

# TROJAN FOOTBALL

11 National Championships  
34 Bowl Victories  
168 All-Americans  
6 Heisman Trophy Winners



504 NFL Players  
81 NFL 1st Round Draftees  
5 No. 1 Overall NFL Draft Picks  
22 Academic All-Americans

## 2018 SCHEDULE (5-4)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 1	UNLV	W 43-21
Sept. 8	at Stanford	L 3-17
Sept. 15	at Texas	L 14-37
Sept. 21 (Fr.)	Washington St.	W 39-36
Sept. 29	at Arizona	W 24-20
Oct. 6	BYE WEEK	
Oct. 13	Colorado	W 31-20
Oct. 20	at Utah	L 28-41
Oct. 27	Arizona St.	L 35-38
Nov. 3	at Oregon St.	W 38-21
Nov. 10	California	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Nov. 17	at UCLA	TBA
Nov. 24	Notre Dame	TBA

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Release Date: Nov. 5, 2018



**GAME 10**  
**USC**  
**(5-4 overall, 4-3 Pac-12 - South)**



**vs.**  
**California**  
**(5-4 overall, 2-4 Pac-12 - North)**

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, 7:30 p.m. PT, Los Angeles Coliseum**

## USC FOOTBALL HOSTS CALIFORNIA IN HOMECOMING GAME

### THEMES

\*USC, back on track and tied again for the Pac-12 South Division lead after a solid win at Oregon State, returns to the Coliseum for its Homecoming/Reunion Weekend game when it hosts longtime foe California under the lights on ESPN.

\*USC has not lost to Cal since 2003 and the Trojans have won 8 in a row over the Golden Bears in the Coliseum.

\*It will be Troy's 106th meeting with Cal, the team the Trojans have played more than any opponent.

\*This will be the eighth night game for USC in 2018.

\*Although USC lost its last game in the Coliseum, it had won its previous 19 there.

\*Both schools' football programs have staff members who previously worked at the other school, including Cal head coach **Justin Wilcox** (the one-time USC defensive coordinator).

\*USC, with head coach **Clay Helton** assuming play-calling duties, quashed its 2-game losing skid with its victory at Oregon State. The Trojans are hoping to continue that momentum as they make their November run. USC's rushing attack got unleashed in Corvallis behind a 200/100-yard showing by TBs **Aca'Cedric Ware** and **Vavae Malepeai**. QB **JT Daniels**, who took over the signalcalling job this season after graduating a year early from high school, showed well after a game's absence while out with a concussion. He throws to a number of talented pass catchers, including WRs **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (his prep teammate), **Tyler Vaughns** and **Michael Pittman Jr.** Last game, USC's defense got to Oregon State's quarterback (6 sacks) and stopped the Beaver ground game (holding the Pac-12's rushing leader 70 yards under his average), as DLs **Christian Rector** and **Jay Tufele** were in the OSU backfield often. As is often the case late in the season, injuries are a factor (USC has lost 5 starters this year), so lots of young Trojans are being relied upon.

\*California is coming off a last-minute loss at Washington State last week. RB **Patrick Laird**, who is closing in on his second consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season, is the workhorse of Cal's balanced offense as he leads the team in rushing and is second in receptions. WR **Vic Wharton III** is the Golden Bears' top pass catcher. Young QBs **Chase Garbers** and **Brandon McIlwain**, threats as throwers and runners, have split time at quarterback. Cal's defense is in the Top 25 nationally in total defense, pass defense and pass efficiency defense. Defensive leaders are ILBs **Jordan Kunaszyk** and **Evan Weaver**, who both are in the national Top 20 in tackles, along with Ss **Ashtyn Davis** and **Jaylinn Hawkins**.

\*The USC women's volleyball and men's and women's swimming and diving teams will be in home action this weekend.

### RANKINGS

\*USC and California are not ranked in the AP sports media poll or the Amway coaches poll.

### SERIES

\*USC leads the series with California, which dates back to 1915 (and is uninterrupted since 1926), 69-30-5 (not including Troy's 2005 victory that was vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 70-30-5). The Trojans have not lost to the Bears since 2003.

\*In Los Angeles-area games, USC holds a 34-18-4 edge and has won the last 8 contests in the Coliseum. In 2016 in the last meeting in the Coliseum, TB Ronald Jones II ran for a career-high 223 yards and scored twice, while QB Sam Darnold threw 5 TD passes to lead USC to a dominant 45-24 victory over California in a Thursday night game.

\*Last year in Berkeley, No. 5 USC forced 6 turnovers and converted them into 17 points--including a pair of TD passes by QB Sam Darnold and 3 field goals by PK **Chase McGrath**--en route to a 30-20 road-opening victory at California. See page 4 for a complete recap of that 2017 game.

### HOMECOMING

\*USC has a 63-26-4 record in its Homecoming games, dating back to the first such event in 1924 (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 64-26-4).



## PAC-12 STANDINGS

	PAC-12		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
<b>SOUTH</b>				
UTAH	4	3	5	4
<b>USC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
ARIZ	4	3	5	5
ASU	3	3	5	4
COLO	2	4	5	4
UCLA	2	4	2	7
<b>NORTH</b>				
WSU	5	1	8	1
WASH	5	2	7	3
ORE	3	3	6	3
STAN	3	3	5	4
CAL	2	4	5	4
OSU	1	5	2	7

### AP POLL

- Alabama
- Clemson
- Notre Dame
- Michigan
- Georgia
- Oklahoma
- West Virginia
- Ohio State
- LSU
- Washington St.
- Central Florida
- Kentucky
- Syracuse
- Utah State
- Texas
- Fresno State
- Boston College
- Mississippi State
- Florida
- Washington
- Penn State
- North Carolina St.
- Iowa State
- Michigan State
- Cincinnati

### COACHES POLL

- Alabama
- Clemson
- Notre Dame
- Michigan
- Georgia
- Oklahoma
- Ohio State
- West Virginia
- Washington St.
- LSU
- Central Florida
- Kentucky
- Syracuse
- Boston College
- Mississippi State
- Utah State
- Fresno State
- Washington
- Texas
- Penn State
- Florida
- North Carolina St.
- Cincinnati
- Utah
- Iowa State

### FUN FACT I

USC has played 1,251 games in its history and only twice—when Troy snapped No. 1-ranked California's 38-game regular season unbeaten streak in 1951 at Berkeley and in 2012's loss at Stanford—has the final score been a very football-like 21-14 (win or lose).

### FUN FACT II

This will be the 18th time that USC has played a game on Nov. 10, tying Sept. 29, Oct. 24, Oct. 27 and Nov. 7 as the most popular days in Trojan regular season history. Jan. 1 is the all-time leader, with 33 USC games on that day.

## VERSUS PAC-12

\*USC has won 70.1% (467-191-29) of its games against Pac-12 opponents (not including 9 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 476-191-29, 70.5%).

## IN NOVEMBER

\*USC has a 260-130-20 (.659) all-time record while playing in the month of November (does not include 3 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 263-130-20, .661).

## AT NIGHT

\*USC owns a 175-62-4 (.734) record at night, including 103-27-4 in the Coliseum, 57-28 on the road and 15-7 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 180-63-4, .737 overall, 106-27-4 in the Coliseum, 17-8 at neutral sites.)

## IN COLISEUM

\*USC has a 445-137-27 (.753) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923 (not including 6 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 451-137-27, .755). USC's 615 games played in the Coliseum (including the 6 vacated wins) is the second most that any school has played in its home stadium (behind Georgia Tech's 692 in Bobby Dodd Stadium).

## USC-CALIFORNIA CONNECTIONS

\*USC has 8 players who previously attended a Bay Area school: TE **Tyler Petite** (Campolindo HS), CB **Isaiah Langley** (Foothill HS), P **Chris Tilbey** (San Francisco CC), OT **Jalen McKenzie** (Clayton Valley HS), TE **Erik Krommenhoek** (Monte Vista HS), OG-OT **Alijah Vera-Tucker** (Bishop O'Dowd HS), DL **Caleb Tremblay** (Vintage HS) and DLB-ILB **Grant Jones** (De La Salle HS).

\*USC defensive coordinator **Clancy Pendergast** held a similar position at California from 2010 to 2012.

\*USC secondary coach **Ronnie Bradford** was a defensive administrative assistant at California in 2010.

\*USC defensive graduate assistant **Trevor Guyton** was a 4-year (2008-11) defensive lineman at California, then was an academic assistant for Cal's student-athletes in 2013.

\*USC OT **AJ Mageo** will celebrate his 18th birthday on Saturday [Nov. 10].

\*Three USC coaches have connections with the Bay Area's NFL teams: wide receivers coach/offensive coordinator **Tee Martin** played quarterback for the Oakland Raiders in 2003, defensive coordinator **Clancy Pendergast** was the San Francisco 49ers linebackers coach in 2015 and running game and pass protection coordinator/running backs/offensive line coach **Tim Drevno** was the San Francisco 49ers offensive line coach for 3 years (2011-13).

\*Also with Bay Area ties: USC running game and pass protection coordinator/running backs/offensive line coach **Tim Drevno** was an assistant at Stanford, handling the tight ends (2007-08) and offensive line (2009-10), and also was San Jose State's offensive line coach in 1999, offensive graduate assistant coach **Prentice Gill** was a graduate assistant coach at San Jose State in 2015 and defensive graduate assistant **Michael Hutchings** prepped at De La Salle High in Concord [Calif.].

\*OT **Jalen McKenzie's** father, Reggie McKenzie, is the general manager of the Oakland Raiders since 2012, while his uncle, Raleigh McKenzie (Reggie's twin brother), is a scout with the Oakland Raiders.

\*California head coach **Justin Wilcox** was USC's defensive coordinator in 2014 and 2015.

\*Cal passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach/recruiting coordinator **Marques Tuiasosopo** was USC's tight ends coach/associate head coach offense in 2014 and 2015.

\*Cal associate head coach/inside linebackers coach **Peter Sirmon** had a similar role at USC in 2014 and 2015.

\*Cal offensive line coach **Steve Greatwood** held a similar job at USC in 1998 and 1999.

\*Cal volunteer assistant coach/defense **Jonathan LaBonty** was a safety at USC in 2015 and then a Trojan student assistant coach in 2016 and 2017.

\*Cal head football strength and conditioning coach **Torre Becton** was an assistant at USC in 2016.

\*Cal recruiting assistant **Marshall Cherrington** was the head student manager for the 2017 USC football team.

\*Cal assistant director of football technology **Mike Montgomery** was a USC athletic video assistant from 2014 to 2017.

\*USC baseball head coach **Dan Hubbs** was the pitching coach at Cal for 12 years (2000-11).

\*USC associate athletic director **Hatcher Parnell** is a Cal graduate who previously worked in event management for the Golden Bears.

\*USC director of equipment operations **Todd Hewitt** and assistant sports information director **Jeremy Wu** formerly held similar positions at Cal.

\*The California women's swim team is coached by **Teri McKeever**, who was an All-American swimmer at USC in 1980-81 and later an assistant coach at Troy (her late father, Mike, was an All-American guard for the 1959 USC football team, while her late uncle, Marlin, was a Trojan All-American end in 1959 and 1960).

\*Cal women's basketball assistant coach **Kai Felton** previously held that position at USC.

\*Cal athletic academic advisor **Cassidy Raher** formerly held a similar position at USC.

## STAFF CHANGES

\*On Oct. 29, USC head coach **Clay Helton** announced that he was taking over the play calling duties for the rest of the 2018 season and he also relieved third-year offensive line coach **Neil Callaway** of his duties. Helton was USC's offensive coordinator from 2013 to 2015 before becoming the Trojans' head coach. **Tee Martin**, who previously called plays since 2016, will remain as offensive coordinator, assisting with the weekly organization of the practice and game plan and assisting on game days as Helton calls plays. Martin also will continue as the wide receivers coach and in his recruiting role. He is in his seventh year at USC coaching the wide receivers and his third as offensive coordinator. **Tim Drevno**, who coached the Trojan offensive line in 2014 before returning to USC this season as the running backs coach and running game/pass protection coordinator, will handle the offensive line while continuing to coach the running backs with assistance from **Mike Goff**, who in place of Callaway was elevated to a full-time assistant after spending 2017 and 2018 as a defensive analyst (the former 12-year NFL offensive lineman was a USC offensive graduate assistant in 2015 and 2016 working with the offensive line). USC's offensive graduate assistants also will assist Drevno and Goff.



## USC VS. CALIFORNIA (69\*-30-5)

1915	W	28-10	A	1966	W	35-9	H
1915	L	21-23	N1	1967	W	31-12	A
1916	L	0-27	H	1968	W	35-17	H
1917	T	0-0	H	1969	W	14-9	A
1918	L	7-33	H	1970	L	10-13	H
1919	L	13-14	H	1971	W	28-0	A
1921	L	7-38	A	1972	W	42-14	H
1922	L	0-12	N2	1973	W	50-14	A
1923	L	7-13	H	1974	T	15-15	H
1924	L	0-7	A	1975	L	14-28	A
1926	W	27-0	A	1976	W	20-6	H
1927	W	13-0	H	1977	L	14-17	A
1928	T	0-0	A	1978	W	42-17	H
1929	L	7-15	H	1979	W	24-14	A
1930	W	74-0	H	1980	W	60-7	H
1931	W	6-0	A	1981	W	21-3	A
1932	W	27-7	H	1982	W	42-0	H
1933	W	6-3	A	1983	W	19-9	A
1934	L	2-7	H	1984	W	31-7	H
1935	L	7-21	A	1985	L	6-14	A
1936	L	7-13	H	1986	W	28-3	H
1937	L	6-20	A	1987	W	31-14	A
1938	W	13-7	H	1988	W	35-3	H
1939	W	26-0	A	1989	W	31-15	A
1940	L	7-20	H	1990	T	31-31	H
1941	L	0-14	A	1991	L	30-52	A
1942	W	21-7	H	1992	W	27-24	H
1943	W	7-0	A	1993	W	42-14	A
1943	W	13-0	H	1994	W	61-0	H
1944	T	6-6	H	1995	W	26-16	A
1944	W	32-0	A	1996	L	15-22	H
1945	W	13-2	A	1997	W	27-17	A
1945	W	14-0	H	1998	L	31-32	H
1946	W	14-0	H	1999*	L	7-17	A
1947	W	39-14	A	2000	L	16-28	H
1948	L	7-13	H	2001	W	55-14	A
1949	L	10-16	A	2002	W	30-28	H
1950	L	7-13	H	2003	L	31-34 [307]	A
1951	W	21-14	A	2004	W	23-17	H
1952	W	10-0	H	2005*	W	35-10	A
1953	W	32-20	A	2006	W	23-9	H
1954	W	29-27	H	2007	W	24-17	A
1955	W	33-6	A	2008	W	17-3	H
1956	W	20-7	H	2009	W	30-3	A
1957	L	0-12	A	2010	W	48-14	H
1958	L	12-14	H	2011	W	30-9	A#
1959	W	14-7	A	2012	W	27-9	H
1960	W	27-10	H	2013	W	62-38	A
1961	W	28-14	A	2014	W	38-30	H
1962	W	32-6	H	2015	W	27-21	A
1963	W	36-6	A	2016	W	45-24	H
1964	W	26-21	H	2017	W	30-20	A
1965	W	35-0	A				

N1-Washington Park, Los Angeles, California  
N2-Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

#-AT&T Park, San Francisco, California

\*Not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 69-30-5)

^California later vacated win due to NCAA penalty

## COLISEUM RENOVATION

\*USC plays 6 contests in 2018 in a Coliseum undergoing renovations (it will be finished for the 2019 season). The stadium's 2018 capacity has been reduced by about 14,000 seats to 78,467 as construction has begun on a south-side structure that will house suites, loge boxes, club seats, a new concourse and a new press box. New seats with increased legroom have been added on the south side of the stadium in 2018, along with handrails on south side aisles. For more details, go to ColiseumRenovation.com.

\*Because of limited parking options in Exposition Park in 2018 due to the renovation, fans are encouraged to use public transit options or ridesharing services. On-going construction has eliminated all parking on the west side of Exposition Park, so fans without passes are encouraged to park on the USC campus. Tailgating areas in Exposition Park are limited in 2018 due to the elimination of parking lots on the west side, but tailgating is allowed on the USC campus. The construction also necessitates modified pedestrian traffic flow into and out of the stadium (tickets include a suggested entry gate), as well as alternate pathways to seats on the south side. Complete information is available at USC Trojans.com/gameday.

## LAST GAME

\*Go to page 31 for a recap of USC's 38-21 road win at Oregon State last Saturday (Nov. 3).

## STARTERS LOST

\*USC has lost 5 starters for the season, including 3 at one position: OLB **Porter Gustin** (missed last 3 games), PK **Chase McGrath** (last 6), as well as a trio at strong safety in S **Bubba Bolden** (last 9), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (last 7) and S **Talanoo Hufanga** (last 1). Other starters who have missed games this season: ILB **Cameron Smith** (missed 2), QB **JT Daniels** (1), C **Toa Lobendahn** (1 game) and S **Marvell Tell III** (1).

## 2018 SCHEDULE

\*USC's 2018 schedule is currently ranked the nation's 22nd most difficult in USA Today's Sagarin ranking.

\*Troy opened its 2018 slate at home on Labor Day weekend by hosting UNLV of the Mountain West on Sept. 1, only the second time the teams have played. The Trojans then were on the road for a pair of marquee games, first opening league competition at Stanford on Sept. 8 (the eighth consecutive season that USC will play the Pac-12's first conference game of the year) and then traveling to Big 12 territory to face Texas on Sept. 15 (Troy's first visit to Austin since 1966). USC returned to the Coliseum for a Friday night contest against Washington State on Sept. 21, the Trojans' first Friday home game since 1999 and also the Cougars' first game in the Coliseum since 2013. The Trojans then alternate road and home Saturday contests the rest of their 2018 schedule, which began with a Sept. 29 trip to Arizona. After a bye the following weekend, USC welcomed Colorado to the Coliseum on Oct. 13. Troy then was at Utah on Oct. 20, was home against Arizona State on Oct. 27, began November play going to Oregon State on Nov. 3 (its first game in Corvallis since 2013) and hosts California on Nov. 10. USC ends its 2018 regular season by playing its traditional rivals, first meeting UCLA in the Rose Bowl on Nov. 17 and then hosting Notre Dame on Nov. 24 of Thanksgiving weekend.

## OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

\*Seven starters returned on offense from 2017: wide receivers **Tyler Vaughns** and **Michael Pittman Jr.**, tight end **Tyler Petite**, center-tackle **Toa Lobendahn**, guard **Chris Brown**, tackle **Chuma Edoga** and guard-tackle **Andrew Vorhees**. Other offensive players back with starting experience are tailback **Stephen Carr**, tight ends **Daniel Imautorbhehe** and **Erik Krommenhoek** and tackle **Clayton Bradley**.

\*Under offensive coordinator **Tee Martin**, who often uses formations that include extra wideouts and no fullback, USC's 484.1 yards of total offense in 2017 was its highest average since 2005 for the second consecutive year. The Trojans had at least 600 yards of total offense 3 times in 2017 (the other Pac-12 teams combined had 6). Last year, USC was fifth nationally in first downs (340), 13th in total offense, 16th in passing offense (299.0) and 25th in completion percentage (.629). Troy's 4,157 passing yards in 2017 was a school season record, as was its 192 passing first downs. The Trojans averaged 32.6 points per game last fall. However, USC must replace its first-ever 4,000-yard passer, a back-to-back 1,000-yard season rusher and a pair of wide receivers who combined last year for 127 receptions, 1,758 yards and 13 TDs. This season is the first since 2008 that the Trojans had to replace their statistical leading passer, rusher and receiver from the previous season.

## QUARTERBACKS

\*USC had to replace one of its finest quarterbacks ever, as 2-year starter Sam Darnold declared for the 2018 NFL Draft after his redshirt sophomore year (he was the No. 3 pick). In 2017, Darnold set school season records for passing yards (4,143, the first Trojan 4,000-yard signalcaller) and total offense (4,225 yards, the first Trojan over 4,000 yards), as well as most 200-yard (13) and 300-yard (8) passing outings. He threw 57 touchdowns in his career, including 26 in 2017 when he was an All-Pac-12 first team choice. The 2-time Manning Award finalist was 20-4 as a starter.

\*Winning the battle out of fall camp was **JT Daniels** (138-of-244, 56.6%, 1,806 yds, 9 TD, 7 int in 2018, plus 32 tcb, -93 yds, -2.9 avg), who graduated high school a full year early and enrolled at USC this fall as a freshman. He is just the second USC true freshman to start a season opener at quarterback, joining **Matt Barkley**, who did so in 2009 against San Jose State. Daniels also is just the fourth Trojan true freshman signalcaller to start any game, joining **Barkley** (12 starts in 2009), **Carson Palmer** (5 starts in 1998) and **Rob Johnson** (1 start in 1991). Daniels was the 2017 Gatorade Male High School Athlete and Football Player of the Year as he led Mater Dei High to a 15-0 record and the national prep title as a junior. In his prep career, he threw for 12,014 yards with 152 TDs.

\*Entering 2018, mobile sophomore **Matt Fink** (7-of-9, 77.8%, 46 yds, 1 TD in 2018, plus 7 tcb, 24 yds, 3.4 avg) was the only quarterback with any collegiate experience, as he saw brief mop-up action in 3 games last year, throwing just 9 passes. Then there's promising redshirt freshman **Jack Sears** (20-of-28, 71.4%, 235 yds, 2 TD in 2018, plus 10 tcb, 10 yds, 1.0 avg), along with a trio of walk-ons in soph **Holden Thomas**, true freshman **Trevor Scully** and junior **Brandon Perdue**, a junior college transfer.

--Daniels became just the second Trojan true freshman to start a season opener (and the fourth to start any game) when he did so against UNLV, completing 21-of-35 passes (60.0%) for 282 yards and a 43-yard TD with no interceptions (he was 9-of-12 for 167 yards with the TD in the second half) to post the top passing yardage performance ever by a Trojan in his playing debut, while Fink played the last series and had 2 rushes for minus 2 yards.

--Daniels, who suffered a bruised right (throwing) hand on USC's first possession at Stanford and had to miss a series, was 16-of-34 for 215 yards with 2 interceptions (he also lost a fumble and was sacked 4 times), while Fink replaced him for that series and hit 1-of-2 throws for 3 yards and also had a 5-yard run.

--Daniels was 30-of-48 for 322 yards at Texas (he became the first USC true freshman to throw for 300-plus yards since Matt Barkley threw for 350 in the 2009 Emerald Bowl against Boston College), but threw an interception.





## THE LAST MEETING: 2017 USC VS. CALIFORNIA

GAME 4 – September 23, Berkeley, California

USC 30, California 20

Att: 46,747

USC	3	10	0	17	--	30
California	3	10	0	7	--	20

No. 5 USC forced 6 turnovers and converted them into 17 points en route to a 30-20 road-opening victory at California before 46,747 fans and an ABC national audience.

The win was USC's 13th in a row, its longest streak since 2003-04.

Troy's 6 takeaways were its most since getting 6 versus Colorado in 2012. Four of the takeaways came on consecutive Cal possessions in the fourth quarter to help USC pull away from a 13-13 halftime tie that lingered into the final period.

After USC stopped the Golden Bears on a fourth down try near midfield, the Trojans drove into position for PK **Chase McGrath's** third field goal of the game, a career-long 46-yarder that gave Troy a 16-13 lead 55 seconds into the fourth quarter. Two plays later, DT **Josh Fatu** stripped the ball from Cal QB Ross Bowers and OLB **Uchenna Nwosu** recovered at the Cal 3-yard line, leading to TB **Stephen Carr's** 2-yard TD run to up the lead. Two plays after that, S **Ykili Ross** intercepted Bowers, setting up a Trojan drive that ended with QB **Sam Darnold's** 4-yard scoring pass to WR **Deontay Burnett**. CB **Jack Jones** then had his second pick of the day on Cal's next drive and S **Chris Hawkins** had a theft on the Bears' subsequent possession with less than 6 minutes to play.

Cal opened the game's scoring on a 36-yard field goal by PK Matt Anderson on its first possession. After Jones' interception on Cal's next drive, USC tied it late in the first quarter on McGrath's 37-yard field goal. The Bears answered on their ensuing series with RB Vic Enwere's 1-yard scoring run at the top of the second quarter, but USC responded on the next possession as Darnold hit TE **Tyler Petite** for a 16-yard TD. The teams then exchanged field goals on the final drives of the first half, first McGrath's 40-yarder and then Anderson's 21-yarder at the gun.

Cal scored late in the game against USC's reserves when Bowers hit WR Jordan Veasy for an 8-yard TD.

Cal outgained USC, 416 to 356 yards, and had more plays (85 to 76). Neither team was effective on third downs (USC was 6-of-15 and Cal was 6-of-19), but the Bears converted 4-of-6 fourth downs while USC failed on both of its tries.

Darnold was 26-of-38 for 223 yards, Burnett had a game-high 9 receptions for 76 yards and Carr ran for 82 yards on 20 carries and added 6 catches for 47 yards while becoming the first USC true freshman to start at tailback since Dillon Baxter did so in 2010 against Arizona State.

ILB **Cameron Smith** and S **Marvell Tell** each had a team-best 12 tackles, while Smith also recovered a Bowers fumble forced by DL **Christian Rector**, who had 2 sacks.

For Cal, Bowers was 22-of-50 for 303 yards with the 4 picks and 2 lost fumbles, RB Patrick Laird ran for 82 yards on 15 tries and WRs Kanawai Noa (110 yards) and Vic Wharton III (86 yards) each had 6 catches. LB Devante Downs made 14 tackles.

### SCORING

#### First Quarter

CAL -- Anderson 36-yard field goal

USC -- McGrath 37-yard field goal

#### Second Quarter

CAL -- Enwere 1-yard run (Anderson kick)

USC -- Petite 16-yard pass from Darnold (McGrath kick)

USC -- McGrath 34-yard field goal

CAL -- Anderson 21-yard field goal

#### Fourth Quarter

USC -- McGrath 46-yard field goal

USC -- Carr 2-yard run (McGrath kick)

USC -- Burnett 4-yard pass from Darnold (McGrath)

CAL -- Veasy 8-yard pass from Bowers (Anderson kick)

USC	STATISTICS	CALIFORNIA
22	First Downs	21
133	Net Yards Rushing	113
223	Net Yards Passing	303
38	Passes Attempted	52
26	Passes Completed	22
1	Had Intercepted	4
76	Total Plays	85
356	Total Yards	416
3/42.3	Punts/Avg	2/43.5
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	3/2
5/53	Penalties/Yards	6/44
31:00	Time of Possession	29:00

### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Carr (USC) 29-82; Laird (CAL) 15-82; Enwere (CAL) 8-44; Ware (USC) 8-20.

PASSING – Darnold (USC) 26-38-223; Bowers (CAL) 22-50-303; Wharton (CAL) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING – Burnett (USC) 9-76; Noa (CAL) 6-110; Wharton (CAL) 6-86; Carr (USC) 6-47; Veasy (CAL) 4-56; Petite (USC) 4-46; Vaughns (USC) 3-32; Laird (CAL) 3-4; Duncan (CAL) 2-18; Greene (2-12).

--Daniels threw 3 touchdowns (50, 30 and 9 yards) while hitting 17-of-26 passes for 241 yards with no interceptions against Washington State, including a pair of TDs and a 2-point conversion toss in the second half to rally USC back from a 13-point deficit.

--Daniels hit 16-of-24 passes for 197 yards at Arizona.

--Daniels was 18-of-35 for 283 yards while throwing 3 touchdowns (27, 65 and 9 yards) against Colorado, but he also had 2 interceptions, while Fink played the final series but did not throw or carry the ball.

--Daniels was 6-of-16 for 89 yards with a 34-yard TD and 2 interceptions at Utah before suffering a concussion at the end of the third quarter, so Fink filled in and was 6-of-7 for 43 yards with a 3-yard TD and also ran for 21 yards on 4 tries. but suffered broken ribs.

--Sears saw his first career action when he started against Arizona State and completed 71.4% of his passes (20-of-28) for 235 yards and 2 TDs (6 and 48 yards).

--After a week's break due to a concussion, Daniels was 14-of-26 for 177 yards and a 41-yard TD at Oregon State.

### RUNNING BACKS

\*Although USC's tailback corps suffered a huge loss when back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher Ronald Jones II declared for the NFL after his 2017 junior season (he was a second round pick), there was an experienced stable of runners who returned. Jones ran for 3,619 yards with 39 TDs in his career, good for fifth on USC's prestigious all-time rushing chart. He had 14 career 100-yard rushing performances. He was an All-American and All-Pac-12 first teamer in 2017 when he ran for 1,550 yards with 19 scores while being a finalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award.

\*Three tested tailbacks are among those replacing Jones in 2018. Veteran senior **Aca'Cedric Ware** (90 tcb, 627 yds, 7.0 avg, 6 TD in 2018, plus 6 rec, 27 yds, 4.5 avg) has appeared in 43 games in his career, gaining 1,307 ground yards (he has 6 100-yard rushing games at USC, including 3 in 2018, with a 200-yarder, and 3 times versus Arizona). He currently is fifth nationally in rushing yards per carry (7.0, first in Pac-12). He ran for 247 yards in 2017. Physical sophomore **Vavae Malepeai** (61 tcb, 356 yds, 5.8 avg, 7 TD in 2018, plus 10 rec, 61 yds, 6.1 avg and 1 tac) had 261 rushing yards last season. Then there's elusive soph **Stephen Carr** (81 tcb, 384 yds, 4.7 avg, 2 TD in 2018, plus 8 rec, 26 yds, 3.2 avg and 6 KOR, 151 yds, 25.2 avg), who had an eye-opening debut in 2017 while running for 373 yards and catching 17 passes. Carr was sidelined during 2018 spring drills after having back surgery.

\*Also available are 3 untested walk-ons in sophomore **Chris Edmondson** and redshirt freshmen **Ben Easington** and **Howard Felder Jr.**, as well as junior **Dominic Davis**, a one-time tailback who redshirted last year after he was moved to cornerback but could be used on offense in 2018 (he has 201 rushing yards and 11 receptions in his career).

\*Joining the tailback group in the fall as a freshman was prep All-American **Markese Stepp** (2 tcb, 10 yds, 4.0 avg in 2018, plus 1 tac), who had 975 rushing yards with 17 TDs in 2017.

\*Junior walk-on tailback **Quincy Jountti**, whose brother Corbin played tailback at USC in 2017, transferred to Troy from Sacramento State in the fall of 2018, but must sit out because of NCAA transfer rules.

\*In recent years, USC has rarely used a fullback. The only fullback on the 2018 roster is senior **Reuben Peters** (10 tac, 2 for loss in 2018), who also is being used at inside linebacker (his original position) and on special teams.

--Against UNLV, Ware averaged 10.0 yards per carry while gaining 100 yards on 10 attempts with a 15-yard TD (his fourth career 100-yard game) and he added 2 receptions for 15 yards, while Carr had 54 yards on 9 carries and returned a kickoff for 73 yards and Malepeai had 47 yards on 8 rushes with his first 2 career touchdowns (2 and 20 yards) and he caught 2 passes for 6 yards.

--At Stanford, Ware rushed for 59 yards on 18 carries, Carr added 52 yards on 10 attempts and also caught 3 passes for 12 yards and Malepeai had 18 yards on 3 rushes and caught a 10-yard pass.

--Carr had 13 yards on 6 carries with a 23-yard TD burst and also caught 2 passes for 7 yards at Texas, while Ware added 8 yards on 4 carries and Malepeai had 3 yards on 2 carries with a 3-yard TD run.

--Malepeai ran for a game-high 78 yards on 13 carries with a pair of short TDs against Washington State, while Carr added 77 yards on 8 rushes and also caught 2 passes for 2 yards and returned 2 kickoffs for 38 yards and Ware had a rush for minus 5 yards and a reception for 5 yards.

--Ware ran for a career-best 173 yards on 21 carries (8.2 average) with 2 TDs (26 and a career-long 69 yards) against Arizona (it was his third career 100-yard rushing game against Arizona) to earn Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week honorable mention, while Carr added 80 yards on 14 carries and Malepeai had 8 yards on 3 carries (with a 1-yard TD) and caught 2 passes for 14 yards.

--Ware had 23 yards on 6 carries and also had a 5-yard reception against Colorado, Carr had 20 yards on 12 tries, Stepp saw his first action of 2018 and ran for 10 yards on 2 carries, Malepeai had 6 yards on 2 rushes and added a tackle and Peters saw significant time on defense as he notched 6 tackles (2 for losses).

--Malepeai had 44 yards on 10 carries with a 12-yard TD and also caught a 12-yard pass at Utah, while Carr added 23 yards on 12 carries, a 5-yard catch and a 22-yard kickoff return.

## WATCH LISTS

**DG Jordan Austin**  
Good Works Team (top community service)

**TB Stephen Carr**  
Maxwell Award (top player)  
Doak Walker Award (top running back)

**DLB Porter Gustin**  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Butkus Award (top linebacker)  
Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player)

**ILB-DLB Jordan Iosefa**  
Polynesian Player of the Year Award

**C-OT Toa Lobendahn**  
Outland Trophy (best interior lineman)  
Rimington Trophy (top center)  
Polynesian Player of the Year Award

**TB Vavae Malepeai**  
Polynesian Player of the Year Award

**CB Iman Marshall**  
Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

**SNP Jake Olson**  
Wuerffel Trophy (top community service)

**TE Tyler Petite**  
Mackey Award (top tight end)

**DL Brandon Pili**  
Polynesian Player of the Year Award

**DL Christian Rector**  
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)  
Hendricks Award (top defensive end)

**SNP-HLD Wyatt Schmidt**  
Burlsworth Trophy (top one-time walk-on)

**ILB Cameron Smith**  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)  
Butkus Award (top linebacker)  
Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player)\*\*  
Senior CLASS Award (athlete/academics/service)\*

**S Marvell Tell III**  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)  
Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

**TB Aca/Cedric Ware**  
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (top Texas off. player)

**Head Coach Clay Helton**  
Dodd Trophy (top head coach)

\*Finalist  
\*\*Quarterfinalist

## PRE-SEASON HONORS

**ILB Cameron Smith** (USA Today, SI.com, CBS Sports, Athlon, Lindy's, Street & Smith's, Phil Steele, CollegeSportsMadness.com) was named a 2018 pre-season All-American first teamer. **C-OT Toa Lobendahn** (CBS Sports, Athlon), **CB Iman Marshall** (CBS Sports, Phil Steele) and **S Marvell Tell III** (SI.com) were pre-season All-American second team picks, while **WR Tyler Vaughns** (Phil Steele) was a third teamer. Smith, Lobendahn, Marshall, Tell, Vaughns, **DLB Porter Gustin** and **DL Christian Rector** were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-12 first teams.

## IN-SEASON HONORS

**DLB Porter Gustin**  
CBSSports Midseason All-American first team  
AP Midseason All-American second team

**PK Chase McGrath**  
Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (9/4)

**WR Amon-Ra St. Brown**  
ESPN Freshman All-American first team  
247Sports.com True Fresh. Midseason All-Am. first team

**DL Jay Tufele**  
Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (9/24)

**S Marvell Tell III**  
Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (10/1)

**WR Tyler Vaughns**  
Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll (10/29)

**TB Aca/Cedric Ware**  
E. Campbell T. Rose Award Player of Week hon. men. (10/2)

--Ware had 64 yards on 13 carries and caught a pass for minus 4 yards against Arizona State, while Malepeai had 51 yards on 5 carries and had 2 receptions for 15 yards, Carr had 16 yards on 4 carries and returned a kickoff for 2 yards and Stepp had a tackle.

--Ware ran for a career-high 205 yards on 17 carries, averaging 12.1 yards per carry, and had 3 rushing TDs (57, 2 and 62 yards) plus a 6-yard reception at Oregon State [it was the most rushing yards by a Trojan and first 200-yard outing since Ronald Jones II had 216 against Arizona State in 2017], while Malepeai added a career-best 101 yards on 15 carries and had a 6-yard reception to become the first 200/100-yard USC rushing duo since Jones (223) and Ware (130) did so in 2016 against California and Carr had 49 yards on 6 carries with an 8-yard TD and he returned a kickoff 16 yards before spraining his ankle late in the game.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

\*The Trojans lost a pair of veteran, highly-productive receivers from last year, but the wideout corps remains deep and potent in 2018. Gone are Deontay Burnett, who had 152 career receptions with 16 TDs (including 86 grabs for 1,114 yards and 9 scores in 2017) before declaring for the NFL after his junior season, and Steven Mitchell Jr., a 2017 co-starter when he had 41 grabs for 644 yards (he had 109 career receptions with 11 TDs).

\*But back are sophomore **Tyler Vaughns** (37 rec, 444 yds, 12.0 avg, 3 TD in 2018, plus 17 PR, 177 yds, 10.4 avg, 1 TD and 1-of-1 passing, 100.0%, 36 yds, 1 TD), who had an impressive debut season in 2017, and junior **Michael Pittman Jr.** (27 rec, 561 yds, 20.8 avg, 6 TD in 2018, plus 1 tac, 1 BLK P and 1 PR, 4 yds, 4.0 avg), a 2017 co-starter who earned All-Pac-12 first team honors as a special teams player (he had a scoring punt return and also blocked a punt last year). Pittman currently is ninth nationally in yards per reception (20.8, first in Pac-12), while Vaughns is 20th in punt returns (10.4, first in Pac-12).

\*USC uses 3 wideouts in most formations, so several others are vying for key playing time in 2018. Soph **Velus Jones Jr.** (16 rec, 189 yds, 11.8 avg in 2018, plus 6 tcb, 13 yds, 2.2 avg, 1 TD and 16 KOR, 386 yds, 24.1 avg and 1 tac) grabbed 6 passes in 2017 and was USC's kickoff returner (his 1,146 kick return yards is 10<sup>th</sup> on Troy's career list). Four fellow sophomores also have seen limited time: **Trevon Sidney** (7 rec, 104 yds, 14.9 avg in 2018), **Josh Imatorbhebhe**, **Randal Grimes** and **Keyshawn "Pie" Young**, who redshirted last year after working at cornerback in 2016.

\*Junior **Jake Russell** was a walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the middle of the 2018 season. He along with 3 walk-ons have yet to catch a pass: junior **Matthew Hocum** and redshirt freshmen **Matt Nyman** and **Jack Webster**.

\*Coming aboard in the fall as freshmen were prep All-Americans **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (38 rec, 505 yds, 13.3 avg, 2 TD in 2018, plus 2 tcb, 9 yds, 4.5 avg and 1 PR, 9 yds, 9.0 avg and 1 tac), who caught 72 aeriels for 1,320 yards with 20 TDs in 2017 as Mater Dei High was named the prep national champ (he had 44 career TD clutches), and **Devon Williams** (3 rec, 77 yds, 25.7 avg, 1 TD in 2018, plus 1 tac), who had 71 receptions for 1,157 yards with 13 TDs last season. St. Brown was named to the 2018 ESPN Freshman Midseason All-American first team and 247Sports.com True Freshman Midseason All-American first team. Then there is freshman walk-on **Zach Wilson**.

--Against UNLV, St. Brown had 7 receptions for 98 yards (both game bests) with a 43-yard TD along with a 12-yard run, a 9-yard punt return and a tackle (no Trojan ever had more catches in their freshman debut), while Sidney had 3 grabs for 72 yards, Vaughns had 3 catches for 37 yards and returned 2 punts for 54 yards, Jones had 2 catches for 16 yards, 2 rushes for 10 yards and a 16-yard kickoff return and Pittman had a 36-yard catch.

--At Stanford, Vaughns caught a career-best 7 passes for 84 yards (both game highs) and had a 4-yard punt return, Pittman added 3 grabs for 65 yards and St. Brown had 2 receptions for 39 yards.

--St. Brown caught 9 passes for 167 yards (both game highs, as well as the most receiving yards by a USC true freshman since Marqise Lee's 224 against UCLA in 2011) at Texas, while Jones added 4 catches for 71 yards and returned 2 kickoffs for 55 yards, Vaughns had 4 receptions for 36 yards and returned 2 kickoffs for 55 yards and Pittman had 4 grabs for 16 yards.

--Vaughns had a game-high 7 catches for 64 yards with a 9-yard TD against Washington State (he also had a punt return for no yards), while Pittman had 2 grabs for 72 yards with a 50-yard TD, Jones had 2 catches for 48 yards and 4 kickoff returns for 91 yards, St. Brown had 2 receptions for 38 yards with a 30-yard score and Sidney had a 12-yard clutch.

--St. Brown had a game-high 5 catches for 54 yards at Arizona, Vaughns added 2 grabs for 23 yards and returned 4 punts for minus 1 yard, Jones had 2 receptions for 22 yards, Pittman had a 20-yard catch and Williams had a tackle.

--Pittman had 6 catches for 155 yards with 2 TDs (career-long 65 yarder and 9 yards) against Colorado, while Vaughns had 5 grabs for 86 yards with a 27-yard TD along with 4 punt returns for 20 yards, St. Brown had 4 receptions for 31 yards and Jones had 2 catches for 6 yards along with a 31-yard kickoff return and a tackle.

--Pittman had 4 receptions for 107 yards, including grabbing a 34-yard TD over 2 defenders, and he blocked a punt (good for a 4-yard punt return) and had a tackle at Utah, while Jones had 3 catches for 4 yards, 3 rushes for minus 5 yards and a 30-yard kickoff return and Vaughns had 2 catches for 1 yard.

--Pittman had 6 catches for 90 yards with 2 TDs (6 and 36 yards) against Arizona State, while Vaughns earned Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll acclaim as he had 4 catches for 72 yards with a 48-yard TD, 2 punt returns for 79 yardw with an 82-yard punt return for a TD (it was USC's longest punt return since Nelson Agholor's 93-yarder for a score at California in 2013) and threw a 36-yard TD pass off a lateral to become the first Trojan since at least 1971 with a TD catch, TD pass and punt return TD in a game, St. Brown had 4 grabs for 39 yards and Jones had a 22-yard reception and an 8-yard TD run off a fly sweep.

--St. Brown had 5 catches for 39 yards at Oregon State, Williams had 3 catches for 77 yards with a 41-yard TD, Vaughns caught 3 passes for 41 yards and returned a punt for minus 1 yard, Sidney had an 8-yard reception and Jones had 3 kickoff returns for 76 yards.

## TIGHT ENDS

\*Tight end is USC's most complete and well-stocked position.

\*Senior **Tyler Petite** (5 rec, 30 yds, 6.0 avg, 1 TD in 2018), who has 53 career catches, returned as last year's starter after catching 23 passes with 3 TDs. Junior **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, who has 25 career catches and 9 starts, had 8 receptions in an injury-hampered 2017 campaign. Sophomores **Josh Faló** (8 rec, 97 yds, 12.1 avg in 2018) and **Erik Krommenhoek** (1 rec, 2 yds, 2.0 avg in 2018) played often as 2017 rookies and made key contributions.

\*Then there is senior **Austin Applebee**, a one-time walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the middle of the 2018 season (he has seen limited action in his career), and walk-on soph **Chris Caulk**.

--Krommenhoek had a 2-yard catch against UNLV.

--Petite had 2 catches for 9 yards at Texas and Faló added 2 grabs for 6 yards.

--Faló had 3 receptions for 54 yards at Arizona and Petite had a 10-yard catch.

--Petite caught a 3-yard TD at Utah.

--Faló had 3 catches for 37 yards against Arizona State.



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## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

\*\*No media availability.  
\*\*Coach Helton YouTube video Q&A released in afternoon (@USCAthletics).

### TUESDAY

\*\*4 p.m. PT--USC practice open to local/national media. Offensive players/coaches and Coach Helton available to media after practice on Howard Jones Field.

### WEDNESDAY

\*\*4 p.m. PT--USC practice open to local/national media. Defensive and special teams players/coaches and Coach Helton available to media after practice on Howard Jones Field.

### THURSDAY

\*\*4 p.m. PT--USC practice closed to media. Only Coach Helton available to media after practice in Sports Information Office.

### FRIDAY

\*\*No media availability.

### SATURDAY

\*\*7:30 p.m. PT--USC vs. California, Los Angeles Coliseum.

### SUNDAY

\*\*6 p.m. PT--Coach Helton teleconference with beat media.  
*All times subject to change*

**USC ONLINE**--USC's official athletic website is **USCTrojans.com** (for football specific news, go to **USCTrojans.com/football**). Live GameTracker stats are available on the website. USC Athletics also can be followed on Twitter (@USCAthletics), Facebook (Facebook.com/USCTrojans), Instagram (Instagram.com/USCAthletics) and YouTube (YouTube.com/USCAthletics). The USC Trojan Text Alert program allows fans to get real-time news about the Trojans (text "Trojans" to 51234). There also are free apps for USCTrojans.com and USC Game Day.

**PAC-12 ONLINE**--The Pac-12's official website is **Pac-12.com**.

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

\*USC's offensive line should be strong and stable in 2018, as 4 starters returned. The only line starters missing are 2-year starting center Nico Falah and guard Viane Talamaivao, who was starting for his fourth year in 2017 before suffering a mid-season injury (he had 37 career starts).

\*Senior **Toa Lobendahn**, who has started all 41 games in which he has appeared (at 4 different spots, 18 times at left tackle, 10 at center, 8 at left guard, 5 at right guard), was the left tackle in 2017, but this year he moved back to center, where he played in his injury-plagued 2015 and 2016 seasons. Seniors **Chris Brown** at left guard and **Chuma Edoga** at right tackle are back after steady 2017 starting campaigns. Sophomore **Andrew Vorhees** stepped in at right guard when Talamaivao went down in 2017 and played consistently (he also can play tackle).

\*Two other tackles saw significant action last year in junior **Clayton Bradley** (he had 3 starts in 2017) and sophomore **Austin Jackson**, with Jackson now starting on the left. Battling to get into the playing rotation at guard are senior **Jordan Austin** (he played most of the Pac-12 Championship Game versus Stanford), junior **Jacob Daniel** and soph **Frank Martin II**. Then there is redshirt freshmen **Alijah Vera-Tucker**, who can play guard and tackle, tackle **Jalen McKenzie** and center **Brett Neilon**.

\*Prep All-American center **Justin Dedich** graduated from high school a semester early and enrolled at USC this spring as a freshman, able to participate in 2018 spring drills. Sophomore tackle **Bernard Schirmer**, who previously played at a junior college, and freshman tackle **Liam Douglass** joined the line unit in the fall, as did walk-on freshmen **AJ Mageo** at tackle or guard and **Mark Zuvich** at center.

--Jackson, Brown, Neilon, Vorhees and Edoga started against UNLV

--Jackson, Brown, Lobendahn, Vorhees and Edoga started against Stanford, Texas, Washington State, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Arizona State and Oregon State.

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

\*Six defensive starters returned from 2017: inside linebackers **Cameron Smith** and **John Houston Jr.**, safety **Marvell Tell III**, cornerback **Iman Marshall**, defensive lineman **Christian Rector**, inside-outside linebacker **Jordan Iosefa** and nickel back **Ajene Harris**. Others defensive players back with career starts are outside linebacker **Porter Gustin**, defensive linemen **Malik Dorton**, **Brandon Pili**, **Marlon Tuipulotu** and **Connor Murphy** and cornerbacks **Isaiah Langley** and **Jonathan Lockett**.

\*Defensive coordinator **Clancy Pendergast**, who employs an attacking 5-2 system that can transition into a 2-4, 3-4 or 4-3 and who often uses 5 defensive backs, saw his 2017 unit lead the nation in total sacks (46) and finish fourth in red zone defense (.712), fifth in sacks per game (3.3), 19th in total interceptions (16), 21st in defensive touchdowns (3) and tied for 23<sup>rd</sup> in total takeaways (24). While USC allowed just 26.1 points per game in 2017, it did surrender nearly 400 total yards an outing (395.6).

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

\*USC's defensive line will miss dominant lineman Rasheem Green, a 2017 All-Pac-12 first teamer who had 117 career tackles with 16.5 sacks before leaving after his junior season for the NFL, where he was a third round selection (he had 10 sacks among his 43 tackles last fall), and tackle Josh Fatu (34 tackles in 2017), but for the first time in several years, USC has established depth up front. There is a spirited competition for playing time.

\*Junior **Christian Rector** (34 tac, 8.5 for loss, 4.5 sack, 1 FF, 1 FR, 2 dfl in 2018) split starting time in 2017 and notched 11 tackles for loss (7.5 sacks) among his 35 stops. He also plays at outside linebacker.

\*Several other returning linemen also had some 2017 starts: senior **Malik Dorton** (22 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 3 dfl in 2018), sophomore **Brandon Pili** (11 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack in 2018) and redshirt freshman **Marlon Tuipulotu** (22 tac, 2 for loss, 1.5 sack in 2018), who was off to a promising debut before suffering a back injury. Then there is junior **Connor Murphy** (2 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2018), a converted outside linebacker, soph **Liam Jimmons** (4 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2018) and redshirt freshmen **Jacob Lichtenstein** (6 tac, 1 for loss in 2018) and **Jay Tufele** (20 tac, 4.5 for loss, 3 sack, 1 FR for TD, 1 BLK FG in 2018).

\***Caleb Tremblay** (2 tac in 2018), a junior college transfer, enrolled at USC this spring as a junior and was in 2018 spring practice. He had 7.5 sacks among his 74 tackles as a juco player. Entering the fray in the fall as a freshman was **Trevor Trout**.

--Pili had 4 tackles (1.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack) against UNLV, while Dorton had 4 tackles (with a sack), Tuipulotu had 4 tackles, Lichtenstein had 3 tackles, Tufele had a sack and Tremblay had a tackle.

--Rector had 3 tackles at Stanford, Tufele had 2 stops, Tuipulotu had 1 tackle (with 0.5 for a loss), Dorton had a tackle and deflection and Tremblay had a tackle.

--Rector had 7 tackles (1 for a loss), forced a fumble that he recovered and had a deflection at Texas, while Jimmons and Dorton each had 2 tackles and Tuipulotu, Lichtenstein and Pili each had 1 tackle.

--Tufele had 3 tackles and blocked a late potential game-tying field goal against Washington State to earn Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week, while Tuipulotu had 2 tackles, Dorton had a tackle and deflection and Rector and Pili each had a tackle.

--Dorton had 4 tackles at Arizona, Tuipulotu added 3 stops, Tufele had 2 and Rector had 1.

--Tufele had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) against Colorado, Dorton had 2 tackles (with 0.5 sack), Jimmons had a sack, and Tuipulotu had a tackle.

--Rector had 10 tackles, including a game-best 3.5 for losses (with 2 sack), at Utah while playing outside linebacker for an injured Porter Gustin, Dorton had 3 tackles and a deflection, Tuipulotu had 2 tackles (with a sack), Murphy had 2 tackles (0.5 for loss), Tufele had a tackle and returned a fumble 48 yards for a TD and Jimmons and Pili each had a tackle.

--Dorton and Tuipulotu each had 5 tackles at Arizona State, Rector had 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a deflection, Tufele had 3 tackles (0.5 for loss), Lichtenstein had 2 tackles (1 for loss) and Pili had 1 tackle.

--Rector had a game-best 9 tackles, including 3.5 for losses (with 2.5 sacks), at Oregon State, while Tufele added 5 tackles (with 2 sacks), Pili had 3 tackles (1 for a loss, with 0.5 sack) and Tuipulotu had 3 tackles (with 0.5 sack).

## OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

\*All-American outside linebacker Uchenna Nwosu, who had 168 career tackles (20.5 for losses, with 12.5 sacks) while starting the past 2 seasons, is gone and will be difficult to replace. He had 75 stops (9.5 sacks) and 13 deflections in 2017 while earning All-Pac-12 first team acclaim. He was a second round pick in the NFL Draft.

\*But disruptive senior **Porter Gustin** (28 tac, 10 for loss, 7 sack, 1 FR, 1 dfl in 2018), a 2018 post-season honors candidate, returned after missing most of last year with toe and bicep injuries. In his career, he has made 137 tackles, with 33 of them for losses (21 are sacks). Gustin was named to the 2018 CBSSports Midseason All-American first team and AP Midseason All-American second team. However, he broke his ankle against Colorado, had surgery and is sidelined the rest of 2018.





\*Looking to break into the playing rotation are junior **Oluwale Betiku Jr.**, who was sidelined during 2018 spring drills after having hip surgery (he continues to be slowed in the fall), sophomore **Juliano Falaniko** (1 tac in 2018) and redshirt freshman **Hunter Echols** (4 tac in 2018), along with a trio of walk-ons in sophomore **Grant Jones**, who also played baseball at USC (he can also play on the inside), redshirt freshman **Bryce Matthews** and freshman **Peter Esparza**.

\*There are 2 players who are versatile enough to play either inside or outside linebacker: junior **Jordan Iosefa** (23 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 sack, 2 dfl in 2018), a part-time starter in 2017 (5 of his 7 starts were on the outside), and soph **Levi Jones** (13 tac, 3 for loss, 3 dfl in 2018).

\*Prep All-American **Kana'i Mauga** (13 tac, 1 for loss, 2 dfl in 2018) graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring as a freshman so he could participate in 2018 spring practice. Adding to the unit in the fall as freshmen are **Abdul-Malik McClain** and **Eli'jah Winston** (1 tac in 2018).

--Gustin had 1.5 sacks among his 3 tackles and recovered a fumble on the game's first play against UNLV, while Jones had 2 tackles (1 for a loss), Iosefa had 2 tackles and a deflection, Mauga had 2 tackles and Falaniko and Echols each had a tackle.

--Gustin had 5 tackles (1 for a loss) at Stanford and Iosefa added a tackle.

--Gustin had 3 tackles for losses (2 sacks) among his 7 tackles and also had a deflection at Texas despite missing most of the second half after being ejected for targeting, while Jones had a tackle and deflection and Iosefa, Echols and Mauga each had a tackle.

--Gustin had 4 tackles (with a sack) while playing just the second half against Washington State (he had to sit the first half because of a targeting penalty in the second half of the Texas game), Jones had 2 tackles and a deflection and Mauga and Echols each had a tackle.

--Gustin had 3 tackles (with a sack) at Arizona, Jones had 3 tackles (1 for a loss), Iosefa had 2 tackles and Mauga had a deflection.

--Gustin had 6 tackles, including 2.5 for losses (with 1.5 sacks), against Colorado before breaking his foot late in the game, while Iosefa added 4 tackles with a sack, Mauga had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection, Jones had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection and Echols had a tackle.

--Iosefa had 3 tackles at Utah and Jones had 1 stop.

--Iosefa had 6 tackles (0.5 for loss) against Arizona State, Mauga had 4 tackles and Jones added 1 tackle.

--Iosefa had 4 tackles and a deflection at Oregon State, while Mauga and Winston each had a tackle.

## INSIDE LINEBACKERS

\*The heart of USC's defense is at inside linebacker, with a pair of stellar returning starters and some high-potential younger players.

\*Senior **Cameron Smith** (52 tac, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 4 dfl in 2018), a 4-year starter who could be in line for post-season honors in 2018, has 332 career tackles (within range of USC career recordholder Marcus Cotton's 396) and led the Trojans in stops the past 2 seasons. He is looking to be the first Trojan since inside linebacker Dennis Johnson in 1977-78-79 to lead USC in tackles in 3 consecutive seasons. He had 112 tackles, including 11 for losses, last fall when he was named to the All-Pac-12 first team. Smith currently is 21st nationally in solo tackles (5.7 eighth in Pac-12). Smith is a quarterfinalist for the 2018 Lott IMPACT Trophy. Junior **John Houston Jr.** (57 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF, 5 dfl in 2018) started last year and notched 84 tackles.

\*Also ready to contribute are junior **Jordan Iosefa** (23 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 sack, 2 dfl in 2018) and soph **Levi Jones** (13 tac, 3 for loss, 3 dfl in 2018). Both can also play on the outside (of Iosefa's 7 starts in 2017, all but 2 were on the outside).

\*Also available are a pair of untested walk-ons in junior **Matt Bayle**, who moved from the outside, and senior walk-on **Isaac Franco**.

\*Senior **Reuben Peters** (10 tac, 2 for loss in 2018), who spent the past 2 seasons as a fullback, also is being used here (he played inside linebacker earlier in his Trojan career).

\***Raymond Scott** (1 tac in 2018), who had 94 tackles last year as a prepster, graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring as a freshman, so he participated in 2018 spring practice. Joining the mix in the fall as freshmen were prep All-Americans **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (29 tac, 3 for loss, 1 sack in 2018), who led his team to the 2017 Nevada state title, and **Solomon Tuliaupupu**, who won the High School Butkus Award and was USA Today's prep Defensive Player of the Year as he helped Mater Dei High to last season's high school national championship, along with walk-on freshman **Spencer Gilbert**, whose mother Caryl Smith Gilbert is USC's director of track and field.

\*Redshirt freshman **Taylor Katoa**, healthy after missing last season with a knee injury, is missing the 2018 and 2019 seasons while on a Mormon mission.

--Smith had a team-best 7 tackles (including 2 for losses, with a sack) and had 2 deflections against UNLV, while Houston had 4 tackles and Peters had a tackle.

--Smith had a team-best 9 tackles (1 for a loss) at Stanford, while Houston had 4 tackles and a deflection.

--Smith had a game-best 9 tackles at Texas, while Houston added 4 tackles and a deflection and Gaoteote had 2 tackles.

--Smith had a game-best 15 tackles (2 for losses) against Washington State, while Houston added 7 tackles and a deflection, Gaoteote had 2 tackles (he started on the line) and Scott had a tackle.

--Smith had a team-best 7 tackles with a deflection at Arizona, while Houston added 4 tackles and a deflection and Peters had a tackle.

--Gaoteote started for an injured Smith and led USC with 9 tackles (2 for losses) against Colorado, Peters saw significant action when Gaoteote went out with an injury and had 6 tackles (2 for losses) and Houston had 4 tackles and a deflection.

--At Utah, Houston had a game-best 15-tackles (1.5 for losses, with a sack) and forced a fumble that USC returned for a TD, Gaoteote started again for Smith and had 11 tackles (with a sack) and Peters had a tackle.

--Houston had 7 tackles against Arizona State, Gaoteote had 5 and Peters 1.

--Houston had 8 tackles (1 for a loss) at Oregon State and Smith had 5 tackles and a deflection.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

\*USC's secondary returned fairly intact, losing only safety Chris Hawkins, who made 234 tackles while starting 36 times in his career, cornerback Jack Jones (team-high 4 interceptions in 2017 as a starter) and often-used backup safety Matt Lopes.

\*Senior safety **Marvell Tell III** (40 tac, 1 for loss, 1 int, 4 dfl, 1 FF, 1 BLK FG in 2018) is back after earning All-Pac-12 first team honors in 2017. Tell is a 2-year starter with 204 career stops, including 85 last season when he picked off 3 passes. Senior cornerback **Iman Marshall** (27 tac, 3 for loss, 5 dfl, 1 FF in 2018) started the past 3 seasons. Marshall has 6 career interceptions and 201 tackles, with 52 of those stops coming in 2017. Marshall is USC's first 4-year starting cornerback since Daylon McCutcheon in 1995-98. Both Tell and Marshall are 2018 post-season honors candidates.

\*Senior cornerback **Ajene Harris** (40 tac, 3 for loss, 5 dfl, 1 int for TD in 2018, plus 1 KOR, 25 yds, 25.0 avg), USC's nickel back, started 9 times last fall in extra defensive back formations and made 59 tackles and 3 picks. He also was USC's punt returner.

\*Many of the other returning defensive backs are experienced. Senior cornerback **Isaiah Langley** (33 tac, 5 dfl in 2018) started 4 times last year. Then there's sophomore safety **C.J. Pollard** (11 tac, 1.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 1 dfl in 2018), redshirt freshman cornerback **Greg Johnson** (15 tac, 1 for loss, 3 dfl, 1 FR in 2018), who saw some action early last season before suffering a shoulder injury, senior cornerback **Jonathan Lockett** (11 tac, 0.5 for loss, 1 FR in 2018), who missed last year with a hip injury, and junior **Dominic Davis**, a one-time tailback who redshirted last year after he was moved to cornerback (he could be used some on offense in 2018).

\*Also in the mix is redshirt freshman safety **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (8 tac, 1 FF in 2018), who was sidelined with a shoulder injury in 2017 (and suffered another shoulder injury at Stanford this year that will sideline him this season), as well as walk-on safeties **Davonte Nunnery**, a senior, and soph **Richard Hagestad**, both who have yet to play.

\*Two freshmen—safety **Talanoa Hufanga** (51 tac, 3.5 for loss, 4 dfl in 2018) and cornerback **Chase Williams**—graduated a semester early from high school as prep All-Americans and enrolled at USC this spring (they participated in 2018 spring drills). Battling for action in the fall as freshmen are prep All-American cornerbacks **Olajiah Griffin** (8 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl in 2018) and **Isaac Taylor-Stuart**, who combined for 13 interceptions in their high school careers, along with walk-on freshman safety **Jordan McMillan**.

--Against UNLV, Pola-Mao (making his first career start) had a team-best 7 tackles and forced a fumble on the game's opening play that USC recovered, while Tell added 5 tackles, Griffin had 3 tackles and a deflection, Harris had 3 tackles and returned a kickoff 25 yards, Langley had 3 tackles, Marshall had 2 tackles and 2 deflections, Lockett had 2 tackles and Johnson, Hufanga and Pollard each had a tackle.

--At Stanford, Marshall had 6 tackles (1 for a loss), Johnson had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and 1 deflection, Hufanga had 3 tackles (0.5 for a loss), Langley had 3 tackles and 2 deflections, Tell and Harris each had 3 tackles, Pollard had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) and Pola-Mao and Griffin each had a tackle (Pola-Mao injured his shoulder in the game's first series and was sidelined).

--Tell had 6 tackles and a deflection at Texas, Harris added 4 tackles and 2 deflections, Pollard had 4 tackles, Marshall and Hufanga each had 3 tackles and a deflection, Griffin had 2 tackles (1 for a loss), Langley had a tackle and 2 deflections, Johnson had a tackle and deflection and Lockett had a tackle.

--Hufanga had 9 tackles and a key fourth-quarter deflection while starting against Washington State, Harris added 6 tackles, Marshall had 5 tackles (1 for a loss), Tell had 3 tackles and a deflection, Johnson had 3 tackles and Griffin had a tackle.

--Hufanga had 5 tackles at Arizona, Tell had 4 tackles (with 1 for a loss), an interception (USC's first of the season) and a blocked field goal to earn Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors, Marshall and Langley each had 3 tackles, Harris had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection and Johnson and Griffin each had 1 tackle.

--Against Colorado, Harris had 7 tackles (2 for loss), a deflection and returned an interception for a 6-yard TD (his USC record-tying third scoring pick runback in his career), while Hufanga had 7 tackles, Langley had 6 tackles, Marshall had 4 tackles and a deflection, Tell had 3 tackles and 2 deflections, Pollard had a tackle and Johnson had a deflection.

--At Utah, Hufanga had 12 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a deflection, Tell had 9 tackles and forced a fumble, Langley had 3 tackles, Johnson had a tackle and a fumble recovery and Harris, Marshall and Pollard each had a tackle.



--Hufanga had a game-high 11 tackles (2.5 for losses) against Arizona State before breaking his collarbone late in the fourth quarter, Harris started at free safety had 7 tackles, Langley had 5 tackles and a deflection, Lockett started at nickel back and had 4 tackles and recovered a fumble (to set up a USC TD), Johnson had 3 tackles, Marshall had 2 tackles, a deflection and forced a fumble that USC recovered and Pollard had a tackle.

--At Oregon State, Langley had a game-high 9 tackles, Harris added 7 tackles and a deflection, Tell had 7 tackles, Marshall had 5 tackles and a deflection, Lockett had 4 tackles (0.5 for loss), Pollard had 1 tackle (0.5 sack) and Johnson had a tackle.

## SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

\*All of USC's special teams personnel returned in 2018: the punter (**Reid Budrovich**), placekicker (**Chase McGrath**), snapper (**Damon Johnson**), holder (**Wyatt Schmidt**), kickoff returner (**Velus Jones Jr.**) and punt returner (**Ajene Harris**).

\*USC special teams coordinator **John Baxter** is known for turning out productive, efficient and innovative special teams. Last year, while using primarily walk-on specialists, the Trojans pinned opponents within the 20-yard line 41% of the time on punts (and had only 3 touchbacks), had touchbacks on 37% of their kickoffs and kicked a game-winning field goal in overtime (coming on the heels of a field goal at the gun to get the game into overtime). USC also blocked 3 field goals as well as a punt (for a TD) last year, pulled off a misdirection punt return for a TD and had a blind long snapper successfully snap 2 PATs. However, the Trojans did surrender a scoring kickoff return and a blocked punt in 2017 and the leading punt returner had only a 5.1-yard return average.

## SPECIALISTS

\*USC has a pair of punters on the roster who have started. Last year, left-footed senior **Reid Budrovich** (39.2 P avg in 2018, plus 1 tac) won the punting job and was effective, averaging 41.6 yards on his 55 boots, with 23 of them pinning opponents within the 20-yard line (he had only 3 touchbacks). He also kicked off in 3 games in 2017 (getting 8 touchbacks). For his efforts, the one-time walk-on was awarded a scholarship for 2018. Senior **Chris Tilbey** (34.6 P avg in 2018) of Australia was Troy's 2016 punter, when he averaged 38.3 yards and had only 8 of his 50 punts returned. He did not see action in 2017. Also available is senior walk-on **James Birmingham Jr.**, as well as senior **Wyatt Schmidt**, who primarily is USC's holder and has snapped on occasion.

\*Sophomore **Chase McGrath** (6-of-8 FG, 6-of-6 PAT in 2018) returned after handling the placekicking duties in 2017, when he hit 12 field goals (including a 31-yarder with no time remaining to send the Texas game into overtime and then a 43-yarder to win it in the second overtime) and all but 1 of his 59 PAT tries. He hit 8 field goals in a row early in the season. He also kicked off most of the year, getting 20 touchbacks on his 57 kickoffs. A walk-on last season, he earned a scholarship in 2018. A knee injury suffered at Texas will sideline McGrath the rest of 2018. Soph **Michael Brown** (4-of-5 FG, 25-of-25 PAT in 2018), who kicked off early in 2017 (getting 3 touchbacks on 9 kickoffs) before suffering a knee injury, returned healthy in 2018 to compete for the job and now has assumed the job after McGrath's injury. Junior walk-on **Thomas Fitts**, a one-time quarterback at USC, now will work at placekicker. Seniors **Reid Budrovich**, the punter, and **Wyatt Schmidt**, the holder, could be used in emergencies, as both were kickers in high school (Budrovich kicked off a few times in 2017). There's also walk-on freshman placekicker **Alex Stadthaus**, who is handling the kickoff duties.

\*Sophomore **Damon Johnson** (1 tac in 2018) returned as the long snapper after performing flawlessly in 2018, his first year in that role. Senior **Wyatt Schmidt**, USC's holder the last 2 seasons, also is able to snap (he did so in 2 games in 2018). Schmidt is a one-time walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the middle of the 2018 season. Then there's walk-on freshman snapper **Jac Casasante**. Another snapper on the roster is blind junior **Jake Olson**. In one of college football's most inspirational moments of 2017, he successfully snapped the final PAT in the Western Michigan season opener (he did so again mid-season against Oregon State on the final PAT).

\*Senior **Wyatt Schmidt** has been USC's holder on placekicks the past 2 years (he also can snap, punt and placekick). Redshirt freshman quarterback **Jack Sears** and soph quarterback **Matt Fink** will serve as the backup holders. Senior punter **Reid Budrovich** backed Schmitt up last year and is available in 2018.

\*Soph **Velus Jones Jr.** (16 KOR, 386 yds, 24.1 avg in 2018, plus 1 PR, 1 yd, 1.0 avg) is back after serving as USC's primary kickoff returner in 2017. His 1,146 kick return yards is already 10<sup>th</sup> on Troy's career list. Soph tailback **Stephen Carr** (6 KOR, 151 yds, 25.2 avg in 2018) and senior cornerback **Ajene Harris** (1 KOR, 25 yds, 25.0 avg in 2018) each returned a few kicks last year. Harris was USC's reliable punt returner in 2017, although he averaged just 5.1 yards per return. Others who have returned punts are sophomore wide receiver **Tyler Vaughns** (17 PR, 177 yds, 10.4 avg in 2018) and junior wide receiver **Michael Pittman Jr.** (1 PR, 4 yds, 4.0 avg in 2018). Vaughns currently is 20<sup>th</sup> nationally in punt returns (10.4, first in Pac-12). Freshman wide receiver **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (1 PR, 9 yds, 9.0 avg in 2018) could be tried in punt and kick returner roles.

--Against UNLV, McGrath tied the USC game record with 5 field goals (46, 38, 29, 47 and 36 yards) without a miss and he added 4 PATs to earn Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors, Stadthaus kicked off 10 times and had 7 touchbacks (and another pinned the Rebels within the 20) and Budrovich averaged 28.8 yards on his 4 punts (with 1 pinning the Rebels within the 20).

--At Stanford, McGrath scored USC's only points on a 35-yard field goal (he also missed a 53-yarder), both of Stadthaus' kickoffs pinned the Cardinal within the 20, both of Budrovich's punts pinned Stanford within the 20 and Tilbey averaged 40.8 yards on his 4 punts.

--At Texas, Stadthaus had touchbacks on 2 of his 3 kickoffs and McGrath hit both of his PATs before suffering a knee ligament injury on a blocked field goal, while Budrovich averaged 35.7 yards on his 3 punts and Tilbey averaged 26.3 yards on his 3 boots (both had a punt pin the Longhorns inside the 20).

--Against Washington State, Brown saw his first action in a year and hit his first career field goal (a 26-yarder) and all 4 of his PATs, while Stadthaus had touchbacks on 4 of his 6 kickoffs (pinning the Cougars within the 20 once) and Budrovich averaged 39.4 yards on his 5 punts (with a 50-yarder).

--Budrovich averaged 45.6 yards on his 5 punts (with a 51-yarder) at Arizona, while Stadthaus had 4 touchbacks on his 5 kickoffs (and pinned the Wildcats within the 20 on the other kickoff) and Brown hit a 42-yard field goal and all 3 of his PATs.

--Against Colorado, Brown hit a 38-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs, Budrovich averaged 42.4 yards on his 7 punts (with a 54-yarder) and pinned the Buffaloes within the 20 once and Stadthaus had touchbacks on 4 of his 6 kickoffs.

--At Utah, Budrovich averaged 39.9 yards on his 7 punts, with 2 pinning the Utes within the 20, while Brown hit all 4 of his PATs but missed a field goal and had an unsuccessful inside kick and Stadthaus had touchbacks on 3 of his 4 kickoffs.

--Against Arizona State, Budrovich averaged 44.1 yards on his 7 punts (with a 53-yarder) and pinned the Sun Devils within the 20 3 times, while Brown hit all 5 of his PATs and had an unsuccessful inside kick and Stadthaus had touchbacks on 4 of his 5 kickoffs.

--At Oregon State, Brown nailed a career-long 46-yard field goal and hit all 5 of his PATs, Stadthaus had touchbacks on 7 of his kickoffs and Budrovich averaged 33.3 yards on his 3 punts, with 2 pinning the Beavers within the 20.

## STATS OF NOTE

### RANKING

\*\*\*USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 164 of its past 217 games.

\*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 102 of its past 210 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.

\*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 202 games.

### SCORING

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 192 of its past 221 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 135 of its last 211 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 83 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 27 times with at least 50 points).

\*\*\*Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 361 times.

\*\*\*USC has scored in its past 256 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 271 games).

### OFFENSE

\*\*\*USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 24 of its past 32 games (including 17 with 500-plus yards).

### DEFENSE

\*\*\*USC currently is 21<sup>st</sup> nationally in defensive TDs (2, third in Pac-12).

\*\*\*USC has held 5 of its 9 opponents in 2018 to 21 points or less.

\*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 146 of the last 215 games.

\*\*\*USC did not have an interception in 2018's first 4 games (for the first time since at least 1928 when records were first available).

\*\*\*USC's 46 pass deflections in 2018 are third most in the nation.

\*\*\*USC has held 106 of its last 210 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less.

\*\*\*Only 53 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 199 games (most recently, Arizona State's Eno Benjamin with 185 in 2018).

\*\*\*Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 74-8 when holding opponents to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010, Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013, Washington in 2015 and Ohio State in 2017).

### MISCELLANEOUS

\*\*\*In 2018, USC is ninth nationally in blocked kicks (3, first in Pac-12).

\*\*\*USC has won 25 of its last 32 games.

\*\*\*USC has won 20 of its last 23 games against teams from the Pac-12.

\*\*\*USC has had 20 different players start at least once on defense and 17 on offense.

\*\*\*Twenty-four Trojans have seen action for the first time in their USC careers in 2018, including 13 first-year freshmen, 8 redshirt freshmen and 2 junior college transfers.

\*\*\*USC has blocked 39 kicks/punts since 2010 (3 in 2018).

\*\*\*USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 510 times, including 380 of the past 382 games (Troy's last 221 games have been televised live, a school record).





## RANDOM NOTES

\*\*\*USC's 2018 team captains, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are ILB **Cameron Smith** (for the second consecutive year), S **Marvell Tell III**, C-OT **Toa Lobendahn** and OLB **Porter Gustin**. This is the second year in a row that USC has only one offensive player as a captain (before that, it last happened in 2004).

\*\*\*USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys. The Trojan uniform was named the nation's seventh best in college football by USA Today in 2014.

\*\*\*USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season.

\*\*\*USC has a 164-71-8 (.691) record in the 20 seasons when the World Cup was played. In those years, the Trojans went to 12 bowl games (including 7 Rose Bowls) and won 7 of them, plus they captured 7 conference titles and were named national champion 3 times.

\*\*\*USC's 615 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) is the second most that any school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 692 in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

\*\*\*USC's future non-conference schedule features BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home) and Alabama in 2020 at Arlington, Tex., plus home games versus Fresno State (2019, 2022, 2025), New Mexico (2020) and Rice (2022). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2026. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Texas, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, UNLV, Utah State, Western Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.

\*\*\*USC's 2 conference "misses" in 2018 are Oregon and Washington.

\*\*\*Two USC football-related books have recently been published: "Miracle Moments in USC Trojans Football History" (Sports Publishing) by USC Football.com beat writer Dan Weber and "Walk On" (Multnomah) by former USC walk-on wide receiver Ben Malcolmson.

\*\*\*Three Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: TE **Austin Applebee** (McKendree), TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (Florida) and TB **Quincy Jountti** (Sacramento State).

\*\*\*Nine Trojans already earned their bachelor's degrees. Each wears a "Graduate" patch on their uniform jersey. OG **Jordan Austin** received his bachelor's degree in international relations from USC in the spring of 2017 and is now working on a master's degree in studies in law, DL **Malik Dorton** received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in the summer of 2017 and is now working on a master's degree in communication management, CB **Ajene Harris** received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in the fall of 2017 and is now working on a second bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in real estate, P **Reid Budrovich** received his bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in the spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in business administration, ILB-FB **Reuben Peters** received his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC in the spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in project management, HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt** received his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC in the spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in business finance, P **Chris Tilbey** received his bachelor's degree in political economy from USC in the spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in studies in law, C-OT **Toa Lobendahn** received his bachelor's degree in policy, planning and development in the spring of 2018 and is now working on a second bachelor's degree in sociology and TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** received his bachelor's degree in social sciences (economics) in the summer of 2018 and is now working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship.

\*\*\*USC currently has 19 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC that spring. OG **Jordan Austin** and C-OT **Toa Lobendahn** enrolled in the spring of 2014. OT **Chuma Edoga** and ILB **Cameron Smith** enrolled in the spring of 2015. OLB **Oluwale Betiku Jr.**, QB **Matt Fink**, WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe**, DL **Liam Jimmons**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** and S **C.J. Pollard** all enrolled in the spring of 2016. ILB **Taylor Katoa**, QB **Jack Sears**, DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** and OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** all enrolled in the spring of 2017. C **Justin Dedich**, S **Talanoa Hufanga**, OLB **Kana'i Mauga**, ILB **Raymond Scott** and CB **Chase Williams** all enrolled in the spring of 2018. Since 1999, 53 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (2 graduated a full year early, including current QB **JT Daniels**). Also, current TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at Florida before transferring to USC.

\*\*\*QB **JT Daniels** was named the 2017-18 Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year, becoming the fourth Trojan so honored since the award's inception in 2003 (along with soccer's Morgan Andrews in 2013, football's Matt Barkley in 2008 and track's Allyson Felix in 2003). He also is the fifth Trojan to be the Gatorade National Football Player of the Year since the program began in 1985, joining Max Browne (2012), Matt Barkley (2007), Mitch Mustain (2005) and Jeff Byers (2003).

\*\*\*Defensive line coach **Kenechi Udeze** was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (a blood cancer) in 2008 while playing for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings and he was placed on injured reserve that season. He received chemotherapy treatments and had a bone marrow transplant from his brother. He was the Vikings' recipient of the 2008 NFL Ed Block Courage Award, as voted by his teammates. After attempting to return to the playing field in 2009 but struggling with peripheral neuropathy in his feet as a result of chemotherapy, Udeze retired from the NFL that summer. His leukemia is in remission. He has been involved with charities that raise money for cancer research.

\*\*\*SNP **Jake Olson** has been an inspiration to and involved with the USC football program since the age of 12 in 2009 when he lost his eyesight to cancer. Olson was born with retinoblastoma, a cancer of the retina. He lost his left eye when he was 10 months old and, despite numerous procedures on his other eye, he had his right eye removed when he was 12 in 2009 (he spent the day before his 2009 surgery at a USC football practice). His story was chronicled nationally, including several ESPN stories (one won a 2018 Sports Emmy). After long snapping in high school as a junior and senior in 2013 and 2014 (he also played golf in high school and usually shot in the 80s), he received a scholarship in 2015 to attend USC from Swim With Mike's Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund (because that scholarship is regarded as athletic aid, USC sought and received a waiver from the NCAA so that he did not count against the Trojans' NCAA-mandated 85 scholarship roster limit). Now a walk-on redshirt junior, USC prevents contact during practice drills in which he is involved to make sure he is protected. He is guided onto the field and positioned over the ball by a teammate. In the 2017 season opener against Western Michigan, he got into the game to snap the final PAT and did so again that mid-season against Oregon State and in the 2018 opener against UNLV. He is a motivational speaker and has co-authored 2 books about overcoming adversity. His guide dog's name is Quebec. The Swim With Mike swim-a-thon fundraiser has raised nearly \$22 million for 230 physically challenged athletes' scholarships at 122 universities for students who have overcome life-challenging accidents or illnesses. Olson won the 2016 Rare Disease Champion Award and was a nominee for the 2015 Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award. In 2018, he was named to the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for a 2-year term. He was the Grand Marshal and drove in the pace car at the 2018 NASCAR Truck Series Race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

\*\*\*Who's the fastest among the 2018 Trojans? CB-TB **Dominic Davis** has posted lifetime bests of 10.47 in the 100 meters (10.39 wind-aided) and 21.48 (21.27 wind-aided) in the 200 meters. He set a USC freshman indoor record in the 60 meters (6.78) at the 2016 MPSF Championships. He was fourth in the 100 (10.51) at the 2014 California high school state meet as a junior and third in the event as a 2015 senior (10.56). Davis has sprinted for USC's track team.

\*\*\*Besides CB-TB **Dominic Davis** (above), a number of other Trojans competed in track and field in high school: ILB **Matt Bayle**, OT **Liam Douglass**, TB **Ben Easington** (shot put, discus), WR **Randal Grimes** (sprints, high jump, long jump), OLB **Porter Gustin** (javelin, shot put), OT **Austin Jackson** (shot put, discus), TB **Quincy Jountti** (triple jump, long jump), OLB **Kana'i Mauga** (sprints, hurdles, weights, jumps), DL **Connor Murphy** (shot put, discus), S **Davonte Nunnery** (sprints, long jump), DL **Brandon Pili** (shot put, discus), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (sprints, hurdles, long jump, high jump), HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt**, CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (sprints, long jump, triple jump), DL **Trevor Trout** (shot put, discus), TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** (sprints), WR **Jack Webster** (sprints), WR **Devon Williams** (high hurdles, long jump), WR **Keyshawn "Pie" Young**.

\*\*\*As high schoolers, USC football players also competed in a wide range of other sports. In addition to track (above), they played primarily basketball (TE **Austin Applebee**, ILB **Matt Bayle**, OG **Jacob Daniel**, ILB **Peter Esparza**, PK **Thomas Fitts**, WR **Randal Grimes**, OLB **Porter Gustin**, CB **Ajene Harris**, S **Talanoa Hufanga**, TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe**, OT **Austin Jackson**, ILB **Bryce Matthews**, OLB **Abdul-Malik McClain**, C **Brett Neilon**, S **Davonte Nunnery**, DL **Christian Rector**, WR **Jake Russell**, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**, P **Chris Tilbey**, DL **Caleb Tremblay**, WR **Tyler Vaughns**, WR **Devon Williams**) and baseball (TE **Austin Applebee**, PK **Michael Brown**, P **Reid Budrovich**, TE **Chris Caulk**, OT **Liam Douglass**, OLB **Porter Gustin**, OLB-ILB **Grant Jones**, ILB **Cameron Smith**, WR **Tyler Vaughns**, C **Mark Zuvich**). They also participated in soccer (P **James Birmingham Jr.**, PK **Michael Brown**, C **Justin Dedich**, WR **Matt Nyman**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**), lacrosse (PK **Thomas Fitts**, S **Richard Hagestad**), wrestling (OT **Liam Douglass**, DL **Brandon Pili**, ILB **Cameron Smith**, DL **Marlon Tuipulotu**), volleyball (S **Richard Hagestad**, OT **AJ Mageo**), golf (SNP **Jake Olson**), ice hockey (HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt**) and rugby (DL **Jay Tufele**).



\*\*\*DLB **Grant Jones** was a lefthanded pitcher on USC's baseball team in the fall of 2016 and 2017 but did not continue with the team into the spring.

\*\*\*DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** was the Oregon state Class 5A 285-pound wrestling champion as a junior in high school.

\*\*\*HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt** was on a 3-time Minnesota state champion ice hockey team in high school, then played junior ice hockey in South Dakota in 2013 before coming to USC.

\*\*\*WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** rides horses in his spare time and wants to get into tie-down roping after his football days.

\*\*\*WR **Tyler Vaughns** credits a ballet class he took in high school with helping him with his pass catching ability.

\*\*\*PK **Alex Stadthaus** started kicking after winning a halftime fan field goal kicking contest as a high school sophomore (he nailed a 60-yarder).

\*\*\*P **Chris Tilbey**, a Melbourne native who played Australian Rules Football (as well as cricket), is the first Trojan football letterman from Australia. Former Trojan Riki (Gray) Ellison (1978-82) was born in New Zealand, but claimed Tucson, Ariz., as his home.

\*\*\*DL **Brandon Pili** is USC's first football letterman from Alaska.

\*\*\*DLB **Oluwale Betiku Jr.** was born in Lagos, Nigeria, where he participated in soccer and boxing. He moved to the United States when he was a sophomore in high school. He is USC's second football letterman from Nigeria (joining outside linebacker Israel Ifeanyi, 1994-95).

\*\*\*DLB **Juliano Falaniko**, who attended Leone High in Pago Pago, American Samoa, is the first Trojan footballer who prepped in American Samoa since Travis Tofi (2003-06). ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** spent his youth in American Samoa.

\*\*\*C **Brett Neilon** grew up in Japan, home of his mother, where he participated in baseball, basketball and the martial art of aikido.

\*\*\*WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** is fluent in German (his mother, Miriam, is from Germany) and French (he lived in Paris as a fourth grader).

\*\*\*Adding to the foreign feel of USC's football team: QB **Jack Sears** spent a year (2012-13) living in Australia; DL **Christian Rector** was born in the British Virgin Islands; assistant strength and conditioning coach/sports performance **Danny van Dijk** is from Australia, where he worked with rugby teams; assistant athletic director/recruiting and player personnel **Eric Ziskin** spent 2015 in Norway working for a business and technology services company; assistant coach **Tee Martin** played professionally in Canada (CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers) and Europe (NFL Europe's Rhein Fire); and defensive graduate assistant **Trevor Guyton** played for the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders.

\*\*\*WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe** traveled to Santiago, Chile, in May of 2017 as part of the USC Marshall School of Business' Learning About International Commerce (LINC) program that exposes USC freshmen business students to business practices outside of the United States.

\*\*\*In the spring of 2018, OG **Jordan Austin** developed and coordinated an event on campus with USC Athletics' Community Outreach, "Embrace Your Inner Hero," for 100 foster children that included a motivational talk, the screening of a Disney movie and a free duffel bag.

\*\*\*ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu** cut his long hair in 2017 for the first time since the fifth grade as a show of support of cancer victims and survivors. In 2007 while playing with the San Diego Chargers, assistant coach **Mike Goff** cut his signature long hair and donated it to Locks of Love.

\*\*\*OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** got married in March of 2018 (his wife's name is Samantha).

\*\*\*P **Chris Tilbey** is USC's oldest player (24, born Dec. 31, 1993). OT **AJ Mageo** is USC's youngest player (17, born Nov. 10, 2000).

\*\*\*OG **Chris Brown** is an accomplished guitarist, specializing in the blues (he also plays several other musical instruments).

\*\*\*ILB **Cameron Smith** interned in the summer of 2017 at a Central California winery. He wants to be a fireman after football. He played youth football against eighth graders when he was in fourth grade.

\*\*\*P **Reid Budrovich's** brother, Evan, was a student journalist at USC who covered the Trojan football team.

\*\*\*Both of TE **Erik Krommenhoek's** parents attended USC's crosstown rival, UCLA. ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, was an All-American sprinter at UCLA.

\*\*\*USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (ILB **John Houston Jr.**, DLB **Oluwale Betiku Jr.**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, WR **Velus Jones Jr.**, P **James Bermingham Jr.**), a II (OG **Frank Martin II**), a III (S **Marvell Tell III**) and a IV (ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV**).

\*\*\*No USC football letterman in history has a longer non-hyphenated single word surname than the 12-letter last names of TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe** and DL **Jacob Lichtenstein**. Two former lettermen also have 12-letter surnames: TE Dean Lingenfelter (1973) and P Mike MacGillivray (1998-2001). Also on the Trojan roster is the 11-letter surnamed TE **Erik Krommenhoek**. Fortunately, USC does not put players' last names on the back of its jerseys.

\*\*\*TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** and WR **Josh Imatorbhebhe** are USC's only brothers. DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** and S **Talanoa Hufanga** are cousins, as are TB **Vavae Malepeai** and OT **Bernard Schirmer**.

\*\*\*TE **Tyler Petite's** real first name is John, S.C.J. **Pollard's** is Christopher, ILB-DLB **Jordan Iosefa's** is Loveni, SNP **Jac Casasante's** is John, head coach **Clay Helton's** is Charles and assistant coach **Tee Martin's** is Tamaurice. QB **JT Daniels' initials** stand for Jonathan Tyler and OT **AJ Mageo's** stand for Andrew James. WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown's full name** is Amon-Ra Julian Heru J. St. Brown (he was named after the Egyptian sun god Amon-Ra and sky god Heru), while ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliaupupu. CB **Iman Marshall's** nickname is "Biggie," ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** is "Solo," ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** is "E.A.," OT **Bernard Schirmer's** is "Beeno" and WR **Keyshawn Young's** is "Pie" (given to him by his late grandmother, who wanted him to be "Perfect In Everything"). Defensive line coach **Kenechi Udeze's** first name means "God's love will always be with me" in Nigerian; his nickname as a USC player was "BKU," which stood for Big Kenechi Udeze (he enrolled at USC weighing 375 pounds, but left at 275).

\*\*\*DLB **Porter Gustin** was named after Porter Rockwell, bodyguard of Mormon founder Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. Rockwell was nicknamed "The Destroying Angel."

\*\*\*OT **Clayton Bradley** changed his last name from Johnston in the summer of 2018 in honor of his stepfather.

\*\*\*ILB **Taylor Katoa** will miss the 2018 and 2019 seasons while serving a 2-year Mormon mission in Richmond, Va. Per NCAA rule, he will not be charged with any lost years of eligibility while on his mission. The last Trojan to go on a Mormon mission while at USC was OT-OG **Faasea Mailo** in 1997 and 1998.

\*\*\*Three members of the 2017 Trojans are serving as undergraduate student assistant coaches at USC in 2018: former C **Cole Smith** and ex-OT **Nathan Smith**, whose careers ended early due to injuries, and former ILB **Christian Herrera**, who is taking classes to complete his undergraduate degree. Both Smiths are working with the offensive line, while Herrera is with the defensive backs.

\*\*\*USC has 5 players who "blueshirted," which by a one-time NCAA rule allowed a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school had reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year. TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, OT **Clayton Bradley** and P **Chris Tilbey** all arrived in the fall of 2015, while PK **Michael Brown** joined in the fall of 2016 and OT **Jalen McKenzie** joined in the fall of 2017.

\*\*\*USC has 2 players with a link to the entertainment world. WR **Trevon Sydney's** cousin, Saniyya Sidney, is a young actress who has appeared in films such as "Fences" and "Hidden Figures" and television shows like "American Horror Story." CB **Olajiah Griffin's** father is rapper and hip-hop producer Warren G.

\*\*\*Assistant coach **Tee Martin's** wife, Toya, is a recording artist with hit singles "I Do!" (2001) and "No Matta What (Party All Night)" (2002).

\*\*\*Head coach **Clay Helton** played for his father, Kim, at Houston (1993-94). In 1993, Clay completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in the Cougars' 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.

\*\*\*Former Dallas Cowboys head coach **Dave Campo** is serving as a consultant with the Trojans in 2018.



\*\*\*Assistant coach **Ronnie Bradford** played in Super Bowl XXXIII with the Atlanta Falcons, defensive coordinator **Clancy Pendergast** coached in Super Bowl XLIII with the Arizona Cardinals, consultant **Dave Campo** coached in Super Bowls XXVII, XXVIII and XXX, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.'s** father, Michael Pittman, played in Super Bowl XXXVII with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, ILB-OLB **Levi Jones'** father, Robert Jones, played in Super Bowls XXVII, XXVIII and XXX with the Dallas Cowboys, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** uncle, Troy Polamalu, played in Super Bowls XLIII and XLV with the Pittsburgh Steelers, OT **Jalen McKenzie's** uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, played in Super Bowls XXII and XXVI with the Washington Redskins and ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa, won Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII with the Denver Broncos.

\*\*\*The NFL's **Rams**, who returned to Los Angeles in 2016, are sharing the Coliseum with USC for a third consecutive year in 2018 (they also did so for part of their previous stint in L.A.) until their new stadium is completed in Inglewood in 2020. The Rams and Trojans previously shared the Coliseum for 34 years, from 1946 through 1979 (the Rams moved to Los Angeles from Cleveland and then departed L.A. for Anaheim). UCLA also played in the Coliseum during that 34-year span. Since the stadium opened in 1923, USC has been its sole football tenant in 25 seasons (1923-27, 1995-2000, 2002-15). There are 2 weekends this fall when the Trojans and Rams play back-to-back games in the Coliseum: Oct. 27 (USC hosts Arizona State)/Oct. 28 (Rams host Green Bay) and Nov. 10 (USC hosts California)/Nov. 11 (Rams host Seattle). Also, USC hosted Washington State on Sept. 21 (a Friday) and then the Rams hosted the Chargers on Sept. 23 (a Sunday).

\*\*\*The Trojan Athletic Fund, founded in 1923, provides the funding necessary to sustain USC's athletic excellence. The TAF motto is "Investing In Today's Champions and Tomorrow's Leaders." TAF members form a global group of more than 5,000 alumni, parents, former student-athletes and friends who directly contribute to the success of our student-athletes. TAF members who join the Trojan Club, Cardinal & Gold, Women of Troy, Cardinal & Gold Premier, Committee or Scholarship Club receive a variety of benefits and event invitations. For more information, go to: <http://www.trojanathleticfund.com>.

\*\*\*Several Trojan staffers have played on national championship teams.

- Assistant coach **Kenechi Udeze** was an All-American defensive end on USC's 2003 national championship team.
- Tight ends/inside receivers coach **Keary Colbert** set the since-broken USC career receptions record as a senior on Troy's 2003 national championship team, then was an offensive analyst on Alabama's 2015 national champs.
- Offensive analyst **Lenny Vandermade** was a starting offensive guard on USC's 2003 national championship team.
- Assistant coach **Tee Martin** quarterbacked Tennessee to the 1998 national championship.
- Assistant coach **Ronnie Bradford** played on Colorado's 1990 national championship team.
- Football executive assistant **Cheryl Taplin** was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.
- Also, assistant coach **Tim Drevno** was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at San Diego when the Toreros were named back-to-back NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major national champions in 2005 and 2006.

\*\*\*Several Trojans have relatives with USC football connections.

- S **C.J. Pollard's** father, Marvin, was a cornerback at USC (1988-91).
- S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** uncle is former USC 2-time All-American safety Troy Polamalu (1999-2002), while his great uncle is former USC fullback (1982-85) and assistant coach (2000-03, 2010-12) Kennedy Polamalu.
- OT **Austin Jackson's** grandfather, Melvin Jackson, was a 1974 and 1975 letterman offensive tackle at USC (he played on the Trojans' 1974 national championship team and in 1975 he won the team's Lineman of the Year Award and Football Alumni Club Award for the team's top cumulative grade point average).
- TB **Quincy Jountti's** brother, Corbin, was a tailback at USC in 2017 after transferring in from Northern Arizona (2014-16).
- DL **Marlon Tuipulotu's** cousin is former USC defensive tackle Fili Moala (2005-08).
- OT **Bernard Schirmer's** uncle, Titus Tuiasosopo, was an offensive guard at USC (1990-92).
- C-OT **Toa Lobendahn's** second cousin, Faaesee Mailo, was a USC offensive lineman (1996-2001).
- Assistant coach **Johnny Nansen** is the cousin of former USC wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (2014-16).
- Assistant coach **Keary Colbert's** is the cousin of former USC safety Patrick Hall and ex-USC defensive lineman Tommie Townsend (who also played at Arizona State).

\*\*\*Speaking of genes:

- TE **Austin Applebee's** sister, Alyssa, was a pole vaulter at Missouri (2014-16) and then competed at Tulane as a graduate student in 2017 (earning All-American honors with seventh place finishes at the 2016 and 2017 NCAA Meets).
- OG **Jordan Austin's** father, Ray, played football at UNLV and Southern Utah.
- TE **Josh Falo's** brother, Nu'umotu Jr., is a junior outside linebacker at Colorado, while brother, Nate, was a defensive tackle at San Jose State (2013-15).
- ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** uncle is Ma'a Tanuvasa, who played defensive end at Hawaii (1990-92), then with the Denver Broncos (1995-2000), where he won Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII, San Diego Chargers (2001) and Atlanta Falcons (2002), while his cousin, also named Ma'a Tanuvasa, is a sophomore safety at Boise State and another cousin, Haskell Garrett, is a sophomore defensive lineman at Ohio State.
- ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, is USC's director of track and field (the Women of Troy won the 2018 NCAA outdoor title) after previously serving as Central Florida's women's head coach (2008-13) and a women's assistant at Tennessee (2003-07), Alabama (2000-02) and Penn State (1998-99) following an All-American sprinting career at UCLA, while his father, Greg Gilbert, is a senior director of development in the USC athletic department who played linebacker at Alabama (1985-88) and in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1989), Indianapolis Colts (1990), Oakland Raiders (1990-91) and Philadelphia Eagles (1991) before playing in the World League of American Football with the San Antonio Riders (1991) and Barcelona Dragons (1991-92).
- WR **Randal Grimes'** brother, Nate, is a junior forward on Fresno State's basketball team.
- OLB **Porter Gustin's** father, John Gustin, played quarterback at Wyoming (1991-94), while his mother, Scarlett Overly Gustin, and his aunt, Amberli Gustin, were Gatorade Idaho Girls High School Basketball Players of the Year in 1987 and 1989, respectively (they both played basketball at BYU, Scarlett from 1987 to 1989 and Amberli from 1989 to 1994) and his sister, Lauren, was the Gatorade Utah Girls High School Basketball Player of the Year in 2018 (she is a freshman post player at Idaho).
- S **Richard Hagestad's** brother, Stewart, was a golfer at USC (2010-13) who now competes in national amateur tournaments, including the U.S. Amateur (he won the 2016 Met Amateur), and was the low amateur at the 2017 Masters (he also played in the 2017 and 2018 U.S. Open).
- S **Talanoo Hufanga's** brother, T.J., was a linebacker at Oregon State in 2013 and 2014.
- ILB-OLB **Levi Jones'** father, Robert Jones, was an All-American linebacker at East Carolina (1988-91) and then was drafted in the first round by the Dallas Cowboys and played 10 years in the NFL with the Cowboys (1992-95, including winning NFC Rookie of the Year in 1992 and winning 3 Super Bowls), St. Louis Rams (1996-97), Miami Dolphins (1998-2000) and Washington Redskins (2001); his brother, Cayleb, was a wide receiver at Texas (2011) and Arizona (2012-15) and then in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings since 2016, while brother, Isaiah [Zay], was a wide receiver at East Carolina (2013-16) who set NCAA career (399) and season (158 in 2016) reception records and now is with the Buffalo Bills; his uncle, Jeff Blake, was a quarterback at East Carolina and then in the NFL with the New York Jets (1992-93), Cincinnati Bengals (1994-99), New Orleans Saints (2000-01), Baltimore Ravens (2002), Arizona Cardinals (2003), Philadelphia Eagles (2004) and Chicago Bears (2005); his cousin, Emory Blake, was a wide receiver at Auburn (2009-11, including on the Tigers' 2010 national championship team).
- ILB **Taylor Katoa's** father, Fotu, was a tight end at BYU (1985, 1988-90), his mother, Elizabeth, was a distance runner at BYU in 1990, his sister, Eliza, was an outside hitter on Utah's volleyball team (2014-16) and also played on the Utes' beach volleyball team in 2017, his brother-in-law, Rhett Nelson, pitched at Santa Clara (2010) and BYU (2014) and his uncle, Fred Katoa, was a nose guard at BYU (1989-90).
- C-OT **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was a lineman at Utah (1990-93) and then in the Arena League with the Albany Firebirds (1994) and St. Louis Stampede (1995) before coaching at BYU as a graduate assistant (1998-99) and as an assistant and head coach at the high school level.
- TB **Vavae Malepeai's** uncles, Silila (1990-94), Pulu (1993-95) and Tasi (1994-96), played football at Oregon.
- OT **Jalen McKenzie's** father, Reggie McKenzie, was a linebacker at Tennessee (1981-84) and then played in the NFL with the Los Angeles Raiders (1985-88), Phoenix Cardinals (1989-90) and San Francisco 49ers (1992) and in the World League of American Football with the Montreal Machine (1992), then was an assistant coach at Tennessee in 1993, worked in the Green Bay Packers' front office from 1994 to 2011 and now is the general manager of the Oakland Raiders since 2012, while his brother, Kahlil, was a defensive lineman at Tennessee (2015-17) who is now with the Kansas City Chiefs and his uncle, Raleigh McKenzie (Reggie's twin brother), was a center at Tennessee (1981-84) and then played in the NFL with the Washington Redskins (1985-94, where he won 2 Super Bowls), Philadelphia Eagles (1995-96), San Diego Chargers (1997-98) and Green Bay Packers (1999-2000), and now is a scout with the Oakland Raiders.





•**DL Connor Murphy's** brother, Trent, was a consensus All-American outside linebacker at Stanford (2010-13) and now plays for the Washington Redskins, while his sister, Kayli, played women's basketball at Arizona State (2007-10) and competed in the 2011 Miss Arizona USA pageant.

•**C Brett Neilon's** aunts were on the USC golf team (Kim Saiki from 1985-88, who played on the LPGA Tour, and Laura Saiki from 1988-91).

•**WR Michael Pittman Jr.'s** father, Michael, was a running back at Fresno State (1993, 95-97) and then in the NFL with the Arizona Cardinals (1998-2001), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2002-07), including on the Super Bowl XXXVII champion in the 2002 season, and Denver Broncos (2008).

•**S Isaiah Pola-Mao's** father, Tracey, played football at San Diego State (1988-90, 1992, where he was the 1992 team captain and Most Inspirational Player) and with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers (1994-96).

•**DL Christian Rector's** mother, Allison, rowed at USC in the 1980s, his grandfather, Ron Rector, was a member of the 1950 Long Beach City College football team that won the Junior Rose Bowl and the national championship and his uncle, Morgan Rector, was a defensive end at Harvard (1982-83).

•**OT Bernard Schirmer's** sister, Brooklyn, is a freshman outside hitter on the USC women's volleyball team, while his cousin, Blake Sabol, is a junior catcher for the Trojan baseball team and his uncle, Matt Toeaina, played defensive tackle at Oregon (2003-06) and for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals (2007) and Chicago Bears (2007-12).

•**HLD-SNP Wyatt Schmidt's** father, Paul, played tennis at Minnesota, while his brother, Foley, was a 3-year (2009-11) All-Ivy League placekicker at Dartmouth and his brother, Macalaster, is a junior kicker at Chicago.

•**ILB Cameron Smith's** grandfather, Bob Lakata, played basketball at Duke (1955-58).

•**WR Amon-Ra St. Brown's** father, John Brown, was a bodybuilder who won 2 Mr. Universe and 3 Mr. World titles in the 1980s, while his brother, Equanimeous, was a wide receiver at Notre Dame (2015-17) who in his 3 meetings against USC blocked a punt that was returned for a TD in 2015, caught a TD pass among his 7 receptions in 2016 and caught another TD in 2017 (he now is with the Green Bay Packers), and his brother, Osiris, is a redshirt freshman wide receiver at Stanford.

•**TB Markese Stepp's** father, Marcus Stepp, played football at Miami (Ohio) in 1994 and 1995, while his brother, Marcus Jr., is a senior outside linebacker at Saint Francis, which won the 2016 and 2017 NAIA national championships.

•**ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu's** father, Turnbull, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2000-01).

•**OLB Eli'jah Winston's** brother, La'Mar, is a junior linebacker at Oregon.

•Head coach **Clay Helton's** father, Kim, was Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, as well as an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida.

•Special teams coordinator **John Baxter's** father-in-law is former Utah and Weber State head coach Ron McBride.

•Tight ends/inside receivers coach **Keary Colbert's** cousin, Justin Colbert, was a wide receiver at Hawaii (1999-2002).

•Defensive analyst **Brett Arce's** father, Mark, was the athletic director (2015-18) and head men's basketball coach (2001-18) at West Hills Community College in Coalinga (Calif.) after previously serving as an assistant coach at Utah State and Cal State Bakersfield and the head coach at Bakersfield Junior College.

•Special teams analyst **Andy LaRussa's** wife, Briana, is the daughter of former USC assistant coach Gary Bernardi (1987-92).

\*\*\*USC took control of the management of the Coliseum in the summer of 2013, becoming responsible for the operation, maintenance and upgrading of the facility. USC is required to spend \$70 million over a 10-year period for enhancements and improvements to the Coliseum's infrastructure (\$100 million by 2054). In October of 2015, USC announced plans to renovate and restore the Coliseum, including building a new structure on the stadium's south side (with suites, lounge boxes, club seats, a new concourse and new press box), replacing every seat, adding aisles and handrails, restoring the iconic peristyle, installing Wi-Fi, improving audio and video with two new large screens, adding concession stands and installing new lighting. Work began after the 2017 USC season and will be completed for the 2019 home opener, although some renovation to the Coliseum had already begun. New field and stadium lighting was installed for the 2016 season. New videoboards and scoreboards throughout the stadium were in place for the 2017 season, replacing the boards that sat atop the peristyle and thereby restoring the iconic peristyle to more closely resemble the stadium's original design. New seats with increased legroom have been added on the south side of the stadium in 2018, along with handrails on south side aisles. The \$315 million renovation will be privately funded by USC and will preserve the Coliseum's historic nature. Improvements will reduce seating capacity to approximately 77,500 (from 92,348); it is at 78,467 in 2018 during the renovation. USC has been a tenant in the Coliseum since the historic stadium opened in 1923. For more information, go to ColiseumRenovation.com.

\*\*\*To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite guest entry into the venue, the Coliseum has a "clear bag policy" that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the stadium for all events (one clear bag no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" per person). The policy does not affect other items that fans normally bring to a game, which still can be carried in their pockets or openly in their arms. The clear bag policy is detailed further at <http://www.lacoliseum.com/becclear>. Also, for increased security, all guests entering the Coliseum walk through metal detector screening with arms raised (guests should remove metal items from pockets).

\*\*\***USC Gameday** is the official app for fans following the Trojans and going to a Trojan event at the Coliseum, Galen Center or any other USC athletic venue. The free app for iOS and Android devices is available for download on iTunes and Google Play. Among the app's features: customized sport selection, countdown to the next games, schedules and scores, game day related alerts (traffic, tailgating, etc.), live stats (for football and basketball), detailed Coliseum and Galen Center seating maps (with concession stands, restrooms, gate locations, etc.), USC area maps (with parking lots, official USC events, restaurants), A to Z guide for frequently asked game day questions, USC Athletics' social media links, safety information, USC Fan Shop, USC ticket information and USC videos and photos. The app also incorporates information about USC teams, including rosters, biographical, statistical and historical information and exclusive videos, as well as a virtual tour of USC's athletic facilities, including the McKay Center and the Coliseum. USC merchandise and tickets also are available for purchase within the app, which has new video and elements added throughout the year.

\*\*\*For USC's game day campus policies, go to [gameday.usc.edu](http://gameday.usc.edu). The site allows fans to reserve a tailgating location on campus. Tailgating and open containers in public areas are not allowed in the USC Village, where a variety of food and retail options are available.

## IN THE NFL

\*Twelve former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (tied for most of any other school).

\*A Trojan has appeared in all but 6 of the 52 Super Bowls and Trojans have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 235 times.

\*Troy has produced more NFL draft picks (505) than any school (USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939) and there have been 504 USC players who have played in the NFL or its sister leagues.

\*USC has had more first round NFL draft picks (81) than any school and is tied with Notre Dame for most players selected as the top pick in the NFL draft (5).

\*Going into 2018 training camp, there were 50 ex-Trojans on NFL active rosters. There were 32 Trojans on 2018 NFL opening day active rosters, along with 7 on injured reserve and 4 on practice squads (they were on 21 of the NFL's 32 teams).

\*Among USC's NFLers are QBs Sam Darnold, Cody Kessler and Matt Cassel, RB Javorius Allen and Ronald Jones II, LBs Clay Matthews, Nick Perry and Devon Kennard, DBs Nickell Robey-Coleman, Adoree' Jackson and T.J. McDonald, DLs Jurrell Casey, Leonard Williams, Everson Griffen and Frostee Rucker, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster and Nelson Agholor, OLs Ryan Kalil, Tyron Smith and Chad Wheeler and TEs Rhett Ellison and Xavier Grimsble.

\*Two NFL head coaches have USC ties (as former coaches): Seattle's Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champion) and Cleveland's Hue Jackson.

\*Eleven current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: DE **Connor Murphy** (brother, Trent Murphy), WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** (father, Michael Pittman), DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** (cousin, Fili Moala), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (uncle, Troy Polamalu), ILB-OLB **Levi Jones** (father, Robert Jones, brothers Cayleb and Isaiah Zay Jones, uncle, Jeff Blake), OT **Jalen McKenzie** (father, Reggie McKenzie, uncle, Raleigh McKenzie), OT **Austin Jackson** (grandfather, Melvin Jackson), ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa), OT **Bernard Schirmer** (uncle, Matt Toeaina), WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (brother, Equanimeous St. Brown) and ILB **Spencer Gilbert** (father, Greg Gilbert). Also, C-OT **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was an offensive lineman in the Arena League. Additionally, assistant coaches **Ronnie Bradford** and **Kenechi Udezue** played in the NFL, while assistant coach **Tee Martin** played in the NFL, NFL Europe and CFL and assistant coach **Keary Colbert** played in the NFL and the United Football League. Defensive graduate assistant **Trevor Guyton** played in the NFL and CFL, assistant coach **Mike Goff** played in the NFL, defensive analyst **Joe DeForest** played in the NFL and CFL and special teams analyst **Andy LaRussa** played in NFL Italy. Assistant coaches Bradford, Udezue, **Clancy Pendergast** and **Tim Drevno** were NFL assistants, while consultant **Dave Campo** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach.



## ANNIVERSARIES

\*The 2018 season marks the anniversary of several notable USC football teams:

--The 90th anniversary of USC's first national championship team (1928). The "Thundering Herd," under Hall of Fame coach Howard Jones, galloped to the Trojans' first national title in 1928. A swarming defense, led by tackle Jesse Hibbs and end Garrett Arbelbide, gave up only 59 points all season, while an offensive backfield of Harry Edelson, Russ Saunders, Don Williams and Marshall Duffield rolled over, under, and through their opponents. USC finished the season with 9 wins and no losses, with the only blemish being a 0-0 tie with Cal as the Golden Bears continued to be a nemesis for Troy in the 1920s. The Trojans beat Glenn "Pop" Warner's Stanford Indians, 10-0, forcing 5 fumbles in the process. Warner had never lost to Jones and he considered his 1928 team to be his best. But USC used a special strategy called the "quick mix" to disrupt Stanford's offense and help offset the Indians' 10-pound-per-man weight advantage. The strategy worked in what was a landmark game for the Trojans, who established themselves as the preeminent football power on the West Coast. Warner never beat Jones again. The 1928 season also saw USC beat Notre Dame and Knute Rockne for the first time, 27-14, as Williams passed for 111 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushed for 93 more as the Trojans clinched the national title.

--The 80th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1938 team. Coach Howard Jones' 9-2 Trojans posted one of the most famous upsets in bowl history as fourth-string quarterback Doyle Nave, who had played only 28 1/2 minutes all year, came off the bench in the 1939 Rose Bowl to fire 4 straight completions to second team end Al Krueger, the last a 19-yard touchdown aerial in the last 2 minutes to edge previously unbeaten, unscored-upon Duke, 7-3.

--The 75th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1943 team. Coach Jeff Cravath's 8-2 Trojans appeared in the only Rose Bowl that was not intersectional (because of wartime travel restrictions), shutting out heavily-favored Washington, 29-0, in the 1944 Rose Bowl. Quarterback Jim Hardy threw 3 touchdown passes.

--The 50th anniversary of tailback O.J. Simpson's 1968 Heisman Trophy season. Simpson became USC's second Heisman Trophy winner in 1968 when he captured the award by the most one-sided margin in history. During the regular 1968 season, Simpson established a since-broken NCAA record for yards rushing – 1,709 – in a season.

--The 40th anniversary of USC's 1978 national championship team. The 1978 national champs, coached by John Robinson, were a USC team stocked with great college players and several future NFL stars. The Trojans finished 12-1, including a solid 24-14 road victory over co-national champion Alabama, a nail-biting 27-25 win over Notre Dame, and a 17-10 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl. All-American tailback Charles White rushed for 1,859 yards to become the Pac-10 career rushing leader as a junior. Freshman tailback Marcus Allen provided depth. Quarterback Paul McDonald led the conference in passing and tied a USC record with 19 touchdown passes. Fullback Lynn Cain rushed for 977 yards, the most ever by a Trojan fullback. Flanker Kevin Williams had 17 receptions, 10 of them for touchdowns. The offensive line included All-American guard Pat Howell, All-Pac-10 tackle Anthony Munoz (considered by many to be the game's greatest tackle ever) and All-Pac-10 guard Brad Budde (a 4-year starter and the 1979 Lombardi Award winner). The back-ups on the line included future All-Pro Roy Foster and Keith Van Horne. The defense featured the talented safety duo of Dennis Smith and Ronnie Lott. Linebackers Dennis Johnson (the team's tackle leader) and Riki Gray manned the middle, while Larry McGrew and Chip Banks roamed the outside. Rich Dimler, Myron Lapka and Dennis Edwards keyed the defensive line. The Trojans' only loss was at Arizona State, 20-7. They would remain unbeaten for the next 28 games. USC took the top spot in the coaches poll, but finished second in the writer's poll to Alabama despite beating the Crimson Tide earlier in the season.

--The 10th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 2008 team. Coach Pete Carroll's 12-1 Trojans defeated coach Joe Paterno's Penn State squad, 38-24, in the 2009 Rose Bowl behind quarterback Mark Sanchez's 4 touchdown passes (he ran for another). USC opened up a 24-point halftime lead en route to its third consecutive Rose Bowl win (becoming the first team to do so). The Trojans were playing in a record-tying fourth straight Rose Bowl. It was the most points the Nittany Lions had ever surrendered in a bowl.

## ACADEMICS

\*The USC football team posted an all-time high NCAA Academic Progress Rate of 973, which exceeded the national average, according to data released by the NCAA in May of 2018. That came on the heels of the previous year's then all-time high mark of 968. A team's APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation to generate a measure of academic performance of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR is a multiyear rate based on scores from the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years.

\*The Trojan football team also posted an all-time high Graduation Success Rate, according to data released by the NCAA in November of 2017. The GSR measures how many players in the classes of 2007-10 graduated within 6 years of enrollment. The 2017 football rate (73%) is 6 percentage points higher than 2016, which at the time was a program high. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2017 hit an all-time high (86%) for the fourth consecutive year.

\*Fifteen Trojans have cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 or higher (through spring 2018 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2017 Trojan squad are: QB **Jack Sears** (3.51, business administration), S **Richard Hagestad** (3.44, business administration), QB **Holden Thomas** (3.35, business administration), C **Justin Dedich** (3.35, human biology), WR **Matt Nyman** (3.32, real estate development), C **Brett Neilon** (3.26, business administration), ILB **Matt Bayle** (3.22, communication), P **James Bermingham Jr.** (3.19, business administration), WR **Matthew Hocum** (3.19, business administration), HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt** (3.16, real estate development/business finance), S **Talanoa Hufanga** (3.12, communication), TE **Erik Krommenhoek** (3.11, human biology), SNP **Jake Olson** (3.09, business administration), P **Reid Budrovich** (3.08, business administration) and OG **Jordan Austin** (3.03, international relations/studies in law).

\*OG **Jordan Austin** and HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt** made 2017 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention.

\*Nine Trojans have already earned their bachelor's degrees: OG **Jordan Austin** received his bachelor's degree in international relations from USC in spring of 2017 and is now working on a master's degree in studies in law; DL **Malik Dorton** received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in summer of 2017 and is now working on a master's degree in communication management; CB **Ajene Harris** received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in fall of 2017 and is now working on a second bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in real estate; P **Reid Budrovich** received his bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in business administration; ILB-FB **Reuben Peters** received his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC in spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in project management; HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt** received his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC in spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in business finance; P **Chris Tilbey** received his bachelor's degree in political economy from USC in the spring of 2018 and is now working on his master's degree in studies in law; C-OT **Toa Lobendahn** received his bachelor's degree in policy, planning and development in the spring of 2018 and is now working on a second bachelor's degree in sociology; and TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** received his bachelor's degree in social sciences (economics) in the summer of 2018 and is now working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship.

\*In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tied for tops in the Pac-12 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 13 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 7 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top 10 winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar (Pat Haden) and 2 Academic All-American Hall of Famers (Haden and Dick Nunis).

## SCOUTING CALIFORNIA

\*California, guided by second-year head coach **Justin Wilcox** (the former USC defensive coordinator), is coming off a last-minute 19-13 loss at Washington State last week.

\*Senior RB **Patrick Laird** (160 tcb, 700 yds, 4.4 avg, 5 TD in 2018, plus 38 rec, 251 yds, 6.6 avg, 3 TD and 2-of-2 passing, 100.0%, 25 yds), who is closing in on his second consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season, is the workhorse of Cal's balanced (1,581 yards rushing, 1,851 yards passing) offense as he leads the team in rushing and is second in receptions. Senior WR **Vic Wharton III** (40 rec, 394 yds, 9.9 avg in 2018, plus 11 PR, 68 yds, 6.2 avg) is the Golden Bears' top pass catcher. Redshirt freshman QB **Chase Garbers** (97-of-150 passing, 64.7%, 1,007 yds, 10 TD, 5 int in 2018, plus 60 tcb, 273 yds, 4.6 avg) and sophomore QB **Brandon McIlwain** (80-of-129 passing, 62.0%, 763 yds, 2 TD, 8 int in 2018, plus 80 tcb, 402 yds, 5.0 avg, 4 TD) have split time at quarterback and both are threats throwing or running.

\*Cal's defense is allowing just 323.3 total yards and 21.9 points per game. The Bears are 19th nationally in total defense (323.3, third in Pac-12) and 21st in both pass defense (184.2, first in 2018) and in pass efficiency defense (111.0, first in Pac-12). Defensive leaders are senior ILB **Jordan Kunaszyk** (103 tac, 10.0 for loss, 4 sack, 2 dfl, 3 FF in 2018) and junior ILB **Evan Weaver** (96 tac, 5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 2 int, 6 dfl in 2018), who respectively are 10th (11.4, second in Pac-12) and 17th (10.7, third in Pac-12) nationally in tackles, along with junior Ss **Ashtyn Davis** (41 tac, 1.5 for loss, 2 int, 3 dfl, 1 FR in 2018, plus 15 KOR, 438 yds, 29.2 avg, 1 TD) and **Jaylinn Hawkins** (17 tac, 1 for loss, 3 int, 1 dfl in 2018, plus 4 KOR, 38 yds, 9.5 avg). Davis is sixth nationally in kickoff returns (29.2, first in Pac-12), while Hawkins is 23rd in interceptions (0.3, third in Pac-12).



## **NEXT GAME**

\*USC goes to the Rose Bowl next Saturday, Nov. 17, for its traditional crosstown clash with UCLA. Kick time and televising network will be announced soon.

## **GAME PROMOTIONS**

\*It's **Homecoming/Reunion Weekend** at USC.  
\*There will be a pre-game **flyover** featuring Navy F/A-18 Hornet planes.  
\*USC's **national championship 1948-58-68-78-98 baseball teams** will be recognized during an on-field presentation.

## **OTHER USC SPORTS IN WEEKEND HOME ACTION**

\*The **USC women's volleyball team** will host Washington on Thursday (Nov. 8) at 8 p.m. PT and Washington State on Sunday (Nov. 11) at 1:30 p.m. PT, both in the Galen Center.

\*The **USC men's and women's swimming teams** will host Fresno Pacific on Friday (Nov. 9) at 2 p.m. PT in the Uytengsu Aquatics Center. Then, the men and women will host the Alumni Relays on Saturday (Nov. 10).

\*The **USC men's and women's diving teams** will host the Trojan Diving Invitational Friday through Sunday (Nov. 9-11) at the Uytengsu Aquatics Center.

## **INJURY/STATUS UPDATE**

**OUT:** S **Talanoo Hufanga** (collarbone), OLB **Porter Gustin** (ankle), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (shoulder), PK **Chase McGrath** (knee), ILB **Taylor Katoo** (Mormon mission).

## **ROSTER UPDATES**

\*Here are updates to the roster in the 2018 USC football regular season media guide:

\***Slip-on jerseys:** ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** sometimes wears #48 on special teams (kick returns), WR **Jake Russell** sometimes wears #80 on special teams (punt returns), C **Brett Neilon** sometimes wears #99 on offense lining up as a fullback (if Neilon is in the game playing center, then C **Justin Dedich** could wear #99 on offense).

\***Change jersey number:** ILB **Raymond Scott** is now #18, PK **Thomas Fitts** is now #15.

\***Change the last name:** OT Clayton Johnston is now **Clayton Bradley** (he changed his last name in the summer of 2018 in honor of his stepfather).

\***Change eligibility year:** SNP **Damon Johnson** should be a So.\*/Jr. in athletic/academic eligibility.

\***Change weight:** CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** is now 205 pounds.

\***Delete:** Offensive line coach **Neil Callaway**, who was relieved of his duties on Oct. 29; S **Bubba Bolden**, who withdrew from USC; S **Ykili Ross**, who decided to concentrate on graduating from USC this fall semester and pursue a graduate transfer opportunity at another school in 2019; and CB **Je'Quari Godfrey**, who is transferring.

\***Mormon mission:** ILB **Taylor Katoo** will miss the 2018 and 2019 seasons while serving a 2-year Mormon mission.

\***Now on scholarship:** TE **Austin Applebee**, WR **Jake Russell**, HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt**.

\***Add 1 new scholarship player:** #51 **Bernard Schirmer** (OT, 6-6, 290, 12/18/96, So.\*/Jr., TR, Long Beach, Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC).

\***Add 13 new walk-ons:** #4 **Trevor Scully** (QB, 5-11, 170, 9/25/99, Fr./Fr., --, La Jolla, La Jolla); #13 **Brandon Perdue** (QB, 215, 9/4/96, Jr.\*/Jr., TR, Simi Valley, Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/New Mexico Military Institute); #26 **Zach Wilson** (WR, 6-1, 200, 12/4/99, Fr./Fr., --, Scottsdale, AZ, Saguaro); #30 **Jordan McMillan** (S, 5-11, 200, 2/18/00, Fr./Fr., --, Los Angeles, Loyola); #38 **Alex Stadthaus** (PK, 6-2, 195, 12/13/99, Fr./Fr., --, Austin, TX, Vandergrift); #39 **Jac Casasante** (SNP, 6-0, 210, 2/6/00, Fr./Fr., --, Altadena, Loyola); #40 **Quincy Jountti** (TB, 5-10, 205, 9/28/97, Jr./Jr., TR, Bakersfield, Liberty/Sacramento State); #41 **Chris Caulk** (TE, 6-3, 210, 10/27/97, So.\*/Jr., --, San Diego, Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC); #46 **Grant Jones** (OLB-ILB, 6-2, 220, 3/14/98, So.\*/Jr., --, Danville, CA, De La Salle); #48 **Peter Esparza** (OLB, 6-1, 205, 4/6/00, Fr./Fr., --, West Covina, CA, JSerra Catholic); #52 **Spencer Gilbert** (ILB, 6-0, 220, 1/9/00, Fr./Fr., --, Madison, AL, St. John Bosco); #64 **AJ Mageo** (OT, 6-5, 320, 11/10/00, Fr./Fr., --, Mesa, AZ, Red Mountain); #67 **Mark Zuvich** (C, 6-3, 260, 9/1/99, Fr./Fr., --, Laguna Hills, Laguna Hills).





# USC IN NCAA/PAC-12 STAT RANKINGS

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-12 RANK**
Aca'Cedric Ware	Rushing Yards Per Carry	7.0	5	1
Michael Pittman	Yards Per Reception	20.8	9	1
Tyler Vaughns	Punt Returns	10.4	20	1
Cameron Smith	Solo Tackles	5.7	21	8
Velus Jones	Kickoff Returns	24.1	--	4
Christian Rector	Sacks	0.5	--	5
Vavae Malepeai	Rushing TDs	7	--	5
USC	Blocked Kicks	3	9	1
USC	Defensive TDs	2	21	3
USC	Tackles For Loss	7.2	--	2
USC	Sacks	2.7	--	3
USC	Kickoff Returns	23.3	--	4
USC	Punt Returns	10.0	--	4
USC	Fumbles Recovered	5	--	5
USC	First Downs Defensive	187	--	5
USC	Passes Had Intercepted	7	--	5
USC	Pass Efficiency Defense	128.5	--	5

\*Top 25 only

\*\*Top 5 only

## RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
UNLV	6-of-6 (FG, FG, TD, TD, FG, TD)	1-of-2 (miss FG, TD)
STAN	1-of-2 (FG, int)	3-of-3 (TD, TD, FG)
TEX	1-of-2 (TD, failed 4th)	2-of-3 (FG, fum, TD)
WSU	5-of-5 (TD, TD, FG, TD, TD)	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)
ARIZ	1-of-2 (TD, fum)	1-of-2 (miss FG, TD)
COLO	2-of-2 (TD, FG)	2-of-2 (TD, TD)
UTAH	2-of-4 (miss FG, int, TD, TD)	5-of-5 (FG, TD, FG, TD, TD)
ASU	2-of-3 (TD, TD, failed 4th)	2-of-2 (TD, FG)
OSU	2-of-2 (TD, TD)	3-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, failed 4th)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22-of-28 (.786)</b>	<b>23-of-27 (.852)</b>
	16--TD	18--TD
	6--FG	5--FG
	2--int	2--miss FG
	2--failed 4th	1--fum
	1--fum	1--failed 4th
	1--miss FG	

## REID BUDROVICH PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
UNLV	4	1 (1)	0
STAN	2	2 (0)	0
TEX	3	1 (0)	0
WSU	5	0 (0)	1
ARIZ	5	0 (0)	1
COLO	7	1 (1)	1
UTAH	7	2 (0)	0
ASU	7	3 (0)	1
OSU	3	2 (0)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12 (2)</b>	<b>4</b>

## CHRIS TILBEY PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
STAN	4	0 (0)	0
TEX	3	1 (0)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0</b>

## ALEX STADTHAUS KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
UNLV	10	1 (7)
STAN	2	2 (0)
TEX	3	0 (2)
WSU	6	1 (4)
ARIZ	5	1 (4)
COLO	6	0 (4)
UTAH	4	0 (3)
ASU	5	0 (4)
OSU	7	0 (2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5 (30)</b>

## MICHAEL BROWN KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
UTAH	1	0 (0)
ASU	1	0 (0)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>

# TROJANS IN THE NFL (45)

(As of 11/3/18)

## BALTIMORE RAVENS

Javorius Allen, RB

## BUFFALO BILLS

Matt Barkley, QB

## CAROLINA PANTHERS

Wes Horton, DE

+Matt Kalil, T

Ryan Kalil, C

+Kevon Seymour, CB

## DALLAS COWBOYS

+Marcus Martin, OL

Tyron Smith, T

Antwaun Woods, NT

## DENVER BRONCOS

+Su'a Cravens, S

\*Nico Falah, C

## DETROIT LIONS

Matt Cassel, QB

Devon Kennard, LB

## GREEN BAY PACKERS

Clay Matthews, LB

Nick Perry, LB

## HOUSTON TEXANS

\*%Steven Mitchell, WR

## JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Cody Kessler, QB

+Margise Lee, WR

## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

%Leon McQuay III, S

Josh Shaw, CB

## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

\*Uchenna Nwosu, LB

Hayes Pullard, LB

## LOS ANGELES RAMS

Justin Davis, RB

Nickell Robey-Coleman, CB

Robert Woods, WR

## MIAMI DOLPHINS

T.J. McDonald, S

## MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Everson Griffen, DE

## NEW YORK GIANTS

Rhett Ellison, TE

Chad Wheeler, T

## NEW YORK JETS

\*Deontay Burnett, WR

\*Sam Darnold, QB

Leonard Williams, DL

## OAKLAND RAIDERS

Frostee Rucker, DT

## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Nelson Agholor, WR

## PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Zach Banner, T

Xavier Grimble, TE

JuJu Smith-Schuster, WR

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Malcolm Smith, LB

## SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

\*Rasheem Green, DE

Tre Madden, RB

Jordan Simmons, OG

## TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

\*Ronald Jones II, RB

+Stevie Tu'ikolovatu, NT

## TENNESSEE TITANS

Jurrell Casey, DT

Adoree' Jackson, CB

\*2018 Rookie

+Injured Reserve

%Practice Squad



# CLAY HELTON



\*After starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Clay Helton was named USC's permanent head coach on Nov. 30 of that year, dropping the interim head coach title he had held for USC's final 7 regular season games.

\*After the 2017 season, Helton had his contract extended through the 2023 season.

\*The 46-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 32-14 (.696) as the Trojan head coach with 10 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 Top 5 teams. He is 5-4 in 2018, including a win over No. 19 Colorado. He went 11-3 in 2017 with wins over No. 14 Stanford twice (including in the Pac-12 Championship Game) and No. 23 Arizona, 10-3 in 2016 with wins over No. 4 Washington, No. 5 Penn State in a legendary Rose Bowl thriller and No. 21 Colorado, 5-4 in 2015 with wins over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA, and 1-0 in 2013, beating No. 21 Fresno State.

\*He is the first USC head coach to have 10-win seasons in each of his first 2 full seasons and he had more wins (21) in his first 2 full seasons than any USC coach. He led USC to a since-snapped 19-game home winning streak (its longest since 2001-04), a since-snapped 14-game Pac-12 home game winning streak (its longest since 2001 to 2004), a since-snapped 13-game overall winning streak from 2016 to 2017 (its longest since 2003-04) and a since-snapped 12-game winning streak over Power 5 opponents. He is 19-1 in the Coliseum. He is 24-8 (.750) against Pac-12 foes, including 15-3 (.833) against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career losses came while he was serving as USC's interim head coach.

\*In 2017, his Trojans were 11-3 (ranked No. 12) despite playing all 12 regular season games without a bye. He led USC to an 8-1 Pac-12 record (the loss was by 3 points on Friday night on the road on a late field goal) and its first Pac-12 title since 2008 by winning the Pac-12 Championship Game (the first ever by a South Division team). Troy played in the Cotton Bowl Classic. He was the **2017 AP Pac-12 Coach of the Year** and **Athlon Pac-12 Coach of the Year** and a **finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** (the second consecutive year he was a finalist).

\*After his Trojans started off 1-3 in 2016 in his first full season as head coach (all 3 losses were to AP Top 25 teams away from home), USC closed with a 9-game winning streak (its longest since 2008-09) while rising to a final No. 3 national AP ranking (USC's highest since 2008 and the highest ever of any 3-loss team) and earning a berth in the Rose Bowl (finishing second in the Pac-12 South at 7-2) as it played a schedule ranked among the 10 most difficult in the nation. He was named a **finalist for the 2016 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** and won the **Football Writers First Year Co-Coach of the Year Award**.

\*He guided the 2015 Trojans to 5 wins in the last 6 regular-season games (including victories over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA), the co-championship of the challenging Pac-12 South Division, a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. He was named the **2015 Los Angeles Sports Council Coach of the Year**.

\*Helton joined the USC staff in February of 2010 as the quarterbacks coach after spending 10 seasons as an assistant at Memphis. He added the passing game coordinator role in 2012 and became the Trojans' offensive coordinator in 2013 (he served as USC's interim head coach in its victory over No. 21 Fresno State in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl).

\*He began his 10-year (2000-09) Memphis career as the running backs coach for 3 seasons, then coached the Tigers' receivers for the next 4 seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach the final 3 years. He served as Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery.

\*Before Memphis, he was the running backs coach at Houston, his alma mater, for 3 seasons (1997-99) under his father, head coach Kim Helton.

\*He began his coaching career at Duke, serving as a graduate assistant in 1995 and then the running backs coach in 1996.

\*He played quarterback at Houston in 1993 and 1994, playing for his father both seasons and captaining the Cougars as a 1994 senior. He spent 1991 and 1992 at Auburn, where he earned 1992 SEC All-Academic honors. He redshirted there in 1990.

\*He prepped at Clements High in Sugar Land (Tex.).

\*He and wife, Angela, have 3 children. Besides being Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, his father, Kim, was an assistant in college, the NFL and CFL. His brother, Tyson, was USC's quarterbacks coach and pass game coordinator (2016-17) until becoming Tennessee's offensive coordinator.

## ASSISTANT COACHES

USC's 2018 coaching staff remained nearly stable once again, as only 2 fulltime assistants from 2017 had to be replaced after losing just 1 the previous year. Helton brought back former USC assistant **Tim Drevno**, who was Michigan's offensive coordinator the past 3 years, as the running backs coach/running game and pass protection coordinator and he also elevated a pair of 2017 quality control assistants to fulltime roles: ex-Alabama-Birmingham quarterback and Western Kentucky assistant **Bryan Ellis** to coach the quarterbacks (he was USC's interim quarterbacks coach in the Cotton Bowl) and former USC and NFL standout wide receiver **Keary Colbert** to handle the tight ends and inside receivers. Ex-USC linebacker **Michael Hutchings** and former California defensive lineman **Trevor Guyton** came aboard as defensive graduate assistants. Like Helton, USC's offensive (**Tee Martin**) and defensive (**Clancy Pendergast**) coordinators had their contracts extended in February. On Oct. 29, offensive line coach Neil Callaway was relieved of his duties, with Drevno adding the offensive line to his coaching role with help from **Mike Goff** (the former 12-year NFL offensive lineman and ex-USC offensive line graduate assistant was elevated from defensive analyst to fulltime assistant).



### Tee Martin

Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers

In the Booth



### Keary Colbert

Tight Ends/Inside Receivers

On the Field



### Tim Drevno

Run Game, Pass Protection Coord./RBs/DL

In the Booth



### Bryan Ellis

Quarterbacks

On the Field



### Mike Goff

Offensive Line

In the Booth



### Clancy Pendergast

Defensive Coordinator

On the Field



### Ronnie Bradford

Secondary

In the Booth



### Johnny Nansen

Linebackers/Assistant Head Coach

On the Field



### Kenechi Udeze

Defensive Line

In the Booth



### John Baxter

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends

On the Field

# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
WR	21	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 185, So.*)	@tswag03 • @tvaughns_21	Communication
	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, Fr.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
	87	Randal Grimes (6-4, 205, So.)	@RandaRandal • @therandalgrimes	Communication
	44	#Matthew Hocum (5-10, 180, Jr.*)	@MatthewHocum • @matthewhocum	Business Administration
	26	Zach Wilson (6-1, 200, Fr.)	@ZachKetchum_ • @zachketchum_	Health and Human Sciences
WR	1	Velus Jones Jr. (6-0, 190, So.*)	@VelusJr • @iam_vjj	Sociology
	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, Fr.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
	13	Trevon Sidney (5-11, 170, So.*)	@TrevonSidney • @t.sid2	Communication
	85	Keyshawn "Pie" Young (5-11, 170, So.*)	@youngpie_1 • @miami_pie	Communication
	24 (80)	Jake Russell (5-11, 175, Jr.*)	@jakeruss5 • @jake_russ	Business Administration
TE	36	Jack Webster (6-0, 185, Fr.*)	@jweb9 • @j._web	Real Estate Development
	82	Tyler Petite (6-4, 250, Sr.)	@TylerPetite • @tylerpetite	Communication
	84	Erik Krommenhoek (6-5, 255, So.)	@ekromme11 • @erik_krommenhoek	Human Biology
	89	#Austin Applebee (6-6, 250, Sr.*)	@AApplebee24 • @austinapplebee	Sociology
	41	Chris Caulk (6-3, 210, So.*)	— • —	—
F	83	Josh Falo (6-6, 230, So.)	@Josh_falo • @thejoshfalo	Communication
	88	#Daniel Imatorbhebhe (6-3, 240, Jr.*)	@_bhex2 • —	Social Sciences (Economics)
RT	70	Chuma Edoga (6-4, 295, Sr.)	@edogawd • —	Political Economy/Political Science
	54	Jalen McKenzie (6-5, 305, Fr.*)	@pcBjaypee2 • @jay_peek54	—
	68	Liam Douglass (6-5, 290, Fr.)	@Liamdouglass99 • @liam.douglass	Communication
RG	72	Andrew Vorhees (6-6, 315, So.)	@Andrew_Vorhees • @andrew_vorhees	Business Administration
	75	Alijah Vera-Tucker (6-4, 310, Fr.*)	@yung_lijh • @yung_lijh	Communication
	65	Frank Martin II (6-4, 300, So.*)	@IAMFMII • @iamfmii	Real Estate Development
C	50	Toa Lobendahn (6-3, 295, Sr.*)	@T_Lo55 • @godswarriorr	Policy, Planning and Development
	62 (99)	Brett Neilon (6-2, 295, Fr.*)	@brettn110 • @brettn110	Business Administration
	57	Justin Dedich (6-2, 290, Fr.)	@Justin_BigDaddy • @justin_bigdaddy	Human Biology
	67	Mark Zuvich (6-3, 260, Fr.)	@Mark_Zuvich • @markeyzuvich	Real Estate Development
LG	77	Chris Brown (6-5, 310, Sr.*)	@ChrisBrown77 • @chrisryanbrown77	Real Estate Development
	56	Jordan Austin (6-5, 290, Sr.*)	@jaustin0056 • @jaustin56	Studies In Law • Master's
	52	Jacob Daniel (6-4, 315, Jr.*)	— • @manlikejdan	Political Science
	64	AJ Mageo (6-5, 320, Fr.)	@ajames224 • @ajmageo	—
LT	73	Austin Jackson (6-6, 305, So.)	@ChocoDro • @austindjackson	Political Science
	76	Clayton Bradley (6-5, 295, Jr.*)	@ClaytonJ76 • @claytonbradley76	Communication
	51	Bernard Schirmer (6-6, 290, So.*)	— • @bdub52x	Sociology
WR	6	#Michael Pittman Jr. (6-4, 215, Jr.)	@MikePitt_Jr • @michael_pittman_jr	Sociology
	2	Devon Williams (6-4, 205, Fr.)	@2eraa • @2eraa	Communication
	17	Josh Imatorbhebhe (6-2, 215, So.*)	@JoshBhebhe • @josh_bhebhe	Business Administration
	34	Matt Nyman (6-2, 290, Fr.*)	@MattNyman2017 • @matthewnyman	Real Estate Development
QB	18	JT Daniels (6-3, 210, Fr.) OR	@jtdaniels06 • @jtdaniels	Psychology
	10	Jack Sears (6-3, 205, Fr.*)	@jackpsears12 • @jack_sears12	Business Administration
	19	#Matt Fink (6-3, 200, So.*)	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19	Communication
	16	Holden Thomas (6-6, 200, So.*)	@holdenthomas12 • @holdenthomass	Business Administration
	4	Trevor Scully (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@trevorscully1 • @trevorscully	Business Administration
TB	13	Brandon Perdue (6-4, 215, Jr.*)	@bdperdue • @bperdue18	—
	28	Aca'Cedric Ware (6-0, 205, Sr.) OR	@ware_ced • @acacedric.ware.jr	Social Sciences (Psychology)
	29	Vavae Malepeai (6-0, 215, So.*) OR	@vavaeee • @vavaeee	Communication
	7	#Stephen Carr (6-0, 205, So.)	@yt_deon • @yt_deon	Communication
	30	Markese Stepp (6-0, 230 Fr.)	@markese_stepp • @markese_stepp	Communication
	37	#Ben Easington (5-10, 205, Fr.*)	— • —	—
	38	Chris Edmondson (5-9, 195, So.*)	@ChrisEdmondson_ • @christian.edmondson	Sociology
	39	#Howard Felder Jr. (6-0, 235, Fr.*)	@hofj_39 • @hofj_39	Cinema And Media Studies
	40	#Quincy Jountti (5-10, 205, Jr.)	@QJountti • @quincyjountti	Communication

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## DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
<b>OLB</b>	89	Christian Rector (6-4, 275, Jr.*)	@the_real_rector • @christian_rector	Political Economy
	31	Hunter Echols (6-5, 240, Fr.*)	@hunter_tyb • @huntertyb	Communication
	34	Eli'jah Winston (6-3, 235, Fr.)	@EWinston34 • @_ew34	Psychology
	53	Bryce Matthews (6-3, 225, Fr.*)	@Bjerkkid • @k.i.d._	—
	99	#Oluwole Betiku Jr. (6-3, 240, Jr.)	@Kingwolehoudini • @kingwolehoudini	International Relations
	45	#Porter Gustin (6-5, 260, Sr.)	@PorterGustin • @portergustin	Political Science
<b>DT</b>	44	Malik Dorton (6-2, 280, Sr.*)	@theeEliteMalik • elitemalik_	Communication Mgmt. • Master's
	78	Jay Tufele (6-3, 310, Fr.*)	@tufele123 • @jay_tufele	Sociology
	97	Jacob Lichtenstein (6-5, 270, Fr.*)	@BigLichh • @jake_lichtenstein	—
<b>NT</b>	51	Marlon Tuipulotu (6-3, 305, Fr.*)	@marlont_51 • @mtuipulotu51	—
	91	Brandon Pili (6-4, 325, So.)	@BrandonPili • @brandonpili_91	—
	93	Liam Jimmons (6-4, 290, So.*)	@LJblack98 • @liam_jimmons	Real Estate Development
	95	Trevor Trout (6-4, 310, Fr.)	@totaltroutmove • @totaltroutmove	Journalism
<b>DE</b>	78	Jay Tufele (6-3, 310, Fr.*) <b>OR</b>	@tufele123 • @jay_tufele	Sociology
	89	Christian Rector (6-4, 275, Jr.*)	@the_real_rector • @christian_rector	Political Economy
	90	Connor Murphy (6-7, 260, Jr.) <b>OR</b>	@CMurph_90 • @cmurphy_90	Communication
	96	#Caleb Tremblay (6-5, 270, Jr.)	@ctremblay49 • @ctremblay5	—
<b>OLB</b>	56	Jordan Iosefa (6-2, 230, Jr.)	@JordanIosefa • @iosefa_4	Global Studies
	26	Kana'i Mauga (6-2, 240, Fr.)	@kanai_mauga • @squash_26	Environmental Studies/Env. Sci. and Health
	41	#Juliano Falaniko (6-4, 230, So.)	@julianofalaniko • @julianofalaniko_	Communication
	42	Adbul-Malik McClain (6-4, 240, Fr.)	@malikmcclain8 • @malik.mcclain	Communication
	46	Grant Jones (6-2, 220, So.*)	— • —	—
	48	Peter Esparza (6-1, 205, Fr.)	— • —	—
<b>ILB</b>	35	Cameron Smith (6-2, 250, Sr.)	@CamSc35 • @camusc35	Communication
	1 (48)	Palaie Gaoteote IV (6-2, 250, Fr.)	@PalaieGaoteote • palaiegaoteote	—
	47	Reuben Peters (6-0, 230, Sr.*)	— • @reubenrpeters	Project Management • Master's
	49	Matt Bayle (6-0, 215, Jr.*)	@realmattbayle • @matthewbayle3	Communication
	59	Isaac Franco (6-1, 230, Sr.*)	— • @isaacfranco23	Human Biology
<b>ILB</b>	10	John Houston Jr. (6-3, 220, Jr.*)	@Official_John10 • @johnhouston10	Sociology
	13	#Levi Jones (6-3, 220, So.)	@TheViJones • @thevijones	—
	18	Raymond Scott (6-2, 230, Fr.)	@RayScott22 • @22.raymond	—
	58	#Solomon Tuliaupupu (6-3, 240, Fr.)	@nokeakua • @solodolohead	Accounting
	52	Spencer Gilbert (6-0, 220, Fr.)	@allhailgilbert • @allhailgilbert	Business Administration
	54	#Tayler Katoa (6-2, 230, Fr.*)	@TaylerKatoa • @taylerkatoa	Real Estate Development
<b>CB</b>	8	#Iman Marshall (6-1, 205, Sr.)	@iman_marshall8 • @biggie	Political Science/Real Estate Dev.
	9	#Greg Johnson (5-11, 190, Fr.*)	@YKGthree • @ykg.three	Communication
<b>NK</b>	23	Jonathan Lockett (5-11, 180, Sr.*)	@Jlock_23 • @jlock23_	Non-Governmental Organizations
	27	Ajene Harris (5-10, 185, Sr.*)	@ajeneharris • @harristhechosen1	Sociology/Real Estate
	16	Dominic Davis (5-9, 190, Jr.*)	@dominicadjr • @domo_fast	Communication
	17	#Chase Williams (6-2, 190, Fr.)	@ujdkchase • @wavy_c5	—
<b>SS</b>	27	Ajene Harris (5-10, 185, Sr.*)	@ajeneharris • @harristhechosen1	Sociology/Real Estate
	30	Jordan McMillan (5-11, 200, Fr.)	@jordanm77592099 • @jordanmcmillan	International Relations Global Business
	37	Davonte Nunnery (5-10, 210, Sr.*)	@USC_26 • —	Sociology
	21	#Isaiah Pola-Mao (6-4, 200, Fr.*)	@Isaiah_Pola_Mao • @isaiahpolamao21	—
	15	#Talanoo Hufanga (6-1, 215, Fr.)	@HufangaTalanoo • tongantiger15	Communication
<b>FS</b>	7	Marvell Tell III (6-2, 195, Sr.)	@MarvellTell_7 • @marvelltell7	Real Estate Development
	28	C.J. Pollard (6-1, 190, So.*)	@CJPollard1 • @cjpollard28	Communication
	31	Richard Hagestad (6-1, 195, So.*)	— • @bighag	Business Administration
<b>CB</b>	24	Isaiah Langley (6-0, 175, Sr.)	@_IsaiahLangley • @_isaiahdancylangley	Non-Governmental Organizations
	4	#Olaijah Griffin (6-0, 180, Fr.)	@OlaijahGriffin • @olaijah	Communication
	6	#Isaac Taylor-Stuart (6-2, 205, Fr.)	@Kingathlete5 • @kingathlete	Communication

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## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Name	Twitter • Instagram	Major
<b>P</b>	46	Reid Budrovich [5-11, 185, Sr.)* <b>OR</b>	@Reid_Bud • @reidbud	Business Administration • Master's Studies In Law • Master's Business Administration
	36	Chris Tilbey [6-5, 210, Sr.)*	@Chris36Tilbey • @christilbey	
	47	James Bermingham Jr. [6-4, 185, Sr.)*	– • @biggamejamesb	
<b>PK</b>	49	Michael Brown [6-1, 195, So.)*--FG, PAT	@michaelbrown15 • @michaelebrown49	Real Estate Development Geology Business Administration –
	38	Alex Stadthaus [6-2, 195, Fr.)*--KO	@astadthaus • @astadthaus	
	15	Thomas Fitts [6-1, 200, Jr.)*	@thomasfitts12 • @thomasfitts	
	40	#Chase McGrath [6-0, 195, So.)	@ChaseMcGrath • @chasemcgrath	
<b>SNP</b>	59	Damon Johnson [6-0, 205, So.)*	@damon_james24 • @damonj24	Sociology/Human Biology Business Finance • Master's Business Administration Business Administration
	81	Wyatt Schmidt [6-3, 205, Sr.)*	@yitschmidt • @yitcows	
	61	Jake Olson [6-3, 225, Jr.)*	@JakeOlson61 • @jakeolson61	
	39	Jac Casasante [6-0, 210, Fr.)	@casasante_jac • @casasante	
<b>HLD</b>	81	Wyatt Schmidt [6-3, 205, Sr.)*	@yitschmidt • @yitcows	Business Finance • Master's Business Administration Communication
	10	Jack Sears [6-3, 205, Fr.)*	@jacksears12 • @jack_sears12	
	19	#Matt Fink [6-3, 200, So.)*	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19	
<b>RETURNERS</b>				
<b>KOR</b>	1	Velus Jones Jr. [6-0, 190, So.)* <b>AND</b>	@VelusJr • @iam_vjj	Sociology Communication Sociology/Real Estate Communication Business Administration
	7	#Stephen Carr [6-0, 205, So.)	@yt_deon • @yt_deon	
	27	Ajene Harris [5-10, 185, Sr.)*	@ajeneharris • @harristhechosen1	
	9	#Greg Johnson [5-11, 190, Fr.)*	@YKGthree • @ykg.three	
	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown [6-1, 195, Fr.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	
<b>PR</b>	21	Tyler Vaughns [6-2, 185, So.)*	@tswag03 • @tvaughns_21	Communication Business Administration Sociology/Real Estate
	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown [6-1, 195, Fr.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	
	27	Ajene Harris [5-10, 185, Sr.)*	@ajeneharris • @harristhechosen1	

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### PLAYERS

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BAYLE, Matt  
BERMINGHAM Jr., James  
BETIKU, Oluwale  
BUDROVICH, Reid  
CARR, Stephen  
CASASANTE, Jac  
DAVIS, Dominic  
CAULK, Chris  
DEDICH, Justin  
DORTON, Malik  
DOUGLASS, Liam  
EASINGTON, Ben  
ECHOLS, Hunter  
EDMONDSON, Chris  
EDOGA, Chuma  
ESPARZA, Peter  
FALANIKO, Julian  
FALD, Josh  
FELDER Jr., Howard  
FRANCO, Isaac  
GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie  
GRIFFIN, Olajiah  
GRIMES, Randal  
GUSTIN, Porter  
HAGESTAD, Richard  
HARRIS, Ajene  
HOCUM, Matthew  
HUFANGA, Talanoa  
IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel/Josh  
IOSEFA, Jordan  
JACKSON, Austin  
JIMMONS, Liam  
JOHNSON, Damon  
JONES, Levi/Velus  
JOUNTTI, Quincy  
KATOA, Tayler  
KROMMENHOEK, Erik  
LANGLEY, Isaiah  
LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob  
LOEBENDAHN, Toa  
MAGEO, AJ  
MALEPEAI, Vavae  
MARSHALL, Iman  
MATTHEWS, Bryce  
MAUGA, Kana'i

APP-ul-bee  
BAIL  
BUR-ming-ham  
buh-TEE-koo, OE-loo-WOE-lee  
BUD-ro-e-vitch  
CAR, STEEV-un  
cass-uh-SOHN-tay, Jack  
DAY-vis, DOM-in-ick  
CAWLK  
DEED-itch  
DOOR-tun, muh-LEEK  
DUG-lus, LEE-um  
EEZ-ing-tun  
ECK-olz  
EO-mun-sun  
uh-DOE-guh, CHOD-muh  
uh-SPAR-zuh  
fah-lah-NEE-coe, jew-lee-AH-no  
FALL-oe  
FELL-dur  
FRANK-oe, EYE-zik  
nah-OE-tay-OE-tay, pa-la-EE-ae  
GRIF-un, uh-LIE-jhuh  
GRYMZ  
GUS-tin  
HAG-uh-stad  
HAIR-us, uh-JAY-nay  
HOE-come  
who-FAWN-guh, tal-uh-NOE-uh  
ee-MAT-tor-bay-bay  
ee-oe-SEF-uh  
JAX-sun, AWE-stin  
JIM-uns, LEE-um  
JON-sun, DAY-mun  
JOENS, LEE-vye/VAY-lus  
JON-tee, KWIN-see  
kuh-TOE-uh, TAY-lur  
krome-mun-HOKE  
LANG-lee, eye-ZAY-uh  
LICK-tun-styne  
low-ben-DON, TOE-uh  
mun-YAY-oe  
mah-lay-PAY-eye, vah-VYE  
MAR-shull, EE-mon  
MATH-use, BRICE  
MOW-guh, kuh-NYE-ee

McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik  
McGRATH, Chase  
McKENZIE, Jalen  
NEILON, Brett  
NUNNERY, Davonte  
NYMAN, Matt  
PERDUE, Brandon  
PETERS, Reuben  
PETITE, Tyler  
PILI, Brandon  
POLA-MAO, Isaiah  
POLLARD, C.J.  
RECTOR, Christian  
SCHIRMER, Bernard  
SCHMIDT, Wyatt  
SIDNEY, Trevon  
STADTHAUS, Alex  
ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra  
STEPP, Markese  
TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac  
TELL III, Marvell  
TILBEY, Chris  
TREMBLAY, Caleb  
TUFELE, Jay  
TULIAUPUPU, Solomon  
TUIPULOTU, Marlon  
VAUGHNS, Tyler  
VERA-TUCKER, Alijah  
VORHEES, Andrew  
WARE, Aca'Cedric  
WILLIAMS, Devon  
WINSTON, Eli'jah  
YOUNG, Keyshawn  
ZUVICH, Mark

### COACHES/STAFF

COLBERT, Keary  
DREVNO, Tim  
GILL, Prentice  
GUYTON, Trevor  
HELTON, Clay  
LEWIS, Ivan  
NANSEN, Johnny  
PENDERGAST, Clancy  
UDEZE, Kenechi

muh-CLAYN, ab-DOOL-muh-LEEK  
muh-GRATH  
muh-KEN-zee, JAY-lin  
NEE-lawn  
NONE-ur-ee, duh-VON-tay  
NIE-mun  
purr-DEW  
PEE-turs, RUE-bin  
puh-TEET  
PEE-lee  
POE-luh MOW (as in Cow), eye-ZAY-uh  
PAUL-urd  
RECK-tur  
SHER-mur  
SHMIT, WHY-ut  
SID-nee, TRAY-von  
STAD-house  
SAYNT BROWN, AW-mun-raw  
STEP, mar-KEESE  
TAY-lur-STEW-urt, EYE-zik  
TELL, mar-VELL  
TILL-bee  
TREM-blay, KAY-lub  
too-FAY-lay  
too-lee-ow-PDO-poo, SAUL-uh-mun  
TOO-ee-poo-LOE-too  
VONS  
VARE-uh TUK-ur, uh-LIE-jhuh  
VORE-heez  
WEAR, awk-uh-SAID-rick  
WIL-yums, DEV-un  
WIN-stun, uh-LIE-jhuh  
YUNG, KEY-shon  
ZOO-vitch

COL-burt, CARE-ee  
DREV-noe  
GIL, PREN-tis  
GUY-tun  
HELL-tun  
LOO-is, EYE-vun  
NAN-sun  
PEN-dur-gassed  
oo-DEZ-zay, kun-EE-chee



# 2018 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
89	APPLEBEE, Austin	TE	6-6	250	3/23/96	Sr./Sr.	1V	Seneca, IL (Seneca/McKendree/Arizona Western)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OG	6-5	290	5/4/96	Sr./Sr.	2V	Claremont (Claremont)
49	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0	215	2/27/97	Jr./Sr.	SQ	San Marino (St. Francis)
47	BERMINGHAM JR., James	P	6-4	185	6/12/96	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Laguna Beach (Dana Hills)
99	BETIKU JR., Oluwole	OLB	6-3	240	6/22/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Lagos, Nigeria (Serra)
76	BRADLEY, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Orange (Servite)
77	BROWN, Chris	OG	6-5	310	4/26/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Loyola)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	195	12/23/97	So./Jr.	1V	Temecula (Linfield Christian)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	Sr./Sr.	1V	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	205	1/16/99	So./So.	1V	Gardena (Summit)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	210	2/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Altadena (Loyola)
41	CAULK, Chris	TE	6-3	210	10/27/97	So./Fr.	--	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	315	4/7/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Fresno (Clovis North)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	210	2/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Irvine (Mater Dei)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	CB-TB	5-9	190	12/8/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
57	DEDICH, Justin	C	6-2	290	4/21/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Temecula (Chaparral)
44	DORTON, Malik	DL	6-2	280	5/23/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OT	6-5	290	9/3/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Topanga (Harvard Westlake)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	205	4/23/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	240	11/1/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Cathedral)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	TB	5-9	195	3/5/98	So./Jr.	SQ	Cibola, TX (Clemens)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	295	5/25/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	205	4/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	West Covina (JSerra Catholic)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	230	3/27/99	So./So.	1V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	230	8/10/99	So./So.	1V	Sacramento (Inderkum)
39	FELDER JR., Howard	TB	6-0	235	10/11/98	Fr./Fr.	--	West Los Angeles (Cathedral)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	200	12/13/97	So./Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Glendora)
15	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	200	9/24/96	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
59	FRANCO, Isaac	ILB	6-1	230	4/15/95	Sr./Sr.	--	Los Angeles (Palisades Charter/Adams State)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
4	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	180	3/10/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach (Mission Viejo)
87	GRIMES, Randal	WR	6-4	205	7/27/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Desert Pines)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	OLB	6-5	260	2/8/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	S	6-1	195	3/21/97	So./Jr.	SQ	Del Mar (Bishop's School)
27	HARRIS, Ajene	CB	5-10	185	6/1/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
44	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	180	12/30/96	Jr./Sr.	--	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Carson (Serra)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	215	2/1/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
88	IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel	TE	6-3	240	12/9/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett/Florida)
17	IMATORBHEBHE, Josh	WR	6-2	215	4/12/98	So./Jr.	1V	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB-OLB	6-2	230	9/20/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Waipahu, HI (St. Louis)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	305	8/11/99	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
93	JIMMONS, Liam	DL	6-4	290	1/6/98	So./Jr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	205	10/7/97	So./Jr.	1V	Glendora (Glendora/Citrus JC)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	190	1/12/99	Fr./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Hawkins)
46	JONES, Grant	OLB-ILB	6-2	220	3/14/98	So./Jr.	--	Danville (De La Salle)
13	JONES, Levi	ILB-OLB	6-3	220	5/5/98	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Westlake)
1	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	So./Jr.	1V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
40	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	205	9/28/97	Jr./Jr.	TR	Bakersfield (Liberty/Sacramento State)
54	KATOA, Tayler	ILB	6-2	230	7/27/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	255	11/12/98	So./So.	1V	Danville (Monte Vista)
24	LANGLEY, Isaiah	CB	6-0	175	10/13/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Hayward (Foothill)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	270	11/6/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	C-OT	6-3	295	2/14/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Cerritos (La Habra)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	180	4/18/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OT	6-5	320	11/10/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	215	1/21/98	So./Jr.	1V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
8	MARSHALL, Iman	CB	6-1	205	2/27/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	So./Jr.	SQ	West Covina (Mater Dei)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	ILB	6-3	225	4/30/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Bishop Montgomery)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	OLB	6-2	240	1/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Waianae, HI (Waianae)





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42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	240	10/10/99	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano (JSerra Catholic)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	195	9/13/98	So./So.	1V	Newport Beach (Mater Dei)
54	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	310	7/10/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Concord (Clayton Valley)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	200	2/18/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles (Loyola)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	260	10/29/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	295	7/7/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Rancho Santa Margarita (Santa Margarita)
37	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-10	210	10/12/95	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
34	NYMAN, Matt	WR	6-2	190	11/11/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Brentwood)
61	OLSON, Jake	SNP	6-3	225	3/26/97	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Orange Lutheran)
13	PERDUE, Brandon	QB	6-4	215	9/4/96	Jr.*/Jr.	TR	Simi Valley (Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/ New Mexico Military Institute)
47	PETERS, Reuben	ILB-FB	6-0	230	10/25/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Westchester (Loyola)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-4	250	12/14/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Lafayette (Campolindo)
91	PILLI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	So./So.	1V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	215	10/5/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Woodland Hills (Oaks Christian)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	200	6/30/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	190	10/31/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Carson (Serra)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	275	4/22/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	South Pasadena (Loyola)
24	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	175	12/18/96	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OT	6-6	290	12/18/96	So.*/Jr.	TR	Long Beach (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
81	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	HLD-SNP	6-3	205	12/25/94	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	230	4/19/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Harbor City (Narbonne)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QB	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr./Fr.	--	La Jolla (La Jolla)
10	SEARS, Jack	QB	6-3	205	4/17/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Clemente (San Clemente)
13	SIDNEY, Trevon	WR	5-11	170	10/24/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Amat)
35	SMITH, Cameron	ILB	6-2	250	3/26/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Roseville (Granite Bay)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	195	12/13/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills (Mater Dei)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	230	2/11/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego (Helix)
7	TELL III, Marvell	S	6-2	195	8/2/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Pasadena (Crespi)
16	THOMAS, Holden	QB	6-6	200	6/20/97	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Pacific Palisades (Brentwood)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	210	12/31/93	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham/ San Francisco CC)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr./Jr.	JC	Napa (Vintage/American River CC)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	310	11/20/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	310	7/25/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Independence, OR (Central)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	240	3/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	185	6/1/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Amat)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG-OT	6-4	310	6/17/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	315	1/21/99	So./So.	1V	Kingsburg (Kingsburg)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	205	6/29/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
36	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	185	8/20/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Canada Flintridge (Loyola)
17	WILLIAMS, Chase	CB	6-2	190	12/9/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona (Roosevelt)
2	WILLIAMS, Devon	WR	6-4	205	7/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Lancaster (Antelope Valley)
26	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	200	12/4/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	235	4/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
85	YOUNG, Keyshawn "Pie"	WR	5-11	170	12/29/96	So.*/Jr.	1V	Miami, FL (Miami Senior)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	C	6-3	260	9/1/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Laguna Hills (Laguna Hills)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Clay HELTON (Houston, 1994), Fifth Year (interim 1 game in 2013, 7 in 2015; permanent 2 games in 2015, all 2016, 2017 and 2018)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** John BAXTER, Special Teams Coordinator (Loras College, 1985); Ronnie BRADFORD, Secondary (Colorado, 1995); Keary COLBERT, Tight Ends/Inside Receivers (USC, 2006); Tim DREVNO, Running Game and Pass Protection Coordinator/Running Backs (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Bryan ELLIS, Quarterbacks (Alabama-Birmingham, 2011); Prentice GILL, Offensive Graduate Assistant (Old Dominion, 2012); Mike GOFF, Offensive Line (Iowa, 2012); Trevor GUYTON, Defensive Graduate Assistant (California, 2013); Michael HUTCHINGS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2017); Tee MARTIN, Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers (Tennessee/U.S. Sports Academy, 2004); Johnny NANSEN, Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator (Washington State, 1997); Clancy PENDERGAST, Defensive Coordinator (Arizona, 1990); Dane STEVENS, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2016); Kenechi UDEZE, Defensive Line (USC, 2010)

**STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH:** Ivan LEWIS (Idaho, 2000)



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1	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
2	WILLIAMS, Devon	WR	6-4	205	7/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Lancaster (Antelope Valley)
4	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	180	3/10/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach (Mission Viejo)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QB	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr./Fr.	--	La Jolla (La Jolla)
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	215	10/5/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Woodland Hills (Oaks Christian)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego (Helix)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	205	1/16/99	So./So.	1V	Gardena (Summit)
7	TELL III, Marvell	S	6-2	195	8/2/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Pasadena (Crespi)
8	MARSHALL, Iman	CB	6-1	205	2/27/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills (Mater Dei)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	190	1/12/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Los Angeles (Hawkins)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Carson (Serra)
10	SEARS, Jack	QB	6-3	205	4/17/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Clemente (San Clemente)
13	SIDNEY, Trevon	WR	5-11	170	10/24/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Amat)
13	JONES, Levi	ILB-OLB	6-3	220	5/5/98	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Westlake)
13	PERDUE, Brandon	QB	6-4	215	9/4/96	Jr.*/Jr.	TR	Simi Valley (Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/ New Mexico Military Institute)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	215	2/1/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
15	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	200	9/24/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	CB-TB	5-9	190	12/8/96	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
16	THOMAS, Holden	QB	6-6	200	6/20/97	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Pacific Palisades (Brentwood)
17	IMATORBHEBHE, Josh	WR	6-2	215	4/12/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett)
17	WILLIAMS, Chase	CB	6-2	190	12/9/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona (Roosevelt)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	210	2/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Irvine (Mater Dei)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	230	4/19/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Harbor City (Narbonne)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	200	12/13/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Glendora)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	185	6/1/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Amat)
21	POLA-MAD, Isaiah	S	6-4	200	6/30/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	180	4/18/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
24	LANGLEY, Isaiah	CB	6-0	175	10/13/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Hayward (Foothill)
24	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	175	12/18/96	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	OLB	6-2	240	1/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
26	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	200	12/4/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
27	HARRIS, Ajene	CB	5-10	185	6/1/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	205	6/29/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	190	10/31/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Carson (Serra)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	215	1/21/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	230	2/11/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	200	2/18/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles (Loyola)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	240	11/1/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Cathedral)
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	S	6-1	195	3/21/97	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Del Mar (Bishop's School)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	235	4/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
34	NYMAN, Matt	WR	6-2	190	11/11/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Brentwood)
35	SMITH, Cameron	ILB	6-2	250	3/26/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Roseville (Granite Bay)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	210	12/31/93	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham/ San Francisco CC)
36	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	185	8/20/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Canada Flintridge (Loyola)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	205	4/23/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
37	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-10	210	10/12/95	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	TB	5-9	195	3/5/98	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Cibola, TX (Clemens)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	195	12/13/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
39	FELDER JR., Howard	TB	6-0	235	10/11/98	Fr.*/Fr.	--	West Los Angeles (Cathedral)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	210	2/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Altadena (Loyola)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	195	9/13/98	So./So.	1V	Newport Beach (Mater Dei)
40	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	205	9/28/97	Jr./Jr.	TR	Bakersfield (Liberty/Sacramento State)
41	FALANIKO, Julianio	OLB	6-4	230	3/27/99	So./So.	1V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
41	CAULK, Chris	TE	6-3	210	10/27/97	So.*/Fr.	--	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	240	10/10/99	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano (JSerra Catholic)
44	DORTON, Malik	DL	6-2	280	5/23/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
44	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	180	12/30/96	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	OLB	6-5	260	2/8/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)



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46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	Sr./Sr.	1V	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
46	JONES, Grant	OLB-ILB	6-2	220	3/14/98	So./Jr.	--	Danville (De La Salle)
47	PETERS, Reuben	ILB-FB	6-0	230	10/25/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Westchester (Loyola)
47	BERMINGHAM JR., James	P	6-4	185	6/12/96	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Laguna Beach (Dana Hills)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	205	4/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	West Covina (JSerra Catholic)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	195	12/23/97	So./Jr.	1V	Temecula (Linfield Christian)
49	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0	215	2/27/97	Jr./Sr.	SQ	San Marino (St. Francis)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	C-OT	6-3	295	2/14/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Cerritos (La Habra)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	Fr./So.	1V	Independence, OR (Central)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OT	6-6	290	12/18/96	So./Jr.	TR	Long Beach (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	315	4/7/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Fresno (Clovis North)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	ILB	6-3	225	4/30/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Bishop Montgomery)
54	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	310	7/10/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Concord (Clayton Valley)
54	KATO, Tayler	ILB	6-2	230	7/27/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OG	6-5	290	5/4/96	Sr./Sr.	2V	Claremont (Claremont)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB-OLB	6-2	230	9/20/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Waipahu, HI (St. Louis)
57	DEDICH, Justin	C	6-2	290	4/21/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Temecula (Chaparral)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	240	3/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	205	10/7/97	So./Jr.	1V	Glendora (Glendora/Citrus JC)
59	FRANCO, Isaac	ILB	6-1	230	4/15/95	Sr./Sr.	--	Los Angeles (Palisades Charter/Adams State)
61	OLSON, Jake	SNP	6-3	225	3/26/97	Jr./Sr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Orange Lutheran)
62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	295	7/7/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Rancho Santa Margarita (Santa Margarita)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OT	6-5	320	11/10/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	So./Jr.	SQ	West Covina (Mater Dei)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	C	6-3	260	9/1/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Laguna Hills (Laguna Hills)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OT	6-5	290	9/3/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Topanga (Harvard Westlake)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	295	5/25/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	315	1/21/99	So./So.	1V	Kingsburg (Kingsburg)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	305	8/11/99	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG-OT	6-4	310	6/17/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
76	BRADLEY, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Orange (Servite)
77	BROWN, Chris	OG	6-5	310	4/26/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Loyola)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	310	7/25/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
81	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	HLD-SNP	6-3	205	12/25/94	Sr./Sr.	2V	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-4	250	12/14/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Lafayette (Campolindo)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	230	8/10/99	So./So.	1V	Sacramento (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	255	11/12/98	So./So.	1V	Danville (Monte Vista)
85	YOUNG, Keyshawn "Pie"	WR	5-11	170	12/29/96	So./Jr.	1V	Miami, FL (Miami Senior)
87	GRIMES, Randal	WR	6-4	205	7/27/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Desert Pines)
88	IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel	TE	6-3	240	12/9/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett/Florida)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	275	4/22/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	South Pasadena (Loyola)
89	APPLEBEE, Austin	TE	6-6	250	3/23/96	Sr./Sr.	1V	Seneca, IL (Seneca/McKendree/Arizona Western)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	260	10/29/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	So./So.	1V	Anchorage, AK (Westview [OR])
93	JIMMONS, Liam	DL	6-4	290	1/6/98	So./Jr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	310	11/20/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr./Jr.	JC	Napa (Vintage/American River CC)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	270	11/6/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
99	BETIKU JR., Oluwole	OLB	6-3	240	6/22/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Lagos, Nigeria (Serra)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Clay HELTON (Houston, 1994), Fifth Year (interim 1 game in 2013, 7 in 2015; permanent 2 games in 2015, all 2016, 2017 and 2018)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** John BAXTER, Special Teams Coordinator (Loras College, 1985); Ronnie BRADFORD, Secondary (Colorado, 1995); Keary COLBERT, Tight Ends/Inside Receivers (USC, 2006); Tim DREVNO, Running Game and Pass Protection Coordinator/Running Backs (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Bryan ELLIS, Quarterbacks (Alabama-Birmingham, 2011); Prentice GILL, Offensive Graduate Assistant (Old Dominion, 2012); Mike GOFF, Offensive Line (Iowa, 2012); Trevor GUYTON, Defensive Graduate Assistant (California, 2013); Michael HUTCHINGS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2017); Tee MARTIN, Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers (Tennessee/U.S. Sports Academy, 2004); Johnny NANSEN, Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator (Washington State, 1997); Clancy PENDERGAST, Defensive Coordinator (Arizona, 1990); Dane STEVENS, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2016); Kenechi UDEZE, Defensive Line (USC, 2010)

**STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH:** Ivan LEWIS (Idaho, 2000)





# 2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in bold face)

Name	UNLV	Stanford	Texas	Wash. St.	Arizona	Colorado	Utah	Ariz. St.	Oreg. St.	California	UCLA	No. Dame
<b>Rushing: TCB-NET-TD</b>												
Ware	<b>10-100-1</b>	<b>18-65-0</b>	4-8-0	1-(-5)-0	<b>21-173-2</b>	6-23-0	--	<b>13-64-0</b>	<b>17-205-3</b>			
Carr	9-54-0	10-52-0	<b>6-13-1</b>	8-77-0	14-80-0	<b>12-20-0</b>	<b>12-23-0</b>	4-16-0	6-49-1			
Malepeai	8-47-2	3-18-0	2-3-1	<b>13-78-2</b>	3-8-1	2-6-0	<b>10-44-1</b>	5-51-0	15-101-0			
Fink	2-(-2)-0	1-5-0	--	--	--	--	4-21-0	--	--			
V. Jones	2-10-0	--	--	--	--	--	3-(-5)-0	1-8-1	--			
Stepp	--	--	--	--	--	2-10-0	--	--	--			
Sears	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10-10-0	--			
St. Brown	1-12-0	--	1-(-3)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Team	1-(-1)-0	--	--	3-(-24)-0	5-(-10)-0	2-(-4)-0	--	--	1-(-2)-0			
Daniels	5-(-1)-0	5-(-20)-0	3-(-26)-0	6-(-13)-0	4-2-0	2-(-4)-0	2-(-10)-0	--	5-(-21)-0			
<b>Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD</b>												
Daniels	35- <b>21-0</b>	34- <b>16-2</b>	48- <b>30-1</b>	26-17-0	24- <b>16-0</b>	35- <b>18-2</b>	16- <b>6-2</b>	--	26- <b>14-0</b>			
	<b>282-1</b>	<b>215-0</b>	<b>322-0</b>	<b>241-3</b>	<b>197-0</b>	<b>283-3</b>	<b>89-1</b>		<b>177-1</b>			
Sears	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28- <b>20-0</b>	--			
								<b>235-2</b>				
Fink	--	2-1-0	--	--	--	--	7- <b>6-0</b>	--	--			
		3-0					43-1					
Vaughns	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0	--			
								36-1				
Team	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--			
								0-0				
<b>Receiving: NO-YDS-TD</b>												
St. Brown	<b>7-98-1</b>	2-39-0	<b>9-167-0</b>	2-38-1	<b>5-54-0</b>	4-31-0	--	4-39-0	<b>5-39-0</b>			
Vaughns	3-37-0	<b>7-84-0</b>	4-36-0	<b>7-64-1</b>	2-23-0	5-86-1	2-1-0	4-72-1	3-41-0			
Pittman	1-36-0	3-65-0	4-16-0	<b>2-72-1</b>	1-20-0	<b>6-155-2</b>	4-107-1	<b>6-90-2</b>	--			
V. Jones	2-16-0	--	4-71-0	2-48-0	2-22-0	2-6-0	3-4-0	1-22-0	--			
Malepeai	2-6-0	1-10-0	1-(-2)-0	--	2-14-0	--	1-12-0	2-15-0	1-6-0			
Falo	--	--	2-6-0	--	<b>3-54-0</b>	--	--	3-37-0	--			
Carr	--	3-12-0	2-7-0	2-2-0	--	--	1-5-0	--	--			
Sidney	3-72-0	--	2-12-0	1-12-0	--	--	--	--	1-8-0			
Ware	2-15-0	--	--	1-5-0	--	1-5-0	--	1-(-4)-0	1-6-0			
Petite	--	1-8-0	2-9-0	--	1-10-0	--	1-3-1	--	--			
D. Williams	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>3-77-1</b>			
Krommenhoek	1-2-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
<b>Punting: NO-YDS-LONG</b>												
Budrovich	4-115-48	2-54-33	3-107-40	5-197-50	5-228-51	7-297-54	7-279-48	7-309-53	3-100-39			
Tilbey	--	4-163-47	3-79-44	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Team	--	--	--	--	1-30-30	--	--	--	--			
<b>Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG</b>												
Vaughns	2-54-28	1-4-4	2-22-22	1-0-0	4-(-1)-3	4-20-12	--	2*-79-82	1-(-1)-0			
St. Brown	1-9-9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Pittman	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4-4	--	--			
*Includes 1 for a TD												
<b>Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG</b>												
V. Jones	1-16-16	--	2-55-34	4-91-35	--	1-31-31	1-30-30	4-87-24	3-76-37			
Carr	1-73-73	--	--	2-38-25	--	--	1-22-22	1-2-2	1-16-0			
Harris	1-25-25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Team	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-2)-(-2)	--	--	--			
<b>Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD</b>												
Harris	--	--	--	--	--	1-6-1	--	--	--			
Tell	--	--	--	--	1-(-4)-0	--	--	--	--			



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<b>Defensive Statistics: TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC</b>												
Houston	4-0-0-0	4-1-1-0	4-0-1-0	7-0-1-0	4-0-1-0	4-0-1-0	15-1.5-0-0	7-0-0-0	8-1-0-0			
Smith	7-2-2-0	9-1-0-0	9-0-0-0	15-2-0-0	7-0-1-0	--	--	--	5-0-1-0			
Hufanga	1-0-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	3-0-1-0	9-0-1-0	5-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	12-0.5-1-0	11-2.5-1-0	--			
Harris	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-2-0	6-0-0-0	2-1-1-0	7-2-1-0	1-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	7-0-1-0			
Tell	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	6-0-1-0	3-0-1-0	4-1-2*-0	3-2-0-0	9-0-1-0	--	7-0-0-0			
Rector	--	3-0-0-0	7-1-1-1	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	10-3.5-0-0	3-0.5-1-0	9-3.5-0-0			
Langley	3-0-0-0	3-0-2-0	1-0-2-0	--	3-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	5-0-1-0	9-0-0-0			
Marshall	2-0-2-0	6-1-0-0	3-0-1-0	5-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-1-0	5-0-1-0			
Gaoteote	--	--	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	9-2-0-0	11-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	--			
Gustin	3-1.5-0-1	5-1-0-0	7-3-1-0	4-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	6-2.5-0-0	--	--	--			
Iosefa	2-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	4-0-1-0			
Tuipulotu	4-0-0-0	1-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	3-0.5-0-0			
Dorton	4-1-0-0	1-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	2-0.5-0-0	3-0-1-0	5-0-0-0	--			
Tufele	1-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	3-0-1*-0	2-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-0-0-1***	3-0.5-0-0	5-2-0-0			
G. Johnson	1-0-0-0	4-1-1-0	1-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	1-0-0-1	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0			
Mauga	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	4-1-1-0	--	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0			
L. Jones	2-1-0-0	--	1-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	3-1-0-0	3-1-1-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--			
Lockett	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	4-0-0-1	4-0.5-0-0			
Pili	4-1.5-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-1-0-0			
Pollard	1-0-1-0	2-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0.5-0-0			
Peters	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	6-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--			
Pola-Mao	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Griffin	3-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--			
Lichtenstein	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	2-1-0-0	--			
Jimmons	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--			
Echols	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--			
Tremblay	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Murphy	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0.5-0-0	--	--			
St. Brown	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Pittman	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-1**-0	--	--			
Budrovich	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--			
V. Jones	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--			
Scott	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--			
D. Williams	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--			
D. Johnson	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--			
Malepeai	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--			
Team	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	--	--			
Stepp	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--			
Winston	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0			
Falaniko	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			

\*Includes 1 blocked field goal

\*\*Includes 1 blocked punt

\*\*\*Includes 1 for a TD

## USC TEAM STATISTICS

<i>Name</i>	<i>UNLV</i>	<i>Stanford</i>	<i>Texas</i>	<i>Wash. St.</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Colorado</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Ariz. St.</i>	<i>Oreg. St.</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>UCLA</i>	<i>No. Dame</i>
First Downs	23	20	16	23	18	16	10	19	25			
Rush	10	11	2	6	9	5	3	6	12			
Pass	11	9	13	10	7	9	5	11	11			
Penalty	2	0	1	7	2	2	2	2	2			
Rush Attempts	38	37	16	31	47	26	31	33	44			
Yds Gain	242	148	37	166	274	78	94	177	357			
Yds Lost	23	34	42	53	21	27	21	28	25			
Net Yards	219	114	-5	113	253	51	73	149	332			
Net Yds Pass	282	218	322	241	197	283	132	271	177			
Pass Att	35	36	48	26	24	35	23	30	26			
Pass Com	21	17	30	17	16	18	12	21	14			
Had Int	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0			
Tot Off Plays	73	73	64	57	71	61	54	63	70			
Tot Net Yards	501	332	317	354	450	334	205	420	509			
Avg/Play	6.9	4.5	5.0	6.2	6.3	5.5	3.8	6.7	7.3			
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1	3-0	4-0	3-3	1-1	1-0	2-1	4-1			
Penalties-Yds	6-58	4-35	10-99	8-65	18-169	13-123	2-20	7-73	6-52			
Punts-Yds	4-115	6-217	6-186	5-197	6-258	7-297	7-279	7-309	3-100			
Avg/Punt	28.8	36.2	31.0	39.4	43.0	42.4	39.9	44.1	33.3			
Punt Ret-Yds	3-63	1-4	2-22	1-0	4-[-1]	4-20	1-4	2-79	1-[-1]			
KO Ret-Yds	3-114	0-0	2-55	6-129	0-0	2-29	2-52	5-89	4-92			
Int-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-[-4]	1-6	0-0	0-0	0-0			
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-48	0-0	0-0			
Poss Time	31:06	29:17	25:22	24:11	32:51	25:09	25:12	27:45	30:49			
3rd Down Con	7-16	8-17	6-15	3-9	5-16	2-10	3-14	2-11	8-14			
4th Down Con	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-2			
Sacks By-Yds	5-21	0-0	2-20	1-1	1-2	4-34	5-27	0-0	6-42			



## Game-By-Game Starters

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<b>Offense</b>												
<b>WR</b>	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	St. Brown	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns	Vaughns		
<b>WR</b>	V. Jones	Kr'm'ho'k*	V. Jones	Kr'm'ho'k*	Falo*	V. Jones	Falo*	Falo*	St. Brown			
<b>LT</b>	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson		
<b>LG</b>	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown	C. Brown		
<b>C</b>	Neilon	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn		
<b>RG</b>	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees		
<b>RT</b>	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga	Edoga		
<b>TE</b>	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite	Petite		
<b>WR</b>	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman		
<b>QB</b>	Daniels	Daniels	Daniels	Daniels	Daniels	Daniels	Daniels	Sears	Daniels			
<b>TB</b>	Ware	Ware	Ware	Carr	Ware	Ware	Ware	Ware	Ware			

\*USC started 2 tight ends

### Defense

<b>OLB</b>	Gustin	Gustin	Gustin	Rector	Gustin	Gustin	Rector	Rector	Lich'stein^			
<b>DT</b>	Dorton	Dorton	Dorton	Tufele	Dorton	Dorton	Dorton	Dorton	Dorton			
<b>NT</b>	Pili	Pili	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu			
<b>DE</b>	Tufele	Rector	Rector	Gaoteote	Harris**	Harris**	Tufele	Lockett**	Tufele			
<b>OLB</b>	Iosefa	Harris**	Harris**	Harris**	Iosefa	Iosefa	Iosefa	Iosefa	Iosefa			
<b>ILB</b>	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Smith			
<b>ILB</b>	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston			
<b>CB</b>	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall			
<b>SS</b>	Polu-Mao	Polu-Mao	Pollard	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga	Harris			
<b>FS</b>	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Tell	Harris	Tell			
<b>CB</b>	G. J'nson	G. J'nson	G. J'nson	G. J'nson	Langley	Langley	Langley	Langley	Langley			

\*\*USC started 3 cornerbacks

^USC started 4 defensive linemen

## OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

<i>Name</i>	<i>UNLV</i>	<i>Stanford</i>	<i>Texas</i>	<i>Wash. St.</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Colorado</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Ariz. St.</i>	<i>Oreg. St.</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>UCLA</i>	<i>No. Dame</i>
First Downs	17	13	25	24	20	17	27	20	24			
Rush	13	4	10	4	4	6	15	12	5			
Pass	4	9	11	19	10	7	12	7	17			
Penalty	0	0	4	1	6	4	0	1	2			
Rush Attempts	43	29	48	24	37	37	51	44	32			
Yds Gain	336	172	189	92	111	152	238	292	84			
Yds Lost	28	13	29	1	13	57	38	9	53			
Net Yards	308	159	160	91	98	95	200	283	31			
Net Yds Pass	97	183	234	344	232	170	341	166	301			
Pass Att	27	28	34	52	33	47	30	24	46			
Pass Com	12	16	16	37	16	26	22	14	31			
Had Int	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0			
Tot Off Plays	70	57	82	76	70	84	81	68	78			
Tot Net Yards	405	342	394	435	330	265	541	449	332			
Avg/Play	5.8	6.0	4.8	5.7	4.7	3.2	6.7	6.6	4.3			
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	1-1	0-0			
Penalties-Yds	4-35	7-50	7-46	11-118	8-80	8-81	7-69	5-48	4-28			
Punts-Yds	7-286	8-351	4-145	4-185	9-342	9-377	4-143	5-195	5-211			
Avg/Punt	40.9	43.9	36.2	46.2	38.0	41.9	35.8	39.0	42.4			
Punt Ret-Yds	0-0	1-8	0-0	2-5	3-33	3-30	2-(-2)	4-103	0-0			
KO Ret-Yds	3-68	2-26	1-24	2-41	1-16	1-21	1-38	1-25	2-67			
Int-Yards	0-0	2-36	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-5	0-0	0-0			
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0			
Poss Time	28:54	30:43	34:38	35:49	27:09	34:51	34:48	32:15	29:11			
3rd Down Con	5-15	4-13	10-19	7-16	4-16	7-23	5-14	8-15	9-18			
4th Down Con	1-2	0-0	1-1	3-3	2-3	2-4	1-2	0-0	1-3			
Sacks By-Yds	2-15	4-30	3-26	2-17	2-11	1-7	2-10	2-7	2-9			





# GAME 1 – September 1, Los Angeles Coliseum

USC 43, UNLV 21

Att: 58,708

UNLV	7	7	0	7	--	21
USC	6	13	0	24	--	43

True freshman QB **JT Daniels** debuted with 282 passing yards, including a long touchdown pass to first-year frosh WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown**, PK **Chase McGrath** kicked a record-tying 5 field goals, TB **Vavae Malepeai** scored the first 2 TDs of his career and TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** rushed for 100 yards with a TD as No. 15 USC overcame a sluggish start to post a 43-21 season-opening win over UNLV in front of 58,708 fans in an under-renovation Coliseum and a national Pac-12 Network audience.

It was USC's 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive home victory.

After a scoreless third quarter, USC outscored the Rebels 24-7 in the fourth quarter to pull away from its 19-14 halftime edge. The Trojans' back-to-back TDs early in the final quarter—a 43-yard toss by Daniels (his first career touchdown pass) to prep teammate St. Brown and then a 15-yard Ware run—and late points on McGrath's fifth field goal (a 36-yarder that tied the school game record) and Malepeai's 20-yard scamper were sandwiched around a 5-yard TD pass from UNLV QB Armani Rogers to TE Giovanni Fauolo in the middle of the quarter. Blind SNP **Jake Olson** snapped on Malepeai's final score.

USC's first 4 scores of the game came on first half field goals by McGrath: a 46-yarder after OLB **Porter Gustin** recovered a fumble forced by S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** on the game's first play, a 38-yarder late in the first quarter, a 29-yarder near the top of the second quarter and a 47-yarder midway through the second period.

UNLV took the lead twice in the first half, first when TB Lexington Thomas raced 71 yards for a TD on a fake reverse to make it 7-6 UNLV and then when Rogers hit WR Kendal Keys for a 31-yard score to give the Rebels a 14-9 edge. But Malepeai's 2-yard TD run late in the half gave USC a lead it wouldn't relinquish heading into intermission.

Daniels, who graduated a year early from high school to enroll at USC in the summer of 2018, became just the second Trojan true freshman to start a season opener at quarterback (along with Matt Barkley in 2009). He completed 22-of-35 passes, including 7 for 98 yards to St. Brown, the game's leading receiver. In the second half alone, Daniels was 9-of-12 passing for 167 yards. His 282 passing yards were the most ever by a Trojan in his playing debut.

Ware averaged 10.0 yards on each of his 10 rushes for his fourth career 100-yard rushing game, while Malepeai added 47 yards on 8 tries and TB **Stephen Carr** had 54 yards on 9 carries.

ILB **Cameron Smith** and Pola-Mao (making his first career start) each had a team-high 7 tackles, while Gustin had 1.5 sacks.

USC piled up 501 yards of total offense with 23 first downs, while UNLV had 405 total yards but converted just 5-of-15 third downs. Almost half of UNLV's 308 rushing yards (141) came on 3 trick plays (a pair of fake reverses, including Thomas' TD, and a fake punt). The Trojans posted 5 sacks.

Thomas had a game-best 136 yards on 14 carries for UNLV, while Rogers was 12-of-27 passing for 97 yards and added 82 rushing yards on 18 attempts.

It was USC's first game in a Coliseum undergoing a \$315-million renovation to be completed for the 2019 season that will include a south-side tower housing suites, loge boxes, club seats, a new concourse and a new press box.

## SCORING

### First Quarter

USC -- McGrath 46-yard field goal

USC -- McGrath 38-yard field goal

UNLV -- Thomas 71-yard run (Pantels kick)

### Second Quarter

USC -- McGrath 29-yard field goal

UNLV -- Keys 31-yard pass from Rogers (Pantels kick)

USC -- McGrath 47-yard field goal

USC -- Malepeai 2-yard run (McGrath kick)

### Fourth Quarter

USC -- St. Brown 43-yard pass from Daniels (McGrath kick)

USC -- Ware 15-yard run (McGrath kick)

UNLV -- Faulolo 5-yard pass from Rogers (Pantels kick)

USC -- McGrath 36-yard field goal

USC -- Malepeai 20-yard run (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UNLV
23	First Downs	17
219	Net Yards Rushing	308
282	Net Yards Passing	97
35	Passes Attempted	27
22	Passes Completed	12
0	Had Intercepted	0
73	Total Plays	70
501	Total Yards	405
4/28.8	Punts/Avg	7/40.9
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
6/58	Penalties/Yards	4/35
31:06	Time of Possession	28:54

## TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Thomas (UNLV) 14-136; Ware (USC) 10-100; Rogers (UNLV) 18-82; Carr (USC) 9-54; Malepeai (USC) 8-47.

PASSING – Daniels (USC) 22-35-282; Rogers (UNLV) 12-27-97.

RECEIVING – St. Brown (USC) 7-98; Vaughns (USC) 4-37; Sidney (USC) 3-72; Stevenson (UNLV) 3-21; Collins (UNLV) 2-23; V. Jones (USC) 2-16; Ware (USC) 2-15; Fauolo (UNLV) 2-8; Malepeai (USC) 2-6.

# GAME 2 – September 8, Palo Alto, California

Stanford 17, USC 3

Att: 42,856

USC	0	0	3	0	--	3
Stanford	7	7	3	0	--	17

In the first Pac-12 game of 2018, No. 10 Stanford held No. 17 USC to its fewest points in a game in 21 years and its fewest points in the series in 77 years as the Cardinal posted a 17-3 victory over the Trojans in front of 42,856 fans in Palo Alto and a national FOX audience.

It was USC's lowest point total since a 27-0 road loss at Washington in 1997 and its fewest versus the Cardinal since a 13-0 home loss in 1941.

The Trojans only could manage a 35-yard field goal by PK **Chase McGrath** on the opening drive of the third quarter. That score came after Stanford had built a 14-0 halftime lead behind RB Bryce Love's 6-yard touchdown run on the game's opening drive and then a 9-yard TD pass from QB K.J. Costello to TE Colby Parkinson late in the half, coming 5 plays after USC couldn't convert a fourth-and-2 at the Stanford 40 with 1:25 to go before intermission. The Cardinal followed USC's third quarter field goal with a 30-yarder of their own by PK Jet Toner on the ensuing possession.

Both defenses proved stingy. USC managed just 332 yards of total offense, while Stanford had just 342. The Trojans had 16 more plays (73 to 57) and 7 more first downs (20 to 13) and limited the Cardinal to 4-of-13 on third down conversions.

USC QB **JT Daniels**, who suffered a bruised right (throwing) hand during the Trojans' first possession and had to miss a series, was 16-of-34 for 215 yards, but was intercepted twice and sacked 4 times, losing the ball on a sack on the failed fourth down attempt late in the first half.

WR **Tyler Vaughns** caught a career-best 7 passes for 84 yards (both game highs) and WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** added 3 grabs for 65 yards. TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** ran for 59 yards on 18 carries, while TB **Stephen Carr** had 52 yards on 10 attempts and added 3 receptions for 12 yards.

ILB **Cameron Smith** led USC with 9 tackles and CB **Iman Marshall** had 6 stops.

Costello hit 16-of-27 passes for 183 yards and Love had 136 yards on 22 rushes. S Malik Antoine had both of Stanford's interceptions.

## SCORING

### First Quarter

STAN -- Love 6-yard run (Toner kick)

### Second Quarter

STAN -- Parkinson 9-yard pass from Costello (Toner kick)

### Third Quarter

USC -- McGrath 35-yard field goal

STAN -- Toner 30-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
20	First Downs	13
114	Net Yards Rushing	172
218	Net Yards Passing	183
36	Passes Attempted	28
17	Passes Completed	16
2	Had Intercepted	0
73	Total Plays	57
332	Total Yards	342
6/36.2	Punts/Avg	8/43.9
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
4/35	Penalties/Yards	7/50
29:17	Time of Possession	30:43

## TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Love (STAN) 22-136; Ware (USC) 18-59; Carr (USC) 10-52.

PASSING – Daniels (USC) 16-34-215; Costello (STAN) 16-27-183.

RECEIVING – Vaughns (USC) 7-84; Irwin (STAN) 5-31; Smith (STAN) 4-77; Arcega-Whiteside (STAN) 4-62; Pittman (USC) 3-65; Carr (USC) 3-12; St. Brown (USC) 2-39; Parkinson (STAN) 2-16.

**GAME 3 – September 15, Austin, Texas**  
**Texas 37, USC 14**  
**Att: 103,507**

USC	14	0	0	0	--	14
Texas	3	13	21	0	--	37

After No. 22 USC opened up a 14-3 first quarter lead, Texas scored 34 unanswered points and limited the Trojans to minus 5 yards rushing to post a 37-14 victory before a Darrell K Royal-Texas Stadium record capacity crowd of 103,507 fans and a FOX national TV audience.

It was USC's first visit to Austin since 1966. It was the second largest road (non-neutral site) attendance in USC history (behind the 106,033 at Ohio State in 2009). It was the Longhorns' 900th career win. It was the Trojans' fourth consecutive loss in the state of Texas, dating to 1996.

USC jumped out to a quick lead in the opening quarter, as TB **Stephen Carr** burst 23 yards on the game's opening drive and TB **Vavae Malepeai** had a 3-yard scoring run late in the quarter. Texas managed a 20-yard field goal by PK Cameron Dicker on its first possession.

It was all Longhorns after that. WR Lil'Jordan Humphrey caught a 47-yard TD pass from QB Sam Ehlinger early in the second quarter, then Dicker nailed a pair of 46-yard field goals later in the quarter (the second came at the halftime gun).

Ehlinger hit WR Joshua Moore for a 27-yard TD on the opening series of the second half. Midway through the third quarter, LB Anthony Wheeler scooped up a blocked USC field goal attempt and raced 46 yards for a score. Ehlinger closed the scoring late in the third quarter on a 4-yard run.

Texas dominated the statistics. The Longhorns had more plays (82 to 64), total yards (394 to 317), first downs (25 to 16) and possession time (34:38 to 25:22). UT had 160 of its yards on the ground, while USC's minus 5 yards rushing was its fewest since getting minus 20 yards at Arizona in 1999. Troy was penalized 10 times for 99 yards and converted just 6-of-15 third downs.

USC QB **JT Daniels** was 30-of-48 passing for 322 yards with an interception (he became the first USC true freshman to throw for 300-plus yards since Matt Barkley threw for 350 in the 2009 Emerald Bowl against Boston College). WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** caught 9 passes for 167 yards (it was the most receiving yards by a USC true freshman since Marqise Lee's 224 against UCLA in 2011).

ILB **Cameron Smith** led USC with 9 tackles, while OLB **Porter Gustin** and DL **Christian Rector** each had 7 tackles (Gustin had 2 sacks before being ejected for targeting early in the second half).

For Texas, Ehlinger completed 15-of-33 passes for 223 yards and rushed for another 35 yards on 17 carries. RB Tre Watson had 72 yards on 18 tries, while RB Daniel Young added 57 yards on 12 attempts. WR Collin Johnson caught 6 passes for 79 yards.

During the game, former USC fullback C.R. Roberts was honored for his 251-yard school record rushing performance in Austin in 1956 in Troy's sociologically historic victory over the Longhorns.

**SCORING**  
**First Quarter**

**USC -- Carr 23-yard run (McGrath kick)**

TEX -- Dicker 20-yard field goal

**USC -- Malepeai 3-yard run (McGrath kick)**

**Second Quarter**

TEX -- Humphrey 47-yard pass from Ehlinger (Dicker kick)

TEX -- Dicker 46-yard field goal

TEX -- Dicker 46-yard field goal

**Third Quarter**

TEX -- Moore 27-yard pass from Ehlinger (Dicker kick)

TEX -- Wheeler 46-yard return of blocked field goal

TEX -- Ehlinger 4-yard run (Dicker kick)

USC	STATISTICS	TEXAS
16	First Downs	25
-5	Net Yards Rushing	160
322	Net Yards Passing	234
48	Passes Attempted	34
30	Passes Completed	16
1	Had Intercepted	0
64	Total Plays	82
317	Total Yards	394
6/31.0	Punts/Avg	4/36.2
3/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
10/99	Penalties/Yards	7/46
25:22	Time of Possession	34:38

**TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING – Watson (TEX) 18-72; Young (TEX) 12-57; Ehlinger (TEX) 17-35; Carr (USC) 6-13.

PASSING – Daniels (USC) 30-48-322; Ehlinger (TEX) 15-33-223; Heard (TEX) 1-1-11.

RECEIVING – St. Brown (USC) 9-167; Johnson (TEX) 6-79; Humphrey (TEX) 4-84; V. Jones (USC) 4-71; Vaughns (USC) 4-36; Pittman (USC) 4-16; Beck (TEX) 2-25; Sidney (USC) 2-12; Petite (USC) 2-9; Carr (USC) 2-7; Falo (USC) 2-6.

**GAME 4 – September 21, Los Angeles Coliseum**  
**USC 39, Washington State 36**  
**Att: 52,421**

Washington State	3	21	6	6	--	36
USC	7	10	7	15	--	39

QB **JT Daniels** threw 3 touchdowns, TB **Vavae Malepeai** ran for 2 scores and DL **Jay Tufele** blocked a late potential game-tying field goal as USC overcame a 13-point third quarter deficit to defeat Washington State, 39-36, on a Friday night before 52,421 fans in the Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It was USC's 18th consecutive home victory, including its 12th straight at home against Pac-12 foes.

After RB Max Borghi opened the second half with a 13-yard TD run (the Cougars' fifth consecutive scoring drive) to give WSU a 30-17 lead (the Cougs' missed the PAT), USC responded. It took 3 plays for WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** to haul in a 50-yard Daniels TD bomb. Then WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** made a nice over-the-shoulder catch of Daniels' 30-yard pass for a touchdown at the top of the fourth quarter to give USC a 31-30 lead. WSU answered right back as QB Gardner Minshew hit WR Easop Winston Jr. on a 4-yard scoring toss (Minshew's third TD pass of the game and second to Winston), but the Cougars couldn't convert on the 2-point attempt. USC countered on its next series, with Malepeai running in for a 2-yard TD (and Daniels hit WR **Tyler Vaughns** for the 2-point conversion).

With 1:50 to go in the game, the Cougars drove into field goal range, but Tufele burst through a hole and got a hand on PK Blake Mazza's 38-yard try that would have tied the game.

USC got on the board on the game's opening drive, as Malepeai ran in for a 3-yard score. The Cougars soon after started their scoring spree. First, Mazza hit a 50-yard field goal midway through the first quarter. Then RB James Williams had a 4-yard TD run at the top of the second quarter. After USC quickly scored on Daniels' 9-yard TD pass to Vaughns, Minshew threw TD passes on consecutive series to Winston (28 yards) and WR Dezmon Patmon (7 yards with 1:39 left in the half). But the Trojans came right back with PK **Michael Brown's** 26-yard field goal to cut WSU's lead to 24-17 at the intermission.

In the game, Washington State held the ball for 11:38 more than USC (35:49 to 24:11) and ran off 21 more plays (76 to 57) while compiling more total yards (435 to 354). The Cougars converted all 3 of their fourth down tries, but had 11 penalties. USC was just 3-of-9 on third downs. Neither team had a turnover.

Daniels was 17-of-26 for 241 yards with no interceptions, with Vaughns catching 7 passes for 64 yards. Malepeai had a game-high 78 yards on 13 carries and TB **Stephen Carr** added 77 yards on 8 tries.

ILB **Cameron Smith** had a game-best 15 tackles (2 for losses), while S **Talanoa Hufanga** added 9 tackles and a key fourth-quarter deflection while making his first career start.

For WSU, Minshew completed 37-of-52 passes for 344 yards. Williams ran for 54 yards on 17 attempts and caught 7 passes for 34 yards. WR Jamire Calvin had 7 receptions for 63 yards. Winston had 6 grabs for 143 yards and Patmon had 4 for 55 yards.

The attendance was the smallest for a USC home game since 2001 (44,880 versus Oregon State).

**SCORING**  
**First Quarter**

**USC -- Malepeai 3-yard run (M. Brown kick)**

WSU -- Mazza 50-yard field goal

**Second Quarter**

WSU -- J. Williams 4-yard run (Mazza kick)

**USC -- Vaughns 9-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)**

WSU -- Winston 28-yard pass from Minshew (Mazza kick)

WSU -- Patmon 7-yard pass from Minshew (Mazza kick)

**USC -- M. Brown 26-yard field goal**

**Third Quarter**

WSU -- Borghi 13-yard run (team rush failed)

**USC -- Pittman 50-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)**

**Fourth Quarter**

**USC -- St. Brown 30-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)**

WSU -- Winston 4-yard pass from Minshew (Minshew pass failed)

**USC -- Malepeai 2-yard run (Vaughns pass from Daniels)**

USC	STATISTICS	WASHINGTON STATE
23	First Downs	24
113	Net Yards Rushing	91
241	Net Yards Passing	344
26	Passes Attempted	52
17	Passes Completed	37
0	Had Intercepted	0
57	Total Plays	76
354	Total Yards	435
5/39.4	Punts/Avg	4/46.2
4/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/65	Penalties/Yards	11/118
24:11	Time of Possession	35:49

**TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING – Malepeai (USC) 13-78; Carr (USC) 8-77; J. Williams (WSU) 17-54; Borghi (WSU) 3-29.

PASSING – Minshew (WSU) 37-52-344; Daniels (USC) 17-26-241.

RECEIVING – Vaughns (USC) 7-64; Calvin (WSU) 7-63; J. Williams (WSU) 7-34; Winston (WSU) 6-143; Patmon (WSU) 6-55; Borghi (WSU) 4-8; Tay (WSU) 3-1; Pittman (USC) 2-72; V. Jones (USC) 2-48; St. Brown (USC) 2-38; Sweet (WSU) 2-21; Carr (USC) 2-2.



# GAME 5 – September 29, Tucson, Arizona

USC 24, Arizona 20

Att: 43,573

USC	7	10	7	0	--	24
Arizona	0	0	7	13	--	20

After building a 24-0 lead in the third quarter, USC--aided by a career-best 173-yard, 2-touchdown rushing performance by TB **Aca'Cedric Ware**--had to hold on to defeat Arizona, 24-20, before 43,573 fans under the lights in Tucson and a national ESPN2 audience.

It was USC's first road win of 2018 in 3 tries. It also was Troy's sixth straight victory over Arizona.

USC looked impressive in forging its big lead. TB **Vavae Malepeai** ran in from a yard out to cap a 12-play, 90-yard drive midway through the first quarter. The Trojans then scored on back-to-back possessions in the middle of the second quarter, first on a 42-yard field goal by PK **Michael Brown** and then on Ware's 26-yard TD scamper on fourth down. USC got to UA's 13-yard line on its next series before losing a fumble. Arizona took the ball and marched to USC's 20-yard line, but its field goal try at the halftime gun was blocked by S **Marvell Tell III**.

Ware jetted a career-long 69 yards for a TD on USC's opening drive of the third quarter to put Troy up 24-0. But Arizona answered right back as QB Khalil Tate fired a 33-yard scoring pass to WR Stanley Berryhill III.

USC lost 2 more fumbles in the fourth quarter, the first leading to Tate's 32-yard scoring aerial to WR Cedric Peterson midway through the period. Then, after USC failed to convert a fourth-and-2 in Wildcat territory with under 5 minutes to play, Arizona took 8 plays before RB Gary Brightwell ran in for a 1-yard TD with 1:40 left on the clock (the extra point missed). But USC recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock.

USC accumulated 450 total yards (253 rushing ) to Arizona's 330 (only 98 on the ground). The Trojans held the ball 32:51 and limited the Wildcats to 4-of-16 third down conversions. But USC was penalized 18 times for 169 yards, its most penalties since getting a school-record and Pac-12 record-tying 21 against Oregon in 1999.

It was Ware's third 100-yard rushing performance against Arizona in his career (he carried the ball 21 times in the game). TB **Stephen Carr** added 80 yards on 14 carries. QB **JT Daniels** completed 16-of-24 passes for 197 yards, including 5 receptions by WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** for 54 yards. ILB **Cameron Smith** led USC with 7 tackles.

Tate, fighting through a lingering ankle sprain, hit 16-of-33 passes for 232 yards and ran for 38 yards on 13 tries, while RB J.J. Taylor rushed for 50 yards on 18 attempts and WR Shun Brown caught 5 passes for 81 yards. LB Colin Schooler had 13 tackles along with a fumble recovery and forced fumble.

## SCORING

### First Quarter

USC -- Malepeai 1-yard run (M. Brown kick)

### Second Quarter

USC -- M. Brown 42-yard field goal

USC -- Ware 26-yard run (M. Brown kick)

### Third Quarter

USC -- Ware 69-yard run (M. Brown kick)

ARIZ -- Berryhill 33-yard pass from Tate (Havrisik kick)

### Fourth Quarter

ARIZ -- Peterson 32-yard pass from Tate (Havrisik kick)

ARIZ -- Brightwell 1-yard run (Havrisik kick failed)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
18	First Downs	20
253	Net Yards Rushing	98
197	Net Yards Passing	232
24	Passes Attempted	33
16	Passes Completed	16
0	Had Intercepted	1
71	Total Plays	70
450	Total Yards	330
6/43.0	Punts/Avg	9/38.0
3/3	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
18/169	Penalties/Yards	8/80
32:51	Time of Possession	27:09

## TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Ware (USC) 21-173; Carr (USC) 14-80; Taylor (ARIZ) 18-50; Tate (ARIZ) 13-38.

PASSING – Tate (ARIZ) 16-33-232; Daniels (USC) 16-24-197.

RECEIVING – Brown (ARIZ) 5-81; St. Brown (USC) 5-54; Falo (USC) 3-54; Taylor (ARIZ) 3-22; Peterson (ARIZ) 2-38; Ellison (ARIZ) 2-29; V. Jones (USC) 2-22; Poindexter (ARIZ) 2-22; Malepeai (USC) 2-14.

# GAME 6 – October 13, Los Angeles Coliseum

USC 31, Colorado 20

Att: 57,615

Colorado	0	7	0	13	--	20
USC	0	21	7	3	--	31

QB **JT Daniels** threw 3 touchdown passes, including a pair to WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, and CB **Ajene Harris** returned an interception for a TD to punctuate a stifling Trojan defensive effort as USC beat undefeated No. 19 Colorado, 31-20, in a night home game in front of 57,615 fans and an FS1 national audience.

It raised USC's all-time mark against Colorado to 13-0. It was Troy's 19th straight victory in the Coliseum, including its 14th consecutive at home against Pac-12 foes. The Trojans were coming off a bye.

After a scoreless first quarter, Colorado WR Laviska Shenault raced 49-yards untouched out of the Wildcat formation early in the second quarter. But the Trojans scored 3 touchdowns to close out the half, as Daniels hit WR **Tyler Vaughns** for a 27-yard TD and then he found Pittman for 65- and 9-yard scores.

USC extended its lead late in the third quarter when Harris ran 6 yards with a pick, his school record-tying third career interception return for a TD.

Colorado threatened late in the game, with RB Kyle Evans scoring on a 2-yard run to cap a 16-play drive and then, following USC PK **Michael Brown's** 38-yard field goal, Buffalo QB Steven Montez scored on a 19-yard run with 3:23 to go.

USC shut down Colorado's high-flying offense, which was averaging 490.6 total yards and 37.8 points, by allowing only 265 total yards (170 passing) and 20 points, all CU season lows. USC posted 16 tackles for loss (4 were sacks), its most since getting 16 against San Jose State in 2009. The Buffaloes converted just 7-of-23 third downs.

USC had 334 total yards, but just 62 rushing (the Trojans had 0 rushing yards in the first half). Troy held the ball only 25:09 on just 61 plays (CU had 84 plays), was penalized 13 times and was just 2-of-10 on third downs.

Daniels was 18-of-35 for 272 yards, but threw 2 interceptions. Pittman had 6 receptions for 155 yards and Vaughns had 5 catches for 86 yards.

ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV**, who started for injured **Cameron Smith**, led USC with 9 tackles, while Harris and S **Talanoe Hufanga** each added 7 stops.

For Colorado, Shenault had 9 catches for 72 yards and WR K.D. Nixon added 6 grabs for 36 yards, while Montez completed 26-of-47 passes for 170 yards. ILB Nate Landman made 10 tackles.

## SCORING

### Second Quarter

COLO -- Shenault 49-yard run (Stefanou kick)

USC -- Vaughns 27-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)

USC -- Pittman 65-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)

USC -- Pittman 9-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)

### Third Quarter

USC -- Harris 6-yard interception return (M. Brown kick)

### Fourth Quarter

COLO -- Evans 2-yard run (Stefanou kick)

USC -- M. Brown 38-yard field goal

COLO -- Montez 19-yard run (Montez pass failed)

USC	STATISTICS	COLORADO
16	First Downs	17
51	Net Yards Rushing	95
283	Net Yards Passing	170
35	Passes Attempted	47
18	Passes Completed	26
2	Had Intercepted	1
61	Total Plays	84
334	Total Yards	265
7/42.4	Punts/Avg	9/41.9
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
13/123	Penalties/Yards	8/81
25:09	Time of Possession	34:51

## TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Shenault (COLO) 2-46; McMillian (COLO) 18-32; Ware (USC) 6-23; Carr (USC) 12-20; Evans (COLO) 7-17.

PASSING – Montez (COLO) 26-47-170; Daniels (USC) 18-35-283.

RECEIVING – Shenault (COLO) 9-72; Pittman (USC) 6-155; Nixon (COLO) 6-36; Vaughns (USC) 5-86; St. Brown (USC) 4-31; Brown (COLO) 4-30; Jackson (COLO) 2-19; McMillian (COLO) 2-7; V. Jones (USC) 2-6; MacIntyre (COLO) 2-4.





## GAME 7 – October 20, Salt Lake City, Utah

Utah 41, USC 28

Att: 46,405

USC	14	0	0	14	--	28
Utah	7	13	14	7	--	41

After USC opened up an early 14-0 lead, Utah scored the game's next 34 points behind the play of QB Tyler Huntley and a suffocating defense en route to a 41-28 win over the Trojans in front of a capacity crowd of 46,405 fans under the lights in Salt Lake City and a national Pac-12 Network audience.

It was USC's third straight loss in Salt Lake City and it put the Utes in control of their destiny in the Pac-12 South.

Utah dominated the statistics, piling up 541 total yards (the most against USC since Oregon had 578 in 2015), including 200 rushing, along with 27 first downs and 34:48 possession time on 81 plays. USC managed just 205 total yards (its fewest since compiling 194 against Alabama in 2016), including just 132 passing, and 10 first downs (its fewest since getting 10 against Georgia Tech in the 2012 Sun Bowl) on 54 plays (its fewest since 51 against California in 2013). The Trojans converted just 3-of-14 third downs, including starting off 0-of-11.

In the first half, USC had just 99 yards (11 rushing) on 26 plays to Utah's 255 yards on 48 plays. Utah had more first downs (15 to 4) in the half and held the ball 18:04. USC was 0-of-7 on third down conversions in the opening half and went 3-and-out on 6 of its 8 drives.

Huntley completed 22-of-29 passes overall for 341 yards with 4 TDs and ran for another. Ute RB Zack Moss rushed for 136 yards on 25 tries, while WR Samson Nacua had 5 receptions for 55 yards and WR Britain Covey had 4 grabs for 79 yards with a score. LB Chase Hansen had 11 tackles and an interception.

For USC, QB **JT Daniels** completed just 6-of-16 passes for 89 yards with 2 picks before leaving the game at the end of the third quarter with a concussion. QB **Matt Fink** replaced him and hit 6-of-7 passes for 43 yards. Both threw a TD. WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** had 4 catches for 107 yards, while TB **Vavae Malepeai** ran for 44 yards on 10 carries with a TD. Four Trojans had double figures in tackles: ILB **John Houston Jr.** (game-high 15), S **Talanoo Hufanga** (12), ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (11) and DL **Christian Rector** (10). USC posted 5 sacks, including 2 by Rector.

USC got on the board midway through the first quarter as Pittman outjumped 2 Utah defenders to grab Daniels' 34-yard scoring heave. Six plays later, DL **Jay Tufele** scooped up a fumble forced by Houston and he raced 48 yards for a TD.

But Utah responded right back, with Huntley hitting Covey 3 plays later for a 46-yard score. The Utes tallied on their first 2 possessions of the second quarter, first on a 33-yard field goal by PK Matt Gay following Hansen's interception and then on a 3-yard Huntley run. Gay nailed a 30-yard field goal at the halftime gun to put Utah up 20-14.

The Utes also scored on their first 2 series of the second half, with Huntley throwing touchdown passes to WRs Solomon Enis (27 yards) and Demari Simpkins (11 yards) to go up 34-14.

Three plays after Pittman blocked a Utah punt early in the fourth quarter, Fink found TE Tyler Petite for a 3-yard TD. But the Utes answered that with Huntley's 11-yard scoring pass to TE Jake Jackson. USC closed out the game's scoring on the next series as Malepeai ran for a 12-yard score.

### SCORING

#### First Quarter

USC -- Pittman 34-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)

USC -- Tufele 48-yard fumble return (M. Brown kick)

UTAH -- Covey 46-yard pass from Huntley (Gay kick)

#### Second Quarter

UTAH -- Gay 33-yard field goal

UTAH -- Huntley 3-yard run (Gay kick)

UTAH -- Gay 30-yard field goal

#### Third Quarter

UTAH -- Enis 27-yard pass from Huntley (Gay kick)

UTAH -- Simpkins 11-yard pass from Huntley (Gay kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

USC -- Petite 3-yard pass from Fink (M. Brown kick)

UTAH -- Jackson 11-yard pass from Huntley (Gay kick)

USC -- Malepeai 12-yard run (M. Brown kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
10	First Downs	27
73	Net Yards Rushing	200
132	Net Yards Passing	238
23	Passes Attempted	30
12	Passes Completed	22
2	Had Intercepted	0
54	Total Plays	81
205	Total Yards	541
7/39.9	Punts/Avg	4/35.8
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	3/2
2/20	Penalties/Yards	7/69
25:12	Time of Possession	34:48

### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Moss (UTAH) 25-136; Malepeai (USC) 10-44; Huntley (UTAH) 16-33; Carr (USC) 12-23; Fink (USC) 4-21; Green (UTAH) 3-19.

PASSING – Huntley (UTAH) 22-29-341; Daniels (USC) 6-16-89; Fink (USC) 6-7-43.

RECEIVING – Nacua (UTAH) 5-55; Pittman (USC) 4-107; Covey (UTAH) 4-79; Kuithe (UTAH) 4-68; V. Jones (USC) 3-4; Dixon (UTAH) 2-56; Simpkins (UTAH) 2-24; Field (UTAH) 2-16.

## GAME 8 – October 27, Los Angeles Coliseum

Arizona State 38, USC 35

Att: 47,406

Arizona State	14	10	7	7	--	38
USC	7	7	14	7	--	35

Arizona State--behind the play of QB Manny Wilkins, RB Eno Benjamin and WR N'Keal Harry--snapped USC's 19-game home winning streak with a 38-35 victory over the Trojans in front of 47,406 fans in the Coliseum and a national ABC/ESPN2 audience.

The loss also ended USC's 14-game Pac-12 home game winning streak and its 21-game winning streak in the Greater Los Angeles area. It was **Clay Helton's** first loss in the Coliseum as USC's head coach (he won his first 19 home contests).

Third string QB **Jack Sears** started for the Trojans in place of regular starting QB **JT Daniels** [concussion] and backup QB **Matt Fink** (broken ribs). Sears completed 20-of-28 passes for 235 yards and the 2 TDs with no interceptions.

USC got off to a quick start when ASU punted after its opening drive and WR **Tyler Vaughns** returned it 82 yards for a TD (it was USC's longest punt return since Nelson Agholor's 93-yarder for a score at California in 2013). But the Sun Devils responded by scoring on their next 4 series to go up 24-7: Harry hauled in a 44-yard Wilkins pass, then Benjamin ran for a 3-yard score after USC lost a fumble deep in ASU territory, then PK Brandon Ruiz nailed a 31-yard field goal early in the second quarter and finally Benjamin raced 49 yards for a TD. USC scored late in the half when Sears threw his first career TD, hitting WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** with 13 seconds to go.

ASU outgained USC in the first half, 286 to 116, and the Sun Devils held the ball 19:21 and had 14 more plays (40 to 26). USC had just 7 first downs to ASU's 14 and Troy converted just 1-of-4 third downs in the opening half.

USC opened the second half by scoring twice quickly, first on an 8-yard TD fly sweep by WR **Velus Jones Jr.** and then, on the play after CB **Jonathan Lockett** recovered a fumble forced by CB **Iman Marshall**, Vaughns took a lateral and heaved a 36-yard TD pass to Pittman to give USC a 28-24 lead. However, late in the third quarter, Harry fielded a punt deep in ASU territory and went 92 yards for a score to put the Sun Devils back ahead, 31-28.

USC got to the ASU 20-yard line early in the fourth quarter, but couldn't convert a fourth-and-1 play. Late in the game, Wilkins took off on a 45-yard TD run with 1:23 to play, but USC answered with Sears' 48-yard TD aerial to Vaughn with 35 seconds remaining. But ASU recovered USC's ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock.

USC had 420 total yards (271 passing) but converted just 2-of-11 third downs, while ASU had 449 total yards (283 rushing).

Pittman had 6 catches for 90 yards and Vaughns added 4 grabs for 72 yards (Vaughns was the first Trojan with a TD pass, TD catch and punt return TD in a game since at least 1971). TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** ran for 64 yards on 13 carries and TB **Vavae Malepeai** had 51 yards on 5 rushes. S **Talanoo Hufanga** had a game-best 11 tackles (2.5 for losses) before breaking his collarbone late in the game, while ILB **John Houston Jr.** and CB **Ajene Harris** each had 7 stops.

The attendance was the smallest for a USC home game since 2001 (44,880 versus Oregon State).

### SCORING

#### First Quarter

USC -- Vaughns 82-yard punt return (M. Brown kick)

ASU -- Harry 44-yard pass from Wilkins (B. Ruiz kick)

ASU -- Benjamin 3-yard run (B. Ruiz kick)

#### Second Quarter

ASU -- B. Ruiz 31-yard field goal

ASU -- Benjamin 49-yard run (Ruiz kick)

USC -- Pittman 6-yard pass from Sears (M. Brown kick)

#### Third Quarter

USC -- V. Jones 8-yard run (M. Brown kick)

USC -- Pittman 36-yard pass from Vaughns (M. Brown kick)

ASU -- Harry 92-yard punt return (B. Ruiz kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

ASU -- Wilkins 45-yard run (B. Ruiz kick)

USC -- Vaughns 48-yard pass from Sears (M. Brown kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA STATE
19	First Downs	30
149	Net Yards Rushing	283
271	Net Yards Passing	166
30	Passes Attempted	24
21	Passes Completed	14
0	Had Intercepted	0
63	Total Plays	68
420	Total Yards	449
7/44.1	Punts/Avg	5/39.0
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
7/73	Penalties/Yards	5/48
27:45	Time of Possession	32:15

### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Benjamin (ASU) 29-185; Wilkins (ASU) 9-89; Ware (USC) 13-64; Malepeai (USC) 5-51; Carr (USC) 4-16.

PASSING – Sears (USC) 20-28-235; Wilkins (ASU) 14-22-166; Vaughns (USC) 1-1-36; Sterling-Cole (ASU) 0-2-0.

RECEIVING – Pittman (USC) 6-90; Harry (ASU) 4-95; Vaughns (USC) 4-72; St. Brown (USC) 4-39; Darby (ASU) 4-26; Falo (USC) 3-37; Hudson (ASU) 3-9; Malepeai (USC) 2-15.



# GAME 9 – November 3, Corvallis, Oregon

## USC 38, Oregon State 21

Att: 35,187

USC	7	14	7	10	--	35
Oregon State	0	14	7	0	--	21

TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** ran for a career-high 205 yards and 3 touchdowns, including a pair of long ones, and the Trojan defense posted 6 sacks to help USC get a 38-21 victory at Oregon State on a cool eveing before 35,187 fans and an FS1 national audience.

Ware, who averaged 12.1 yards on his 17 carries, had the most rushing yards by a Trojan since Ronald Jones II had 216 against Arizona State in 2017.

Fellow TB **Vavae Malepeai** ran for a career-best 101 yards on 15 attempts, as he and Ware became USC's first 200/100-yard rushing duo since Jones (223) and Ware (130) did so in 2016 against California.

USC jumped out to a 21-0 lead behind an 8-yard TD run by TB **Stephen Carr** to cap the Trojans' 17-play opening drive, followed by Ware's 57-yard scoring burst on Troy's ensuing series early in the second quarter and then QB **JT Daniels'** 41-yard TD bomb to WR **Devon Williams** on USC's next series.

But Oregon State closed the gap to 21-14 late in the first half with touchdowns on back-to-back drives, first on a 6-yard run by backup QB Jack Colletto and then on starting QB Jake Luton's 11-yard pass to TE Noah Togiai with 4 seconds to play to punctuate a quick 85-yard drive. Luton was 22-of-27 for 220 yards in the first half.

Both teams scored on their opening possessions of the second half, first Ware getting a 2-yard TD run and then Beaver RB Artavis Pierce running for a 6-yard score.

USC pulled away in the fourth quarter, as Ware jetted 62 yards for a TD early in the quarter and then PK **Michael Brown** nailed a career-best 46-yard field goal late in the game.

USC piled up 509 total yards, including 332 rushing (both season highs), while limiting Oregon State to 332 total yards (only 31 rushing). OSU TB Jermar Jefferson, who was the Pac-12's rushing leader at 129.3 yards per game, was held to 58 yards on the ground on 18 carries (he had minus 4 yards at halftime).

Daniels hit 14-of-26 passes for 177 yards, WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** had 5 catches for 39 yards and Williams grabbed 3 for 77 yards (his first career receptions). DL **Christian Rector** and CB **Isaiah Langley** each had a game-best 9 tackles, with 3.5 of Rector's going for losses (with 2.5 sacks). DL **Jay Tufele** had 2 sacks among his 5 tackles.

Luton was 31-of-45 for 301 yards overall, with WR Trevon Bradford getting 10 catches for 63 yards and WR Isaiah Hodgins grabbing 8 passes for 129 yards.

### SCORING

#### First Quarter

USC -- Carr 8-yard run (M. Brown kick)

#### Second Quarter

USC -- Ware 57-yard run (M. Brown kick)

USC -- D. Williams 41-yard pass from Daniels (M. Brown kick)

OSU -- Colletto 6-yard run (Choukair kick)

OSU -- Togiai 11-yard pass from Luton (Choukair kick)

#### Third Quarter

USC -- Ware 2-yard run (M. Brown kick)

OSU -- Pierce 6-yard run (Choukair kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

USC -- Ware 62-yard run (M. Brown kick)

USC -- M. Brown 46-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON STATE
25	First Downs	24
332	Net Yards Rushing	31
177	Net Yards Passing	301
26	Passes Attempted	46
14	Passes Completed	31
0	Had Intercepted	0
70	Total Plays	78
509	Total Yards	332
3/33.3	Punts/Avg	5/42.2
4/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
6/52	Penalties/Yards	4/28
30:49	Time of Possession	29:11

### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Ware (USC) 17-205; Malepeai (USC) 15-101; Jefferson (OSU) 18-58; Carr (USC) 6-49.

PASSING – Luton (OSU) 31-45-301; Daniels (USC) 14-26-177; Hernandez (OSU) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING – Bradford (OSU) 10-63; Hodgins (OSU) 8-129; Hernandez (OSU) 5-50; St. Brown (USC) 5-39; Jefferson (OSU) 5-33; D. Williams (USC) 3-77; Vaughns (USC) 3-41; Togiai (USC) 2-16.



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<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>OPP</b>
SCORING	255	251
Points Per Game	28.3	27.9
Points Off Turnovers	27	27
FIRST DOWNS	170	187
Rushing	64	73
Passing	86	96
Penalty	20	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	1299	1425
Yards gained rushing	1573	1666
Yards lost rushing	274	241
Rushing Attempts	303	345
Average Per Rush	4.3	4.1
Average Per Game	144.3	158.3
TDs Rushing	16	15
PASSING YARDAGE	2123	2068
Comp-Att-Int	166-283-7	190-321-2
Average Per Pass	7.5	6.4
Average Per Catch	12.8	10.9
Average Per Game	235.9	229.8
TDs Passing	13	16
TOTAL OFFENSE	3422	3493
Total Plays	586	666
Average Per Play	5.8	5.2
Average Per Game	380.2	388.1
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	24-560	14-326
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	19-190	15-177
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-2	7-41
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.3	23.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.0	11.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE	1.0	5.9
FUMBLES-LOST	19-7	8-5
PENALTIES-Yards	74-694	61-555
Average Per Game	77.1	61.7
PUNTS-Yards	51-1958	55-2235
Average Per Punt	38.4	40.6
Net punt average	34.1	35.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	49-3049	46-2759
Average Per Kick	62.2	60.0
Net kick average	40.3	36.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:58	32:02
3RD-DOWN Conversions	44/122	59/149
3rd-Down Pct	36%	40%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/11	11/18
4th-Down Pct	45%	61%
SACKS BY-Yards	24-147	20-132
MISC YARDS	66	68
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	32	33
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-13	8-13
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	(22-28) 79%	(23-27) 85%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(16-28) 57%	(18-27) 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(31-31) 100%	(29-31) 94%
ATTENDANCE	216150	271528
Games/Avg Per Game	4/54038	5/54306
Neutral Site Games		0/0

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
USC	62	75	45	73	0	255
Opponents	41	92	65	53	0	251



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<b>Rushing</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>att</b>	<b>gain</b>	<b>loss</b>	<b>net</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Ware, Aca'Cedric	9	90	646	19	627	7.0	6	69	69.7
Carr, Stephen	9	81	417	33	384	4.7	2	50	42.7
Malepeai, Vavae	9	61	362	6	356	5.8	7	41	39.6
Fink, Matt	4	7	27	3	24	3.4	0	8	6.0
Jones, Velus	9	6	18	5	13	2.2	1	8	1.4
Stepp, Markese	2	2	10	0	10	5.0	0	7	5.0
Sears, Jack	1	10	36	26	10	1.0	0	22	10.0
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	9	2	12	3	9	4.5	0	12	1.0
TEAM	7	12	0	41	-41	-3.4	0	0	-5.9
Daniels, JT	8	32	45	138	-93	-2.9	0	8	-11.6
Total	9	303	1573	274	1299	4.3	16	69	144.3
Opponents	9	345	1666	241	1425	4.1	15	71	158.3

<b>Passing</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>effic</b>	<b>comp-att-int</b>	<b>pct</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Daniels, JT	8	125.17	138-244-7	56.6	1806	9	65	225.8
Sears, Jack	1	165.50	20-28-0	71.4	235	2	48	235.0
Fink, Matt	4	157.38	7-9-0	77.8	46	1	16	11.5
TEAM	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Vaughns, Tyler	9	732.40	1-1-0	100.0	36	1	36	4.0
Total	9	131.88	166-283-7	58.7	2123	13	65	235.9
Opponents	9	128.51	190-321-2	59.2	2068	16	59	229.8

<b>Receiving</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	9	38	505	13.3	2	53	56.1
Vaughns, Tyler	9	37	444	12.0	3	48	49.3
Pittman, Michael	9	27	561	20.8	6	65	62.3
Jones, Velus	9	16	189	11.8	0	44	21.0
Malepeai, Vavae	9	10	61	6.1	0	12	6.8
Falo, Josh	7	8	97	12.1	0	37	13.9
Carr, Stephen	9	8	26	3.2	0	9	2.9
Sidney, Trevon	8	7	104	14.9	0	41	13.0
Ware, Aca'Cedric	9	6	27	4.5	0	9	3.0
Petite, Tyler	9	5	30	6.0	1	10	3.3
Williams, Devon	9	3	77	25.7	1	41	8.6
Krommenhoek, Erik	9	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Total	9	166	2123	12.8	13	65	235.9
Opponents	9	190	2068	10.9	16	59	229.8

<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Vaughns, Tyler	17	177	10.4	1	82
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	1	9	9.0	0	9
Pittman, Michael	1	4	4.0	0	0
Total	19	190	10.0	1	82
Opponents	15	177	11.8	1	92

<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Harris, Ajene	1	6	6.0	1	6
Tell, Marvell	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Total	2	2	1.0	1	6
Opponents	7	41	5.9	0	36

<b>Kick Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Jones, Velus	16	386	24.1	0	37
Carr, Stephen	6	151	25.2	0	73
TEAM	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Harris, Ajene	1	25	25.0	0	25
Total	24	560	23.3	0	73
Opponents	14	326	23.3	0	55

<b>Fumble Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Tufele, Jay	1	48	48.0	1	48
Total	1	48	48.0	1	48
Opponents	0	0	0.0	1	0



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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Malepeai, Vavae	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Brown, Michael	-	4-5	25-25	-	-	-	-	-	37
Pittman, Michael	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Ware, Aca'Cedric	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Vaughns, Tyler	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	26
McGrath, Chase	-	6-8	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	24
Carr, Stephen	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jones, Velus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Williams, Devon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Petite, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Harris, Ajene	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tufele, Jay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Daniels, JT	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	0
Total	32	10-13	31-31	-	1	1-1	-	-	255
Opponents	33	8-13	29-31	-	-	0-2	-	-	251

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Daniels, JT	8	276	-93	1806	1713	214.1
Ware, Aca'Cedric	9	90	627	0	627	69.7
Carr, Stephen	9	81	384	0	384	42.7
Malepeai, Vavae	9	61	356	0	356	39.6
Sears, Jack	1	38	10	235	245	245.0
Fink, Matt	4	16	24	46	70	17.5
Vaughns, Tyler	9	1	0	36	36	4.0
Jones, Velus	9	6	13	0	13	1.4
Stepp, Markese	2	2	10	0	10	5.0
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	9	2	9	0	9	1.0
TEAM	7	13	-41	0	-41	-5.9
Total	9	586	1299	2123	3422	380.2
Opponents	9	666	1425	2068	3493	388.1

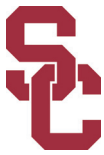
Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
McGrath, Chase	6-8	75.0	0-0	1-1	3-3	2-2	0-2	47	1
Brown, Michael	4-5	80.0	0-0	1-1	1-2	2-2	0-0	46	0

FG Sequence	USC	Opponents
UNLV	(46),(38),(29),(47),(36)	39
Stanford	53,(35)	(30)
Texas	50	(20),(46),(46)
Washington State	(26)	(50),38
Arizona	(42)	38
Colorado	(38)	-
Utah	39	(33),(30)
Arizona State	-	(31),50
Oregon State	(46)	50

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Budrovich, Reid	43	1686	39.2	54	2	15	12	4	1
Tilbey, Chris	7	242	34.6	47	0	4	1	0	0
TEAM	1	30	30.0	30	0	0	0	0	0
Total	51	1958	38.4	54	2	19	13	4	1
Opponents	55	2235	40.6	67	5	18	15	10	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Stadthaus, Alex	48	3036	63.2	30	1			
Brown, Michael	1	13	13.0	0	0			
Total	49	3049	62.2	30	1	23.3	40.3	24
Opponents	46	2759	60.0	21	1	23.3	36.4	28

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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<b>All Purpose</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>rush</b>	<b>rcv</b>	<b>pr</b>	<b>kr</b>	<b>ir</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Ware, Aca'Cedri	9	627	27	0	0	0	654	72.7
Vaughns, Tyler	9	0	444	177	0	0	621	69.0
Jones, Velus	9	13	189	0	386	0	588	65.3
Pittman, Michael	9	0	561	4	0	0	565	62.8
Carr, Stephen	9	384	26	0	151	0	561	62.3
St. Brown, Amon	9	9	505	9	0	0	523	58.1
Malepeai, Vavae	9	356	61	0	0	0	417	46.3
Sidney, Trevon	8	0	104	0	0	0	104	13.0
Falo, Josh	7	0	97	0	0	0	97	13.9
Williams, Devon	9	0	77	0	0	0	77	8.6
Harris, Ajene	9	0	0	0	25	6	31	3.4
Petite, Tyler	9	0	30	0	0	0	30	3.3
Fink, Matt	4	24	0	0	0	0	24	6.0
Stepp, Markese	2	10	0	0	0	0	10	5.0
Sears, Jack	1	10	0	0	0	0	10	10.0
Krommenhoek,	9	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.2
Tell, Marvell	8	0	0	0	0	-4	-4	-0.5
TEAM	7	-41	0	0	-2	0	-43	-6.1
Daniels, JT	8	-93	0	0	0	0	-93	-11.6
Total	9	1299	2123	190	560	2	4174	463.8
Opponents	9	1425	2068	177	326	41	4037	448.6





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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Houston, John	9	31	26	57	2.5-18	1.0-12	.	5	.	.	1	.	.
35	Smith, Cameron	7	40	12	52	5.0-13	1.0-2	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
15	Hufanga, Talanoa	8	31	20	51	3.5-7	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
27	Harris, Ajene	9	26	14	40	3.0-13	.	1-6	5	.	.	.	.	.
7	Tell, Marvell	8	28	12	40	1.0-2	.	1--4	4	1	.	1	1	.
89	Rector, Christian	9	17	17	34	8.5-43	4.5-29	.	2	3	1-0	1	.	.
24	Langley, Isaiah	9	26	7	33	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
8	Marshall, Iman	9	24	7	31	3.0-9	.	.	5	.	.	1	.	.
1	Gaoteote, Palaie	7	15	14	29	3.0-7	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gustin, Porter	6	18	10	28	10.0-50	7.0-45	.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.
56	Iosefa, Jordan	9	16	7	23	1.5-7	1.0-6	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
51	Tuipulotu, Marlon	9	7	15	22	2.0-6	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Dorton, Malik	9	9	13	22	1.5-8	1.5-8	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
78	Tufele, Jay	9	13	7	20	4.5-19	3.0-17	.	.	2	1-48	.	1	.
9	Johnson, Greg	9	11	4	15	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
26	Mauga, Kana'i	9	4	9	13	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
13	Jones, Levi	8	10	3	13	3.0-12	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
23	Lockett, Jonathan	8	8	3	11	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
91	Pili, Brandon	9	3	8	11	2.5-9	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
28	Pollard, C.J.	9	3	8	11	1.5-6	0.5-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
47	Peters, Reuben	9	6	4	10	2.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Pola-Mao, Isaiah	2	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
4	Griffin, Olaijah	6	7	1	8	1.0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Lichtenstein, Jacob	9	3	3	6	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jimmons, Liam	8	3	1	4	1.0-9	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Echols, Hunter	8	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Tremblay, Caleb	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Murphy, Connor	4	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0H	St. Brown, Amon-Ra	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0F	Pittman, Michael	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
46	Budrovich, Reid	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0A	Jones, Velus	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Scott, Raymond	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Williams, Devon	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5X	Johnson, Damon	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Malepeai, Vavae	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	7	1	.	1	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3J	Stepp, Markese	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Winston, Eli'jah	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Falaniko, Juliano	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		9	374	238	612	65-253	24-147	2-2	50	12	5-48	5	3	.
Opponents		9	305	279	584	52-235	20-132	7-41	40	8	7-0	9	2	.



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**TEAM STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
09/01/18	UNLV	38	219	3	40	21	282	1	43	21-35-0	282	1	43	3	114	0	73	3	63	0	28	501
09/08/18	at Stanford	37	114	0	14	17	218	0	45	17-36-2	218	0	45	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4	332
09/15/18	at Texas	16	-5	2	23	30	322	0	53	30-48-1	322	0	53	2	55	0	34	2	22	0	22	317
09/21/18	WASHINGTON STATE	31	113	2	50	17	241	3	50	17-26-0	241	3	50	6	129	0	35	1	0	0	0	354
09/29/18	at Arizona	47	253	3	69	16	197	0	37	16-24-0	197	0	37	0	0	0	0	4	-1	0	3	450
10/13/18	COLORADO	26	51	0	11	18	283	3	65	18-35-2	283	3	65	2	29	0	31	4	20	0	12	334
10/20/18	at Utah	31	73	1	12	12	132	2	42	12-23-2	132	2	42	2	52	0	30	1	4	0	0	205
10/27/18	ARIZONA STATE	33	149	1	41	21	271	3	48	21-30-0	271	3	48	5	89	0	24	2	79	1	82	420
11/03/18	at Oregon State	44	332	4	62	14	177	1	41	14-26-0	177	1	41	4	92	0	37	1	-1	0	0	509
Opponents		303	1299	16	69	166	2123	13	65	166-283-7	2123	13	65	24	560	0	73	19	190	1	82	3422
		345	1425	15	71	190	2068	16	59	190-321-2	2068	16	59	14	326	0	55	15	177	1	92	3493

Games: 9 • Avg/rush: 4.3 • Avg/catch: 12.8 • Pass effic: 131.88 • KR avg: 23.3 • PR avg: 10.0 • All purpose avg/game: 463.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 380.2

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/01/1	UNLV	39	30	69	8.0-26	5.0-21	1	1-0	0-0	0	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	3	43
09/08/1	at Stanford	29	24	53	6.0-15	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
09/15/1	at Texas	45	20	65	5.0-26	2.0-20	1	1-0	0-0	5	12	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/21/1	WASHINGTON STATE	36	32	68	4.0-5	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	2	5	1	4-4	0	1	0	0	39
09/29/1	at Arizona	47	4	51	4.0-13	1.0-2	0	0-0	1--4	0	4	1	3-3	0	0	0	3	24
10/13/1	COLORADO	48	28	76	16.0-67	4.0-34	0	0-0	1-6	1	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
10/20/1	at Utah	50	30	80	8.0-36	5.0-27	2	2-48	0-0	0	2	1	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
10/27/1	ARIZONA STATE	31	46	77	5.0-9	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	0	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	35
11/03/1	at Oregon State	49	24	73	9.0-56	6.0-42	0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
		374	238	612	65.0-253	24.0-147	5	5-48	2-2	12	50	3	31-31	0	1	0	27	255
Opponents		305	279	584	52.5-235	20.0-132	9	7-0	7-41	8	40	2	29-31	0	0	0	27	251

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/01/1	UNLV	4	115	28.8	48	0	1	0	0	1	5-5	47	0	10	647	64.7	7	0
09/08/1	at Stanford	6	217	36.2	47	0	0	4	0	2	1-2	35	0	2	130	65.0	0	0
09/15/1	at Texas	6	186	31.0	44	0	0	3	0	2	0-1	0	1	3	193	64.3	2	0
09/21/1	WASHINGTON STATE	5	197	39.4	50	0	0	2	1	0	1-1	26	0	6	388	64.7	4	0
09/29/1	at Arizona	6	258	43.0	51	1	0	1	1	0	1-1	42	0	5	325	65.0	4	0
10/13/1	COLORADO	7	297	42.4	54	0	1	1	1	1	1-1	38	0	6	383	63.8	4	1
10/20/1	at Utah	7	279	39.9	48	0	0	5	0	2	0-1	0	0	5	277	55.4	3	0
10/27/1	ARIZONA STATE	7	309	44.1	53	0	0	2	1	3	0-0	0	0	5	324	64.8	4	0
11/03/1	at Oregon State	3	100	33.3	39	0	0	1	0	2	1-1	46	0	7	382	54.6	2	0
		51	1958	38.4	54	1	2	19	4	13	10-13	47	1	49	3049	62.2	30	1
Opponents		55	2235	40.6	67	1	5	18	10	15	8-13	50	2	46	2759	60.0	21	1



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**OPPONENT STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
09/01/18	UNLV	43	308	1	71	12	97	2	31	12-27-0	97	2	31	3	68	0	30	0	0	0	0	405
09/08/18	at Stanford	29	159	1	59	16	183	1	29	16-28-0	183	1	29	2	26	0	17	1	8	0	8	342
09/15/18	at Texas	48	160	1	12	16	234	2	47	16-34-0	234	2	47	1	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	394
09/21/18	WASHINGTON STATE	24	91	2	14	37	344	3	59	37-52-0	344	3	59	2	41	0	24	2	5	0	3	435
09/29/18	at Arizona	37	98	1	10	16	232	2	33	16-33-1	232	2	33	1	16	0	16	3	33	0	22	330
10/13/18	COLORADO	37	95	3	49	26	170	0	24	26-47-1	170	0	24	1	21	0	21	3	30	0	27	265
10/20/18	at Utah	51	200	1	23	22	341	4	49	22-30-0	341	4	49	1	38	0	38	2	-2	0	0	541
10/27/18	ARIZONA STATE	44	283	3	49	14	166	1	44	14-24-0	166	1	44	1	25	0	25	4	103	1	92	449
11/03/18	at Oregon State	32	31	2	18	31	301	1	43	31-46-0	301	1	43	2	67	0	55	0	0	0	0	332
USC		345	1425	15	71	190	2068	16	59	190-321-2	2068	16	59	14	326	0	55	15	177	1	92	3493
		303	1299	16	69	166	2123	13	65	166-283-7	2123	13	65	24	560	0	73	19	190	1	82	3422

Games: 9 • Avg/rush: 4.1 • Avg/catch: 10.9 • Pass eff: 128.51 • KR avg: 23.3 • PR avg: 11.8 • All purpose avg/game: 448.6 • Total offense avg/gm: 388.1

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/01/18	UNLV	44	28	72	6.0-25	2.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	0	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
09/08/18	at Stanford	19	66	85	7.0-37	4.0-30	1	1-0	2-36	4	11	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
09/15/18	at Texas	35	13	48	10.5-47	3.0-26	3	0-0	1-0	4	5	1	4-4	0	0	0	3	37
09/21/18	WASHINGTON STATE	27	32	59	6.0-26	2.0-17	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3-4	0	0	0	0	36
09/29/18	at Arizona	46	18	64	4.0-15	2.0-11	2	3-0	0-0	0	4	1	2-3	0	0	0	7	20
10/13/18	COLORADO	33	22	55	5.0-23	1.0-7	0	1-0	2-0	0	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
10/20/18	at Utah	24	36	60	7.0-21	2.0-10	0	0-0	2-5	0	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	41
10/27/18	ARIZONA STATE	39	30	69	5.0-32	2.0-7	1	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
11/03/18	at Oregon State	38	34	72	2.0-9	2.0-9	2	1-0	0-0	0	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
USC		305	279	584	52.5-235	20.0-132	9	7-0	7-41	8	40	2	29-31	0	0	0	27	251
		374	238	612	65.0-253	24.0-147	5	5-48	2-2	12	50	3	31-31	0	1	0	27	255

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/01/1	UNLV	7	286	40.9	51	0	1	2	1	1	0-1	0	0	4	252	63.0	1	0	
09/08/1	at Stanford	8	351	43.9	66	0	1	1	3	2	1-1	30	0	4	245	61.2	4	0	
09/15/1	at Texas	4	145	36.2	40	0	0	1	0	1	3-3	46	0	7	435	62.1	5	0	
09/21/1	WASHINGTON STATE	4	185	46.2	67	0	1	1	1	0	1-2	50	1	7	401	57.3	1	0	
09/29/1	at Arizona	9	342	38.0	50	0	1	2	1	2	0-1	0	1	4	197	49.2	3	0	
10/13/1	COLORADO	9	377	41.9	55	0	0	3	1	4	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	1	0	
10/20/1	at Utah	4	143	35.8	55	1	1	1	2	1	2-2	33	0	7	459	65.6	5	0	
10/27/1	ARIZONA STATE	5	195	39.0	47	0	0	3	0	1	1-2	31	0	7	404	57.7	1	1	
11/03/1	at Oregon State	5	211	42.2	52	0	0	4	1	3	0-1	0	0	4	236	59.0	0	0	
		55	2235	40.6	67	1	5	18	10	15	8-13	50	2	46	2759	60.0	21	1	
USC		51	1958	38.4	54	1	2	19	4	13	10-13	47	1	49	3049	62.2	30	1	



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
09/01/18	UNLV	W	43-21	1-0	0-0	3:17	58708
*09/08/18	at #10 Stanford	L	3-17	1-1	0-1	3:13	42856
09/15/18	at Texas	L	14-37	1-2	0-1	3:37	103507
*09/21/18	WASHINGTON STATE	W	39-36	2-2	1-1	3:27	52421
*09/29/18	at Arizona	W	24-20	3-2	2-1	3:26	43573
*10/13/18	#19 COLORADO	W	31-20	4-2	3-1	3:42	57615
*10/20/18	at Utah	L	28-41	4-3	3-2	3:12	46405
*10/27/18	ARIZONA STATE	L	35-38	4-4	3-3	3:21	47406
*11/03/18	at Oregon State	W	38-21	5-4	4-3	3:23	35187