

TROJAN FOOTBALL 2008

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2008 USC Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME*
Aug. 30	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Ohio State	L.A. Coliseum	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Oregon State	Corvallis, Ore.	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	Oregon	L.A. Coliseum	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	Arizona State	L.A. Coliseum	TBA
Oct. 18	at Washington State	Pullman, Wash.	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	7:15 p.m.
Nov. 1	Washington	L.A. Coliseum	TBA
Nov. 8	California	L.A. Coliseum	5 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Stanford	Palo Alto, Calif.	4 p.m.
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	L.A. Coliseum	5 p.m.
Dec. 6	at UCLA	Pasadena, Calif.	1:30 p.m.

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

2007 Results (11-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	USC	OPP.	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 1	Idaho (at L.A. Coliseum)	38	10	90,917
Sept. 15	at Nebraska (at Lincoln, Neb.)	49	31	84,959
Sept. 22	Washington State (at L.A. Coliseum)	47	14	86,876
Sept. 29	at Washington (at Seattle, Wash.)	27	24	68,654
Oct. 6	Stanford (at L.A. Coliseum)	23	24	85,125
Oct. 13	Arizona (at L.A. Coliseum)	20	13	84,671
Oct. 20	at Notre Dame (at South Bend, Ind.)	38	0	80,795
Oct. 27	at Oregon (at Eugene, Ore.)	17	24	59,277
Nov. 3	Oregon State (at L.A. Coliseum)	24	3	85,713
Nov. 10	at California (at Berkeley, Calif.)	24	17	72,516
Nov. 22	at Arizona State (at Tempe, Ariz.)	44	24	71,706
Dec. 1	UCLA (at L.A. Coliseum)	24	7	91,553
Jan. 1	vs. Illinois (at Pasadena, Calif., Rose Bowl)	49	17	93,923

2007 Attendance

Average per home game (6 games, 524,855)	87,476
Average per road game (7 games, 531,830)	75,976
Average per game (13 games, 1,056,685)	81,283

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USC Quick Facts

Location	Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone	(213) 740-2311
Founded	1880
Size	235 acres
Enrollment	33,500 (16,500 undergraduates)
President	Dr. Steven Sample
Colors	Cardinal and Gold
Nickname	Trojans
Band	Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song	"Fight On"
Mascot	Traveler VII
First Football Team	1888
USC's All-Time Football Record	754-302-54 (70.4%)
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	76-14, Eighth Year
Overall College Coaching Record	76-14, Eighth Year
Coach's Telephone	(213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	4-3
2007 Record	11-2 overall, 7-2 for 1st tie in Pac-10, No. 3/2 rank
Squadmen Returning	78 (45 lettermen)
Starters Returning	13 (4 offense, 7 defense, 2 special)
Squadmen Lost	32 (27 lettermen)
Sports Information Director	Tim Tessalone (w-213-740-8480 (fax-7584); h-310-540-7052; cel-213-725-3572)
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USC Football Ticket Information

Season tickets for all 6 of the Trojans' 2008 home games are sold out. Individual reserved tickets for 4 of USC's home contests (all but Ohio State and Notre Dame), if available, can be purchased from the USC Ticket Office for \$45. Group rates (20 or more) and pre-game hospitality packages are available (all but Ohio State and Notre Dame) by calling (213) 740-4170.

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

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

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



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It's Not 'Southern Cal'

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USC Athletic Department Mission Statement

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

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

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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SPORTS INFORMATION — x8480 — HER 103, mc0601
STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SERVICES — x3801 — HER BAS, mc0602
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2008 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Well, we've seen this plot line before in the **Pete Carroll** era of USC football.

The Trojans, coming off a highly-successful season, have to replace a bunch of key players: the quarterback, the top running back and receiver, a stud offensive lineman or two, a couple tenacious d-linemen, a ferocious linebacker and a talented defensive back.

And, so far, the ending to the story has been just as predictable: an AP Top 4 finish, a BCS bowl trip, a Pac-10 title and an 11-win season.

In fact, the Trojans are riding a streak of 6 consecutive AP Top 4 finishes (including national championships in 2003 and 2004) and BCS bowls (an NCAA record) and Pac-10 crowns (a league record) and 11-win seasons (also an NCAA record).

Carroll is hoping it's more of the same—and maybe then some—in the 2008 season, his eighth at Troy.

"As always, we'll enter this season with high expectations of having a great team," said Carroll, college football's winningest active coach (76-14 for an 84.4% mark). **"We certainly have the potential to do so as long as we continue to exhibit the competitiveness, intensity and hard work that have been the hallmarks of our program."**

Under Carroll, USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for the past 78 games (a school record). He has 28 victories over AP Top 25 teams and has never lost a game in November (23-0). His few losses, in fact, have been by an average of just 4.2 points (only 1 was by more than a touchdown).

During his tenure, USC put together since-broken winning streaks for home games (35), overall games (34), Pac-10 games (27) and Pac-10 home games (24), all league records. Other since-snapped victory strings have been for road games (18), October games (18), non-conference games (16), AP Top 25 teams (16) and Pac-10 road games (13). Carroll's Trojans also were AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls, were ranked in the AP Top 10 for 63 consecutive weeks and set an NCAA record by scoring at least 20 points in 63 consecutive games.

Under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. He has produced 30 All-American first teamers and 42 NFL draft picks (including 11 first rounders).

So, yes, more of the same would be nice.

This year, USC returns 13 starters (4 on offense and 7 on defense, plus the kicker and punter) from a squad that went 11-2 in 2007 (7-2 in the Pac-10), including a convincing win in the Rose Bowl, and finished No. 4 in the final polls. The losses were by a total of just 8 points.

In all, 78 squadmen are back from last year, including 53 who saw playing time (45 were lettermen and 32 were on USC's season-ending 2-deep). On the roster are 31 Trojans who have started at least once in their career.

Joining them in 2008 are 22 new scholarship players, including 2 who enrolled at USC this past spring and participated in spring drills. For the sixth year in a row, USC's recruiting class was ranked in the Top 10 nationally by the media.

The Trojans are deepest on the defensive side of the ball in 2008, with 7 starters back from a unit that was second nationally last year in both total defense (273.2) and scoring defense (16.0), as well as fourth in rushing defense (84.2) and sixth in pass efficiency defense (102.1).

Spearheading the defense from their linebacker spots are 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer and 2007 Trojan tackle leader **Rey Mavaluga** in the middle and fellow Rose Bowl Defensive MVP **Brian Cushing** on the strong side. A pair of third-year starters—2007 All-American first team free safety **Taylor Mays** and 2007 All-Pac-10 first team strong safety **Kevin Ellison**—anchor the secondary, along with returning starter **Cary Harris** at cornerback. Tackle **Fili Moala**, another third-year starter, and end **Kyle Moore** return on the defensive line.

Others with starting experience on defense are safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard**, a 2005 starter who missed the last 2 seasons with knee injuries, linebackers **Kaluka Maiava** and **Clay Matthews** (Matthews can also play end), cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** (he has missed most of the last 2 years with injuries) and **Shareece Wright**, defensive end **Everson Griffen**, a Freshman All-American first teamer last year when he became the first USC true frosh defensive lineman to start an opener since 1986, and transfer safety **Shane Horton** (a 6-game starter at UNLV).

USC's offense has just 4 returning starters in 2008: wide receivers **Patrick Turner** (he is on Troy's career Top 25 receptions chart) and **Vidal Hazelton**, who combined for 98 catches and 7 touchdowns last year, fullback **Stanley Havili** and guard-center **Jeff Byers**.

But there are plenty of other offensive players with starts under their belts: quarterbacks **Mark Sanchez** and **Mitch Mustain** (while at Arkansas), tailbacks **C.J. Gable** and **Allen Bradford**, wide receivers **David Ausberry**, **Ronald**

RETURNING STARTERS (13)

OFFENSE (4)

WR Patrick Turner
OG-C Jeff Byers
FB Stanley Havili
WR Vidal Hazelton

DEFENSE (7)

LB Rey Mavaluga
LB Brian Cushing
S Kevin Ellison
S Taylor Mays
CB Cary Harris
DT Fili Moala
DE Kyle Moore

SPECIAL TEAMS (2)

PK David Buehler
P Greg Woidneck

OTHERS RETURNING WITH CAREER STARTS

S-CB Josh Pinkard (8)
QB Mitch Mustain (8)*
TB C.J. Gable (7)
S Shane Horton (6)*
WR David Ausberry (5)
WR Damian Williams (5)*
QB Mark Sanchez (3)
OT Butch Lewis (3)
C Kristofer O'Dowd (3)
LB Kaluka Maiava (2)
DE Everson Griffen (2)
LB Clay Matthews (2)
CB Kevin Thomas (2)
TB Allen Bradford (2)
OG Zack Heberer (2)
WR Ronald Johnson (1)
CB Shareece Wright (1)
OT Charles Brown (1)
*Mustain's and Williams' starts were at Arkansas, Horton's at UNLV

Johnson and **Damian Williams** (also at Arkansas), center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, guard **Zack Heberer** and tackles **Butch Lewis** and **Charles Brown**. Then there are such experienced non-starters as tailbacks **Stafon Johnson** and **Joe McKnight** and tight end **Anthony McCoy**.

The placekicker—**David Buehler**, who hit 16 field goals and 52 PATs last fall—and the punter—**Greg Woidneck**, now in his third year on the job—also are back in 2008.

USC's losses, however, are significant on both sides of the ball. Gone from the defense are 2-time All-American nose tackle Sedrick Ellis, who was the 2007 Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year and was a 2-time Morris Trophy recipient (he notched 28.5 tackles for a loss and 17.5 sacks in his career), end Lawrence Jackson, a 4-year starter who had 52 tackles for a loss and 30.5 sacks in his career, 2007 All-American linebacker Keith Rivers (240 career tackles) and cornerback Terrell Thomas, who had 8 career interceptions. Also gone is versatile linebacker Thomas Williams, who had 14 career starts while playing every linebacker position. All were NFL draftees, with Ellis, Jackson and Rivers going in the first round.

Missing on offense are 2-year starting quarterback John David Booty, who was 20-3 as a starter (9-0 against ranked teams) and is in USC's career Top 6 in pass completions (518), yardage (6,125) and TDs (55) as well as in total offense (5,945 yards), All-American tight end Fred Davis, the 2007 Mackey Award winner who set USC's career and season tight end records for receptions, yardage and touchdowns (he had 117 career catches, including a team-best 62 catches with 8 TDs last fall) and 3-time All-American first team left tackle Sam Baker, an NFL first round selection. Also gone are tailback Chauncey Washington, who had 1,778 career rushing yards and was Troy's leading ground gainer the past 2 seasons (969 yards last year), 2007 All-Pac-10 first team right guard Chilo Rachal, center Matt Spanos and right tackle Drew Radovich, a 2-year starter.

Four-year snapper Will Collins and 2-year holder Michael McDonald also must be replaced, along with part-time punt returner Desmond Reed (1,212 career all-purpose yards).

USC's continuity should be helped because the coaching staff remained intact from 2007, except for the loss of secondary graduate assistant Demetrice Martin (he was replaced by former Trojan and NFL cornerback **Kris Richard**).

"Our schedule, particularly the early part of it, requires that we compete at a high level right away," said Carroll, who has won a league record 84.5% of his Pac-10 contests (49-9). **"We'll need to find that**

competitive edge beginning with the work we do on the practice field. Our guys really answered the call in spring practice."

USC's 2008 schedule features 7 teams that were in bowls last season. The Trojans face a challenging start, as their first 5 foes all were bowl teams and won at least 9 games in 2007. USC opens its campaign on Aug. 30 at Virginia in the first-ever meeting between the schools. Troy then hosts Ohio State—which has played in the last 2 BCS Championship Games—on Sept. 13 (it will be the first battle between the teams since 1990 and the Buckeyes' first visit to the Coliseum in 19 years). USC then begins its quest for a seventh consecutive Pac-10 crown when it plays a Thursday night (Sept. 25) game at Oregon State. Troy's other Pac-10 road games are at Washington State, Arizona, Stanford and the Dec. 6 season-ender versus UCLA, while the Trojans host Oregon, Arizona State, Washington and California. USC will try to extend its 6-game winning streak over Notre Dame when the Irish visit the Coliseum on Nov. 29.

The Trojans figure to remain a popular attraction. During Carroll's tenure, USC has set school attendance and sellout records, including Pac-10 marks for home total and average attendance. In 2007, USC's overall total (1,056,685) and average (81,283) attendance figures were school records.

OFFENSE

Only 4 starters return on offense in 2008: wide receivers **Patrick Turner** and **Vidal Hazelton**, fullback **Stanley Havili** and guard-center **Jeff Byers**. Others back with starting experience are quarterbacks **Mark Sanchez** and **Mitch Mustain**, tailbacks **C.J. Gable** and **Allen Bradford**, wide receivers **David Ausberry**, **Ronald Johnson** and **Damian Williams**, center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, guard **Zack Heberer** and tackles **Butch Lewis** and **Charles Brown**. Mustain and Williams had their starts while at Arkansas. Although USC's top rusher, passer and receiver from 2007 are gone, its next 4 most productive runners, its next most productive passer and its next 5 most productive receivers return in 2008. The Trojans will aim to rev up an offense that—although much improved over the 2006 model—last year did not rank in the national Top 25 in any offensive statistical category for the first time since Carroll's debut season in 2001.

"Each year, we strive to have a balanced offense and we have the makings of that in 2008," said Carroll. "We have high expectations for the offensive skill players. There is lots of firepower there, with terrific speed, playmaking ability and big-time arms. We expect to be explosive and wide-open, as always. But it's important that we settle on who will be our offensive linemen. A lot of these linemen benefited from the experience of significant playing time last year, but they'll need to step up this year."

"We'll need to be able to run the football and to get the football into the hands of our backs. That will really help everything in the passing game."

QUARTERBACKS

Much like Carroll and crew had to do—and did quite well—in 2003 (replacing Carson Palmer) and in 2006 (replacing Matt Leinart), USC must again replace one of the top quarterbacks in school history in 2008. John David Booty is gone along with his 20-3 record as a starter (including 9-0 against Top 25 teams). He ended up ranked in USC's all-time Top 6 in passing completions (fifth with 518), passing yardage (fifth with 6,125), passing touchdowns (fourth with 55) and total offense (sixth with 5,945 yards). In 2007, the 62.3% career passer hit 215-of-340 (63.2%) of his throws for 2,361 yards and 23 TDs with just 10 interceptions. He was an NFL fifth round draft pick.

Several players with outstanding pedigrees competed this past spring to replace Booty in 2008, with junior **Mark Sanchez** (69-of-114, 60.5%, 695 yds, 7 TD, 5 int in 2007) emerging as the starter.

When Booty missed 3 mid-season games (Arizona, Notre Dame and Oregon) with a broken finger in 2007, Sanchez stepped in and not only performed well, but gained valuable experience. He guided Troy to victories in his first 2 starts (including a 38-0 shutout in South Bend) and had the Trojans positioned to come back at No. 5 Oregon before falling just a touchdown short of victory. In his time at USC, he has appeared in 14 games.

But battling Sanchez for the signalcalling job throughout the fall will be sophomore **Mitch Mustain**, who sat out the 2007 season after transferring from Arkansas. He was 8-0 as a true freshman starter for the Razorbacks in 2006 and, in fact, has a 61-2 record as a starting quarterback dating back to eighth grade. While appearing in 10 games for Arkansas in 2006, he completed 69-of-132 passes (52.3%) for 894 yards, 10 scores and 9 picks. Mustain (in 2005), like Sanchez (in 2004), was named the national prep player of the year as a high school senior.

Also in the mix is untested redshirt freshman **Aaron Corp**, who guided his high school team to the California state championship in 2006. Although the youngest of the group, he possibly is the most mobile and could bring another dimension to the Trojan offense.

"This is a very competitive position," said Carroll. "Mark Sanchez has the experience in our system and emerged as the starter, but the competition will continue in the fall. Once he was named the starter, he came out more energetic, more demonstrative and took on more of a leadership role, which is what we expected. Mitch Mustain brings lots of game experience from Arkansas and he has done a nice job of converting that to our system. Aaron Corp is still developing, but he can win games in a lot of ways."

QUARTERBACKS

Aaron Corp, Rs. Fr.
Mitch Mustain, So.
Mark Sanchez, Jr.

RUNNING BACKS

Although Chauncey Washington, USC's leading rusher the past 2 seasons (he had 969 yards and 10 TDs in 2007), has finished his Trojan career after piling up 1,778 yards and 19 scores (he was an NFL seventh round draft pick), there are plenty of returning tailbacks to fill in for him. This might be the best running back corps in America. Troy's 2008 tailback stable includes:

—junior **Stafon Johnson** (98 tcb, 673 yds, 6.9 avg, 5 TD in 2007, plus 4 rec, 15 yds, 3.8 avg), a consistent, dependable runner who had a trio of 100-yard outings last fall (at Nebraska and Washington and in the Rose Bowl versus Illinois);

—sophomore **Joe McKnight** (94 tcb, 540 yds, 5.7 avg, 3 TD in 2007, plus 23 rec, 203 yds, 8.8 avg, 1 TD and 19 PR, 160 yds, 8.4 avg), the exciting all-purpose breakaway back who can strike as a runner, receiver and returner (he had 3 games in 2007 with at least 100 all-purpose yards, including 206 in the Rose Bowl);

—soph **C.J. Gable** (13 tcb, 143 yds, 11.0 avg in 2007, plus 1 rec, 8 yds, 8.0 avg, 1 TD and 2 KOR, 34 yds, 17.0 avg), who has 7 career starts, including the first 2 contests of 2007 before being sidelined the rest of the way with abdomen surgery;

—junior **Allen Bradford** (15 tcb, 24 yds, 1.6 avg, 1 TD in 2007, plus 3 rec, 23 yds, 7.7 avg, 2 TD and 11 tac), a hard-charging runner who is particularly adept catching passes out of the backfield and who also shines on special teams;

—and redshirt freshmen **Broderick Green** and **Marc Tyler**, who were both sidelined with injuries in 2007 (foot and leg, respectively).

Joining this group this fall as a freshman is prep All-American **Curtis McNeal** (Venice High in Los Angeles, Calif.).

"This is a very good position for us," said Carroll. "We have lots of versatility here. We have guys with great speed, guys who run very aggressively and guys who have a bit of both. We'll find the special qualities of each player and we'll use what they're each skilled at. It'll be fun to see how it takes shape. Stafon Johnson had a breakout year last season, Joe McKnight is one of the most exciting players in college football, C.J. Gable was on his way to having another good season before he got hurt last year and appears now to be all the way back, and Allen Bradford has shown glimpses of the impact he can have. And we're excited to finally get Broderick Green and Marc Tyler on the field. It's a very good, competitive, mature group and we'll find ways to work them all in by highlighting their strengths."

Sophomore **Stanley Havili** (21 tcb, 134 yds, 6.4 avg, 2 TD in 2007, plus 34 rec, 248 yds, 7.3 avg, 5 TD) returns as the fullback and could emerge among the best in the nation. He has proven to be not only a fine blocker, but an effective runner and receiver.

Behind him are just a couple of untested players. Junior **Adam Goodman** (1 tac in 2007) was Havili's backup last fall and saw brief action (the one-time walk-on earned a scholarship this past spring). There's also walk-on senior **Matt Hillier**, who also is on the USC men's volleyball team.

"The depth at fullback is not nearly what we would like it to be," said Carroll. "We're looking for Stanley Havili to pick right up where he left off last year. He could be the top fullback in college this season."

RUNNING BACKS

Allen Bradford, Jr., TB
C.J. Gable, So., TB
Adam Goodman, Jr., FB
Broderick Green, Rs. Fr., TB
STANLEY HAVILI, So., FB
Matt Hillier, Sr., FB
Stafon Johnson, Jr., TB
Joe McKnight, So., TB
Curtis McNeal, In. Fr., TB
Marc Tyler, Rs. Fr., TB

WIDE RECEIVERS

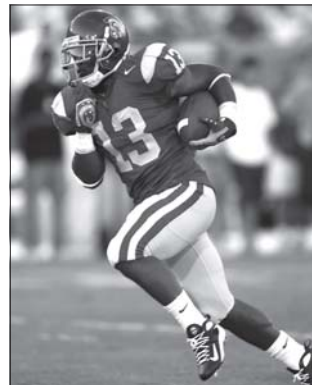
USC's entire corps of scholarship wide receivers from 2007 (except for 1 reserve) returns this season. They'll be counted on to up their production in 2008, as they accounted for less than half of USC's 286 receptions last year. Both starters—senior split end **Patrick Turner** (48 rec, 569 yds, 11.9 avg, 3 TD in 2007, plus 1 tac and 1 FF) and junior flanker **Vidal Hazelton** (50 rec, 540 yds, 10.8 avg, 4 TD in 2007, plus 1 tcb, 12 yds, 12.0 avg)—are back. Turner's 89 career grabs puts him 21st on USC's career pass catching chart. He had 5 games with 5-plus receptions in 2007, including 9 versus Stanford. Hazelton caught a pass in every game last year.



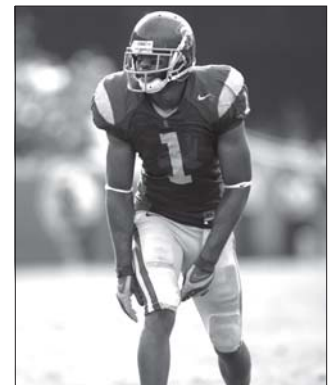
TB C.J. GABLE



TB JOE McKNIGHT



TB STAFON JOHNSON



WR PATRICK TURNER

2008 SEASON OUTLOOK

But hot on their heels are the likes of sophomores **David Ausberry** (26 rec, 240 yds, 9.2 avg, 2 TD in 2007, plus 1 tac), who had 5 starts last fall, **Ronald Johnson** (7 rec, 110 yds, 15.7 avg., 1 TD in 2007, plus 4 tcb, 27 yds, 6.8 avg and 25 KOR, 620 yds, 24.8 avg and 2 tac), who started once and also was Troy's top kickoff returner, and **Damian Williams**, who sat out the 2007 campaign after transferring from Arkansas (where he started 5 times and caught 19 passes as a true freshman in 2005). Ausberry will push Turner for time and the others will push Hazelton.

Also in the mix are junior **Garrett Green** (1-of-1, 100.0%, 34 yds, 1 TD in 2007), the one-time reserve quarterback who will long be remembered for his 34-yard scoring toss off a lateral early in last year's Rose Bowl, sophomore **Travon Patterson** (1 rec, 0 yds, 0.0 avg in 2007), who missed most of last fall with a foot injury, and redshirt freshman **Brandon Carswell**.

Then there are 7 walk-ons who have yet to catch a pass: sophomores **Sean Calcagnie**, **Preston Cavignac**, **Scott Stephens**, **Duron Sylvester** and **Spencer Vigoren** and redshirt freshmen **Jonathan DeAmaral** and **Drew Ness**.

A pair of talented freshmen enroll this fall—prep All-Americans **Brice Butler** (Norcross High in Norcross, Ga.) and **D.J. Shoemate** (Servite High in Anaheim, Calif.)—along with junior college transfer **Jordan Cameron** (Ventura Junior College in Ventura, Calif.), a sophomore.

"Competition for playing time will be the central theme at the wideout positions," said Carroll. **"We saw how that competitive sense benefited our younger players last year. Now, Vidal Hazelton, David Ausberry and Ronald Johnson all should take a big step up this season. We expect Patrick Turner to be the senior leader of this group and compete at a high level. And we're excited to see what Damian Williams brings."**

WIDE RECEIVERS

David Ausberry, So.
Brice Butler, In. Fr.
Sean Calcagnie, So.
Jordan Cameron, So.
Brandon Carswell, Rs. Fr.
Preston Cavignac, So.
Jonathan DeAmaral, Rs. Fr.
Garrett Green, Jr.
VIDAL HAZELTON, Jr.
Ronald Johnson, So.
Drew Ness, Rs. Fr.
Travon Patterson, So.
D.J. Shoemate, In. Fr.
Scott Stephens, So.
Duron Sylvester, So.
PATRICK TURNER, Sr.
Spencer Vigoren, So.
Damian Williams, So.

TIGHT ENDS

USC will be hard-pressed to replace Fred Davis, the most prolific tight end in Trojan history. Davis, Troy's first-ever Mackey Award winner, set school tight end records for career catches (117), receiving yardage (1,408) and touchdowns (13). His 2007 All-American first team showing also produced USC season tight end standards: a team-best 62 receptions for 881 yards and 8 TDs. He was drafted in the NFL's second round.

Looking to fill his shoes is junior **Anthony McCoy** (2 rec, 18 yds, 9.0 avg, 1 TD in 2007), redshirt freshman **Rhett Ellison**, the son of ex-USC and NFL linebacker Riki (Gray) Ellison, and senior **Jimmy Miller**, who missed most of 2007 with a back injury (he has 2 touchdowns among his 3 career receptions, all in 2005), plus soph **Cooper Stephenson**, who likely will be the long snapper (the one-time walk-on earned a scholarship past this spring).

Figuring to get an instant look at the position is **Blake Ayles** (Orange Lutheran High in Orange, Calif.), a prep All-American who comes aboard this fall as a freshman.

"This is a position in transition," said Carroll. **"It's an untested group and we're curious to see how the players perform after the loss of Fred Davis. Anthony McCoy and Rhett Ellison did well in the spring and both will play a lot."**

TIGHT ENDS

Blake Ayles, In. Fr.
Rhett Ellison, Rs. Fr.
Anthony McCoy, Jr.
Jimmy Miller, Sr.
Cooper Stephenson, So.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The Trojan offensive line will undergo a near-complete reconstruction in 2008, as only 1 starter returns. That veteran is left guard **Jeff Byers**, the line's only senior. He also has seen time at center. Now in his second year working on his M.B.A., he is an Academic All-American candidate.

Departed are 3-time All-American first team left tackle Sam Baker (a first round NFL draft pick), 2007 All-Pac-10 first team right guard Chilo Rachal (he opted out after his junior season to enter the NFL draft, where he was a second rounder), center Matt Spanos and right tackle Drew Radovich, a 2-year-starter. But things aren't as bleak as might be imagined. Because injuries forced all the 2007 starters but Byers to miss some games, a number of younger offensive linemen acquired valuable playing time last fall. That experience should propel them into starting jobs in 2008.

Sophomore **Butch Lewis** started 3 mid-season games at left tackle for Baker last year. Fellow sophomore **Zack Heberer** started twice in mid-2007 at right guard for Rachal. Soph **Kristofer O'Dowd**—a 2007 Freshman All-American first team selection—started 3 early contests at center for Spanos, becoming the first USC true freshman to start at center (as well as only the third Trojan true freshman to start a post-World War II opener on the offensive line). Junior **Charles Brown** started the 2007 opener at right tackle for Radovich (Brown might also play at right tackle).

Also vying for playing time are 3 little-used juniors—guard **Thomas Herring**, tackle **Nick Howell** (his father, Pat, was a USC All-American and NFL star guard) and tackle-center-guard **Alex Parsons**—plus redshirt freshmen **Martin Coleman**, a guard-tackle, and tackle-center **Michael Reardon**, plus walk-on junior tackle **David Clinco**.

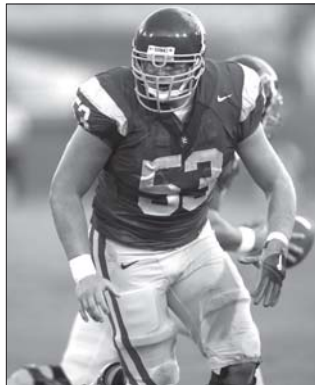
Freshman guard **Matt Meyer** (Lincoln High in Stockton, Calif.), a prep All-American who graduated a semester early from high school, enrolled at USC this past spring and participated in spring drills. So did junior walk-on center-guard **Garrett Nolan**, an All-State transfer from Moorpark (Calif.) Junior College who previously played at Holy Cross.

Joining the fray this fall as freshmen is a quartet of prep All-Americans: guards **Daniel Campbell** (Aldine High in Houston, Tex.) and **Khaled Holmes** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.) and tackles **Matt Kalil** (Servite High in Anaheim, Calif.) and **Tyron Smith** (Rancho Verde High in Moreno Valley, Calif.). The older brothers of Holmes (Alex) and Kalil (Ryan) played football recently for the Trojans and then in the NFL.

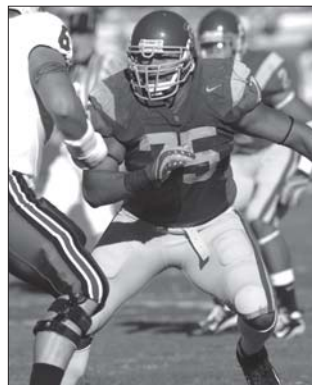
"The biggest question mark in our program is who will be the starters on the offensive line," said Carroll. **"It's certainly the most competitive position on the team. We want to identify the top 5 players and see where they fit. We made a lot of adjustments and moved guys around in the spring, and they mixed well regardless of what we did, and we will continue to do that in fall camp. Jeff Byers will be the steady influence and we'll count on his senior leadership. It helps that we have 4 players—Butch Lewis, Kristofer O'Dowd, Zack Heberer and Charles Brown—who have been battle tested. But everybody's going to get a shot here. We have the potential to put together a pretty solid line."**



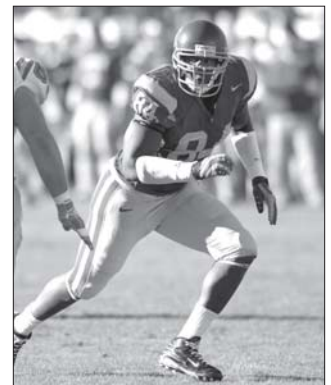
WR VIDAL HAZELTON



OG-C JEFF BYERS



DT FILI MOALA



DE KYLE MOORE

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Charles Brown, Jr., OT
JEFF BYERS, Sr., OG-C
Daniel Campbell, In. Fr., OG
David Clinco, Jr., OT
Martin Coleman, Rs. Fr., OG-OT
Zack Heberer, So., OG
Thomas Herring, Jr., OG
Khaled Holmes, In. Fr., OG
Nick Howell, Jr., OT
Matt Kalil, In. Fr., OT
Butch Lewis, So., OT
Matt Meyer, Fr., OG
Garrett Nolan, Jr., C-OG
Kristofer O'Dowd, So., C
Alex Parsons, Jr., OT-C-OG
Michael Reardon, Rs. Fr., OT-C
Tyron Smith, In. Fr., OT

DEFENSE

Seven defensive starters return from 2007: linebackers **Rey Mauualuga** and **Brian Cushing**, safeties **Taylor Mays** and **Kevin Ellison**, cornerback **Cary Harris**, tackle **Fili Moala** and end **Kyle Moore**. Others back with starting experience are safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard**, linebackers **Kaluka Maiava** and **Clay Matthews**, end **Everson Griffen**, cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** and **Shareece Wright** and safety **Shane Horton** (while at UNLV). The 2008 Trojans will be looking to replicate the stinginess of last year's unit, which was second nationally in both total defense (273.2) and scoring defense (16.0), as well as fourth in rushing defense (84.2) and sixth in pass efficiency defense (102.1). USC also was third nationally in sacks (3.5), 11th in tackles for a loss (7.7) and 15th in pass defense (189.0). Troy allowed a national-low 9 TD passes in 2007. Opponents averaged just 4.1 yards per play (including only 2.5 per rush) last fall. But performing at that level could be a challenge this year, as 5 of USC's top 9 tacklers from 2007 are gone, as are last year's leaders in interceptions, sacks, tackles for losses, fumble recoveries, forced fumbles and deflections. Most importantly, the Trojans will be aiming to get back to the hallmark of Carroll defenses: a high positive number in turnover margin (for the second year in a row, USC was just mediocre in this area in 2007).

"Defensively, I think we can pick up where we left off last year," said Carroll. "This is a very athletic, fast, aggressive defense. They play with a lot of energy and are very physical. They are savvy and versatile. Defense should be the strength of our team, as there are just a few personnel changes from last year. We'll feature the play of our linebackers and safeties. We should be effective stopping the run and we should be able to pressure the passer. But to be successful on defense in 2008, we need to get more turnovers than last year."

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The biggest area of concern on defense in 2008 is rebuilding the line, which lost 2 of the best defensive linemen in school history: nose tackle Sedrick Ellis and end Lawrence Jackson. Ellis, a 2-time All-American who was the 2007 Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year and a 2-time Morris Trophy recipient, posted 28.5 tackles for a loss and 17.5 sacks in his career. Jackson, who owns the USC game records for tackles for a loss (5.5) and sacks (4), was a 4-year starter who had 52 tackles for a loss and 30.5 sacks in his career. Both were NFL first round draftees.

Two starting linemen do return and both are steady seniors: tackle **Fili Moala** (32 tac, 5.5 for loss, 2.5 sack in 2007), who will be in the lineup for his third season, and end **Kyle Moore** (35 tac, 3.5 for loss, 2 sack, 2 int, 1 FF, 1 FR, 5 dfl in 2007).

Competing for time at the open nose tackle spot are junior **Averell Spicer** (9 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack in 2007) and sophomore **Christian Tupou**. Both have loads of potential but minimal experience.

Other tackles available are sophomore **Derek Simmons** (2 tac in 2007) and redshirt freshman **DaJohn Harris**.

Sophomore **Everson Griffen** (21 tac, 5.5 for loss, 5.5 sack, 2 FF, 1 FR, 2 dfl in 2007), a 2007 Freshman All-American first team choice, has the inside track at the vacant end job. He started twice last year and was the first USC true frosh defensive lineman to start an opener since 1986.

Other ends looking to get in the mix are senior **Gerald Washington** (1 tac in 2007) and redshirt freshman **Trey Henderson** (he can also play tackle), plus walk-on senior **Andrew Weiss**, a converted offensive tackle. Also, senior linebacker **Clay Matthews** (17 tac, 3 for loss, 2 FF, 1 dfl, 2 BLK FG in 2007) might be used as a stand-up end in certain defensive formations.

Coming aboard this fall as freshmen are tackles **Armond Armstead** (Pleasant Grove High in Elk Grove, Calif.) and **Jurrell Casey** (Long Beach Poly High in Long Beach, Calif.) and ends **Wes Horton** (Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, Calif.), **Malik Jackson** (Birmingham High in Van Nuys, Calif.) and **Nick Perry** (King High in Detroit, Mich.). Armstead, Horton and Perry were prep All-Americans.

"We have a good mix of veterans and young players on the defensive line, so we'll be able to play a lot of guys," said Carroll. "We should have a lot of speed rushing the passer with players like Kyle Moore, Everson Griffen and Clay Matthews at the ends. And Fili Moala is a solid performer inside. But we have some big shoes to fill at nose tackle for Sedrick Ellis."

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Armond Armstead, In. Fr., DT
Jurrell Casey, In. Fr., DT
Everson Griffen, So, DE
DaJohn Harris, Rs. Fr., DT
Trey Henderson, Rs. Fr., DE-DT
Wes Horton, In. Fr., DE
Malik Jackson, In. Fr., DE
FILI MOALA, Sr., DT
KYLE MOORE, Sr., DE
Nick Perry, In. Fr., DE
Derek Simmons, So., DT
Averell Spicer, Jr., DT
Christian Tupou, So., DT
Gerald Washington, Sr., DE
Andrew Weiss, Sr., DE

LINEBACKERS

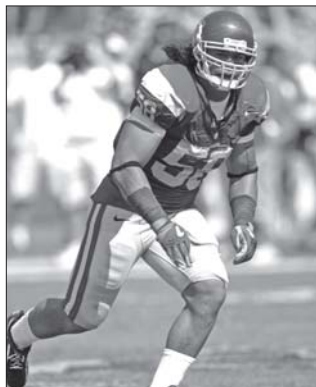
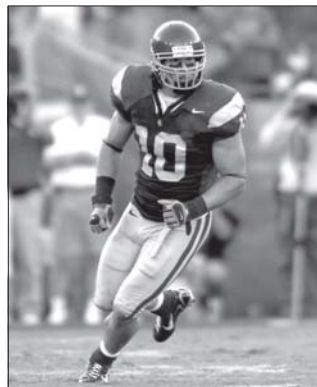
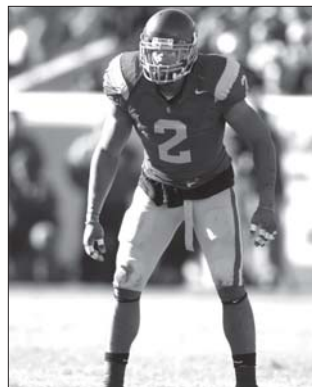
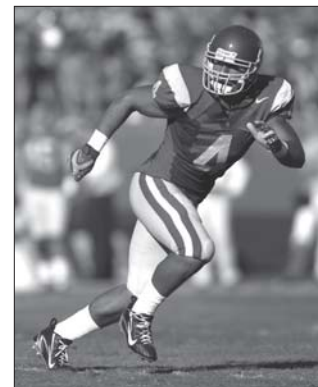
Once again, USC is loaded at every linebacker spot. That's saying a lot considering the Trojans lost 2007 All-American Keith Rivers, a 3-year starter on the weak side who had 240 career tackles, and utility man Thomas Williams, who made 14 career starts while playing every linebacker position. Rivers was chosen in the NFL draft's first round, while Williams was a fifth rounder.

Headlining the linebacker corps are 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer **Rey Mauualuga** (79 tac, 10.5 for loss, 6 sack, 1 FR, 1 FF, 1 int, 3 dfl in 2007) in the middle and **Brian Cushing** on the strong side. Both seniors have been honored as Rose Bowl Defensive MVPs (Mauualuga last season and Cushing the previous year) and both are All-American and Butkus Award candidates in 2008. Mauualuga, USC's tackle leader in 2007, has 194 career stops.

Senior **Kaluka Maiava** (44 tac, 4.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF, 2 dfl in 2007), who has started twice in his career, could be in line to assume Rivers' spot on the weak side. Pushing him for the job is junior **Luthur Brown** (25 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2007), who is able to play any linebacker position.

Fellow senior **Clay Matthews** (17 tac, 3 for loss, 2 FF, 1 dfl, 2 BLK FG in 2007), the son of the former Trojan All-American and NFL star of the same name, started twice last year for an injured Cushing and is versatile enough to play any spot. He might also be used as a stand-up end in certain defensive formations.

Other linebackers fighting to see action are sophomores **Michael Morgan** (9 tac in 2007) and **Malcolm Smith** (6 tac, 1 FF in 2007), the brother of ex-Trojan All-American wide receiver and Super Bowl champion Steve Smith, and redshirt freshmen **Chris Galippo** (8 tac in 2007), who missed most of 2007 with a back injury, and converted fullback **Jordan Campbell**. Also available are walk-ons **Nick Garratt**, a junior, and sophomore **Dan Deckas**. Galippo and Deckas are middle linebackers, while the others play on the outside.


LB REY MAUALUGA

LB BRIAN CUSHING

S TAYLOR MAYS

S KEVIN ELLISON

2008 SEASON OUTLOOK

Prep All-American **Maurice Simmons** (Dominguez High in Compton, Calif.), the brother of former Trojan linebacker Champ Simmons, gets thrown into the mix this fall as a freshman.

"We're very deep, very experienced and very good at linebacker," said Carroll. **"This is a really special group. We have great expectations for Rey Mauualuga, Brian Cushing and Kaluka Maiava. Overall, we have lots of playmakers all the way through, with guys such as Clay Matthews, Luthur Brown, Malcolm Smith and a healthy Chris Galippo. We'll play a lot of players."**

LINEBACKERS

Luthur Brown, Jr.
Jordan Campbell, Rs. Fr.
BRIAN CUSHING, Sr.
Dan Deckas, So.
Chris Galippo, Rs. Fr.
Nick Garratt, Jr.
Kaluka Maiava, Sr.
Clay Matthews, Sr., LB-DE
REY MAUALUGA, Sr.
Michael Morgan, So.
Maurice Simmons, In. Fr.
Malcolm Smith, So.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Trojan secondary should be in good shape in 2008, despite losing lockdown cornerback Terrell Thomas, who had 8 career interceptions (he was chosen in the fifth round of the NFL draft). Seven defensive backs have starting experience.

Both safeties are starting for their third seasons and could earn All-American and Thorpe Award acclaim in the fall: 2007 All-American first team free safety **Taylor Mays** (65 tac, 1 int, 6 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2007), a junior, and 2007 All-Pac-10 first team strong safety **Kevin Ellison** (57 tac, 8 for loss, 2 sack, 2 int, 6 dfl, 2 FF in 2007), a senior.

Dependable senior **Cary Harris** (48 tac, 2 for loss, 1 FF, 1 FR, 1 int, 7 dfl in 2007) returns at a cornerback spot.

Junior **Shareece Wright** (29 tac, 3.5 for loss, 1 sack, 4 dfl in 2007), who started once last year, appears to have won the vacant corner job. But 2 others coming off injuries are challenging for time: senior **Josh Pinkard**, a 2005 starter (primarily at cornerback) who started the 2006 opener at free safety before knee injuries sidelined him since then (he'll also push for time at safety in 2008), and junior **Kevin Thomas** (he started twice in 2006 but hasn't played since then because of foot, ankle and shoulder injuries). There are also 3 walk-on cornerbacks in junior **Matthew Jordan**, sophomore **Omari Crittenden** and redshirt freshman **Daniel Harper**.

Other safeties battling for action are junior **Will Harris** (5 tac in 2007) and soph **Marshall Jones** (1 dfl in 2007), plus walk-ons **Justin Hart**, a junior, sophomore **Robert Erickson** and redshirt freshman **Spencer Spiegel**.

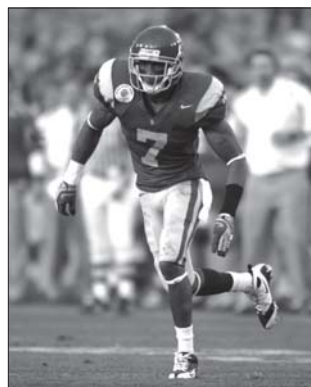
Sophomore safety **Shane Horton**, the older brother of incoming Trojan defensive end Wes Horton, transferred to USC this past spring from UNLV, but he'll have to sit out the 2008 season because of NCAA transfer rules. He started 6 games for the Rebels as a first-year freshman last year, getting 35 tackles and an interception.

This fall, **Brian Baucham** (West Torrance High in Torrance, Calif.) and prep All-American **T.J. Bryant** (Lincoln High in Tallahassee, Fla.) at cornerback and **Drew McAllister** (Monte Vista High in Danville, Calif.) at safety enter the competition as freshmen.

"This is a terrific secondary, maybe the best since I've been at USC," said Carroll. **"There's speed, skill, playmaking and leadership in this group. Kevin Ellison, Taylor Mays and Cary Harris will be counted on heavily, and there will be great competition among the others to get into the rotation. Shareece Wright appears to have a bright future and we're excited to have Josh Pinkard and Kevin Thomas back from injuries."**

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Brian Baucham, In. Fr., CB
T.J. Bryant, In. Fr., CB
Omari Crittenden, So., CB
KEVIN ELLISON, Sr., S
Robert Erickson, So., S
Daniel Harper, Rs. Fr., CB
CARY HARRIS, Sr., CB
Will Harris, Jr., S
Justin Hart, Jr., S
Shane Horton, So., S
Marshall Jones, So., S
Matthew Jordan, Jr., CB
TAYLOR MAYS, Jr., S
Drew McAllister, In. Fr., S
Josh Pinkard, Sr., S-CB
Spencer Spiegel, Rs. Fr., S
Kevin Thomas, Jr., CB
Shareece Wright, Jr., CB



CB CARY HARRIS



PK DAVID BUEHLER

SPECIAL TEAMS

USC's punter (**Greg Woidneck**), placekicker (**David Buehler**) and top kickoff (**Ronald Johnson**) and punt (**Joe McKnight**) returners from last year are back in 2008, but there is a new snapper and holder. Troy is looking to improve in all facets of special teams, as none were exceptionally "special" in 2007. The Trojans were decent on kick returns and placekicking last year, but were in the nation's bottom 20 in net punting (partly because 3 punts were blocked) and punt returns and yielded a scoring kickoff return.

"We like the potential of our kicking and return games," said Carroll. **"David Buehler is one of the top placekickers in the nation and has a monster leg. Greg Woidneck is a very effective punter. Our returners, Joe McKnight on punts and Ronald Johnson and C.J. Gable on kickoffs, are exciting, breakaways types. But a big challenge will be how the new snapper and holder perform. We'll expect a lot out of our special teams and we will play a lot of front line guys there."**

PUNTERS

Senior **Greg Woidneck** (37.9 avg in 2007, plus 1 tac) returns for his third season as USC's punter. Although 40% of his punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line last fall, he'll be looking to improve his distance and eliminate blocked punts (he's had 4 in his career, including 3 last year).

Backing him is sophomore walk-on **Billy O'Malley**.

PLACEKICKERS

Strong-legged senior placekicker **David Buehler** (52-of-54 PAT and 16-of-19 FG in 2007, plus 3 tac) is handling all the kicks again this year and could be among the top kickers in the nation. He has hit 4-of-6 field goals of 40-plus yards in his career. In 2007, 18 of his 84 kickoffs were touchbacks (including 5 in the Rose Bowl) and 35 pinned foes within the 20-yard line.

Behind him are walk-ons **Jordan Congdon**, a junior who was Nebraska's kicker in 2004 and 2005, and sophomore **Joe Houston**.

SNAPPERS

Believe it or not, a crucial position that USC needs to fill in 2008 is at long snapper now that 4-year starter Will Collins, who performed flawlessly in his career, is gone. Sophomore tight end **Cooper Stephenson** (the one-time walk-on earned a scholarship past this spring) emerged from spring practice with the job. He'll be backed by junior offensive lineman **Alex Parsons** and walk-on senior **Christian Putnam**. Enrolling this fall as a freshman is **Chris Pousson** (St. Augustine High in San Diego, Calif.).

HOLDERS

Like at snapper, USC is breaking in a new holder on placekicks in 2008 after the graduation of 2-year holder Michael McDonald. Junior wide receiver **Garrett Green** takes over, backed by senior punter **Greg Woidneck**.

RETURNERS

USC's top returners from last season are back in 2008. Sophomore wide receiver **Ronald Johnson** (25 KOR, 620 yds, 24.8 avg in 2007) topped Troy in kickoffs and already ranks 13th on the all-time Trojan kick return list. Soph tailback **Joe McKnight** (19 PR, 160 yds, 8.4 avg in 2007) led the team in punt returns and was employed whenever punts were expected to reach midfield, although gone is sure-handed tailback Desmond Reed, who was used when punts had to be fielded deep in Trojan territory (he also returned some kickoffs and ended up ranked 17th on that USC career list). Johnson could also be used on punt returns and McKnight on kickoff returns. Also experienced on kickoffs is sophomore tailback **C.J. Gable** (2 KOR, 34 yds, 17.0 avg in 2007), who is 20th on the Trojan career kickoff return ladder. Junior tailback **Stafon Johnson** and redshirt freshman wide receiver **Brandon Carswell** are also available to return punts.

SPECIALISTS

DAVID BUEHLER, Sr., PK
Jordan Congdon, Jr., PK
Joe Houston, So, PK
Billy O'Malley, So., P
Chris Pousson, In. Fr., SNP
Christian Putnam, Jr., SNP
Cooper Stephenson, So., SNP-TE
GREG WOIDNECK, Sr., P

2008 USC DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE —	1	PATRICK TURNER (6-5, 220, Sr.) OR
	9	David Ausberry (6-4, 235, So.)*
	14	Garrett Green (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	80	Brandon Carswell (6-1, 185, Fr.)*
	23	Jordan Cameron (6-5, 220, So.)*
	47	Scott Stephens (6-1, 180, So.)* OR
	82	Duron Sylvester (6-3, 210, So.)* OR
	81	Spencer Vigoren (6-4, 220, So.)*
	49	Jonathan DeAmaral (6-1, 205, Fr.)*
LT —	71	Charles Brown (6-6, 295, Jr.)*
	68	Butch Lewis (6-5, 300, So.)*
	70	Tyron Smith (6-6, 270, Fr.)
LG —	53	JEFF BYERS (6-4, 285, Sr.)*
	66	Matt Meyer (6-7, 295, Fr.)
	72	Martin Coleman (6-5, 315, Fr.)*
	69	Daniel Campbell (6-5, 330, Fr.)
C —	61	Kristofer O'Dowd (6-5, 300, So.)
	67	Michael Reardon (6-5, 275, Fr.)*
	64	Garrett Nolan (6-4, 280, Jr.)*
RG —	74	Zack Heberer (6-5, 300, So.)* OR
	77	Thomas Herring (6-6, 330, Jr.)*
	78	Khaled Holmes (6-4, 305, Fr.)
RT —	56	Alex Parsons (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	76	Nick Howell (6-5, 280, Jr.)*
	62	David Clinco (6-5, 270, Jr.)*
	75	Matt Kalil (6-6, 290, Fr.)
TE —	86	Anthony McCoy (6-5, 255, Jr.) OR
	40	Rhett Ellison (6-5, 250, Fr.)*
	88	Jimmy Miller (6-5, 250, Sr.)*
	85	Cooper Stephenson (6-3, 215, So.)*
	89	Blake Ayles (6-5, 255, Fr.)
FL —	7	VIDAL HAZELTON (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	18	Damian Williams (6-1, 190, So.)*
	8	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 185, So.)*
	17	Travon Patterson (5-10, 175, So.)*
	46	Sean Calcagnie (6-0, 190, So.)*
	87	Preston Cavnac (6-0, 185, So.)* OR
	28	Drew Ness (6-0, 190, Fr.)*
	83	Brice Butler (6-3, 215, Fr.) OR
	10	D.J. Shoemate (6-0, 220, Fr.)
QB —	6	Mark Sanchez (6-3, 225, Jr.)*
	16	Mitch Mustain (6-3, 210, So.)*
	15	Aaron Corp (6-4, 195, Fr.)*
FB —	31	STANLEY HAVILI (6-0, 225, So.)*
	45	Adam Goodman (6-1, 240, Jr.)*
	41	Matt Hillier (6-2, 210, Sr.)*
TB —	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 200, So.) OR
	2	C.J. Gable (6-0, 200, So.)* OR
	13	Stafon Johnson (5-11, 215, Jr.) OR
	21	Allen Bradford (5-11, 225, Jr.)
	29	Broderick Green (6-2, 235, Fr.)* OR
	26	Marc Tyler (6-0, 220, Fr.)*
	22	Curtis McNeal (5-8, 180, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

P —	44	GREG WOIDNECK (6-0, 200, Sr.)*
	25	Billy O'Malley (6-1, 195, So.)*
PK —	18	DAVID BUEHLER (6-2, 225, Sr.)
	30	Joe Houston (5-8, 170, So.)* OR
	38	Jordan Congdon (5-9, 175, Jr.)*
SNP —	85	Cooper Stephenson (6-3, 215, So.)*
	56	Alex Parsons (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	63	Christian Putnam (5-10, 200, Sr.)*
	65	Chris Pousson (6-4, 240, Fr.)
HLD —	14	Garrett Green (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	44	Greg Woidneck (6-0, 210, Sr.)*

DEFENSE

DE —	84	KYLE MOORE (6-6, 270, Sr.)
	81	Gerald Washington (6-6, 255, Sr.)*
	92	Trey Henderson (6-3, 280, Fr.)*
	96	Wes Horton (6-5, 245, Fr.) OR
	97	Malik Jackson (6-5, 230, Fr.)
NT —	99	Averell Spicer (6-2, 295, Jr.)* OR
	44	Christian Tupou (6-2, 280, So.)
	98	DaJohn Harris (6-4, 285, Fr.)*
	91	Jurrell Casey (6-1, 280, Fr.)
DT —	75	FILI MOALA (6-5, 295, Sr.)*
	90	Derek Simmons (6-4, 285, So.)*
	92	Trey Henderson (6-3, 280, Fr.)*
	94	Armond Armstead (6-5, 290, Fr.)
DE —	93	Everson Griffen (6-3, 265, So.)* OR
	47	Clay Matthews (6-3, 240, Sr.)*
	79	Andrew Weiss (6-9, 230, Sr.)*
	8	Nick Perry (6-3, 240, Fr.)
SLB —	10	BRIAN CUSHING (6-3, 255, Sr.)
	17	Michael Morgan (6-4, 220, So.)*
	57	Nick Garratt (6-1, 235, Jr.)*
MLB —	58	REY MAUALUGA (6-2, 260, Sr.)
	54	Chris Galippo (6-2, 255, Fr.)*
	59	Dan Deckas (5-10, 210, So.)*
	35	Uona Kaveinga (6-1, 235, Fr.)
WLB —	43	Kaluka Maiava (6-0, 230, Sr.) OR
	52	Luthur Brown (6-2, 235, Jr.)*
	6	Malcolm Smith (6-1, 225, So.)*
	37	Jordan Campbell (5-11, 230, Fr.)*
	51	Maurice Simmons (6-0, 215, Fr.)
CB —	7	CARY HARRIS (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	36	Josh Pinkard (6-2, 210, Sr.)*
	25	Daniel Harper (5-11, 185, Fr.)*
	1	T.J. Bryant (6-1, 190, Fr.)
FS —	2	TAYLOR MAYS (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	27	Marshall Jones (6-0, 185, So.)*
	35	Justin Hart (6-0, 175, Jr.)*
	34	Spencer Spiegel (5-11, 175, Fr.)*
SS —	4	KEVIN ELLISON (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	26	Will Harris (6-1, 200, Jr.)*
	23	Shane Horton (6-1, 210, So.)*
	38	Robert Erickson (5-11, 190, So.)*
	19	Drew McAllister (6-1, 200, Fr.)
CB —	24	Shareece Wright (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	15	Kevin Thomas (6-1, 185, Jr.)*
	45	Omari Crittenden (6-0, 180, So.)*
	48	Matthew Jordan (5-8, 155, Jr.)*
	30	Brian Baucham (5-11, 190, Fr.)

RETURNERS

KOR —	2	C.J. Gable (6-0, 205, So.)* OR
	8	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 185, So.)*
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 200, So.)*
PR —	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 200, So.)*
	13	Stafon Johnson (5-11, 215, Jr.) OR
	80	Brandon Carswell (6-1, 185, Fr.)* OR
	8	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 185, So.)*

Depth chart as of start of 2008 fall practice
Projected 2008 starters in boldface
Players connected with "OR" are considered equal
Returning 2007 starters are listed in ALL CAPS
Incoming 2008 players listed alphabetically at end of positions
*Used up redshirt year



HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL



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

He is 76-14 (84.4%) in 7 years (2001-2007) as a college head coach (all at USC), the best winning percentage of any current Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience. He reached 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of 59 points (4.2 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 74-9 (89.2%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 49-9 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 84.5% winning mark (a league record). His teams have been ranked in the AP Top 25 for the past 78 games, a school record. He is 23-0 in November. He has 28 victories over AP Top 25 teams (28-7 overall, 80.0%). His teams have won an unprecedented 6 consecutive Pac-10 titles and appeared in an NCAA record 6 consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games). His teams have recorded at least 11 victories in each of the past 6 seasons, an NCAA record, and finished ranked in the AP Top 4 in each of those seasons. USC's 13 (2004), 25 (2003-04 and 2004-05), 37 (2003-05), 48 (2002-05 and 2003-06) and 59 (2002-06, 2003-07) wins during 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year spans represent the winningest periods in Trojan history.

Under Carroll, USC is riding winning streaks in 23 November games, 14 September games, 11 non-conference home games and 8 non-conference road games (not including 5 neutral site contests). His USC teams also had a number of other since-broken winning streaks: a Pac-10 record 35 consecutive home games, Pac-10-record 34 overall games, a Pac-10-record 27 Pac-10 games, a Pac-10 record 24 consecutive league home games, a school-record 18 road games (not including 4 neutral site contests), 18 October games, 16 non-conference games, 16 games against AP Top 25 teams and a school-record 13 Pac-10 road games. His Trojans also set a no-longer-active NCAA record by scoring at least 20 points in 63 consecutive games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including 2 pre-season polls) and was ranked in the AP Top 10 for a school-record 63 consecutive games. He has gone 12-2 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA.

Also under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. Carroll has produced 30 All-American first teamers and 42 NFL draft picks (including 11 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His last 6 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 10 nationally (including first 5 times by some experts). He also served as USC's defensive coordinator in his first 5 seasons at Troy.

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

In 2006 in what was considered a rebuilding year after losing a pair of Heisman winners and 11 NFL draftees from 2005, USC went 11-2, finished No. 4 in the final polls and shared the Pac-10 title at 7-2 to capture an unprecedented fifth straight league crown. Troy did this despite starting just 4 seniors, playing 15 first-year freshmen and facing what was the nation's second toughest schedule according to the Sagarin rating (USC played 9 bowl teams). The Trojans beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl and came within a regular season-ending 4-point loss at UCLA to advancing to a third consecutive BCS Championship Game. USC was ranked in the AP Top 10 all season and beat rival Notre Dame for the fifth year in a row. The Trojans were in the national Top 25 statistically in scoring, total and passing offense, as well as rushing, pass efficiency, total and scoring defense. USC broke its Pac-10 record home average attendance record for the fourth consecutive year and its Pac-10 record home total attendance record for the second straight season, plus it set the school record for the third straight year for home sellouts (6), regular season sellouts (10) and season sellouts (11). Five Trojans—wide receivers Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith, offensive tackle Sam Baker, center Ryan Kalil and defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis—were All-American first teamers (Jarrett and Baker for the second year in a row). Carroll was named the **2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year** (for the third time) and was **1 of 15 semifinalists for the 2006 George Munger Coach of the Year Award**.

In 2005, his Trojans held AP's No. 1 ranking for the entire regular season. USC went 12-1 overall (while facing 6 AP Top 25 teams) to advance to the BCS Championship Game in the Rose Bowl, where it barely fell to Texas, and 8-0 in the Pac-10 to win its fourth straight league title. The Trojans, who finished second in both polls, played the nation's ninth most difficult schedule according

to the NCAA. USC swept rivals Notre Dame and UCLA for an unprecedented fourth season in a row. Troy's offense was in the national Top 6 in every offensive category, including tops in total offense (579.8) and second in scoring offense (49.1), and set Pac-10 records for total offense yardage, points scored, touchdowns and PATs. The Trojans won games by an average of 26.2 points. USC became the first school to have a 3,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard runners and a 1,000-yard receiver in a season. And USC was second nationally in turnover margin (+1.6). For the third consecutive year, USC set Pac-10 records for total home attendance and home attendance average and school marks for overall attendance and overall attendance average. The Trojans also set school standards for the second straight year for home sellouts (4), regular season sellouts (9) and season sellouts (10). For the second consecutive year, a school-record 6 Trojans were All-American first teamers, including Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Reggie Bush. Carroll was the **2005 Playboy Pre-Season All-American team Coach of the Year** and was named by **The Sporting News as the top coach in the nation**. He received the **United States Sports Academy Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award**. He was the **2005 Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year**, as well as the **American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year**. He was **1 of 5 finalists for the 2005 Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award**, **1 of 6 finalists for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award** and **1 of 12 semifinalists for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award**.

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

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

For all this, Carroll was named the **2003 American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Coach of the Year**, **Home Depot National Coach of the Year**, **Maxwell Club College Coach of the Year**, **ESPN.com National Coach of the Year**, **Pigskin Club of Washington D.C. Coach of the Year** and **All-American Football Foundation Frank Leahy Co-Coach of the Year**. He also was the **Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year** (USC's first honoree since Larry Smith in 1988), a **finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year**, **1 of 6 semifinalists for the Eddie Robinson/Football Writers Association of America Coach of the Year** and **American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year**. In early 2004, he received the **Chuck Benedict Founders Award** (for special achievement) from the **Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association**, the **Orange County Youth Sports Foundation Sportsman of the Year Award**, the **Spirit of Los Angeles Award** from the **Los Angeles Headquarters Association** and the **Vincent T. Lombardi Hall of Fame Award** from the **Boy Scouts of America San Gabriel Valley Council**.

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

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

The 56-year-old Carroll has 33 years of NFL and college experience, including 15 on the college level.

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

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

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

Carroll began his coaching career at the college level, serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Pacific, for 3 years (1974-76), working with the wide receivers and secondary. He then spent a season as a graduate assistant working with the secondary at Arkansas (1977) under Lou Holtz as the Razorbacks won the 1978 Orange Bowl, and then a season each as an assistant in charge of the secondary at Iowa State (1978) under Earle Bruce (the Cyclones played in the 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl) and at Ohio State (1979) under Bruce. That Buckeye squad lost to USC in the 1980 Rose Bowl. He next spent 3 seasons (1980-82) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at North Carolina State, then returned to Pacific in 1983 as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 2003, he helped develop "A Better L.A.," a non-profit group consisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities. He received the **Courageous Leadership Award from Women Against Gun Violence in 2005**, as well as being named a **Cedars-Sinai Sports Spectacular Honoree**. In 2008, he was honored at the **Summa Children's Foundation's "Night of Inspiration."**

Year-by-Year with Pete Carroll

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	RECORD (POST-SEASON)	HEAD COACH
1974	Pacific	Graduate assistant/wide receivers	6-5	Chester Caddas
1975	Pacific	Graduate assistant/secondary	5-6-1	Chester Caddas
1976	Pacific	Graduate assistant/secondary	2-9	Chester Caddas
1977	Arkansas	Graduate assistant/secondary	11-1 (Orange)	Lou Holtz
1978	Iowa State	Secondary coach	8-4 (Hall of Fame)	Earle Bruce
1979	Ohio State	Secondary coach	11-1 (Rose)	Earle Bruce
1980	North Carolina State	Defensive coordinator/secondary coach	6-5	Monte Kiffin
1981	North Carolina State	Defensive coordinator/secondary coach	4-7	Monte Kiffin
1982	North Carolina State	Defensive coordinator/secondary coach	6-5	Monte Kiffin
1983	Pacific	Asst. head coach/offensive coordinator	3-9	Bob Cope
1984	Buffalo Bills	Defensive backs coach	2-14	Kay Stephenson
1985	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	7-9	Bud Grant
1986	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	9-7	Jerry Burns
1987	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	8-7* (2-1)	Jerry Burns
1988	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	11-5* (1-1)	Jerry Burns
1989	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive backs coach	10-6** (0-1)	Jerry Burns
1990	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	6-10	Bruce Coslet
1991	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	8-8* (0-1)	Bruce Coslet
1992	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	4-12	Bruce Coslet
1993	New York Jets	Defensive coordinator	8-8	Bruce Coslet
1994	New York Jets	Head coach	6-10	—
1995	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive coordinator	11-5** (0-1)	George Seiffert
1996	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive coordinator	12-4** (1-1)	George Seiffert
1997	New England Patriots	Head coach	10-6** (1-1)	—
1998	New England Patriots	Head coach	9-7* (0-1)	—
1999	New England Patriots	Head coach	8-8	—
2001	USC	Head coach	6-6 (Las Vegas)	—
2002	USC	Head coach	11-2+ (Orange)	—
2003	USC	Head coach	12-1+ # (Rose)	—
2004	USC	Head coach	13-0+ # (Orange)	—
2005	USC	Head coach	12-1+ (Rose)	—
2006	USC	Head coach	11-2+ (Rose)	—
2007	USC	Head coach	11-2+ (Rose)	=
<u>2007</u>	<u>USC CAREER</u>	<u>Head coach</u>	<u>76-14 (84.4%)</u>	
*Advanced to playoffs			+Pac-10 champions	#Won national championship
**Division champions and advanced to playoffs				

HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PETE CARROLL

COACHES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

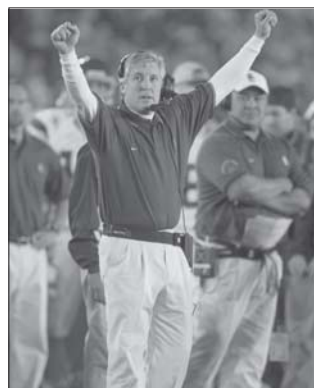
Gary Plummer, San Francisco 49ers linebacker under Carroll: "He's a diverse individual and he knows there's more to life than just football. He forges relationships with people. There are coaches out there who will leave you hanging, tell you one thing, and if it doesn't work, you get hung out to dry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

MEDIA

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



TOP ACTIVE COACHES BY WINNING PERCENTAGE

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

		Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
1.	Pete Carroll, USC	7	76	14	0	.844
2.	Urban Meyer, Florida	7	70	16	0	.824
3.	Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	9	97	22	0	.815
4.	Mark Richt, Georgia	7	72	19	0	.791
5.	Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	16	147	45	0	.766
6.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	42	373	119	4	.756
7.	Lloyd Carr, Michigan	13	122	40	0	.753
8.	Joe Paterno, Penn State	42	372	125	3	.748
9.	Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	18	163	56	2	.742
10.	Jim Tressel, Ohio State	22	208	73	2	.739





ASSISTANT COACHES



BRENNAN CARROLL Tight Ends Recruiting Coordinator

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

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

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

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

Carroll, 29, was a reserve tight end and key special teams player at Pittsburgh the previous 3 years (1999-2001). He caught 3 passes for 25 yards (8.3 average) as a 2000 junior, including 1 for a touchdown (a 3-yarder versus Boston College). He added a 12-yard reception as a senior in 2001. The Panthers played in the 2000 Insight.com Bowl and the 2001 Tangerine Bowl. He redshirted the 1998 season.

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

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

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

Born March 20, 1979, he is married and his wife's name is Amber (she played volleyball at North Carolina, in Europe and on the AVP beach tour under her maiden name, Amber Willey).

His father, Pete, has been USC's head coach since 2001 and has 33 years coaching experience in college and the NFL (he was the head coach of the New England Patriots and New York Jets). His mother, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific. His sister, Jaime, was on the USC women's volleyball team in 2000 and 2001 (the 2000 Women of Troy advanced to the NCAA Final Four). His brother, Nate, is a junior at USC. His late grandfather, Dean Goranson, received his master's degree from USC.

CARROLL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 20, 1979

FAMILY: Wife, Amber

HIGH SCHOOL: Saratoga (Calif.) HS

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Saratoga (Calif.) HS.

Delaware, tight end, 1997

Pittsburgh, tight end, 1999-2001

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 6 years

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



NICK HOLT Defensive Coordinator Defensive Line

Nick Holt, who was the head coach at Idaho for 2 recent seasons and previously was an assistant at USC, returned to the Trojan program in February of 2006 as the defensive coordinator and defensive line coach. Combined, he is in his sixth year at USC.

Defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis was an All-American first teamer in 2006 and 2007 (unanimous), was the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year in 2007 and Pac-

10 Morris Trophy winner in 2006 and 2007. Defensive end Lawrence Jackson was an All-Pac-10 first teamer in 2007 and defensive end Everson Griffen was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Both Ellis and Jackson were first round picks in the 2008 NFL draft. In 2007, USC was second nationally in total defense (258.8), fourth in rushing defense (79.2) and scoring defense (15.9) and sixth in pass efficiency defense (99.7). In 2006, USC was 12th nationally in scoring defense (14.9), 17th in rushing defense (97.7), 20th in pass efficiency defense (107.9) and 23rd in total defense (293.8).

USC played in the 2007 Rose Bowl and 2008 Rose Bowl.

Holt spent the previous 2 seasons (2004-05) as the head coach at Idaho, going 5-18. The Vandals were 3-9 in 2004 and 2-9 in 2005.

He originally joined the Trojan staff in January of 2001 and spent 3 seasons (2001-03) as the linebackers coach. In 2002, linebacker Matt Grootegeod was an All-Pac-10 first teamer. USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl (USC won the national championship that year) and 2004 Rose Bowl.

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, 45, 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, Idaho and Los Angeles Harbor Junior College), have 2 sons, Nick, 14, and Ben, 10.

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.

HOLT SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 15, 1962

FAMILY: Wife, Julie; Sons, Nick, 14, and Ben, 10

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: 22 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2007	USC	Def. Coord./Def. Line	Rose
2006	USC	Def. Coord./Def. Line	Rose
2005	Idaho	Head Coach	—
2004	Idaho	Head Coach	—
2003	USC	Linebackers	Rose
2002	USC	Linebackers	Orange
2001	USC	Linebackers	Las Vegas
2000	Louisville	Defensive Line	Liberty
1999	Louisville	Defensive Line	Humanitarian
1998	Louisville	Defensive Line	Motor City
1997	Idaho	Def. Coord./Linebackers	—
1996	Idaho	Def. Coord./Linebackers	—
1995	Idaho	Def. Coord./Linebackers	—
1994	Idaho	Def. Coord./Defensive Line	—
1993	Idaho	Defensive Line	—
1992	Idaho	Defensive Line	—
1991	Idaho	Defensive Line	—
1990	Idaho	Defensive Line	—
1989	UNLV	Linebackers	—
1988	UNLV	Linebackers	—
1987	UNLV	Graduate Assistant	—
1986	St. Mary's HS	Assistant Coach	—



TODD McNAIR Running Backs Special Teams Coordinator

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

In 2007, tailback Chauncey Washington was a seventh round pick in the NFL draft following the season. McNair was named one of the nation's top 5 recruiters by CBS Sportsline.com in 2007 and he was picked as one of the country's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com in 2006.

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

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

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

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2001-03) coaching the running backs for the Cleveland Browns.

McNair, 43, began his coaching career as the offensive coordinator at Camden (N.J.) High in 1998 and 1999, then handled similar duties at Schalick High in Pittsgrove, N.J., in 2000.

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

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

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

He was born on Aug. 16, 1965. He and his wife, Lynnette, have 3 daughters—Logan, 14, Daryn, 9, and Thai, 4—and a son, Todd Jr., 1

McNAIR SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 16, 1965

FAMILY: Wife, Lynnette; Daughters, Logan, 14, Daryn, 9, and Thai, 4; Son, Todd Jr., 1

HIGH SCHOOL: Pennsauken (N.J.) HS

EDUCATION: Temple

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Pennsauken (N.J.) HS

Temple, running back, 1985-88

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

Houston Oilers, running back, 1994-95

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 10 years

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



JOHN MORTON Passing Game Coordinator Wide Receivers

John Morton, formerly an assistant coach with the New Orleans Saints and Oakland Raiders, is in his second year at USC. He joined the USC staff in February of 2007 as the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator.

USC played in the 2008 Rose Bowl.

Morton, 38, was an offensive assistant in 2006 with the New Orleans Saints, assisting in the passing game and other facets of game preparation on offense. The Saints advanced to the 2006 NFC Championship game.

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

He spent the previous 8 seasons (1997-2004) in several capacities with the Oakland Raiders, including 2004 as tight ends coach. He was a senior offensive assistant in 2002, when Oakland played in the Super Bowl, and 2003. Among the players he coached were Jerry Rice and Tim Brown. He began with the Raiders in 1997 working in the personnel department.

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

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

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

He was an All-League receiver at Avondale High in Auburn Hills (Mich.).

Born on Sept. 24, 1969, he and his wife, Shannon, have 2 daughters, Tierney Rose, 5, and Sage Marie, 1.

MORTON SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Sept. 24, 1969

FAMILY: Wife, Shannon; Daughter, Tierney Rose, 5, and Sage Marie, 1

HIGH SCHOOL: Auburn Hills (Mich.) HS

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

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Avondale HS, Auburn Hills, Mich.

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

Western Michigan, wide receiver, 1991-92

Toronto Argonauts, wide receiver, 1995-96

Frankfurt Galaxy, wide receiver, 1997

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 6 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2007	USC	Pass. Game Coord./Wide Rec.	Rose
2006	New Orleans Saints	Offensive Assistant	NFC playoffs
2005	San Diego	Passing Game/Wide Receivers	—
2004	Oakland Raiders	Tight Ends	—
2003	Oakland Raiders	Senior Offensive Assistant	—
2002	Oakland Raiders	Senior Offensive Assistant	Super Bowl



KEN NORTON JR. Linebackers

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

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

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

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

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

Norton Jr., 41, spent 13 years playing in the NFL, first with the Dallas Cowboys for 6 seasons (1988-93) and then 7 years with the San Francisco 49ers (1994-2000). The All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection is the only player in history to play on 3 consecutive Super Bowl-winning teams (the Cowboys in 1992 and 1993 and the 49ers in 1994).

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

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

He was the Cowboys' second round NFL draft pick in 1988 after earning All-American honors at UCLA in 1987. He lettered 4 seasons (1984-87) with the Bruins and was a finalist for the 1987 Butkus Award. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from UCLA in 1998.

He prepped at Westchester (Calif.) High.

Born Sept. 29, 1966, he and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: daughters Brittney, 21, and Sabrina, 13, and son Ken III, 11. His father, Ken Sr., is the former world heavyweight boxing champion and played football at Northeast Missouri State.

NORTON JR. SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Sept. 29, 1966

FAMILY: Wife, Angela; Daughters, Brittney, 21, and Sabrina, 13; Son, Ken III, 11

HIGH SCHOOL: Westchester (Calif.) HS

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Westcheser (Calif.) HS

UCLA, linebacker, 1984-87

Dallas Cowboys, linebacker, 1988-93

San Francisco 49ers, linebacker, 1994-2000

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 5 years

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



PAT RUEL Offensive Line

Pat Ruel, who has 34 years of college and NFL coaching experience, is in his fourth year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2005 and works with the offensive line.

In 2008, he was picked as one of the country's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com and as the nation's top offensive line coach by CBSSports.com.

In 2007, offensive tackle Sam Baker was named an All-American first teamer for the third consecutive

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

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

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

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

Ruel, 57, spent the 2004 season as an offensive line assistant with the New York Giants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was born on Dec. 5, 1950. He and his wife, Marti, have a daughter, Sabra, 20, currently a student at USC. His full name is Golden Pat Ruel.

RUEL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 5, 1950

FAMILY: Wife, Marti; Daughter, Sabra, 20

HIGH SCHOOL: Coral Gables (Fla.) HS

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Coral Gables (Fla.) HS

Miami, offensive guard, 1971-72

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 34 years

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



STEVE SARKISIAN Assistant Head Coach Offensive Coordinator Quarterbacks

Steve Sarkisian, who is in his fourth stop at USC as an assistant coach or athlete, returned to the Trojan staff in February of 2005 as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach. He added the offensive coordinator role in 2007. Combined, he is in his seventh year at USC.

In 2006, quarterback John David Booty made the All-Pac-10 first team as he led the league in passing efficiency and total offense. He was a fifth round pick in the 2008 NFL draft.

In 2005, quarterback Matt Leinart won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, was a finalist for the Davey O'Brien, Maxwell and Walter Camp Awards and was an All-American first teamer. He set 16 USC records (11 were Pac-10 marks and 2 was an NCAA record). He was the 10th pick of the 2006 NFL draft. USC's 4,157 passing yards in 2005 was a school record and the Trojans were fifth nationally in passing (319.8).

Sarkisian spent the 2004 season as the quarterbacks coach with the Oakland Raiders. His quarterbacks passed for more than 4,000 yards in 2004 as Oakland ranked eighth in passing in the NFL.

Sarkisian, 34, originally 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 for 2 seasons (2002-03).

In 2003, quarterback Matt Leinart was an All-American first teamer and was the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year (he finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting) while setting Pac-10 season records for TD passes (35) and consecutive passes without an interception (212). He also had the highest passing efficiency rating of any USC quarterback (163.2). USC won its first national championship since 1978.

In 2002, quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman and 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.

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

Sarkisian 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 starred at the quarterback position at the prep, collegiate and pro levels. 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 former USC assistant Norm Chow. He 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 2 daughters, Ashley, 5, and newborn Taylor, and a son, Brady, 3.

SARKISIAN SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 8, 1974

FAMILY: Wife, Stephanie; Daughters, Ashley, 5, and Taylor, newborn; Son, Brady, 3

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: 8 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2007	USC	Asst. HC/Off. Coord./QBs	Rose
2006	USC	Asst. Head Coach/QBs	Rose
2005	USC	Asst. Head Coach/QBs	Rose
2004	Oakland Raiders	Quarterbacks	—
2003	USC	Quarterbacks	Rose
2002	USC	Quarterbacks	Orange
2001	USC	Offensive Assistant	Las Vegas
2000	El Camino JC	Quarterbacks	CHiPs For Kids



ROCKY SETO

Secondary

Former USC linebacker Rocky Seto is in his 10th year on the USC staff, including his sixth as a full-time assistant. He took over the handling of the secondary in 2006 after being in charge of the linebackers in 2004 and 2005 and the safeties in 2003.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seto, 32, was a linebacker at USC for 2 seasons (1997-98). After spending 1997 as a walk-on, he earned a scholarship for the 1998 season. He was awarded USC's Black Shirt (scout team) Defensive Player of the Year Award in 1998.

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

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

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

Born March 12, 1976, his wife's name is Sharla (she played soccer at USC under her maiden name of Sharla Chiang, including on the 1998 Pac-10 championship squad). They have 2 daughters, Kaylani, 2, and Mia, 1.

SETO SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1976

FAMILY: Wife, Sharla; Daughters, Kaylani, 2, and Mia, 1

HIGH SCHOOL: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

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

Bachelor's degree, exercise science, USC, 1999

Master's degree, public administration, USC, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

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

USC, linebacker, 1997-98

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 9 years

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



DAVID WATSON

Defensive Line

David Watson is in his fourth year on the Trojan staff, including his third as a full-time assistant working with the defensive line (he was promoted in February of 2006). He spent his first year at USC as an offensive line graduate assistant after joining the staff in February of 2005.

Defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis was an All-American first teamer in 2006 and 2007 (unanimous), was the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year in 2007 and Pac-10 Morris Trophy winner in 2006 and 2007. Defensive end Lawrence Jackson was an All-Pac-10 first teamer in 2007 and defensive end Everson Griffen was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Both Ellis and Jackson were first round picks in the 2008 NFL draft.

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

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

He spent 2004 as a defensive graduate assistant at Michigan State.

He began his coaching career at Southwest Minnesota State, a Division II school. He was a graduate assistant working with the defensive line in 2002, then became a fulltime assistant in 2003 handling the defensive line and linebackers, as well as being the front 7 coordinator.

Watson, 32, played defensive end at both Minnesota and Western Illinois. He began at Minnesota for 3 years (1994-96). He earned Academic All-Big Ten honors as a freshman in 1994, then took medical redshirts because of injuries in both 1995 (knee) and 1996 (foot). He then transferred to Division I-AA Western Illinois for 3 years (1997-99), where he was an All-Gateway Conference selection each season. He earned All-American first team honors in 1998 and honorable mention notice in both 1997 and 1999. He set Western Illinois records for season (41) and career (72) tackles for loss. The Leathernecks advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinals in 1997 and semis in 1998.

He earned his bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Western Illinois in 2001.

He was a 3-sport (football, basketball, baseball) star at Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High. He was the Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year in football in 1993.

He was born on Aug. 16, 1976. He and his wife, Lesley, have 2 sons, Iain, 2, and Collin, 1.

WATSON SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 16, 1976

FAMILY: Wife, Lesley; Sons, Iain, 2, and Collin, 1.

HIGH SCHOOL: Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, liberal arts, Western Illinois, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson HS

Minnesota, defensive end, 1994-96

Western Illinois, defensive end, 1997-99

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 6 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2007	USC	Defensive Line	Rose
2006	USC	Defensive Line	Rose
2005	USC	Graduate Assistant/Offensive Line	Rose
2004	Michigan State	Defensive Graduate Assistant	-
2003	SW Minnesota State	Front 7 Coord./Def. Line/LBs	-
2002	SW Minnesota State	Defensive Line Graduate Assistant	-



KRIS RICHARD

Secondary Graduate Assistant

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

Richard, 28, played 4 seasons in the NFL, including 3 (2002-04) with the Seattle Seahawks and then 2005 with the San Francisco 49ers. He was a third round pick by the Seahawks in the 2002 NFL draft.

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

He was a prep All-American cornerback, quarterback and wide receiver at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.), where he also ran track (he was a member of Serra's 1996 state championship 400-meter relay team).

He received his bachelor's degree in sociology from USC in 2002.

Born Oct. 28, 1979, he and his wife, Chandra, have a daughter, Alyssa, 2, and a newborn son, Aiden. His father, Kenneth, is a USC alumnus, while his mother, Patricia, graduated from crosstown rival UCLA.

RICHARD SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 28, 1979

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

HIGH SCHOOL: Serra HS, Gardena, Calif.

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

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Serra HS, Gardena, Calif.

USC, cornerback, 1998-2001

Seattle Seahawks, cornerback, 2002-04

San Francisco 49ers, cornerback, 2005

COACHING EXPERIENCE: First Year



YOGI ROTH

Quarterbacks Graduate Assistant

Yogi Roth, who spent the 2 recent years (2005-06) as a video assistant with the USC football program, is in his second year on the Trojan staff as a graduate assistant working with the quarterbacks.

In 2007, quarterback John David Booty was a fifth round pick in the NFL draft following the season.

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

FOOTBALL STAFF

Roth, 26, came to USC after spending 2004 as a sports broadcaster. He was an analyst on college football and basketball telecasts on Fox Sports Net Pittsburgh and served as the sideline reporter and pre- and post-game host for Pittsburgh football radio broadcasts.

He was a wide receiver at Pittsburgh for 4 seasons (2000-03), originally a walk-on who earned a scholarship as a junior and became a part-time starter with 15 career receptions. He twice won Big East All-Academic honors. While at Pitt, he interned in the Pittsburgh mayor's and state representative's offices and with FSN Pittsburgh and was an academic tutor in the athletic department. He also spent the spring of 2004 studying in Australia and Bali.

He earned his bachelor's degree in communication and rhetoric from Pittsburgh in 2004 and a master's in communication management from USC in 2006.

He starred in 4 sports (football, basketball, baseball and track) at Lackawanna Trail High in Dalton, Pa. He twice was named All-State in football and was the Pennsylvania Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1981. He is single. His maternal grandparents were Holocaust survivors and his mother is an Israeli immigrant.

ROTH SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Sept. 20, 1981

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Lackawanna Trail HS, Dalton, Pa.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, communication and rhetoric, Pittsburgh, 2004

Master's degree, communication management, USC, 2006

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Lackawanna Trail HS, Dalton, Pa.

Pittsburgh, wide receiver, 2000-03

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 3 years

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	BOWL
2007	USC	Grad. Asst./Quarterbacks	Rose
2006	USC	Video Assistant	Rose
2005	USC	Video Assistant	Rose

CHRIS CARLISLE

Strength and Conditioning Coach



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

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

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

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

Carlisle, 46, began his career as the head football coach and strength coach at Dodge (Neb.) High in 1985. He then spent 6 seasons (1986-91) as an offensive line coach and strength coach at Blytheville (Ark.) High. He next was a strength and conditioning graduate assistant coach at Arkansas for 2 years (1992-93) before becoming the head football coach and strength coach at Subiaco (Ark.) Academy, a college prep school, for 4 seasons (1993-96). He spent 1997 as an offensive line coach and strength coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Tex. (Trinity was the NJCAA national champion that season).

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

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

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

He was born on Aug. 7, 1962. He and his wife, Louon, have a son, Alex, 7. He learned he had Hodgkin's Disease in December of 2000, began radiation treatments in Tennessee (where he was still the Volunteers' associate strength and conditioning coach), was hired by USC in February of 2001, kept his illness a secret except to Trojan head coach Pete Carroll, continued treatments in Tennessee and at USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, then doctors told him in the summer of 2001 that the cancer was in remission. He informed the USC players of his ordeal at the start of fall 2001 camp. He was 1 of 17 nominees for the 2003 Most Courageous Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America and was 1 of 11 nominees for the 2005 award.

He is assisted by Jamie Yanchar, Charr Gahagan, Bryan Bailey, Ivan Lewis, Tatyana Obukhova and Brent Metz.

DENNIS SLUTAK

Director of Football Operations



Dennis Slutak is in his sixth year at USC, including his fourth as director of football operations after spending his first 2 seasons (2003-04) as a graduate assistant working with the special teams. He joined the Trojan staff in July of 2003.

In 2004, punter Tom Malone was an All-Pac-10 first teamer, while placekicker Ryan Killeen set the USC and Pac-10 career records for PATs and PAT attempts and the USC career points record. The

Trojans won their second consecutive national championship.

In 2003, Malone was an All-American first teamer (USC's first punter so honored) who set the school record for season punting average (49.0), while Killeen set the Pac-10 season record for PATs (65) and tied the Trojan season mark for field goals (19). Troy won its first national championship since 1978.

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

Slutak, 36, has 12 years of coaching experience and was 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 prepped at Forest Hill High in West Palm Beach (Fla.), where he played football.

Born May 30, 1972, he is single.



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