



USC FOOTBALL



2003 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time*
Aug. 30	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	BYU	L.A. Coliseum	5 p.m.
Sept. 13	Hawaii	L.A. Coliseum	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	at California	Berkeley, Calif.	TBA
Oct. 4	at Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	TBA
Oct. 11	Stanford	L.A. Coliseum	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Washington	Seattle, Wash.	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Washington State	L.A. Coliseum	4 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	TBA
Nov. 22	UCLA	L.A. Coliseum	TBA
Dec. 6	Oregon State	L.A. Coliseum	1:30 p.m.

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

2002 RESULTS (11-2)

Date	Opponent	USC	Opp.	Attendance
Sept. 2	Auburn (at L.A. Coliseum)	24	17	63,269
Sept. 14	Colorado (at Boulder, Colo.)	40	3	53,119
Sept. 21	Kansas State (at Manhattan, Kan.)	20	27	49,276
Sept. 28	Oregon State (at L.A. Coliseum)	22	0	56,417
Oct. 5	Washington State (at Pullman, Wash.)	27	30 (1OT)	36,861
Oct. 12	California (at L.A. Coliseum)	30	28	63,113
Oct. 19	Washington (at L.A. Coliseum)	41	21	52,961
Oct. 26	Oregon (at Eugene, Ore.)	44	33	56,754
Nov. 9	Stanford (at Palo Alto, Calif.)	49	17	44,950
Nov. 16	Arizona State (at L.A. Coliseum)	34	13	73,923
Nov. 23	UCLA (at Pasadena, Calif.)	52	21	91,084
Nov. 30	Notre Dame (at L.A. Coliseum)	44	13	91,432
Jan. 2	Iowa (at Miami, Fla., FedEx Orange Bowl)	38	17	75,971

ATTENDANCE

Average per home game (6 games, 401,115)	66,853
Average per road game (7 games, 408,015)	58,288
Average per game (13 games, 809,130)	62,241

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USC QUICK FACTS

Location	Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone	(213) 740-2311
Founded	1880
Size	155 acres
Enrollment	30,000 (16,000 undergraduates)
President	Dr. Steven Sample
Colors	Cardinal and Gold
Nickname	Trojans
Band	Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song	“Fight On”
Mascot	Traveler V and VI
First Football Team	1888
USC’s All-Time Football Record	695-296-54 (69.1%)
Stadium	Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (92,000 capacity, natural grass surface)

Conference	Pacific-10
Athletic Director	Mike Garrett
Head Football Coach	Pete Carroll (Pacific, 1973)
Record at USC	17-8, Third Year
Overall College Coaching Record	17-8, Third Year
Coach’s Telephone	(213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	4-3
2002 Record	11-2 overall, 7-1 for 1st tie in Pac-10, No. 4 AP
Squadmen Returning	77 (49 lettermen)
Starters Returning	14 (6 offense, 6 defense, 2 kickers)
Squadmen Lost	29 (22 lettermen)
Sports Information Director	Tim Tessalone (w-213-740-8480 (fax -7584); cel-213-725-3572; h-310-540-7052)
Coliseum Press Box Telephone	(213) 741-1341 or (213) 747-7111

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USC FOOTBALL TICKET INFORMATION

Season and individual game tickets are available from the USC Ticket Office for all 6 of the Trojans' 2003 home contests. Reserved tickets cost \$35 per game, with the UCLA game at \$60. A Season Ticket package is \$235. There also is a Group Season Ticket Plan (new orders of at least 10 season tickets) for \$185 each. Additionally, there is a Mini Plan season ticket package (seating in west end zone, no UCLA ticket) available for \$150. There also are Fan Pack (2 tickets, 2 hot dogs and 2 sodas for \$50) and Family Pack (4 tickets, 4 hot dogs and 4 sodas for \$100) packages available for the BYU, Hawaii and Stanford games. Reserved children's tickets (12 years and under), sold only at the gate on game day, are \$15 (these are not available for the UCLA game). Group rates (25 or more) and pre-game hospitality packages are also available by calling (213) 740-4170.

The USC Ticket Office also has tickets on sale for 4 of Troy's 6 road games (all but Notre Dame and Washington).

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USC home game tickets also are on sale at the Los Angeles Sports Arena box office and on-line at www.usctrojans.com. On the day of home games, tickets are on sale at the Coliseum, starting 3 hours prior to kickoff.

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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.



USC ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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SENIOR WR KEARY COLBERT (83)
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USC FOOTBALL

"We're Just Getting Started!"

Don't expect the USC football team to put a "what-can-we-do-for-an-encore?" spin on the 2003 season.

Despite the success of 2002, third-year head coach Pete Carroll knows a bright future is not a given.

"It's a long, hard road to play at a top-notch level year in and year out," said Carroll, who directed the 2002 Trojans to an 11-2 record, a No. 4 final ranking, a share of the Pac-10 championship (going 7-1), decisive wins over traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame and an impressive victory in the BCS' Orange Bowl...all while playing what was ranked as the nation's toughest schedule.

"It feels like we're just getting started. We're building a championship program here and 2002 was just the start. Our goal every year is to win the Pac-10 title and win the Rose Bowl."

Indeed, 2002 was a season of superlatives for Troy, which accomplished all this despite having several key starters miss significant parts of the season because of injuries. It was USC's most wins since 1979, its highest final ranking since 1979 and its most points (465) and touchdowns (60) since 1972. It was the first time since 1981 that USC beat the Bruins and Irish in the same season (and the first time in back-to-back games since 1978). The Trojans finished in the nation's Top 20 in nearly every team statistical category, and led the Pac-10 in total offense and defense and in scoring offense and defense. USC produced 2 All-American first teamers, including its first Heisman Trophy winner since 1981, and a pair of Freshman All-American first teamers.

USC enters 2003 riding an 8-game winning streak (and a 9-game home winning streak). But Carroll realizes the success of 2002 is not guaranteed this year.

"We have to keep last season in perspective," said Carroll, a National Coach of the Year finalist in 2002 who has won 15 of his last 18 games at USC (including a 7-0 mark in November contests). "We have to remember it's just one season. And it was the first very successful season at USC in a while. So, it's too early yet to say USC has arrived.

"With new leadership and new players this year, we need to rediscover our attitude about how to compete. I want this 2003 team to play the best it can play. And that goes back to how hard we work and how we focus and how we compete.

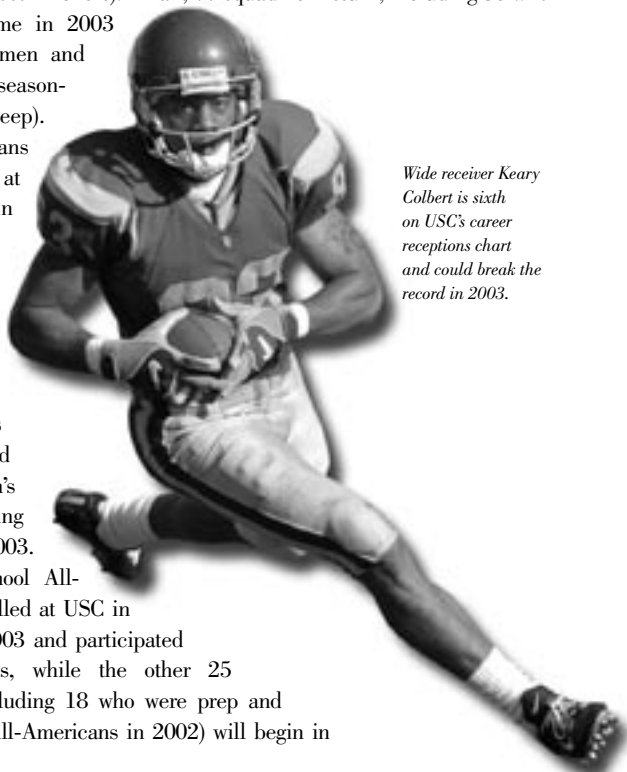
"We have to find that high level again, and it's not automatic. I won't allow our team to think that we already have it. We have to earn it again.

"It's real important to put the parts back together with the players we have coming back."

USC will call upon starters returning at 14 positions (6 on offense, 6 on defense and both kickers). In all, 77 squadmen return, including 56 who saw playing time in 2003 (49 were lettermen and 26 were on the season-ending 2-deep). Some 22 Trojans have started at least once in their career.

Joining them will be 28 new players who comprise what some publications have ranked as the nation's premier recruiting class of 2003. Three high school All-Americans enrolled at USC in the spring of 2003 and participated in spring drills, while the other 25 newcomers (including 18 who were prep and junior college All-Americans in 2002) will begin in the fall.

Wide receiver Keary Colbert is sixth on USC's career receptions chart and could break the record in 2003.



"The players in this recruiting class all chose USC because they want to do great things," said Carroll, who played 12 first-year freshmen and 2 transfers last fall. "That's exciting for the coaches, the returning players and the fans."

And USC seems to have a particular attraction to Carroll, too.

"I plan on being here for a long time because I can't find a better job description than this," said Carroll. "It's perfect. It's really clear that this is a great setting to work in and I love being here."

Carroll plans to continue the offensive and defensive approach that USC exhibited in his first 2 seasons.

"We want to control the ball on offense and go get it on defense," he said. "That has become my fundamental approach to the game. It was the first thing I ever said to our players and we'll continue to try to build on that approach."

In fact, USC's +1.33 turnover margin the past 2 regular seasons is the best in the nation during that span. Under Carroll, Troy has 71 takeaways while giving the ball away only 37 times.

If the foundation of a team's success is the strength of its lines, then Troy figures to be in good shape in 2003. Both its offensive and defensive fronts return nearly intact.

The USC defense will feature an imposing line and veteran outside linebackers, but the secondary and middle linebacker will have some new faces.

Three starters return on a defensive line that is America's best: ends **Kenechi Udeze** (a 2-year starter who had 44 tackles, 16 for loss, 7.5 sacks, a Pac-10 high and USC record 6 forced fumbles in 2002) and **Omar Nazeel** (38 tackles, 10.5 for loss, 6.5 sacks last fall) and tackle **Mike Patterson** (37 tackles, 11.5 for loss, 5.5 sacks, Pac-10 high 4 fumble recoveries in 2002). Joining them at tackle is **Shaun Cody**, a 2001 Freshman All-American who started the first 6 games of 2002 before tearing knee ligaments.

Two-year starting strongside linebacker **Matt Grootegeod**—USC's 2002 leader in tackles (81), tackles for a loss (16.5) and sacks (8) while earning

All-Pac-10 first team acclaim—is back, as is weakside linebacker **Melvin Simmons** (71 tackles in 2002).

Former starting wide receiver **Marcell Allmond** (34 tackles, 6 deflections, 1 interception last year) is USC's only returning starter in the secondary, where he started the last 7 games of 2002 at cornerback.

But 4 other players have started at times in the secondary: safety **Jason Leach** (2 starts at strong safety in 2002, when he had a team-high 4 interceptions), plus cornerbacks **Kevin Arbet** (he missed all of 2002 with a broken foot after getting 4 starts in 2000 and earning All-Pac-10 first team honors in 2001 as a special teams player), **Ronald Nunn** (he started USC's first 3 games of 2002 before tearing knee ligaments) and **William Buchanan** (he started for Nunn in the next 3 games of 2002).

USC lost some key starters on defense: 2-time All-American strong safety Troy Polamalu, the 2002 Thorpe Award finalist who was a 3-year starter with 278 tackles, 6 interceptions (3 for TDs) and 4 blocked kicks in his career, 2-year starting middle linebacker Mike Pollard (49 tackles in 2002), free safety DeShaun Hill (54 tackles and a team-best 8 deflections in 2002), cornerback Darrell Rideaux (46 tackles, 7 deflections, 2 interceptions in 2002) and tackle Bernard Riley, who had 19 career starts, including the last 7 games of 2002.

The Trojan offense should be dominant up front and among the receivers, but the entire backfield must be rebuilt.

Starters return at 4 spots on the offensive line, led by tackles **Jacob Rogers** (a 2-year starter and a 2002 All-Pac-10 first teamer) and **Winston Justice** (a 2002 Freshman All-American first team pick), center **Norm Katnik** (another 2-year starter) and a pair of players who started more than half of 2002: guard **Lenny Vandermade** (a 3-year starter) and tackle **Eric Torres** (a 2-year starter who started at every position but center in 2002). Rogers and Justice make up the nation's top bookend tackles.

The other offensive starters back are 3-year starting wide receiver **Keary Colbert**, who had 71 catches for 1,029 yards last fall and is sixth on USC's career receiving chart (he could break the record this year), and sure-handed tight end **Alex Holmes**, who has 58 career receptions.

Another key offensive player returning is dynamic wide receiver **Mike Williams**, a 2002 Freshman All-American first team honoree who set NCAA freshman records for receiving yards (1,265) and receiving touchdowns (14) and the Pac-10 frosh mark for catches (81). Williams, a 2003 pre-season All-American, and Colbert form the nation's top receiving duo.

But it will be difficult to offset the loss of such offensive stars as Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer, the Pac-10's career passing and total offense leader who set 33 Pac-10 and USC records, tailbacks Justin Fargas (who ran for 715 yards while starting 5 times in 2002), Sultan McCullough (USC's No. 8 career rusher with 2,800 yards, including a team-high 814 in 2002 while starting 5 games) and Malaefou MacKenzie (who ran for 939 yards and caught 76 passes in his career, and who started the last 7 games of 2002 at fullback), wide receiver Kareem Kelly (USC's career reception leader with 204 and the NCAA recordholder for consecutive games with a catch at 47), and 4-year starting offensive guard Zach Wilson.

Tight end Alex Holmes (top) has 58 career receptions. Defensive lineman Kenechi Udeze (bottom) recorded a Pac-10 high and USC record 6 forced fumbles in 2002.



Both the punter (**Tom Malone**) and placekicker (**Ryan Killeen**) return and show promise. Malone, who averaged 42.1 yards per boot last fall, might be the best young punter in the nation. Killeen, who also handled the kickoffs, hit 16 field goals and all but 2 of his 49 PATs after assuming the placekicking job in the third game of last season.

In terms of difficulty, it might be hard to match USC's 2002 schedule—which featured 11 bowl-bound team, including 9 ranked by AP (and only 1 with a losing record) at the time of the game—but Troy's 2003 slate might not be far behind. USC—which has 3 byes in 2003—will face 8 teams that played in bowls last season, including 3 ranked in the final AP Top 20. The Trojans open on Aug. 30 at SEC power Auburn, picked by some prognosticators as a national title contender in 2003. Then, after hosting BYU and Hawaii, USC ventures into the always-difficult Pac-10 campaign, with 4 of its next 5 games on the road (including its annual tilt with non-conference rival Notre Dame). The Trojans play at California, Arizona State, Washington and Arizona, and host Stanford, Washington State and crosstown foe UCLA. The Pac-10 finale is a home contest against Oregon State on “Championship Saturday” (Dec. 6, the latest USC regular season game since 1980).

“Last year showed that we’re willing to play anybody anywhere,” said Carroll. “This year’s schedule again is very challenging from the first game to the last. We’ll have to play championship football every week. It’s also a very attractive schedule, so I can see why people are saying that USC tickets are the hottest in town!”

OFFENSE

Starters return at 6 positions on offense in 2003: wide receiver (**Keary Colbert**), tight end (**Alex Holmes**), both tackles (**Jacob Rogers** and **Winston Justice**), guard (co-starters **Lenny Vandermade** and **Eric Torres**, with Torres having started at every line position but center in 2003) and center (**Norm Katnik**). USC's top 2 receivers and its third-leading rusher are back. The offense, directed by coordinator **Norm Chow**, will attempt to replicate the success of last season's unit, which finished sixth nationally in passing efficiency (149.2, first in Pac-10), eighth in passing offense (306.8, second in Pac-10), eighth in total offense (449.2, first in Pac-10) and ninth in scoring offense (35.8, first in Pac-10). The Trojans scored 30 points in their last 8 games (a USC first) and tallied 40 points 6 times last fall (the most since 1972). USC had 400-plus yards of total offense in each of its last 9 games. And Troy held the ball more than 8 minutes longer per game than its opponents.

“It was fun to watch last year’s offense,” said Carroll. “We were balanced and could put up points often and from anywhere. But we won’t have the luxury anymore of being able to rely on such great players as Carson Palmer, Justin Fargas, Malaefou MacKenzie, Sultan McCullough, Kareem Kelly and Zach Wilson. So we’ll have to adapt.

“Offensively, we should be very strong up front and at wide receiver this season. But we have some holes to fill in the backfield and we’ll have to call upon some younger, relatively-untested players. I expect great competition for these spots.”

QUARTERBACKS

USC's No. 1 concern in 2003 will be finding a replacement for quarterback Carson Palmer, the 2002 Heisman Trophy winner whose Pac-10 record 11,818 career passing yards and 11,621 yards of total offense were among the 33 Pac-10 and USC marks he set. The All-American first teamer completed 63.2% of his passes (309-of-489) in 2002 for 3,942 yards, 33 TDs and just 10 interceptions.

Four players got a shot at the job in 2003 spring practice: juniors **Matt Cassel** (3-of-4, 75.0%, 27 yds in 2002), Palmer's backup the past 2

seasons who has thrown just 6 passes in his career, and **Brandon Hance**, who sat out last season after transferring from Purdue (he started 9 games there in 2001) and saw limited reps in practice after having surgery on his throwing shoulder, and sophomores **Matt Leinart** and **Billy Hart**, neither of whom has thrown a pass at USC while seeing brief action (Hart also plays on the Trojan baseball team). The competition remained nearly even throughout the spring, with the left-handed Leinart emerging with an ever-so-slight edge...but the battle will continue in the fall.

“Matt Cassel and Matt Leinart are big, strong quarterbacks who have competed against each other for a long time,” said Carroll. “Brandon Hance did very, very well in the limited time he had last season. He and Billy Hart are smaller guys with a little more quickness and mobility than the others. It was very, very even in the spring and it wasn’t clear at all who the starter should be. Coming out of the spring, if we had to play a game that day, Leinart would be the starter. He’s going to try to hold onto the job and the other guys are going to try to take it away. It’s a very healthy competition.”

And don’t count out heralded freshman **John David Booty** (Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport, La.), believed to be the first football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major Division I-A university.

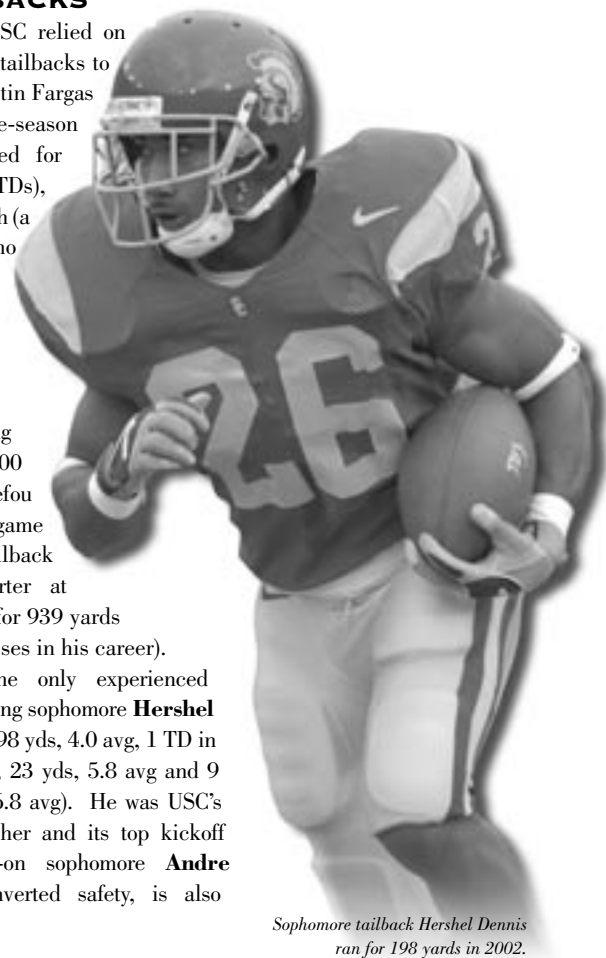
QUARTERBACKS

John David Booty, In. Fr.	Skipped prep senior year
Matt Cassel, Jr.	6 career passes
Brandon Hance, Jr.	'01 Purdue starter
Billy Hart, So.	
Matt Leinart, So.	

RUNNING BACKS

Last year, USC relied on 3 effective senior tailbacks to carry the load: Justin Fargas (who started 5 late-season games and rushed for 715 yards and 7 TDs), Sultan McCullough (a 5-game starter who led the Trojans with 814 yards and 8 TDs, and finished eighth on the school's career rushing list with 2,800 yards) and Malaefou MacKenzie (a 3-game starter at tailback and 7-game starter at fullback who ran for 939 yards and caught 76 passes in his career).

In 2003, the only experienced tailback is promising sophomore **Hershel Dennis** (49 tcb, 198 yds, 4.0 avg, 1 TD in 2002, plus 4 rec, 23 yds, 5.8 avg and 9 KOR, 151 yds, 16.8 avg). He was USC's No. 3-leading rusher and its top kickoff returner. Walk-on sophomore **Andre Woodert**, a converted safety, is also available.



Sophomore tailback Hershel Dennis ran for 198 yards in 2002.

Joining them this fall as freshmen are a terrific trio of prep All-Americans: **Reggie Bush** (Helix High in La Mesa, Calif.), **Chauncey Washington** (South Torrance High in Torrance, Calif.) and **LenDale White** (Chatfield High in Littleton, Colo.).

With MacKenzie gone, a new fullback must emerge. Sophomore **Brandon Hancock** (3 tcb, 8 yds, 2.7 avg in 2002, plus 2 rec, 15 yds, 7.5 avg and 4 tac, 1 FR), who started twice last fall, is the leading candidate. Other possibilities are junior **Lee Webb** (3 tac in 2002), who also has played linebacker at USC, and sophomore **David Kirtman** (2 tac, 1 FF in 2002). Walk-on redshirt freshmen **Mike Brittingham**, a converted safety, and **Morgan Craig**, a one-time quarterback, also are in the mix.

"We expect big things out of Hershel Dennis," said Carroll. "And once the freshmen get involved, we should have some healthy competition for playing time. It's also imperative that someone emerges who can help us at fullback. We have high hopes that Brandon Hancock will be a good fullback of the future. He's perfectly suited for the position."

RUNNING BACKS

Mike Brittingham, Rs. Fr., FB	
Reggie Bush, In. Fr., TB	'02 prep All-American
Morgan Craig, Rs. Fr., FB	
Hershel Dennis, So., TB	198 yards in '02
Brandon Hancock, So., FB	
David Kirtman, So., FB	
Lee Webb, Jr., FB	
Chauncey Washington, In. Fr., TB	'02 prep All-American
LenDale White, In. Fr., TB	'02 prep All-American
Andre Woodert, So., TB	Converted S

WIDE RECEIVERS

Even though USC career reception leader Kareem Kelly—he had 204 catches, including 46 last fall, and set an NCAA record by catching a pass in 47 consecutive games—is gone, the Trojans are in good shape in the wide receivers corps as a pair of 1,000-yard receivers (a first at Troy) are back. Both are playmakers who could win 2003 post-season honors and they form the top receiving duo in the country.

Underrated, yet consistent, senior **Keary Colbert** (71 rec, 1,029 yds, 14.5 avg, 5 TD in 2002, plus 2 tcb, 36 yds, 18.0 avg, 1 TD) will start for his fourth season. He is sixth on USC's career receptions ladder with 138 grabs and a repeat of last season's 71-catch output will push him past Kelly as the school's all-time leading pass catcher.

"You can count on Keary Colbert, day in and day out," said Carroll. "He is putting together a great career. He's just a fabulous receiver."

Even if Colbert breaks Kelly's mark, Keyshawn-esque sophomore **Mike Williams** (81 rec, 1,265 yds, 15.6 avg, 14 TD) is poised to shatter the standard before his career concludes. The 2003 pre-season All-American won Freshman All-American first team status last fall and was the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year when he set NCAA frosh records for receiving yards and receiving touchdowns and the Pac-10 frosh mark for receptions. He was 16th nationally in receiving yards (97.3) and 20th in receptions (6.2) while starting twice. He caught a TD pass in 7 consecutive games (including 3 against Washington to tie a USC game record) and his 14 TD catches not only were the second most in the nation, but tied the USC season mark. He had 5 100-yard receiving games, including 4 in a row. He caught 13 passes at Oregon, a USC frosh record.

"Mike Williams had a huge freshman year and set a standard of greatness," said Carroll. "He's a special receiver who uses his size and speed well. He should only get better in the coming years."

Dependable backup receivers need to emerge. But no other wide receiver on the roster caught a ball last year. The cast includes seniors

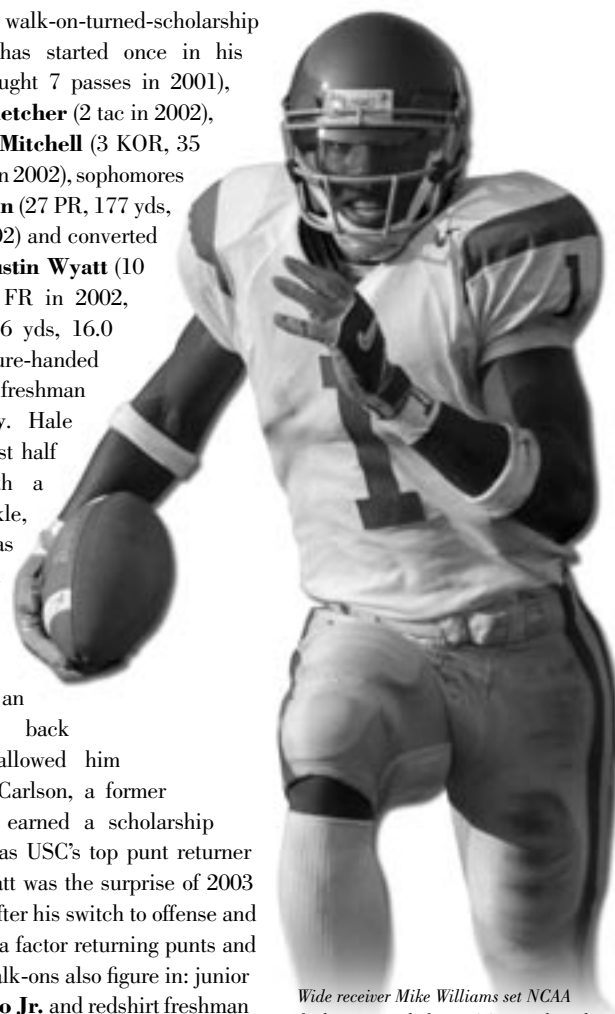
D. Hale, a walk-on-turned-scholarship winner who has started once in his career (he caught 7 passes in 2001), and **Sandy Fletcher** (2 tac in 2002), junior **Jason Mitchell** (3 KOR, 35 yds, 11.7 avg in 2002), sophomores **Greig Carlson** (27 PR, 177 yds, 6.6 avg in 2002) and converted cornerback **Justin Wyatt** (10 tac, 1 dfl, 2 FR in 2002, plus 1 PR, 16 yds, 16.0 avg), and sure-handed redshirt freshman **Chris McFoy**. Hale missed the first half of 2002 with a fractured ankle, Fletcher was bothered midseason by an ankle sprain and Mitchell had an early-season back injury that allowed him to redshirt. Carlson, a former walk-on who earned a scholarship this spring, was USC's top punt returner in 2002. Wyatt was the surprise of 2003 spring drills after his switch to offense and also could be a factor returning punts and kicks. Two walk-ons also figure in: junior **Steve Levario Jr.** and redshirt freshman **John Zilka**.

"It's crucial that we find a third and fourth receiver who we can count on," said Carroll. "Between the returnees and the incoming players, I believe we will."

To that end, a pair of the nation's most highly sought-after high school pass catchers enroll at USC this fall as freshmen: prep All-Americans **Whitney Lewis** (St. Bonaventure High in Ventura, Calif.) and **Steve Smith** (Taft High in Woodland Hills, Calif.).

WIDE RECEIVERS

Greig Carlson, So.	Won scholarship in '03
KEARY COLBERT, Sr.	USC's No. 6 career receiver
Sandy Fletcher, Sr.	
D. Hale, Sr.	1 career start
Steve Levario Jr., Jr.	
Whitney Lewis, In. Fr.	'02 prep All-American
Chris McFoy, Rs. Fr.	
Jason Mitchell, Jr.	
Steve Smith, In. Fr.	'02 prep All-American
Mike Williams, So.	'02 Freshman All-American
Justin Wyatt, So.	Converted CB
John Zilka, Rs. Fr.	



Wide receiver Mike Williams set NCAA freshman records for receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, and was named Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and a Freshman All-American first teamer in 2002.



TIGHT ENDS

USC is well-stocked at tight end, with a returning starter and a pair of experienced backups.

Senior **Alex Holmes** (29 rec, 320 yds, 11.0 avg, 2 TD in 2002, plus 5 tac, 1 FF), who has caught 58 passes in his career, is back as the starter. His 29 clutches last year were the most by a Trojan tight end since 1993. He is equally adept blocking and receiving.

Behind him are junior **Gregg Guenther Jr.** (7 rec, 39 yds, 5.6 avg, 1 TD in 2002), who started once last fall, and sophomore **Dominique Byrd** (1 rec, 10 yds, 10.0 avg in 2002, plus 2 tac). Guenther, USC's tallest player at 6-8, also stars on the Trojan men's basketball squad. Walk-ons **Owen Hanson**, a junior who is also on the Trojan men's volleyball team, and redshirt freshman **Nick Vanderboom**, a converted quarterback, add depth.

"We have a trio of outstanding tight ends and that's important because we emphasize that position in our scheme," said Carroll. "Alex Holmes is a solid, proven performer who has made some clutch catches for us."

TIGHT ENDS

Dominique Byrd, So.	
Gregg Guenther Jr., Jr.	Also plays basketball
Owen Hanson, Jr.	Also plays volleyball
ALEX HOLMES, Sr.	58 career catches
Nick Vanderboom, Rs. Fr.	Converted QB



Senior tackle Jacob Rogers was an All-Pac-10 first team selection in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The 2003 version of USC's offensive line might be Troy's best in years. Players return at 4 positions—only 4-year starting right guard Zach Wilson is gone—and there are some big-potential younger players angling for time.

Both tackles return and they're good ones: senior **Jacob Rogers**, a 2-year starter who earned All-Pac-10 first team laurels in 2002, and sophomore **Winston Justice**, a 2002 Freshman All-American first teamer. Both are in line for 2003 post-season honors. They make up the nation's best bookend tackles.

Senior **Lenny Vandermade**, a 3-year starter, returns at left guard (he also has started at center in his career) and should be recovered from a torn biceps which sidelined him for the last 4 outings of 2002 (he might be limited during spring practice). His fill-in is also back, senior **Eric Torres**, who started 7 times in 2002 at every line spot except center (Torres started all of 2001 at right tackle). He broke his left ankle in the Orange Bowl and missed spring drills.

And reliable center **Norm Katnik**, another 2-year starter, returns. He also has started at guard and tackle in his USC tenure.

Returning squadmen looking to work into the rotation are senior tackle **Nate Steinbacher**, who worked some at defensive tackle last fall, junior guard **Travis Watkins** and redshirt freshmen **Fred Matua**, a guard who was set to start the 2002 opener before a knee sprain sidelined him (he has the inside track for Wilson's right guard spot in 2003), center **Kurt Katnik** (Norm's younger brother) and guard **Kyle Williams**, plus walk-on redshirt freshman guard **John Lanza**.

Coming aboard this fall are tackle **John Drake** (Long Beach City College in Long Beach, Calif.), a junior college transfer who is a junior, plus 4 freshmen: a trio of prep All-Americans in **Sam Baker** (Tustin High in Tustin, Calif.) and **Drew Radovich** (Mission Viejo High in Mission Viejo, Calif.) at guard and **Ryan Kalil** (Servite High in Anaheim, Calif.) at center, as well as tackle **Travis Draper** (Paso Robles High in Paso Robles, Calif.).

"The strength of our offense is the line, and that's how it should be every year," said Carroll. "This is an experienced, veteran unit with some high-quality youngsters looking to break in. You won't find any better tackles than Jacob Rogers and Winston Justice, and Norm Katnik, Lenny Vandermade and Eric Torres are all solid, battle-tested veterans."

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Sam Baker, In. Fr., OG	'02 prep All-American
John Drake, In. Jr., OT	
Travis Draper, In. Fr., OT	
WINSTON JUSTICE, So., OT	'02 Freshman All-American
Ryan Kalil, In. Fr., C	'02 prep All-American
Kurt Katnik, Rs. Fr., C	
NORM KATNIK, Sr., C	2-year starter
John Lanza, Rs. Fr., OG	
Fred Matua, Rs. Fr., OG	
Drew Radovich, In. Fr., OG	'02 prep All-American
JACOB ROGERS, Sr., OT	2-year starter
Nate Steinbacher, Sr., OT	
ERIC TORRES, Sr., OT	2-year starter
LENNY VANDERMADE, Sr., OG	3-year starter
Travis Watkins, Jr., OG	
Kyle Williams, Rs. Fr., OG	

DEFENSE

Six defensive starters return from 2002: linebackers **Matt Grootegoed** and **Melvin Simmons**, ends **Kenechi Udeze** and **Omar Nazel**, tackle **Mike Patterson** and cornerback **Marcell Allmond**. Others back with starting experience are tackle **Shaun Cody**, who started for his second year in 2002 before tearing a knee ligament midseason, as well as three cornerbacks—**Kevin Arbet**, **Ronald Nunn** and **William Buchanon**—and safety **Jason Leach**. The top 2 tacklers, plus the leaders in interceptions, tackles for loss, sacks, fumble recoveries and forced fumbles, return from 2002's dominant defense that was sixth nationally in rushing defense (83.2, first in Pac-10), sixth in total defense (284.9, first in Pac-10), fifth in turnover margin (+1.4, second in Pac-10), 17th in scoring defense (18.5, first in Pac-10) and 19th in pass efficiency defense (102.5, second in Pac-10). Last year, USC held 9 teams under 100 yards rushing (including 7 times in a row) and no runner eclipsed the 100-yard rushing barrier. The Trojans allowed foes to convert just 27.6% of third downs.

"Last year's defense played almost exactly how I hoped it would," said Carroll, who serves as the defensive coordinator. "We dominated at times and were opportunistic. Although we lost some talented players who will be difficult to replace—guys like Troy Polamalu, Mike Pollard, Darrell Rideaux, DeShaun Hill and Bernard Riley—many of the ingredients from that unit are back in 2003.

"We should be very, very good up front on defense and on the edges this year. But we must come up with a middle linebacker and the secondary needs to solidify. We'll have a lot of players competing hard to get into the rotation."

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Simply put, USC's defensive line is the best in the nation.

Junior defensive tackle Shaun Cody (top), a 2001 Freshman All-American, played in six games in 2002 before tearing knee ligaments. Junior linebacker Matt Grootegoed (middle) led the Trojans in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks in 2002. Senior linebacker Melvin Simmons (bottom) was USC's No. 2 tackler in 2002.

Nicknamed "The Wild Bunch II" in honor of USC's famous 1969 defensive front, 4 key veterans—each could win 2003 post-season honors—return from a unit that was sixth in country last fall versus the rush (allowing just 83.2 yards per game) and let only 4 of 13 offenses run for more than 100 yards (no individual ever rushed for 100 yards).

More than half of USC's 43 sacks last season were by defensive linemen.

Both ends return: senior **Omar Nazel** (38 tac, 10.5 for loss, 6.5 sac, 7 dfl, 1 int, 1 FF in 2002) and junior **Kenechi Udeze** (44 tac, 16 for loss, 7.5 sack, 6 FF, 1 FR, 1 int, 1 dfl, 1 BLK in 2002). Udeze, a 2-year starter, set a USC record with his Pac-10 leading 6 forced fumbles.

Also back is junior **Mike Patterson** (37 tac, 11.5 for loss, 5.5 sack, 4 FR, 1 dfl in 2002), who started 10 times at nose tackle and 3 at defensive tackle last fall. His 4 fumble recoveries topped the Pac-10. Look for him at nose tackle in 2002.

Although tackle Bernard Riley—he had 19 career starts, including the last 7 games of 2002, when he posted 25 tackles—is gone, a familiar face will re-assume that defensive tackle spot. Junior **Shaun Cody** (20 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl, 1 FR, 1 BLK in 2002), a 2001 Freshman All-American first teamer, started the first 6 games of 2002 before tearing knee ligaments. He missed spring drills, but should be ready to go this fall.

"Our defensive line is exceptional," said Carroll. "Shaun Cody, Kenechi Udeze, Mike Patterson and Omar Nazel are outstanding players, among the best in the nation. However, we must develop their backups and get them ready to maintain a high level of performance."

Among the returning squadmen pushing for time at end are junior **Van Brown** (4 tac, 1.5 sack in 2002) and sophomore converted linebacker **Frostee Rucker** (he sat out last year after transferring from Colorado State) and, at tackle, soph **Lajuan Ramsey** (1 tac, 1 FR in 2002) and redshirt freshman **Travis Tofi**. Then there's junior walk-ons **Jay Bottom** at end and **Spencer Torgun** (2 tac, 1 sack in 2002) at tackle.

Seven new players enroll at USC this fall as freshmen. The ends are prep All-Americans **Chris Barrett** (Tustin High in Tustin, Calif.), **Lawrence Jackson** (Inglewood High in Inglewood, Calif.) and **Alex Morrow** (Rancho Cotate High in Rohnert Park, Calif.), plus **Matt Spanos** (Corona High in Corona, Calif.). The tackles are prep All-American **Sedrick Ellis** (Chino High in Chino, Calif.), plus **Fili Moala** (Western High in Anaheim, Calif.) and **Ryan Watson** (John Curtis High in River Ridge, La.).



DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Chris Barrett, In. Fr., DE	'02 prep All-American
Jay Bottom, Jr., DE	
Van Brown, Jr., DE	
Shaun Cody, Jr., DT	2-year starter
Sedrick Ellis, In. Fr., DT	'02 prep All-American
Lawrence Jackson, In. Fr., DE	'02 prep All-American
Fili Moala, In. Fr., DT	
Alex Morrow, In. Fr., DE	'02 prep All-American
OMAR NAZEL, Sr., DE	
MIKE PATTERSON, Jr., DT	
LaJuan Ramsey, So., DT	
Frostee Rucker, So., DE	Converted LB
Matt Spanos, In. Fr., DE	
Travis Tofi, Rs. Fr., DT	
Spencer Torgan, Jr., DT	
KENECHI UDEZE, Jr., DE	2-year starter
Ryan Watson, In. Fr., DT	

LINEBACKERS

USC is solid at the outside linebacker spots, as junior **Matt Grootegoed** (81 tac, 16.5 for loss, 8 sack, 1 int, 4 dfl, 1 FR, 3 FF in 2002) returns on the strong side and senior **Melvin Simmons** (71 tac, 6.5 for loss, 2.5 sack, 2 int, 5 dfl, 1 FR in 2002) is back on the weak side. Grootegoed, a 2-year-starter and 2003 post-season honors candidate who has a knack for always being around the ball, won All-Pac-10 first team honors in 2002 when he led the Trojans in tackles, tackles for a loss and sacks. Simmons was USC's No. 2 tackler last fall.

"Matt Grootegoed is an excellent football player, plain and simple," said Carroll. "He has great instincts and uses all of his abilities. And Melvin Simmons gives us real steady, veteran-type play."

But a new middle linebacker must be found now that Mike Pollard—a 2-year starter who had 49 stops last year—has departed. Among the possibilities are sophomores **Oscar Lua** (13 tac, 1 sack, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2002), who tore knee ligaments prior to the Orange Bowl and missed spring practice, and **Lofa Tatupu**, who sat out last season after transferring from Maine, where he started in 2001 (he is the son of ex-USC and NFL fullback Mosi Tatupu).

Other linebackers from last year's roster looking to get in the mix are juniors **Bobby Otani** (10 tac in 2002) and converted defensive end **Daniel Urquhart** and sophomore **Dallas Sartz** (8 tac, 1 for loss, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2002), plus a pair of walk-ons in sophomore **Collin Ashton** (3 tac in 2002) and redshirt freshman **Matt Newhouse**.

Prep All-Americans **Drean Rucker** (Canyon Spring High in Moreno Valley, Calif.)—no relation to Frostee—and **Thomas Williams** (Vacaville High in Vacaville, Calif.), along with **Johnathan Turner** (Corona High in Corona, Calif.) join the linebacking corps this fall as freshmen.

"We're thin in experience at middle linebacker, so we need somebody to step up there," said Carroll. "And we need to establish depth we can count on throughout the linebacking corps."

LINEBACKERS

Collin Ashton, So.	
MATT GROOTEGOED, Jr.	USC's '02 tackle leader
Oscar Lua, So.	
Matt Newhouse, Rs. Fr.	
Bobby Otani, Jr.	
Drean Rucker, In. Fr.	'02 prep All-American
Dallas Sartz, So.	
MELVIN SIMMONS, Sr.	USC's No. 2 tackler in '02
Lofa Tatupu, So.	'01 Maine starter
Johnathan Turner, In. Fr.	
Daniel Urquhart, Jr.	Converted DE
Thomas Williams, In. Fr.	'02 prep All-American

DEFENSIVE BACKS

While the biggest holes to fill on USC's defense are in the secondary, the situation isn't as dire as it might appear. Granted, the Trojans lost 3 quality starters in 2-time All-American strong safety Troy Polamalu (the 2002 Thorpe Award finalist was a 3-year starter who amassed 278 tackles and 6 interceptions in his career), free safety DeShaun Hill (he had 54 stops and a team-best 8 deflections last season) and cornerback Darrell Rideaux (he notched 46 tackles, 7 pass break-ups and 2 picks in 2002). Most critically, the void left from the loss of Polamalu's leadership cannot be discounted.

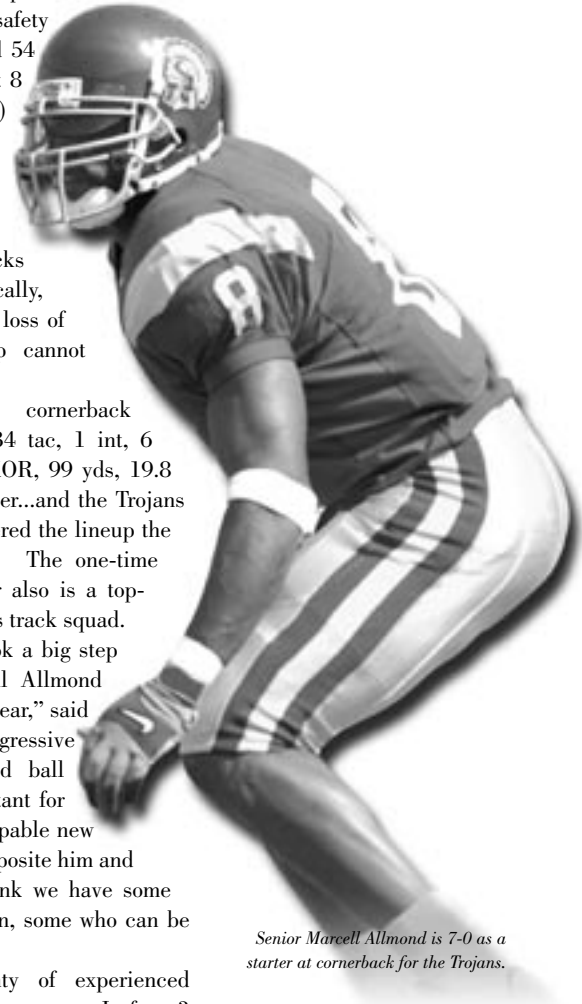
Only senior cornerback **Marcell Allmond** (34 tac, 1 int, 6 dfl in 2002, plus 5 KOR, 99 yds, 19.8 avg) returns as a starter...and the Trojans went 7-0 once he entered the lineup the second half of 2002. The one-time starting wide receiver also is a top-flight hurdler on USC's track squad.

"Our defense took a big step forward when Marcell Allmond became a starter last year," said Carroll. "He's an aggressive cornerback with good ball skills. But it's important for us to come up with capable new starters on the side opposite him and at the safeties. I think we have some good players to call on, some who can be sensational in time."

There are plenty of experienced options to fill the 3 open spots. In fact, 3 players have starting experience at cornerback: senior **Kevin Arbet**, who missed all of last season with a broken foot, junior **Ronald Nunn** (3 tac in 2002) and sophomore **William Buchanan** (19 tac, 1 for loss, 6 dfl in 2002). Arbet—who appears to have won the starting job for 2003—started 4 times in 2000 and was an All-Pac-10 first teamer as a special teams player in 2001. Nunn started USC's first 3 contests in 2002 before tearing knee ligaments (he missed most of 2003 spring drills) and then Buchanan started the next 3 games (after converting from wide receiver) before giving way to Allmond.

And junior **Jason Leach** (30 tac, 1 for loss, 4 int, 3 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2002) started twice at strong safety last fall for an injured Polamalu, including in the Orange Bowl. He led Troy in interceptions in 2002. He has moved to free safety and should start there.

Other cornerbacks back from last year's group are sophomore **John Walker** (2 tac in 2002, plus 1 PR, 4 yds, 4.0 avg) and a pair of walk-ons: sophomore **Alex Gomez** and redshirt freshman **Kirk Shepherd**. Identical twin freshmen cornerbacks **Brandon Ting** and **Ryan Ting**, who were 2002 prep All-Americans, graduated a semester early from James Logan High in Union City, Calif. and enrolled at USC this past spring.



Senior Marcell Allmond is 7-0 as a starter at cornerback for the Trojans.

Keep an eye on freshman safety **Darnell Bing**, who originally signed with USC last year after a prep All-American career at Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High but did not qualify for admission then. He enrolled at Troy this past spring and appears to have locked down the strong safety job.

Battling for action at safety from last year's squad are sophomore **Mike Ross** (8 tac in 2002, plus 1 TD on a blocked punt recovery), plus 5 walk-ons in seniors **Greg Farr** and top special teams player **Forrest Mozart** (2 tac, 1 BLK in 2002, plus 1 PR, 23 yds, 23.0 avg) and juniors **Chris Bocage**, **Matt Lemos** and **Kyle Matthews** (1 tac in 2002).

This fall, joining the fray are junior college transfer **Will Poole** (Ventura Junior College in Ventura, Calif.), a senior safety who started at Boston College in 2000 before earning J.C. All-American laurels last fall, and 3 incoming freshmen who were prep All-Americans: cornerback **Desmond Reed** (Temple City High in Temple City, Calif.), safety **Terrell Thomas** (Rancho Cucamonga High in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) and cornerback **Eric Wright** (Riordan High in San Francisco, Calif.)

DEFENSIVE BACKS

MARCELL ALLMOND, Sr., CB	7-0 as starting CB
Kevin Arbet, Sr., CB	4 career starts
Darnell Bing, Fr., S	'01 prep All-American
Chris Bocage, Jr., S	
William Buchanon, So., CB	3 starts in '02
Greg Farr, Sr., S	
Alex Gomez, So., CB	
Jason Leach, Jr., S	2 starts, 4 picks in '02
Matt Lemos, Jr., S	
Kyle Matthews, Jr., S	
Forrest Mozart, Jr., S	Converted WR
Ronald Nunn, Jr., CB	3 starts in '02
Will Poole, In. Sr., CB	'02 JC All-American
Desmond Reed, In. Fr., CB	'02 prep All-American
Mike Ross, So., S	
Kirk Shepherd, Rs. Fr., CB	
Terrell Thomas, In. Fr., S	'02 prep All-American
Brandon Ting, Fr., CB	'02 prep All-American
Ryan Ting, Fr., CB	'02 prep All-American
John Walker, So., CB	
Eric Wright, In. Fr, CB	'02 prep All-American

SPECIAL TEAMS

All of USC's specialists from 2002 return: the punter (**Tom Malone**), placekicker (**Ryan Killeen**), short snapper (**Joe Boskovich**), long snapper (**Matt Hayward**) and holder (**Tom Malone**), plus the top punt returner (**Greig Carlson**) and kickoff returner (**Hershel Dennis**).

But there is still cause for concern in the performance of the special teams, which were an adventure at times in 2002. While Malone and Killeen were effective, USC was last in the Pac-10 in punt returns (7.2) and kickoff returns (17.5), and ninth in kickoff return coverage (24.1). Plus, the Trojans had 8 kicks blocked (3 punts, 3 PATs and 2 field goals), with one returned for a TD and another for a defensive PAT. And Troy gave up a 100-yard scoring kickoff return.

"We need our special teams to be a factor in every phase," said Carroll. "We're not there yet, especially in the return game. We'll open up the competition to find the best performers we can in those areas. We'll work hard to excel in this very important part of the program.

"But in Tom Malone, I believe we have one of the country's top young punters. He is poised, has a strong leg and gets good hang time. And Ryan Killeen stepped in early last year and answered nearly every challenge."

PUNTERS

Sophomore **Tom Malone** (42.1 avg in 2002) has proven to be one of the nation's top young punters. He earned Freshman All-American second team notice last fall. Nearly half of his 62 punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line and 12 traveled at least 50 yards (including a 72-yarder). He is backed by a pair of walk-ons, senior **Tommy Huff** and sophomore **Zach Sherwood**.

PLACEKICKERS

Junior **Ryan Killeen** (16-of-23 FG, 47-of-49 PAT in 2002, plus 2 tac), who was only supposed to handle the kickoff duty last year, took over the placekicking job during the third game of 2002 and was impressive. His 16 field goals were 3 shy of the USC season record, he hit his last 30 PATs (and missed just 2 out of 49 all year), he led Troy in scoring (95 points) and 27 of his 89 kickoffs were touchbacks. In an emergency, soph punter **Tom Malone** could kick, as could walk-on redshirt freshman **John-Luke Del Fante**.

SNAPPERS

Both of USC's snappers—seniors **Joe Boskovich** (placekicks) and **Matt Hayward** (punts)—are back. It's the fourth season in that role for Boskovich, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this spring, and the third year for Hayward. Both have been near flawless in their careers.

HOLDERS

Sophomore punter **Tom Malone** returns as the holder on all placekicks, with soph quarterback **Matt Leinart** and junior quarterback **Matt Cassel** possible backups.

RETURNERS

USC's top punt returner—sophomore wide receiver **Greig Carlson** (27 PR, 177 yds, 6.6 avg in 2002)—and kickoff returner—soph tailback **Hershel Dennis** (9 KOR, 151 yds, 16.8 avg in 2002)—from last season are back. Other potential returners include senior cornerbacks **Kevin Arbet**, who led USC in punt returns in 2001 (25 PR, 225 yds, 9.0 avg, plus 3 KOR, 53 yds, 17.7 avg), and **Marcell Allmond** (5 KOR, 99 yds, 19.8 avg in 2002), sophomore cornerback **Justin Wyatt** (1 PR, 16 yds, 16.0 avg in 2002), or any of several freshman, including safety **Darnell Bing**, wide receivers **Whitney Lewis** and **Steve Smith**, tailback **Reggie Bush**, and cornerbacks **Desmond Reed** and **Eric Wright**.

KICKERS/PUNTERS/SNAPPERS

Joe Boskovich, Sr., SNP	Won scholarship in '03
John-Luke Del Fante, Rs. Fr., PK	
Matt Hayward, Sr., SNP	
Tommy Huff, Sr., P	
RYAN KILLEEN, Jr., PK	16 FGs in '02
TOM MALONE, So., P	42.1 punt avg. in '02
Zach Sherwood, So., P	



2003 DEPTH CHART

2003 TROJAN FOOTBALL

OFFENSE

SE –	1	Mike Williams (6-5, 230, So.)
	82	D. Hale (6-1, 185, Sr.*) OR
	7	Sandy Fletcher (6-1, 195, Sr.*)
	80	Steve Levorio (5-9, 170, Jr.*)
	27	John Zilka (6-4, 195, Fr.*)
	2	Steve Smith (6-1, 190, Fr.)
LT –	77	JACOB ROGERS (6-6, 305, Sr. *)
	76	Nate Steinbacher (6-5, 305, Sr. *)
	70	Travis Draper (6-5, 265, Fr.)
LG –	78	LENNY VANDERMADE# (6-3, 275, Sr. *)
	63	Travis Watkins (6-3, 305, Jr. *)
	60	Drew Radovich (6-5, 280, Fr.)
C –	62	NORM KATNIK (6-4, 280, Sr. *)
	61	Kurt Katnik (6-4, 255, Fr. *)
	67	Ryan Kalil (6-4, 270, Fr.)
RG –	57	Fred Matua (6-2, 300, Fr. *)
	75	Kyle Williams (6-6, 290, Fr. *)
	72	John Lanza (6-3, 255, Fr. *)
	79	Sam Baker (6-5, 315, Fr.)
RT –	74	WINSTON JUSTICE (6-6, 300, So.)
	66	Eric Torres# (6-5, 300, Sr. *)
	73	John Drake (6-4, 350, Jr.)
TE –	81	ALEX HOLMES (6-3, 270, Sr.)
	86	Dominique Byrd (6-3, 255, So.)
	44	Gregg Guenther Jr. (6-8, 245, Jr. *)
	87	Nick Vanderboom (6-4, 220, Fr. *)
	88	Owen Hanson (6-2, 200, Jr. *)
QB –	11	Matt Leinart (6-5, 220, So. *) OR
	10	Matt Cassel (6-5, 220, Jr. *) OR
	4	Brandon Hance (6-1, 195, Jr. *) OR
	13	Billy Hart (6-2, 200, So. *)
	17	John David Booty (6-3, 200, Fr.)
FB –	40	Brandon Hancock (6-1, 235, So.)
	37	David Kirtman (6-0, 220, So. *) OR
	35	Lee Webb (6-0, 240, Jr. *)
	49	Mike Brittingham (6-1, 205, Fr. *)
	18	Morgan Craig (6-2, 205, Fr. *)
TB –	34	Hershel Dennis (5-11, 190, So.)
	28	Andre Woodert (6-0, 210, So. *)
	5	Reggie Bush (6-0, 190, Fr.) OR
	25	Chauncey Washington (6-1, 205, Fr.) OR
	21	LenDale White (6-2, 225, Fr.)
FL –	83	KEARY COLBERT (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	24	Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.)
	89	Chris McFoy (6-1, 190, Fr. *) OR
	19	Greig Carlson (5-10, 195, So. *) OR
	15	Jason Mitchell (6-1, 200, Jr. *)
	26	Whitney Lewis (6-1, 225, Fr.)
		SPECIAL TEAMS
P –	14	TOM MALONE (6-0, 190, So.)
	16	Tommy Huff (6-2, 230, Sr. *)
	15	Zach Sherwood (6-4, 195, So. *)
PK –	48	RYAN KILLEEN (5-11, 200, Jr.)
	14	Tom Malone (6-0, 190, So.)
	40	Jon-Luke Del Fante (5-10, 175, Fr. *)
SNP –	50	MATT HAYWARD (6-1, 225, Sr.)–P
	64	JOE BOSKOVICH (6-4, 240, Sr. *)–PAT, FG
HLD –	14	TOM MALONE (6-0, 190, So.)
	11	Matt Leinart (6-5, 220, So. *)
	10	Matt Cassel (6-5, 220, Jr. *)

DEFENSE

DE –	94	KENECHI UDEZE (6-4, 285, Jr. *)
	91	Van Brown (6-5, 265, Jr. *)
	97	Alex Morrow (6-5, 265, Fr.) OR
	69	Matt Spanos (6-5, 285, Fr.)
NT –	99	MIKE PATTERSON (6-0, 285, Jr.)
	95	Travis Tofi (6-4, 255, Fr. *)
	70	Spencer Torgan (6-1, 275, Jr. *)
	98	Ryan Watson (6-3, 285, Fr.)
DT –	84	Shaun Cody (6-4, 285, Jr.)
	52	Lajuan Ramsey (6-3, 270, So.)
	49	Sedrick Ellis (6-2, 280, Fr.) OR
	93	Fili Moala (6-5, 300, Fr.)
DE –	56	OMAR NAZEL (6-5, 245, Sr. *)
	90	Frostee Rucker (6-4, 240, So. *)
	65	Jay Bottom (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	9	Chris Barrett (6-5, 250, Fr.) OR
	96	Lawrence Jackson (6-5, 250, Fr.)
SLB –	6	MATT GROOTEGOED (5-11, 215, Jr. *)
	42	Dallas Sartz (6-5, 220, So.)
	19	Matt Newhouse (6-3, 210, Fr. *)
	85	Johnathan Turner (6-3, 240, Fr.)
MLB –	45	Oscar Lua (6-2, 245, So.) OR
	58	Lofa Tatupu (6-0, 225, So. *)
	53	Daniel Urquhart (6-2, 250, Jr. *)
	54	Drean Rucker (6-2, 235, Fr.)
WLB –	51	MELVIN SIMMONS (6-1, 220, Sr. *)
	36	Bobby Otani (6-0, 215, Jr.)
	59	Collin Ashton (6-1, 215, So. *)
	41	Thomas Williams (6-3, 225, Fr.)
CB –	30	Kevin Arbet (5-11, 190, Sr. *)
	18	John Walker (6-2, 200, So. *)
	38	Brandon Ting (5-10, 190, Fr.)
	37	Kirk Shepherd (5-10, 170, Fr. *)
	28	Will Poole (6-0, 190, Sr. *) OR
	22	Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr.)
FS –	27	Jason Leach (5-11, 210, Jr. *)
	40	Greg Farr (6-0, 195, Sr.) OR
	17	Chris Bocage (5-10, 190, Jr. *)
	47	Forrest Mozart (6-2, 205, Jr. *)
	29	Terrell Thomas (6-2, 180, Fr.)
SS –	20	Darnell Bing (6-2, 220, Fr.)
	43	Mike Ross (6-0, 175, So.)
	48	Kyle Matthews (6-1, 200, Jr. *)
	44	Matt Lemos (5-10, 180, Jr. *)
CB –	8	MARCELL ALLMOND (6-0, 200, Sr. *)
	31	William Buchanon (6-3, 180, So. *) OR
	23	Ronald Nunn (5-11, 180, Jr. *)
	39	Ryan Ting (5-10, 190, Fr.)
	25	Alex Gomez (5-10, 175, So. *)
	46	Eric Wright (6-0, 180, Fr.)
		RETURN SPECIALISTS
KOR –	24	Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.) OR
	8	MARCELL ALLMOND (6-0, 200, Sr. *) OR
	30	Kevin Arbet (5-11, 190, Sr. *) OR
	20	Darnell Bing (6-2, 220, Fr.) OR
	5	Reggie Bush (6-0, 190, Fr.) OR
	26	Whitney Lewis (6-1, 225, Fr.) OR
	22	Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr.) OR
	2	Steve Smith (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR
	46	Eric Wright (6-0, 180, Fr.)
PR –	30	Kevin Arbet (5-11, 190, Sr. *) OR
	19	GREIG CARLSON (5-10, 195, So. *) OR
	24	Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.) OR
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	22	Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr.) OR
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	46	Eric Wright (6-0, 180, Fr.)

Two-deep as of start of 2003 practice

Projected 2003 starters in Boldface

Players connected with "OR" are considered equal

Returning 2002 starters listed in ALL CAPS

Incoming 2003 players listed alphabetically at end of positions

*Used up redshirt year

#Vandermade and Torres were co-starters in 2002



HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

USC FOOTBALL



PETE CARROLL
USC HEAD COACH
3RD SEASON

Pete 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).

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.

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 51-year-old Carroll has 28 years of NFL and college experience, including 12 on the college level. He is 17-8 as a college head coach (all at USC); his losses were by a total of 39 points (4.9 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 15-3. He is 7-0 in November.

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.

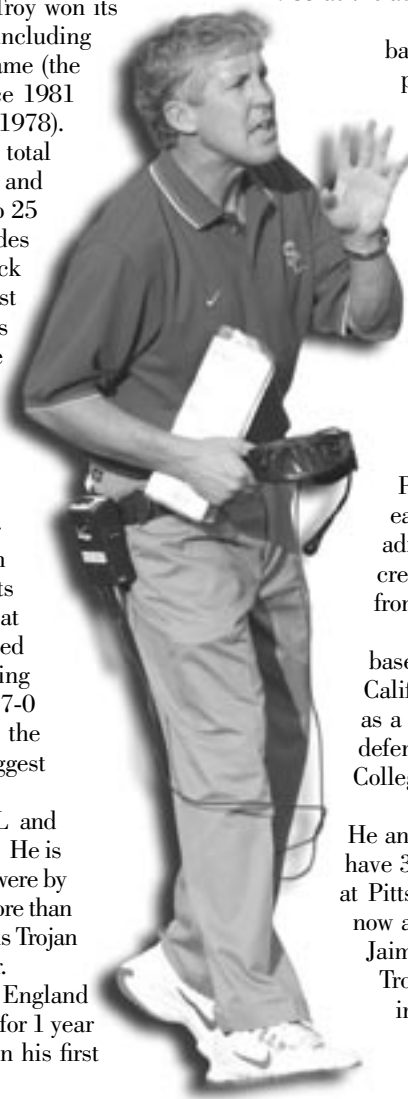
He entered the NFL in 1984 as the defensive backs coach of the Buffalo Bills, then held a similar position with the Minnesota Vikings for 5 seasons (1985-89). The Vikings advanced to the playoffs his last 3 years there, getting to the NFC Championship game in 1987. The 1988 team was 11-5 in the regular 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 *CNN/SL.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 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 then played football at Marin Junior College in Kentfield, Calif., in 1970.

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, 22, who played tight end at Pittsburgh (he previously played at Delaware) and is now an assistant at USC, and Nathan, 14, and daughter Jaime, 19, a junior at USC who played on the Women of Troy's highly-ranked volleyball team which competed in the 2000 NCAA Final Four. His late father-in-law, Dean Goranson, received his master's degree from USC.



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."

Paul Wiggin, Minnesota Vikings defensive line coach during Carroll's tenure: "There was something there about Pete that Bud Grant saw. The thing that was so interesting about Pete is that he always studied Bud. Pete has football genius about him. He knows how to simplify and unscramble. The thing that's neat about Pete is that, when he calls a meeting, players will look forward to going."

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."

Ed Donatell, 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 under Carroll: "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."

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."

Eric Davis, San Francisco 49ers All-Pro cornerback under Carroll: "He listens to the players. We had a voice. Everybody is not going to be happy. But, if you have a problem, you can go to him. He's a teacher. He wants to make sure that everybody not only knows what to do, but why they're doing it. That made us better."

Lawyer Milloy, New England Patriots strong safety under Carroll: "We all believed in his system, we all believed in the type of coach he is. He's a great coach and I loved playing for the guy."

Bart Oates, San Francisco 49ers center under Carroll: "His enthusiasm is infectious."

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."



HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

2003 TROJAN FOOTBALL

MEDIA

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

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

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."

John Crumacker, San Francisco Examiner: "Carroll's belief is to make fun what is often taken so darn seriously, this business that masquerades as a game."

C.W. Nevius, San Francisco Chronicle: "He is the kind of guy who can take a player to unexpected heights by sheer force of enthusiasm. The Jets players loved him in his four years as defensive coordinator, which was why he was an enormously popular choice to become their head coach. He's a great guy, talkative, bright and cooperative."

Mike Lupica, Newsday: "He is a good coach. Everyone talks about how hard the Jets played for Pete Carroll. I think he's better suited to coach college than the pros. He's a good person with a good heart."

Bob Glauber, The Sporting News: "Jets owner Leon Hess made a huge mistake when he fired Carroll after only one season. Carroll's ingenious schemes and player-friendly personality would have eventually turned around the Jets."

Glenn Dickey, San Francisco Chronicle: "He's bright and personable, able to relate to players and the media. Carroll did a great job in both coaching the 49ers defense and coming up with imaginative game plans. One of his biggest assets is his flexibility. The trick, always, is to keep the offense off-balance. Carroll is a master at that."

Mark Cannizzaro, New York Post: "Pete Carroll permeates his energetic lightning-rod touch among his players and coaches. But part of Carroll's style is toughness."

Mark Whicker, Orange County Register: "What Carroll can do at USC is create a community. There are players, coaches, staff, and parents, and the modern coach gets them involved, and the grinding season becomes a joyride. Pete Carroll will try to build a cardinal brick road for the Trojans."

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	1-5** (0-1)	George Seiffert
1996	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive coordinator	2-4** (1-1)	George Seiffert
1997	New England Patriots	Head coach	0-6** (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)	—

*Advanced to playoffs • **Division champions and advanced to playoffs



**GREG
BURNS**
SECONDARY

Greg Burns, who was a defensive back in the Pac-10, is in his second year as USC's secondary coach. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2002.

Safety Troy Polamalu won his second consecutive All-American first team honor, was a Thorpe Award finalist in 2002 and was an NFL first round pick.

Burns, 30, handled the cornerbacks at Louisville the previous 4 years (1998 to 2001). The Cardinals were 18th nationally in pass efficiency defense and had 20 interceptions in 2001 (the team went 11-2 and beat BYU in the Liberty Bowl). In 2000, Louisville led the nation in interceptions (27) and was 20th in pass efficiency defense. In 1998, Cardinal cornerback Antonio Roundtree earned All-Conference USA first team honors. Louisville also played in the 1998 Motor City Bowl, 1999 Humanitarian Bowl and 2000 Liberty Bowl.



He was the cornerbacks coach at Idaho in 1997, as the Vandals intercepted 13 passes.

He was a 4-year letterman (1991-93, 1995) and 2-year starter as a defensive back at Washington State, earning All-Pac-10 honorable mention honors in 1992. The 1992 Cougar squad won the Copper Bowl. He ranks eighth on WSU's career interception list with 9 (his 5 picks in 1992—including 2 against USC—is tied for seventh on the school's season chart). He won WSU's Laurie Niemi Award in 1995 (for the senior exhibiting courage, spirit and positive attitude). He missed the 1994 season with torn ligaments in his knee and his 1995 season was cut short because of a shoulder injury.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1995 and a master's degree in counseling psychology in 1997, both from Washington State.

He was on the football and track teams at Dorsey High in Los Angeles, Calif.

Born Nov. 9, 1972, he is single.

His brother, Dexter, was a defensive back at San Jose State in the mid-1990s.

BURNS SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Nov. 9, 1972

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Dorsey HS, Los Angeles, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, psychology, Washington State, 1995
Master's degree, counseling psychology, Washington State, 1997

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:
Dorsey HS, Los Angeles, Calif.
Washington State, defensive back, 1991-93, 1995

**COACHING
EXPERIENCE:** 5 years

USC, 2002-
Secondary
2002 - Orange Bowl

Louisville, 1998-2001
Cornerbacks
2001 - Liberty Bowl
2000 - Liberty Bowl
1999 - Humanitarian Bowl
1998 - Motor City Bowl

Idaho, 1997
Secondary



USC FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES

2003 TROJAN FOOTBALL

CHOW SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: May 3, 1946

FAMILY: Wife, Diane; Sons, Carter, 28, Cameron, 22, and Chandler, 17; Daughter, Maile, 26

HIGH SCHOOL: Punahou HS, Honolulu, Hi.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, physical education, Utah, 1968
Master's degree, special education, Utah, 1970
Doctorate degree, educational psychology, BYU, 1979

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:
Punahou HS, Honolulu, Hi. Utah, offensive guard, 1965-67
Saskatchewan Roughriders, offensive line, 1968

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 33 years

USC, 2002-
Offensive Coordinator
2002 - Orange Bowl

USC, 2001
Offensive Coordinator/
Quarterbacks
2001 - Las Vegas Bowl

North Carolina State, 2000
Off. Coord./QBs
2000 - Micronpc.com Bowl

BYU, 1996-1999
Asst. Head Coach/Off.
Coord./QBs
1996 - Cotton Bowl
1998 - Liberty Bowl
1999 - Motor City Bowl

BYU, 1990-1995
Asst. Head Coach/Co-Off.
Coord./QBs
1990 - Holiday Bowl
1991 - Holiday Bowl
1992 - Aloha Bowl
1993 - Holiday Bowl
1994 - Copper Bowl

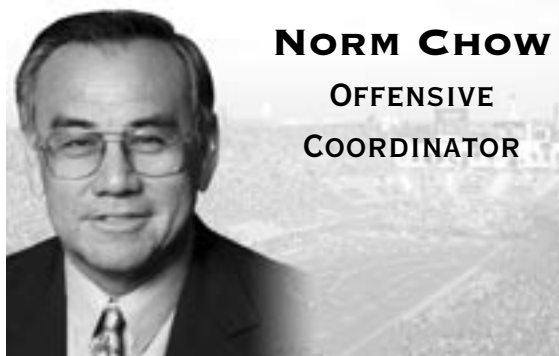
BYU, 1985-1989
Co-Off. Coord./QBs
1985 - Florida Citrus Bowl
1986 - Freedom Bowl
1987 - All-American Bowl
1988 - Freedom Bowl
1989 - Holiday Bowl

BYU, 1982-1984
Co-Off. Coord./QBs/WRs
1982 - Holiday Bowl
1983 - Holiday Bowl
1984 - Holiday Bowl

BYU, 1975-1981
WRs/Recruiting Coord.
1976 - Tangerine Bowl
1978 - Holiday Bowl
1979 - Holiday Bowl
1980 - Holiday Bowl
1981 - Holiday Bowl

BYU, 1973-1974
Graduate Assistant
1974 - Fiesta Bowl

Waialua HS, 1970-1972
Head Coach



NORM CHOW OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Norm Chow, regarded as one of the premier offensive coordinators in college football, is in his third year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in January of 2001 as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach; beginning in 2002, he just handled the offensive coordinator duties.

He won the 2002 Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach. In 2002, quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman Trophy and Uteas Award en route to becoming the Pac-10's career leader in passing yards and total offense (he was the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NFL draft), while USC led the Pac-10 in total offense and scoring offense.

He spent the 2000 season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Carolina State, where he helped the Wolfpack to an 8-4 season and a victory in the Micronpc.com Bowl. The NCSU passing offense was ranked 15th nationally (292.6). His quarterback, Philip Rivers, was a Freshman All-American who completed 53.7% (237-of-441) of his passes for 3,054 yards with 25 touchdowns and was 12th nationally in total offense (269.9).

Before that, the 57-year-old Chow spent the previous 27 years (1973-99) at BYU. At various times, he was the Cougars' assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, co-offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach, receivers coach, recruiting coordinator and graduate assistant (1973 and 1974).

He coached 6 of the NCAA's top 12 career passing efficiency leaders and was involved with squads that hold 11 of the top 30 single season passing yardage totals in NCAA history. He coached in 22 bowls at BYU and was on the staff of the Cougars' 1984 national championship team. BYU went 244-91-3 during his time in Provo.

He was named the National Assistant Coach of the Year in 1999 by the American Football Foundation and in 1993 by Athlon. He was the 1996 Division I Offensive Coordinator of the Year by American Football Quarterly. In 1996, he was a finalist for the Broyles Award.

Among the Cougar players he coached were a number of future NFL stars, including quarterbacks Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson, Gifford Nielsen, Ty Detmer and Robbie Bosco, plus tight end Todd Christensen. Detmer won the 1990 Heisman Trophy and was a Davey O'Brien Trophy winner (twice), as were Young and McMahon.

Chow began his coaching career as the head coach at Waialua (Hi.) High for 3 seasons (1970-72) before going to BYU.

He was a 2-year starter and 3-year letterman at offensive guard for Utah (1965-67). In 1967, he earned All-Western Athletic Conference first team and All-American honorable mention honors. He was selected to Utah's All-Century Team.

He then played briefly with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League in 1968 before a knee injury ended his playing career.

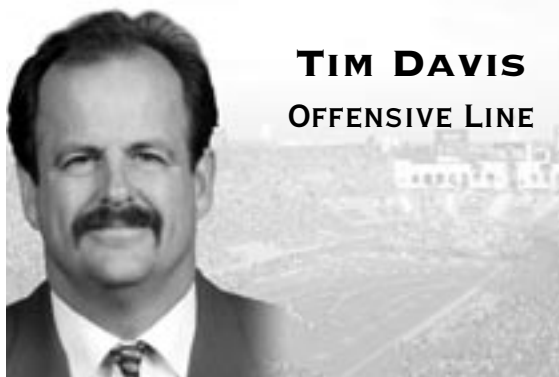
He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Utah in 1968, his master's in special education from Utah in 1970 and his doctorate in educational psychology from BYU in 1979.

He prepped at Punahou High in Honolulu, Hi., starring in football, basketball and baseball.

He was born on May 3, 1946. He and his wife, Diane, have 3 sons—Carter, 28, Cameron, 22, and Chandler, 17—and a daughter, Maile, 26.



Norm Chow won the 2002 Broyles Award given to the nation's top assistant coach.



TIM DAVIS
OFFENSIVE LINE

Tim Davis, now in his second year at USC working with the offensive line (guards and centers), joined the Trojan staff in March of 2002. In 2003, he took over the entire offensive line.

Davis, 45, spent the previous 5 seasons (1997-2001) at Wisconsin in charge of the tight ends and offensive tackles. Badger tight end Mark Anelli was an All-Big Ten first teamer in 2001. Wisconsin played in the 1998 Outback Bowl, 1999 and 2000 Rose Bowls and 2000 Sun Bowl.

Davis began his coaching career at Wisconsin, working with the offensive line as a volunteer assistant in 1983 and 1986 and graduate assistant in 1984 and 1985. The Badgers appeared in the 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl.



He then coached a season each at Arizona (as the offensive line graduate assistant in 1987), Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College (as the offensive coordinator in 1988) and Idaho State (handling the offensive line in 1989).

He then was the offensive line coach at Utah for 7 seasons (1990-96). Ute center Lance Scott was a 2-time All-Western Athletic Conference pick, while tackle Anthony Brown also made All-WAC and tackle Barry Sims plays for the Oakland Raiders. Utah played in the 1992 and 1996 Copper Bowls and 1993 and 1994 Freedom Bowls (USC beat the Utes in the 1993 Freedom Bowl).

He was a 3-year (1978-80) letterman as an offensive tackle at Utah. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Utah in 1982. In 1986, he earned a master's degree in higher education from Wisconsin.

He played professionally in 1981 with the CFL's Hamilton Tiger Cats and in 1983 with the USFL's Los Angeles Express.

He starred in football and track at Castro Valley (Calif.) HS. He then played offensive tackle at Chabot Junior College in Hayward (Calif.) for 2 seasons (1976-77).

Davis was born June 17, 1958. He and his wife, Janice, have a son, Nick, 8, and a daughter, Mary Rose, 4.

DAVIS

SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: June 17, 1958

FAMILY: Wife, Janice;
Son, Nick, 8;
Daughter, Mary Rose, 4

HIGH SCHOOL: Castro Valley (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, physical education, Utah, 1982
Master's degree, higher education, Wisconsin, 1986

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Castro Valley (Calif.) HS
Chabot Junior College, Hayward, Calif., offensive tackle, 1976-77
Utah, offensive tackle, 1978-80
Hamilton Tiger Cats, offensive tackle, 1981
Los Angeles Express, offensive tackle, 1983

COACHING

EXPERIENCE: 20 years

USC, 2002-
Off. Line (Guards, Centers)
2002 - Orange Bowl

Wisconsin, 1997-2001
Tight Ends/Off. Tackles
1997 - Outback Bowl
1998 - Rose Bowl
1999 - Rose Bowl
2000 - Sun Bowl

Utah, 1990-1996
Offensive Line
1992 - Copper Bowl
1993 - Freedom Bowl
1994 - Freedom Bowl
1996 - Copper Bowl

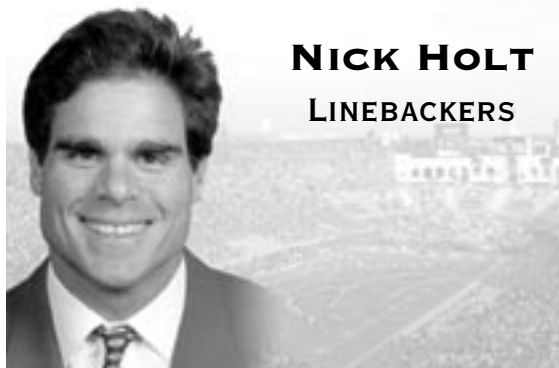
Idaho State, 1989
Offensive Line

Walla Walla CC, 1988
Offensive Coordinator
1988 - Centennial Bowl

Arizona, 1987
Graduate Assistant

Wisconsin, 1983, 1986
Volunteer Assistant

Wisconsin, 1984-1985
Graduate Assistant
1984 - Hall of Fame Bowl



NICK HOLT
LINEBACKERS

HOLT **SNAPSHOT**

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 15, 1962

FAMILY: Wife, Julie; Sons, Nick, 10, and Ben, 6

HIGH SCHOOL: Bellarmine Prep, San Jose, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, political economics, Pacific, 1986

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Bellarmine Prep, San Jose, Calif.
Pacific, linebacker, 1981, 1983-85

COACHING

EXPERIENCE: 16 years

USC, 2001-

Linebackers

2001 - Las Vegas Bowl

2002 - Orange Bowl

Louisville, 1998-2000

Defensive Line

1998 - Motor City Bowl

1999 - Humanitarian Bowl

2000 - Liberty Bowl

Idaho, 1994-1997

Def. Coord./Linebackers

Idaho, 1990-1993

Defensive Line

UNLV, 1988-1989

Linebackers

UNLV, 1987

Graduate Assistant

St. Mary's HS, 1986

Assistant Coach

Nick Holt, now in his third year at USC, has just the kind of fiery demeanor to handle the linebackers. He joined the Trojan staff in January of 2001.

In 2002, linebacker Matt Grootegoed was an All-Pac-10 first teamer.

He was the defensive line coach at Louisville for the previous 3 seasons (1998-2000). In 2000, the Cardinals were fourth nationally in rushing defense (79.9), set a school record for sacks with 50 (second in the nation) and were second nationally in turnovers with 38. Louisville appeared in a bowl game each season (the 1998 Motor City Bowl, 1999 Humanitarian Bowl and 2000 Liberty Bowl).

Holt, 40, came to Louisville after 8 seasons (1990-97) at Idaho. He was in charge of the defensive line for the first 5 years and then was the linebackers coach the final 3 seasons. He also served as the defensive coordinator for the last 4 of those seasons. His 1994 unit topped Division I-AA in run defense (and was fifth in 1995).

He began his coaching career in 1986 as an assistant at St. Mary's High in Stockton (Calif.). He then was a graduate assistant at UNLV in 1987 before becoming the Rebels' linebackers coach the following 2 seasons (1988-89).

He lettered 4 years (1981, 83-85) at linebacker for Pacific. He was an All-American honorable mention selection in 1985, when he also earned All-AP West Coast and All-Pacific Coast Athletic Association notice. He was Pacific's MVP in 1985 and a team captain as a junior and senior.

He earned his bachelor's degree in political economics from Pacific in 1986.

He played football and baseball at Bellarmine Prep in San Jose, Calif.

He was born Oct. 15, 1962. He and his wife, Julie (who was the head women's basketball at Nevada Reno, Pacific, Gonzaga and Idaho; she currently coaches Los Angeles Harbor Junior College), have 2 sons, Nick, 10, and Ben, 6.

His maternal grandfather was Clarence "Buster" Crabbe, USC's first All-American swimmer (1931) who was a 1931 NCAA freestyle titlist and 1932 Olympic gold medalist (he won a bronze in 1928) before starring in Hollywood as Tarzan, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers.





LANE KIFFIN
WIDE RECEIVERS

Lane Kiffin, the son of longtime pro and collegiate coach Monte Kiffin, is in his third year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2001 and spent the 2001 season handling the tight ends. He became the wide receivers coach in 2002.

In 2002, wide receiver Mike Williams was a Freshman All-American first teamer and the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year as he and fellow wide receiver Keary Colbert became USC's first pair of 1,000-yard receivers. Also in 2002, wide receiver Kareem Kelly became the Trojan career reception leader and was a sixth round NFL draft pick.

Kiffin, 28, was the defensive quality control coach for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars in 2000 (he worked with the secondary).



He began his coaching career at Fresno State, his alma mater, where for 2 seasons (1997-98) he worked with the quarterbacks, wide receivers and defensive backs.

He then was an assistant at Colorado State in 1999, working with the offensive line. The Rams played in the Liberty Bowl that season.

Kiffin was a quarterback at Fresno State for 3 seasons (1994-96).

He earned his bachelor's degree in leisure service management from Fresno State in 1998.

He prepped at Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High, where he played football, basketball and baseball.

He was born May 9, 1975. His wife's name is Layla.

His father, Monte, is the defensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The elder Kiffin, a longtime NFL and collegiate assistant coach who served as North Carolina State's head coach in the early 1980s, has a long history with Pete Carroll (Carroll was an assistant on Kiffin's Wolfpack staff from 1980 to 1982, and they served as assistants together with Arkansas in 1977, the Buffalo Bills in 1984, the Minnesota Vikings from 1986 to 1989 and the New York Jets in 1990).

His brother, Chris, is a junior defensive lineman at Colorado State.

KIFFIN

SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: May 9, 1975

FAMILY: Wife, Layla

HIGH SCHOOL:

Bloomington (Minn.)

Jefferson HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, leisure service management,

Fresno State, 1988

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Bloomington (Minn.)

Jefferson HS

Fresno State, quarterback, 1994-96

COACHING

EXPERIENCE: 6 years

USC, 2002-

Wide Receivers

2002 - Orange Bowl

USC, 2001

Tight Ends

2001 - Las Vegas Bowl

Jacksonville Jaguars, 2000

Defensive Quality Control

Colorado State, 1999

Offensive Line Assistant

1999 - Liberty Bowl

Fresno State, 1997-1998

Graduate Assistant



ED ORGERON
ASST. HEAD COACH
DEFENSIVE LINE
RECRUITING COORD.

ORGERON

SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: July 27, 1961

FAMILY: Wife, Kelly; Sons, Tyler, 11, Parker and Cody, 5 (twins)

HIGH SCHOOL: South Lafourche HS, Galliana, La.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, liberal arts, Northwestern State, 1984

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: South Lafourche HS, Galliana, La. Northwestern State, defensive lineman, 1980-83

COACHING

EXPERIENCE: 18 years

USC, 2001-
 Def. Line/Recruit. Coord.
 2001 - Las Vegas Bowl
 2002 - Orange Bowl

USC, 1998-2000
 Defensive Line
 1998 - Sun Bowl

Syracuse, 1995-1997
 Defensive Line
 1995 - Gator Bowl
 1996 - Liberty Bowl
 1997 - Fiesta Bowl

Nicholls State, 1994
 Linebackers

Miami, 1989-1992
 Defensive Line
 1989 - Sugar Bowl
 1990 - Cotton Bowl
 1991 - Orange Bowl
 1992 - Sugar Bowl

Miami, 1989
 Graduate Assistant
 1988 - Orange Bowl

Arkansas, 1986-1987
 Assistant Strength
 1986 - Orange Bowl
 1987 - Liberty Bowl

McNeese State, 1985
 Graduate Assistant

Northwestern State, 1984
 Graduate Assistant

Ed Orgeron, regarded as one of college football's premier defensive line coaches, has been USC's defensive line coach the past 5 seasons (1998-2002). He took on the added responsibility of recruiting coordinator in 2001. He was named assistant head coach in 2003. He joined the USC staff in January of 1998.

USC's 2002 and 2003 recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top 5 (the 2003 group was listed by some as No. 1).

In 1998, Trojan defensive tackle Ennis Davis was named to the All-Pac-10 first team and USC played in the Sun Bowl.

Orgeron, 42, has 18 years of coaching experience. He was Syracuse's defensive line coach the previous 3 seasons (1995-97) and the Orangemen played in a bowl game each year (1996 Gator, 1996 Liberty and 1997 Fiesta).

He came to Syracuse from Nicholls State, where he was the linebackers coach in 1994.

Before that, he was the defensive line coach at Miami for 4 seasons (1989-92), where he coached 8 All-Americans, including NFL first rounders Cortez Kennedy, Russell Maryland and Warren Sapp. In 1988, he was a graduate assistant at Miami, working with the defensive line. During his tenure, the Hurricanes won the national championship twice (1989 and 1991), finished second in the AP poll once (1988) and third twice (1990 and 1992) while appearing in 5 New Year's Day bowls (1989 Orange, 1990 Sugar, 1991 Cotton, 1992 Orange, 1993 Sugar).

Orgeron also was a graduate assistant at Northwestern (La.) State, his alma mater, in 1984 and McNeese State in 1985, working with the defensive line at both schools, then was an assistant strength coach at Arkansas for 2 years (1986-87). The Razorbacks were in the 1987 Orange Bowl and 1987 Liberty Bowl. He worked in private business in 1993.

He was a 4-year starting defensive lineman at Northwestern State, captaining the Demons as a senior. He received his bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Northwestern State in 1984.

He starred in football, basketball and track at South Lafourche High in Galliano, La.

Born July 27, 1961, he and his wife, Kelly, have 3 sons, Tyler, 11, and 5-year-old twins Parker and Cody.





KENNEDY POLA
RUNNING BACKS
SPECIAL TEAMS
COORD.

Kennedy Pola, a former USC fullback and linebacker in the mid-1980s now in his fourth year on the Trojan staff, returned in 2002 as running backs coach after handling that duty in 2000. He was Troy's special teams coordinator in 2001, a job he continues. He returned to his alma mater in December of 1999.

In 2002, USC's 4 tailbacks combined for 1,897 rushing yards (2 were NFL draft picks: Justin Fargas in the second round and Malaefou MacKenzie in the seventh).

In 2001, cornerback Kevin Arbet won All-Pac-10 first team honors as a special teams player and placekicker David Davis led the Pac-10 in field goals (tied for 17th in the nation).

In 2000, tailback Sultan McCullough ran for 1,163 yards.

Pola, 39, spent 1999 as the linebackers coach at San Diego State, working under former USC head coach Ted Tollner.

He coached the running backs at Colorado in 1997 and 1998. The 1998 Buffalo team won the Aloha Bowl.

Before that, he spent 3 years (1994 to 1996) as San Diego State's running backs coach, guiding a pair of 1,000-yard rushers (Wayne Pittman in 1994 and George Jones in 1995). Jones, who was 32 yards shy of 1,000 yards in 1996, won All-WAC first team honors in 1995 and played in the NFL with Pittsburgh and Jacksonville. Pola also worked with the Aztecs special teams in 1996 (punter Noel Prefontaine was an All-American first teamer, placekicker Peter Holt was runnerup for the Lou Groza Award given to the nation's top kicker and return specialist Leandrew Childs was an All-WAC first team pick).

Pola was a graduate assistant coach at UCLA in 1992 and 1993, working with the secondary and special teams. The 1993 Bruins squad played in the Rose Bowl.

He began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at Crespi High in Encino, Calif., for 3 seasons (1986-88) and then Westlake High in Westlake Village (Calif.) for 3 years (1989-91).

Crespi won the 1986 CIF Division I championship and he coached prep All-American running back Russell White, who starred at California.

Pola was a 4-year letterman (1982-85) at USC, playing both fullback and linebacker. He began his Trojan career as a backup linebacker, but was moved to fullback by midseason of his freshman year. He ended up starting there the last 2 games of 1982 against UCLA and Notre Dame, as well as most of the next 3 seasons. In his career, he ran for 681 yards (he also caught 23 passes and in 1983 threw a 65-yard scoring pass against Stanford). He helped USC to a victory over Ohio State in the 1985 Rose Bowl (he also played in the 1985 Aloha Bowl).

He earned his bachelor's degree in history from USC in 1987.

He attended at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif., where he was a prep All-American in football (he also was on the basketball and track teams). He also served as the student body president.

His nephew, Troy Polamalu, was a 2-time (2001-02) All-American first team safety on the USC football team who is now in the NFL (he was Pittsburgh's first round pick). His brother, Al, played football at Penn State. Nephew Nicky Sualua played running back in the NFL with Dallas and Cincinnati after attending Ohio State, while 3 other nephews played college football: Leie Sualua was a defensive lineman at Oregon, Joe Polamalu was at Oregon State in 1987 and 1988 and Kaio Aumua played at UTEP.

He was born in Pago Pago, American Samoa, on Nov. 22, 1963, the same day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated (Pola was named in his honor).

He and his wife, Diane, have 3 sons: K.C. (Kennedy Christopher), 11, Matthew Aoatoa, 10, and Raymond Trey, 5.

POLA

SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Nov. 22, 1963

FAMILY: Wife, Diane; Sons, K.C. (Kennedy Christopher), 11, Matthew Aoatoa, 10, and Raymond Trey, 5

HIGH SCHOOL: Mater Dei HS, Santa Ana, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, history, USC, 1987

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Mater Dei HS, Santa Ana, Calif.
USC, fullback/linebacker, 1982-85

COACHING

EXPERIENCE: 17 years

USC, 2002-
Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator
2002 - Orange Bowl

USC, 2001
Special Teams
2001 - Las Vegas Bowl

USC, 2000-
Running Backs

San Diego State, 1999
Linebackers

Colorado, 1997-1998
Running Backs
1998 - Aloha Bowl

San Diego State, 1994-1996
Running Backs/Sp. Teams

UCLA, 1992-1993
Graduate Assistant
1993 - Rose Bowl

Westlake HS, 1989-1991
Assistant Coach

Crespi HS, 1986-1988
Assistant Coach





**STEVE
SARKISIAN**
QUARTERBACKS

SARKISIAN

SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 8, 1974

FAMILY: Wife, Stephanie;
Daughter, Ashley, 1

HIGH SCHOOL: West
Torrance (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Associate's
degree, general studies, El
Camino Junior
College, 1994

Bachelor's degree,
sociology, BYU, 1997

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:
West Torrance (Calif.) HS
El Camino Junior
College, Torrance, Calif.,
quarterback, 1993-94
BYU, quarterback, 1995-
96

Saskatchewan Roughriders,
quarterback, 1997-99

COACHING

EXPERIENCE: 3 years

USC 2002-
Quarterbacks
2002 - Orange Bowl

USC 2001
Offensive Assistant
2001 - Las Vegas Bowl

El Camino JC, 2000
Quarterbacks
2000 - CHIPs For Kids Bowl

The third time is the charm for Steve Sarkisian, who is in his third stop at USC. The one-time Trojan athlete joined the USC staff as an offensive assistant in January of 2001. Then, after joining San Diego State briefly as the quarterbacks coach in January of 2002, he returned to USC in March of 2002 to handle the quarterbacks fulltime.

In 2002, quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman Trophy and the Unitas Award en route to setting the Pac-10 career records for passing yards and total offense (he was the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NFL draft), plus he was an All-American first teamer.

Sarkisian, 29, spent the 2000 season as the quarterbacks coach at El Camino Junior College in Torrance (Calif.). His quarterback, Robert Hodge, earned All-American honors. El Camino played in the CHIPs For Kids Bowl.

Sarkisian knows a few things about quarterbacks, as he starred at the position at the prep, collegiate and pro levels. Most recently, he was with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League for 3 seasons (1997-99). He started in 1999 and threw 16 touchdowns.

He had a record-setting 2-year (1995-96) career at BYU, where he was coached by offensive coordinator Norm Chow, now at USC. Sarkisian completed 549-of-824 passes (66.6%) for 7,755 yards and 55 TDs in his career. His 162.0 career passing efficiency rating is third on the all-time NCAA list. As a senior in 1996, he led the nation in passing efficiency (173.6, the seventh best mark ever) as the Western Athletic Conference champion Cougars went 14-1 and won the 1997 Cotton Bowl. He was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1996, won All-American second team honors and played in the East-West Shrine Game and Hula Bowl. As a 1995 junior, he made the All-WAC team and led BYU to the WAC title. Against Fresno State that season, he set an NCAA game completion percentage record when he hit 31-of-34 passes (91.2%).

He came to BYU from El Camino Junior College, where he starred for 2 seasons (1993-94). He was a J.C. All-American first teamer as a 1994 sophomore and won All-Mission Conference honors in 1993 as a freshman. He also played baseball (shortstop) at El Camino in 1993.

He actually began his college career at USC, spending the fall of 1992 on the Trojan baseball team before transferring to El Camino.

He was a standout football and baseball player at West Torrance (Calif.) High.

He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from BYU in 1997 after getting his associate's degree in general studies from El Camino in 1994.

He was born March 8, 1974. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a 1-year-old daughter, Ashley.





ROCKY SETO

SAFETIES

Former USC linebacker Rocky Seto is in his fifth year on the USC staff, but his first as a full-time assistant. He is in charge of the safeties.

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.

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.

Seto, 27, 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 Chiang, including on the Women of Troy's 1998 Pac-10 championship squad).

SETO

SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1976

FAMILY: Wife, Sharla

HIGH SCHOOL: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Associate's degree, general studies, Mt. San Antonio JC, 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: 4 years

USC 2001-2002

Graduate Assistant
2001 - Las Vegas Bowl
2002 - Orange Bowl

USC 2000

Administrative Grad. Asst.

USC 1999

Volunteer Assistant





**BRENNAN
CARROLL**
OFFENSIVE ASST.
TIGHT ENDS

Brennan Carroll, the oldest son of USC head coach Pete Carroll, joined the USC staff in August of 2002 as a graduate assistant. He spent 2002 working with the offense and special teams. In 2003, he handles the tight ends.

Carroll, 24, 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. He currently is working on his master's degree at USC.



CARROLL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 20, 1979

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Saratoga 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: 1 year

USC, 2002- Off. Asst./Special Teams 2002 - Orange Bowl

Born March 20, 1979, he is single.

His father, Pete, has been USC's head coach since 2001 and has 28 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 late grandfather, Dean Goranson, received his master's degree from USC.



DENNIS SLUTAK
SPECIAL TEAMS ASST.

Dennis Slutak is in his first year at USC as a graduate assistant working with the special teams. He joined the Trojan staff in July of 2003.

Slutak, 31, has 10 years of coaching experience and has been involved with special teams each season.

He began his coaching career as an assistant at Lincoln High in Tallahassee (Fla.) in 1993 and 1994. He also was there during the 1995 and 1997 spring practices. He tutored prep All-American Mark Mariscal, who went on to win the 2002 Ray Guy Award (nation's top punter) as an All-American at Colorado.

He then became an assistant at Lehigh for 3 seasons (1995-97). Punter Ben Talbott earned NCAA Division I-AA All-American first team honors in 1996 (and was an All-Patriot League first teamer in 1995 and 1996).

He spent the next 2 seasons (1998-99) as the special teams coordinator at Santaluces High in Lantana (Fla.). He also taught mathematics and physical education at Jefferson Davis Middle School.

He then was a graduate assistant for 2 seasons (2000-01) at North Carolina State, involved with the special teams. In 2001, Adam Kiker was the Atlantic Coast Conference's most accurate field goal kicker. The Wolfpack played in the 2000 Micronpc.com Bowl and the 2001 Tangerine Bowl.

He returned to Santaluces High in 2002 as the special teams coordinator (and he also resumed teaching at the middle school) before coming to USC.

He has served as an instructor at various kicking camps from 1994 to 2002.

He was a walk-on punter at Florida State in 1990 (the Seminoles won the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl).

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Florida State in 1995 and his master's degree in liberal studies (athletic administration and management) from North Carolina State in 2002. He currently is working on another master's degree at USC.

He prepped at Forest Hill High in West Palm Beach (Fla.), where he played football.

Born May 30, 1972, he is single

SLUTAK SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: May 30, 1972

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Forest Hill HS, West Palm Beach, Fla.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, education, Florida State, 1995 Master's degree, liberal studies (athletic admin. & mngmnt), North Carolina State, 2002

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Forest Hill HS, West Palm Beach, Fla. Florida State, punter, 1990

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 10 years

Santaluces HS, 2002 Assistant Coach

North Carolina St., 2000-01 Graduate Assistant 2000 - Micronpc.com Bowl 2001 - Tangerine Bowl

Santaluces HS, 1998-1999 Assistant Coach

Lehigh, 1995-1997 Assistant Coach

Lincoln HS, 1993-1994 Assistant Coach



CHRIS CARLISLE
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

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

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, 41, 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 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 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, 4.

He is assisted by Jamie Yanchar, Aaron Ausmus, Charr Gahagan, Andrea Ausmus and Gary Uribe.



GREG BUKOWSKI
**RECRUITING AND
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT**

CHRISTIE VALINE
RECRUITING ASSISTANT



LINDSAY GILLMAN
**ASSISTANT TO THE
HEAD COACH**



MARK JACKSON
DIR. OF FOOTBALL OPS.

Mark Jackson is in his third year as USC's director of football administration. He joined the staff in January of 2001.

He was a coaching assistant with the New England Patriots for the previous 3 seasons (1998-2000), including the first 2 years working for Pete 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, 30, began his coaching career as a graduate assistant 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 bachelor's degree in government from Colby in 1995 and his master's 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, 2, and newborn Hannah. He ran in the 1997 Boston Marathon.

JOYCE HIRAYAMA
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO FOOTBALL COACHES**



IRENE PUENTES
FOOTBALL RECEPTIONIST



Back Row (left to right): Lauren Foster, MariaElena Hernandez, Erin Coughlin, Tammy Funasaki, Kristen Taylor, Jacey Reid, Tiffany Beckum, Denicia Cormier.

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