 years

SETO SNAPSHOT CONTINUED

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Secondary	Rose
2007	USC	Secondary	Rose
2006	USC	Secondary	Rose
2005	USC	Linebackers	Rose
2004	USC	Linebackers	Orange
2003	USC	Safeties	Rose
2002	USC	Graduate Assistant/Safeties	Orange
2001	USC	Graduate Assistant	Las Vegas
2000	USC	Administrative Graduate Asst.	—
1999	USC	Volunteer Assistant	—


JUSTIN MESA
Wide Receivers Graduate Assistant

Justin Mesa begins his first year as a graduate assistant working with the wide receivers, but he is not new to the USC football program.

Mesa, 27, was on the Trojan staff the previous 3 seasons (2006-08) as the recruiting and operations assistant.

Before that, he served as a student manager for the Trojans for 2 years (2004-05).

USC played in the 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl. He earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from USC in 2006. He is working on his master's degree in communication management.

He played football and baseball at Cathedral High in Los Angeles (Calif.). Born Aug. 30, 1982, he is single.

MESA SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 30, 1982

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Cathedral HS, Los Angeles, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, kinesiology, USC, 2006

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Cathedral HS, Los Angeles, Calif.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 3 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Recruiting/Operations Assistant	Rose
2007	USC	Recruiting/Operations Assistant	Rose
2006	USC	Recruiting/Operations Assistant	Rose

KRIS RICHARD
Secondary Graduate Assistant


Former USC and NFL cornerback Kris Richard is in his second year on the Trojan staff as a graduate assistant. He works with the cornerbacks in 2009 after working with the secondary in 2008. He joined the Trojan staff in March of 2008.

In 2008, safety Taylor Mays was an All-American first team pick for the second year and also was a finalist for the Thorpe Award, while safety Kevin Ellison made his second consecutive All-Pac-10 first

team. Ellison and cornerback Cary Harris were NFL sixth round draft picks following the season.

USC played in the 2009 Rose Bowl.

Richard, 29, played 4 seasons in the NFL, including 3 (2002-04) with the Seattle Seahawks and then 2005 with the San Francisco 49ers. He was a third round pick by the Seahawks in the 2002 NFL draft.

Richard lettered 4 years (1998-2001) at USC, starting his final 3 seasons. He had 8 career interceptions and returned 3 for touchdowns, along with 125 tackles, 19 deflections and 2 fumble recoveries. He made the 2001 All-Pac-10 honorable mention squad as a senior while posting 48 tackles, 2 picks and 5 deflections (he also returned a blocked field goal for a score) and was invited to play in the East-West Shrine Game. In 2001, he was named the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week when he returned an interception 58 yards for the game-winning touchdown with 1:50 to play at Arizona. That play not only won the game, but USC head coach Pete Carroll credits it with helping propel the Trojan program into the success it now enjoys (at that point in Carroll's debut season, USC was just 2-5, but Troy won its next 4 games). Richard had 13 punt returns for a 7.5 average as a junior in 2000. He had 6 interceptions, 9 deflections and 44 tackles as a sophomore in 1999.

He was a prep All-American cornerback, quarterback and wide receiver at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.), where he also ran track (he was a member of Serra's 1996 state championship 400-meter relay team). He received his bachelor's degree in sociology from USC in 2002. He is working on his master's degree in communication management.

Born Oct. 28, 1979, he and his wife, Chandra, have a daughter, Alyssa, 3, and a son, Aiden, 1. His father, Kenneth, is a USC alumnus, while his mother, Patricia, graduated from crosstown rival UCLA.

RICHARD SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 28, 1979

FAMILY: Wife, Chandra; Daughter, Alyssa, 2; Son, Aiden, newborn.

HIGH SCHOOL: Serra HS, Gardena, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, sociology, USC, 2002

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Serra HS, Gardena, Calif.

USC, cornerback, 1998-2001

Seattle Seahawks, cornerback, 2002-04

San Francisco 49ers, cornerback, 2005

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 1 Year

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2008	USC	Grad. Assistant/Secondary	Rose

FOOTBALL STAFF



CHRIS CARLISLE Strength and Conditioning Coach

Chris Carlisle is in his ninth year as USC's head strength and conditioning coach. He joined the Trojan program in February of 2001.

He was named the 2006 National Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society.

USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl, 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2006 Rose Bowl (BCS Championship Game), 2007 Rose Bowl, 2008 Rose Bowl and 2009 Rose Bowl. The Trojans won national championships in 2003 and 2004.

He came to USC from Tennessee, where he was the associate head strength and conditioning coach for 3 years (1998-2000). The Volunteer football team won the 1998 national title and Southeastern Conference championship.

Carlisle, 47, began his career as the head football coach and strength coach at Dodge (Neb.) High in 1985. He then spent 6 seasons (1986-91) as an offensive line coach and strength coach at Blytheville (Ark.) High. He next was a strength and conditioning graduate assistant coach at Arkansas for 2 years (1992-93) before becoming the head football coach and strength coach at Subiaco (Ark.) Academy, a college prep school, for 4 seasons (1993-96). He spent 1997 as an offensive line coach and strength coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Tex. (Trinity was the NJCAA national champion that season).

After playing offensive line at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Ia., in 1980, he was a 3-year (1981-83) starting offensive lineman at Chadron (Neb.) State College, earning All-Area honors.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Chadron State in 1985 and a master's degree in history from Arkansas in 1997.

He prepped at Mason City (Ia.) High, where he starred in football.

He was born on Aug. 7, 1962. He and his wife, Louon, have a son, Alex, 10.

He learned he had Hodgkin's Disease in December of 2000, began radiation treatments in Tennessee (where he was still the Volunteers' associate strength and conditioning coach), was hired by USC in February of 2001, kept his illness a secret except to Trojan head coach Pete Carroll, continued treatments in Tennessee and at USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, then doctors told him in the summer of 2001 that the cancer was in remission. He informed the USC players of his ordeal at the start of fall 2001 camp. He was 1 of 17 nominees for the 2003 Most Courageous Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America and was 1 of 11 nominees for the 2005 award.

He is assisted by Jamie Yanchar, Bryan Bailey, Tatyana Obukhova, Brent Metz, Wendell Richards, Gary Hyman and David Canales.



MARK JACKSON Senior Associate Athletic Director

Mark Jackson is in his second stint with the USC football program, having returned in January of 2009 as senior associate athletic director.

He previously was USC's director of football administration during Pete Carroll's first 4 years (2001-04) at Troy, taking on the additional title of assistant athletic director in 2003. USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl and 2004 Rose Bowl.

After leaving USC, Jackson became an executive senior associate athletic director at Syracuse in 2005, vice president of athlete development at A2 Holdings in 2006 and director of football development with the Oakland Raiders for 2 years (2007-08).

Prior to coming to USC originally, he was a coaching assistant with the New England Patriots for 3 seasons (1998-2000), including the first 2 years working for Carroll. He assisted with the special teams and running backs.

He originally worked in the Patriots media relations department, serving internships in the summers of 1994 and 1995.

Jackson, 36, was a graduate assistant coach at Trinity College for 2 seasons (1995-96), helping with the offensive backfield and special teams.

He played cornerback at Colby College for 4 years (1991-94).

He received his bachelors degree in government from Colby in 1995 and his masters in public policy from Trinity in 1997.

He was on the football, basketball and track teams at Xaverian Brothers High in Westwood, Ma.

He was born Sept. 14, 1972. He and his wife, Tricia, have 2 daughters, Grace, 7, and Hannah, 6, and 2 sons, Kevin, 4, and Sean, 1. He ran in the 1997 Boston Marathon and 2009 Los Angeles Marathon.



MATT CAPURRO Director of Football Operations

Matt Capurro joined the USC staff in January of 2009 as director of football operations.

Capurro, 28, spent the previous 6 years (2003-08) as an assistant to the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. He worked for Bill Callahan, Norv Turner, Art Shell, Lane Kiffin and Tom Cable.

Before that, he as an intern for the Raiders in the football operations for 5 years (1998-2002).

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from San Francisco in 2003.

He lettered in football and baseball at St. Vincent High in Petaluma (Calif.).

Born Feb. 21, 1981, he is single.



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