

# 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 (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 1	UNLV	1 p.m. (P12N)
Sept. 8	at Stanford	5:30 p.m. (FOX)
Sept. 15	at Texas	7 p.m. (FOX)
Sept. 21 (Fr.)	Washington St.	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 29	at Arizona	TBA
Oct. 6	BYE WEEK	
Oct. 13	Colorado	TBA
Oct. 20	at Utah	TBA
Oct. 27	Arizona St.	TBA
Nov. 3	at Oregon St.	TBA
Nov. 10	California	TBA
Nov. 17	at UCLA	TBA
Nov. 24	Notre Dame	TBA

## 2017 RESULTS

(11-3 overall, 8-1 for 1st place in Pac-12 So. Div., Pac-12 Championship Game winner)

49	Western Michigan	31
42	Stanford	24
27	Texas	24
30	at California	20
27	at Washington State	30
38	Oregon State	10
28	Utah	27
14	at Notre Dame	49
48	at Arizona State	17
49	Arizona	35
38	at Colorado	24
28	UCLA	23
31	vs. Stanford	28
	(Pac-12 Championship Game)	
7	vs. Ohio State	24
	(Cotton Bowl)	

## RETURNING STARTERS

### OFFENSE (7)

Tyler Vaughns, WR Chris Brown, OG  
Michael Pittman Jr., WR\* Chuma Edoga, OT  
Tyler Petite, TE Andrew Vorhees, OG-OT  
Toa Lobendahn, C-OT

### DEFENSE (6)

Cameron Smith, ILB Christian Rector, DL\*  
John Houston Jr., ILB Jordan Iosefa, ILB-DLB\*  
Marvell Tell III, S Ajene Harris, CB\*  
Iman Marshall, CB

\*Shared starts

### SPECIALISTS (2)

Chase McGrath, PK Reid Budrovich, P

### OTHERS RETURNING WITH CAREER STARTS

Wyatt Schmidt, HLD-SNP (2) Clayton Johnston, OT (3)  
Porter Gustin, OLB (17) Brandon Pili, DL (2)  
Damon Johnson, SNP (12) Stephen Carr, TB (1)  
Daniel Imatorbhebe, TE (9) Marlon Tuipulotu, DL (1)  
Jonathan Lockett, CB (7) Connor Murphy, DL (1)  
Isaiah Lortel, CB (4) Erik Krommenhoek, TE (1)  
Malik Dargton, DL (3)

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## 2018 USC FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON NOTES

### PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

The 2018 Trojans are picked to finish in the Top 25 nationally and atop the Pac-12 South standings, according to many pre-season prognosticators. Here are the picks, to date:

	National	Pac-12 South
Street & Smith's	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sporting News	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
SI.com	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Phil Steele	16 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
CBSSports.com	16 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
ESPN.com	17 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Lindy's	19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Athlon	21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
USA Today	25 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

### PRE-SEASON HONORS

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

### WATCH LISTS

The following Trojans have made official "Watch Lists" for national 2018 post-season awards, to date:

OG <b>Jordan Austin</b>	Good Works Team (top community service)
TB <b>Stephen Carr</b>	Maxwell Award (top player)
	Doak Walker Award (top running back)
DLB <b>Porter Gustin</b>	Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
	Butkus Award (top linebacker)
	Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player)
C-OT <b>Toa Lobendahn</b>	Outland Trophy (best interior lineman)
	Rimington Trophy (top center)
CB <b>Iman Marshall</b>	Thorpe Award (top defensive back)
TE <b>Tyler Petite</b>	Mackey Award (top tight end)
DL <b>Christian Rector</b>	Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)
ILB <b>Cameron Smith</b>	Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
	Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)
	Butkus Award (top linebacker)
S <b>Marvell Tell III</b>	Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player)
	Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
	Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)
Head Coach <b>Clay Helton</b>	Thorpe Award (top defensive back)
	Dodd Trophy (top head coach)

### 2018 SCHEDULE

\*USC, which has won its last 16 home games (its longest streak since 2001-04), will play 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.

\*Troy will open 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 go 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 returns to the Coliseum for a Friday night contest against Washington State on Sept. 21, the Trojans' first Friday home game since 1999. It also will be the Cougars' first game in the Coliseum since 2013. The Trojans then alternate road and home Saturday contests the rest of their 2018 schedule, beginning with a Sept. 29 trip to Arizona. After a bye the following weekend, USC welcomes Colorado to the Coliseum on Oct. 13. Troy is then at Utah on Oct. 20, home against Arizona State on Oct. 27, begins November play going to Oregon State on Nov. 3 (its first game in Corvallis since 2013) and hosts California on Nov. 10. USC concludes 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.



## USC PRE-SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE, MEDIA AVAILABILITY

The Trojans will conduct their 2018 pre-season practices on the USC campus, unless noted. Player and coach interviews are available following most practices. Contact the USC Sports Information Office for further details. Practice times/media availability are subject to change.

**Aug. 3–4** p.m. practice open to media...select offensive/defensive players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 4–4** p.m. practice open to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice

**Aug. 5**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 6–4** p.m. practice open to media...offensive players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 7–4** p.m. practice open to media...defensive/special teams players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 8–4** p.m. practice open to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice

**Aug. 9–4** p.m. practice open to media...offensive players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 10–4** p.m. practice open to media...defensive/special teams players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 11–4** p.m. practice open to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice

**Aug. 12**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 13–4** p.m. practice open to media...offensive players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 14–4** p.m. practice open to media...defensive/special teams players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 15–4** p.m. practice open to media...offensive players and coaches available to media after practice...also, noon, Coliseum "Topping Out" beam signing and ceremony (11 a.m., media tour of Coliseum renovation progress)

**Aug. 16–4** p.m. practice open to media...defensive/special teams players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 17–3:20** p.m. practice open to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice...Salute to Troy at 6 p.m.

**Aug. 18–11** a.m. practice open to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice...end of camp

**Aug. 19**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 20**—no practice, no interviews...first day of class

**Aug. 21–4** p.m. practice open to media...offensive players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 22–4** p.m. practice open to media...defensive/special teams players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 23–4** p.m. practice closed to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice

**Aug. 24**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 25**—practice closed to media (time and location TBA)...no interviews

**Aug. 26**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 27**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 28–4** p.m. practice open to media...offensive players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 29–4** p.m. practice open to media...defensive/special teams players and coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 30–4** p.m. practice closed to media...coach Helton only available to media after practice

**Aug. 31**—no practice, no interviews

**Sept. 1**—USC vs. UNLV, 1 p.m. PT, Coliseum

## TICKETS

Tickets for USC home football games are on sale online at [USCTrojans.com/tickets](http://USCTrojans.com/tickets) or by calling (213) 740-GOSC (4672). To reserve a spot in a Coliseum Field Suite or in the Field Club, contact the USC Premium Department at [premium@usc.edu](mailto:premium@usc.edu).

## WIN STREAKS

USC is riding a:

--16-game home winning streak, its longest since a school-record 21 in a row from 2001 to 2004 (not including 6 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 35 in a row from 2001 to 2007) and currently the second longest regular season home winning streak in the nation (behind Alabama's 19).

--18-game winning streak in the Greater Los Angeles area, its longest since 23 in a row from 2001 to 2004 (not including 7 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 30 in a row from 2001 to 2005).

--12-game Pac-12 home game winning streak, its longest since a school-record 15 games in a row from 2001 to 2004 (not including 4 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 24 games from 2001 to 2007).

## LAST YEAR

In 2017, the Trojans went 11-3 overall (USC's most wins since 2008) despite playing all 12 regular season games without a bye. USC was 8-1 in Pac-12 play and won the Pac-12 Championship Game (the first South Division team to do so), giving Troy its first league title since 2008. The Trojans, who played in the Cotton Bowl, finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the final AP poll.

## RETURNING TROJANS

\*Some 78 USC squadmen return from last year, including 51 who saw action. Thirteen starters are back (7 on offense, 6 on defense), along with both specialists. There also are 13 other returnees who have career starts to their name. They will be joined by 18 newcomers who comprised a recruiting class ranked among the nation's Top 5 (of those recruits, 6 have already enrolled at USC and participated in spring drills).

\*On offense, USC returns a pair of starting wide receivers (the Trojans usually started 3 wideouts) in **Tyler Vaughns**, who had 57 receptions for 809 yards with 5 touchdowns in his 2017 debut campaign, and **Michael Pittman Jr.**, who added 23 catches in 2017 and earned All-Pac-12 first team honors as a special teams performer, as well as veteran tight end **Tyler Petite**, who has 48 career catches (23 last year). Four of USC's starting offensive linemen return in 2018: versatile **Toa Lobendahn**, a tackle last year who likely will be used at center this season, guards **Chris Brown** and **Andrew Vorhees** (he can also play tackle) and tackle **Chuma Edoga**. Other offensive players returning with career starts are tailback **Stephen Carr** (363 rushing yards and 17 catches in 2017), tight ends **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (25 career grabs) and **Erik Krommenhoek** and tackle **Clayton Johnston**.

\*USC's defense returns both inside linebackers in **Cameron Smith**, a 2017 All-Pac-12 first teamer when he led Troy with 112 tackles (he has 273 career stops), and **John Houston Jr.** (84 tackles in 2017), and 2 secondary players in safety **Marvell Tell III**, another 2017 All-Pac-12 first team honoree who had 84 tackles last fall, and cornerback **Iman Marshall** (6 career interceptions). Also back are part-time starters **Jordan Iosefa**, who saw work at both inside and outside linebacker, nickel back **Ajene Harris** (5 career thefts) and defensive lineman **Christian Rector** (11 tackles for loss, with 7.5 sacks, in 2017). Others back on defense with starting experience are outside linebacker **Porter Gustin** (14 career sacks), defensive linemen **Malik Dorton**, **Brandon Pili**, **Marlon Tuipulotu** and **Connor Murphy** and cornerbacks **Isaiah Langley** and **Jonathan Lockett**. Smith, Gustin, Tell and Marshall could be in line for post-season honors.

\*Both specialists return: placekicker **Chase McGrath**, who had 2 dramatic field goals against Texas among his 12 total field goals in 2017, and punter **Reid Budrovich** (41.6-yard punting average in 2017). And USC's leading kickoff (wide receiver **Velus Jones Jr.**) and punt (Harris) returners are back, as are the snapper (**Damon Johnson**) and holder (**Wyatt Schmidt**).

## GONE FROM 2017

USC will be hard-pressed to replace a number of players missing from last year's squad. Gone on offense are a trio who left after their junior seasons to join the NFL—quarterback Sam Darnold, who won 2017 All-Pac-12 first team acclaim when he became USC's first 4,000-yard season passer, All-American tailback Ronald Jones II, USC's No. 5 career rusher who had back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons the past 2 years (1,550 yards with 19 TDs in 2017), and wide receiver Deontay Burnett, who had 86 catches for 1,114 yards with 9 TDs last year (152 career receptions)—as well as 2-year starting center Nico Falah, wide receiver Steven Mitchell Jr. (109 career catches with 11 TDs, including 41 clutches in 2017) and guard Viane Talamaivao (37 career starts). Those gone from the defense include All-American outside linebacker Uchenna Nwosu (75 tackles, with 9.5 sacks, and 13 deflections last fall), defensive linemen Rasheem Green, an 2017 All-Pac-12 first teamer who had 16.5 career sacks (he declared for the NFL after his junior campaign) and Josh Fatu, safety Chris Hawkins (36 career starts) and cornerback Jack Jones (team-high 4 picks last season).

## 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 27-10 (.730) as the Trojan head coach with 9 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 Top 5 teams. 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 has more wins (21) in his first 2 full seasons than any USC coach. He has led USC to an active 16-game home winning streak (its longest since 2001-04), an active 12-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 16-0 in the Coliseum. He is 20-5 (.800) against Pac-12 foes. 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).



## QUOTING CLAY HELTON

### THE 2018 TROJANS

“The work we put in this spring and fall will go a long way in helping us win another Pac-12 title and make a push to the playoffs. We do not believe in staying comfortable or staying stagnant. We are always looking to improve and move forward.

“We understand the expectations at USC and that is to win championships. That’s what we expect of ourselves.”

### THE OFFENSE

“There is talent across the board on our offense, but we have a big challenge after losing a 4,000-yard passer, a 1,500-yard rusher and a 1,100-yard receiver. Our strength offensively is in our numbers. It’ll take all of us to produce another top tier offense like we had last year.

“This spring was an important time for the quarterback position as far as their education went, so we used the spring to educate and not evaluate. We’ll name a starter in fall camp. After losing a great quarterback like Sam, we have some talented young quarterbacks who will need to use the spring and fall to take the next step to prepare for the 2018 season.

“Although we lost a great tailback in Ronald, we are very fortunate to have some talented and experienced runners to fill his spot. I look forward to watching the competition develop at this position.

“Deontay and Steven leave some big shoes to fill, but I like the quality and depth of our receiving corps. I loved watching how our young wide receivers grew up last season and performed, as evidenced by the play of Tyler and Michael. I’m now looking forward to watching how the receivers establish themselves as leaders on our offense.

“Tight end is one of our most experienced positions. Tyler and Daniel are not only upperclass veterans, but leaders of our offense. I expect our tight ends to now become an even bigger part of our offensive system.

“Returning 4 starters on the offensive line will be a tremendous advantage for our offense, especially players of the caliber of Toa, Chris, Chuma and Andrew. Our challenge will be to develop our younger linemen into productive contributors.”

\*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 served as 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 (Colbert fills the 10<sup>th</sup> fulltime assistant position allowed now by the NCAA). Ex-USC linebacker **Michael Hutchings** and former California defensive lineman **Trevor Guyton** came aboard as defensive graduate assistants. Like Helton, USC’s offensive (**Tea Martin**) and defensive (**Clancy Pendergast**) coordinators had their contracts extended in February. Martin again will be in charge of an offense that in 2017 put up its highest total yardage average (484.1) since 2005 and had 600-plus yards of total offense in 3 games. Pendergast once again will lead a defense that in 2017 led the nation in sacks (43), had 24 takeaways and was stingy in the red zone.

### OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

\*Seven starters return 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 Imatorbhebe** and **Erik Krommenhoek** and tackle **Clayton Johnston**.

\*Under offensive coordinator **Tea 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 will be the first since 2008 that the Trojans have to replace their statistical leading passer, rusher and receiver from the previous season.

### QUARTERBACKS

\*USC must 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.

\*Only 1 of his potential replacements has any collegiate experience and it is limited. Mobile sophomore **Matt Fink** (6-of-9, 66.7%, 43 yds in 2017, plus 7 tcb, 82 yds, 11.7 avg, 1 TD) saw brief mop-up action in 3 games last year, throwing just 9 passes. Then there’s promising redshirt freshman **Jack Sears**, along with walk-on soph **Holden Thomas**.

\*Prep All-American **JT Daniels** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.), the 2017 Gatorade Player of the Year who led Mater Dei to a 15-0 record and the national prep title as a junior, graduated high school a full year early and will enroll at USC in the fall as a freshman. In his prep career, he threw for 12,014 yards with 152 TDs.



## QUOTING CLAY HELTON

### THE DEFENSE

"Our defense can carry our team this year. Defense wins championships and this is a group that can accomplish that. We have a lot of defensive players who have played a lot of football.

"It feels like we finally have the numbers we've wanted up front. Last year with Rasheem and Josh leading the way, this group did a tremendous job, helping us lead the nation in sacks, and I look for that to continue this season with returning players like Christian. The challenge this year is to develop our young defensive linemen and get them into the mix."

"I see a wealth of talent coming off the edge for us this year. The challenge will be replacing Uchenna and all that he brought to our defense. But a senior leader like Porter can help the younger players and put us in a good position.

"Inside linebacker is a very strong group for us, in experience, depth and the potential of the younger players. Having Cameron and John back and the versatility of Jordan gives us great confidence at this position. It will be important to develop the younger players.

"The secondary is a veteran, experienced group with a lot of players who have taken a lot of reps, even with Chris having moved on. With the likes of Marvell, Iman and Ajene, the goal now is to be one of the best secondaries in the nation. And we must develop the talented young players we have acquired the past 2 years."

### THE SPECIAL TEAMS

"Under coach Baxter, we should continue to be very effective in all phases of our special teams. We understand the importance of good special teams play and we devote a lot of time to this part of the game. Even with Chase and Reid returning, I expect that the specialists will push each other every day. That kind of competition elevates everyone's performance."

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## 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 is an experienced stable of runners returning. 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 will be among those looking to replace Jones in 2018. Veteran senior **Aca Cedric Ware** (49 tcb, 247 yds, 5.0 avg, 1 TD in 2017, plus 6 rec, 62 yds, 10.3 avg) has appeared in 34 games in his career, gaining 680 ground yards (he has 3 100-yard rushing games). He ran for 247 yards in 2017. Physical sophomore **Vavae Malepeai** (49 tcb, 261 yds, 5.3 avg in 2017, plus 3 rec, 5 yds, 1.7 avg and 4 tac) had 261 rushing yards last season. Then there's elusive soph **Stephen Carr** (65 tcb, 373 yds, 5.6 avg, 3 TD in 2017, plus 17 rec, 188 yds, 11.1 avg and 3 KOR, 64 yds, 21.3 avg and 1 tac), 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 likely will be used mainly 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 will be prep All-American **Markese Stepp** (Cathedral High in Indianapolis, Ind.), who had 975 rushing yards with 17 TDs in 2017.

\*In recent years, USC has rarely used a fullback. The only fullback on the 2018 roster is senior **Reuben Peters** (1 tcb, 0 yds, 0.0 avg in 2017, plus 1 tac), who also might be used at inside linebacker (his original position) and on special teams.

## 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 (in his career, he had 109 receptions with 11 TDs).

\*But back are sophomore **Tyler Vaughns** (57 rec, 809 yds, 14.2 avg, 5 TDs in 2017, plus 1 PR, 9 yds, 9.0 avg and 2 tac), who had an impressive debut season in 2017, and junior **Michael Pittman Jr.** (23 rec, 404 yds, 17.6 avg, 2 TD in 2017, plus 2 PR, 89 yds, 44.5 avg, 1 TD and 6 tac, 1 BLK P), 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).

\*USC uses 3 wideouts in most formations, so several others will be vying for key playing time in 2018. Soph **Velus Jones Jr.** (6 rec, 46 yds, 7.7 avg in 2017, plus 31 KOR, 760 yds, 24.5 avg and 5 tcb, 15 yds, 3.0 avg) grabbed 6 passes in 2017 and was USC's kickoff returner (his 760 kick return yards is already 12<sup>th</sup> on Troy's career list). Four fellow sophomores also have seen limited time: **Trevon Sidney** (3 rec, 35 yds, 11.7 avg in 2017), **Josh Imatorbhebhe** (2 rec, 11 yds, 5.5 avg in 2017), **Randal Grimes** (2 rec, 17 yds, 8.5 avg in 2017) and **Keyshawn "Pie" Young**, who redshirted last year after working at cornerback in 2016.

\*Then there are 4 walk-ons who have yet to catch a pass: juniors **Jake Russell** (1 tac in 2017) and **Matthew Hocum** and redshirt freshmen **Matt Nyman** and **Jack Webster**.

\*Coming aboard in the fall as freshmen will be prep All-Americans **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.), who caught 72 aerials for 1,320 yards with 20 TDs in 2017 as Mater Dei was named the prep national champ (he had 44 career TD clutches), and **Devon Williams** (Antelope Valley High in Lancaster, Calif.), who had 71 receptions for 1,157 yards with 13 TDs last season.

## TIGHT ENDS

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

\*Senior **Tyler Petite** (23 rec, 307 yds, 13.3 avg, 3 TD in 2017), who has 48 career catches, returns as last year's starter after catching 23 passes with 3 TDs. Junior **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (8 rec, 144 yds, 18.0 avg in 2017, plus 1 tac), who has 25 career catches and 9 starts, had 8 receptions in an injury-hampered 2017 campaign. Sophomores **Josh Faló** (4 rec, 65 yds, 16.2 avg, 2 TD in 2017, plus 1 tac) and **Erik Krommenhoek** (2 rec, 11 yds, 5.5 avg in 2017) played often as 2017 rookies and made key contributions.

\*Then there's senior walk-on **Austin Applebee**, who has seen limited action.

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

\*USC's offensive line should be strong and stable in 2018, as 4 starters return. 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** (2 tac in 2017), who has started all 34 games in which he has appeared (at 4 different spots), was the left tackle in 2017, but this year he likely will move 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** (1 tac in 2017) 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 Johnston** (3 starts) and sophomore **Austin Jackson** (3 tac, 1 BLK FG in 2017). Battling to get into the playing rotation at guard will be 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** (Chaparral High in Temecula, Calif.) graduated from high school a semester early and enrolled at USC this spring as a freshman, able to participate in 2018 spring drills. Tackle **Liam Douglass** (Harvard-Westlake School in Studio City, Calif.) joins the line unit in the fall as a freshman.

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

\*Six defensive starters return 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 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 will be a spirited competition for playing time.

\*Junior **Christian Rector** (35 tac, 11 for loss, 2 FR in 2017) split starting time in 2017 and notched 11 tackles for loss (7.5 sacks) among his 35 stops.

\*Several other returning linemen also had some 2017 starts: senior **Malik Dorton** (24 tac, 3.5 for loss, 5 dfl in 2017), sophomore **Brandon Pili** (14 tac, 1 BLK FG in 2017) and redshirt freshman **Marlon Tuipulotu** (2 tac in 2017), who was off to a promising debut before suffering a back injury. Then there is junior **Connor Murphy** (3 tac in 2017), a converted outside linebacker, soph **Liam Jimmons** (5 tac in 2017) and redshirt freshmen **Jacob Lichtenstein** and **Jay Tufele**.

\***Caleb Tremblay** (American River Community College in Sacramento, Calif.), 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 will be **Trevor Trout** (Chaminade College Prep in St. Louis, Mo.).

## 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** (16 tac, 3 for loss in 2017), a 2018 post-season honors candidate, returns after missing most of last year with toe and bicep injuries. In his career, he has made 109 tackles, with 23 of them for losses (14 were sacks).

\*Looking to break into the playing rotation are junior **Oluwole Betiku Jr.** (2 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2017), who was sidelined during 2018 spring drills after having hip surgery, sophomore **Juliano Falaniko** (6 tac in 2017) and redshirt freshman **Hunter Echols**.

\*There are 2 players who are versatile enough to play either inside or outside linebacker: junior **Jordan Iosefa** (31 tac, 3 for loss, 2 dfl in 2017), a part-time starter in 2017 (5 of his 7 starts were on the outside), and soph **Levi Jones** (15 tac in 2017).

\*Prep All-American **Kana'i Maua** (Waianae High in Waianae, Hi.) 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 will be **Abdul-Malik McClain** (JSerra Catholic High in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.) and **Eli'jah Winston** (Central Catholic High in Portland, Ore.).

## 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** (112 tac, 11 for loss, 3 dfl, 1 FR, 1 int in 2017), a 3-year starter who could be in line for post-season honors in 2018, has 273 career tackles and has led the Trojans in stops the past 2 seasons. He had 112 tackles, including 11 for losses, last fall when he was named to the All-Pac-12 first team. Junior **John Houston Jr.** (84 tac, 3.5 for loss, 4 dfl, 1 FR, 1 int in 2017) started last year and notched 84 tackles.

\*Also ready to contribute are junior **Jordan Iosefa** (31 tac, 3 for loss, 2 dfl in 2017) and soph **Levi Jones** (15 tac in 2017). Both can also play on the outside (of Iosefa's 7 starts in 2017, all but 2 were on the outside). Redshirt freshman **Taylor Katoa** is healthy after missing last season with a knee injury.

\*Also available are a pair of untested walk-ons who moved from the outside—junior **Matt Bayle** and redshirt freshman **Bryce Matthews**—and senior walk-on **Isaac Franco**.

\*Senior **Reuben Peters** (1 tcb, 0 yds, 0.0 avg in 2017, plus 1 tac), who spent the past 2 seasons as a fullback, also could be used here (he played inside linebacker earlier in his Trojan career).

\***Raymond Scott** (Narbonne High in Harbor City, Calif.), 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 will be prep All-Americans **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (Bishop Gorman High in Las Vegas, Nev.), who led his team to the 2017 Nevada state title, and **Solomon Tuliapupu** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.), who won the High School Butkus Award and was USA Today's prep Defensive Player of the Year as he helped Mater Dei to last season's high school national championship.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

\*USC's secondary returns 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** (85 tac, 2.5 for loss, 2 dfl, 1 FR, 3 int with 1 TD in 2017) is back after earning All-Pac-12 first team honors in 2017. He is a 2-year starter with 164 career stops, including 85 last season when he picked off 3 passes. Senior cornerback **Iman Marshall** (52 tac, 1 for loss, 10 dfl in 2017) has started the past 3 seasons. He has 6 career interceptions and 170 tackles, with 52 of those stops coming in 2017. Both Tell and Marshall are 2018 post-season honors candidates.

\*Senior cornerback **Ajene Harris** (59 tac, 1.5 for loss, 6 dfl, 1 FR, 3 int with 1 TD in 2017, plus 14 PR, 72 yds, 5.1 avg and 1 KOR, 20 yds, 20.0 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** (38 tac, 6 dfl in 2017) started 4 times last year and junior safety **Ykili Ross** (13 tac, 1 for loss, 2 int in 2017) started twice last season. Then there's sophomore safeties **Bubba Bolden** (8 tac in 2017) and **C.J. Pollard** (4 tac, 1 for loss in 2017), redshirt freshman **Greg Johnson**, who saw some action early last season before suffering a shoulder injury, senior cornerback **Jonathan Lockett**, 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 likely will be mostly used some on offense in 2018).

\*Also in the mix are a pair of redshirt freshmen—cornerback **Je'Quari Godfrey** and safety **Isaiah Pola-Mao**—who both were sidelined with injuries in 2017 (knee and shoulder, respectively), 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** (Crescent Valley High in Corvallis, Ore.) and cornerback **Chase Williams** (Roosevelt High in Eastvale, Calif.)—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 will be prep All-American cornerbacks **Olaijah Griffin** (Mission Viejo High in Mission Viejo, Calif.) and **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (Helix High in La Mesa Calif.), who combined for 13 interceptions in their high school careers.

## SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

\*All of USC's special teams personnel return 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** (41.6 P avg in 2017) 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** 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 Bermingham Jr.**, as well as senior **Wyatt Schmidt** (1 tac in 2017), who primarily is USC's holder and has snapped on occasion.

\*Sophomore **Chase McGrath** (12-of-17 FG, 58-59 PAT in 2017, plus 1 tac, 1 FR) returns 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. Soph **Michael Brown**, who kicked off early in 2017 (getting 3 touchbacks on 9 kickoffs) before suffering a knee injury, hopes to return healthy in 2018 to compete for the job. 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).

\*Sophomore **Damon Johnson** returns as the long snapper after performing flawlessly in 2018, his first year in that role. Senior **Wyatt Schmidt** (1 tac in 2017), USC's holder the last 2 seasons, also is able to snap (he did so in 2 games in 2018). 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** (1 tac in 2017) has been USC's holder on placekicks the past 2 years (he also can snap, punt and placekick). Senior punter **Reid Budrovich** backed him up last year and could do so again in 2018.

\*Soph **Velus Jones Jr.** (31 KOR, 760 yds, 24.5 avg in 2017) is back after serving as USC's primary kickoff returner in 2017. His 760 kick return yards is already 12<sup>th</sup> on Troy's career list. Soph tailback **Stephen Carr** (3 KOR, 64 yds, 21.3 avg in 2017) and senior cornerback **Ajene Harris** (1 KOR, 20 yds, 20.0 avg in 2017) each returned a few kicks last year. Harris (14 PR, 72 yds, 5.1 avg) is back as USC's reliable punt returner, although he averaged just 5.1 yards per return in 2017. Others who have returned punts are junior wide receiver **Michael Pittman Jr.** (2 PR, 89 yds, 44.5 avg, 1 TD in 2017) and sophomore wide receiver **Tyler Vaughns** (1 PR, 9 yds, 9.0 avg in 2017). It's also possible that some of USC's 2018 newcomers will be tried in kick and punt return roles.

### STATS OF NOTE

\*\*\*USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 161 of its past 208 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 102 of its past 201 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.  
 \*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 194 games.

### SCORING

\*\*\*USC scored 170 of its 456 total points in the fourth quarter in 2017.  
 \*\*\*USC entered the fourth quarter either trailing or tied 6 times in 2017, but the Trojans won 4 of them.  
 \*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 185 of its past 212 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 130 of its last 202 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 82 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 344 times.  
 \*\*\*USC has scored in its past 247 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 262 games).

### OFFENSE

\*\*\*In 2017, USC was fifth nationally in first downs (340, first in Pac-12), 13th in total offense (484.1, second in Pac-12), 16th in passing offense (299.0, third in Pac-12) and 25th in completion percentage (.629, sixth in Pac-12).  
 \*\*\*USC's 484.1 yards of total offense in 2017 was its highest average since 2005 (and that was on the heels of 2016's 477.1, the previous high since 2005).  
 \*\*\*USC had at least 600 yards of total offense 3 times in 2017 (the other Pac-12 teams combined had 6).  
 \*\*\*USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 20 of its past 23 games (including 15 with 500-plus yards).  
 \*\*\*USC's 4,157 passing yards in 2017 was a school season record.  
 \*\*\*USC's 192 passing first downs in 2017 was a school season record.

### DEFENSE

\*\*\*In 2017, USC is fourth nationally in red zone defense (.712, first in Pac-12), fifth in sacks (3.3, first in Pac-12), 19th in interceptions (16, third in Pac-12) and 21st in defensive touchdowns (3, second in Pac-12).  
 \*\*\*USC's 46 sacks in 2017 were tied for most in the nation.  
 \*\*\*USC's 24 takeaways were tied for 23rd most in the nation in 2017.  
 \*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 144 of the last 206 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has held 103 of its last 202 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less.  
 \*\*\*Only 49 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 193 games (most recently, Stanford's Bryce Love with 125 in 2017).  
 \*\*\*Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 73-8 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 2017, USC was 11th nationally in blocked kicks (4, second in Pac-12) and 18th in punt returns (10.9, second in Pac-12).  
 \*\*\*USC has won 20 of its last 23 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has won 16 of its last 17 games against teams from the Pac-12.  
 \*\*\*Five of USC's wins in 2017 were by 10 points or less (including 4 by 5 points or less) and one of its losses was by 3 points.  
 \*\*\*USC has won its last 16 home games, its longest streak since 21 in a row in 2001-04 (not including 6 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 35 in a row from 2001 to 2007) and currently the second longest regular season home winning streak in the nation (behind Alabama's 19).  
 \*\*\*USC has won its last 18 games in the Greater Los Angeles area, its longest streak since winning 23 straight in 2001-04 (not including 7 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 30 in a row from 2001 to 2005).  
 \*\*\*USC has won its last 12 Pac-12 home games, its longest streak since a school-record 15 games in a row from 2001 to 2004 (not including 4 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 24 games from 2001 to 2007).  
 \*\*\*Thirteen first-year freshmen played in 2017, while 14 other Trojans saw action for the first time in their USC careers in 2017.  
 \*\*\*USC has blocked 36 kicks/punts since 2010 (4 in 2017).  
 \*\*\*USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 504 times, including 371 of the past 373 games (Troy's last 212 games have been televised live, a school record).

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*Besides Texas (away) and UNLV (home) in 2018, USC's future non-conference schedule features BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home), 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, 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 Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: TE **Austin Applebee** (McKendree) and TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (Florida).

\*\*\*Seven 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 and 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.

\*\*\*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. DLB **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**, DLB **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 mid-season against Oregon State. 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? TB-CB **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 TB-CB **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), 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**, 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**, S **Ykili Ross**, WR **Jake Russell**, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, P **Chris Tilbey**, DL **Caleb Tremblay**, WR **Tyler Vaughns**, WR **Devon Williams**) and baseball (TE **Austin Applebee**, PK **Michael Brown**, P **Reid Budrovich**, OT **Liam Douglass**, OLB **Porter Gustin**, ILB **Cameron Smith**, WR **Tyler Vaughns**). They also participated in soccer (P **James Bermingham Jr.**, PK **Michael Brown**, C **Justin Dedich**, WR **Matt Nyman**), lacrosse (PK **Thomas Fitts**, S **Richard Hagestad**), wrestling (OT **Liam Douglass**, DL **Brandon Pili**, ILB **Cameron Smith**, DL **Marlon Tuipulotu**), volleyball (S **Richard Hagestad**), golf (SNP **Jake Olson**), ice hockey (HLD-SNP **Wyatt Schmidt**) and rugby (DL **Jay Tufele**).

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*OLB **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).

\*\*\*OLB **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: 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.

\*\*\*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, defensive analyst **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).

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*When he joined the Trojans in 2017, CB **Je'Quari Godfrey** became the first USC football player born in the 21st Century (Jan. 23, 2000). P **Chris Tilbey** is USC's oldest player (24, born Dec. 31, 1993).

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

\*\*\*ILB **Cameron Smith** played youth football against eighth graders when he was in fourth grade. At USC, he interned in the summer of 2017 at a Central California winery.

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (ILB **John Houston Jr.**, OLB **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.

\*\*\*TE **Tyler Petite's** real first name is John, S **C.J. Pollard's** is Christopher, ILB-OLB **Jordan Iosefa's** is Loveni, S **Bubba Bolden's** is Damuzhea, head coach **Clay Helton's** is Charles and assistant coach **Tee Martin's** is Tamaurice. QB **JT Daniels' initials** stand for Jonathan Tyler. 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" 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).

\*\*\*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 Johnston** 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 **Olaijah Griffin's** father is rapper and hip-hop producer Warren G.

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

\*\*\*Offensive line coach **Neil Callaway** served as the head coach at Alabama Birmingham (2007-11). As a player at Alabama (1974-77), he played under legendary head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. He played against USC in 1977, a 21-20 Crimson Tide victory in the Coliseum over the No. 1 Trojans.

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*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, 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 hosts Washington State on Sept. 21 (a Friday) and then the Rams host 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 **Tea 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).

•DL **Marlon Tuipulotu's** cousin is former USC defensive tackle Fili Moala (2005-08).

•C-OT **Toa Lobendahn's** second cousin, Faasea 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 Falco's** brother, N.J., was an outside linebacker at Colorado (2015-16), 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 XXII 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.

•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).

•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 **Talanoa 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), Pulou (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).

•HL-D-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 USC.

•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), while his uncle, Pene Talamaivao, was a defensive tackle at Utah (1994-97), then played professionally for 8 years with the NFL's Buffalo Bills in 1998 (and in NFL Europe that year) and San Diego Chargers (1999-2000), XFL's San Francisco Dragons (2001), CFL's Ottawa RoughRiders (2002-04) and Arena Football League's Detroit Fury (2004-05).

•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, loge boxes, club seats, a new concourse and new press box), replacing every seat with wider ones, increasing leg room, adding aisles, restoring the iconic peristyle, upgrading 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 has 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. The \$300 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 the current 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 [www.ColiseumRenovation.com](http://www.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 new USC Village, where a variety of food and retail options are available.

## IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented 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.

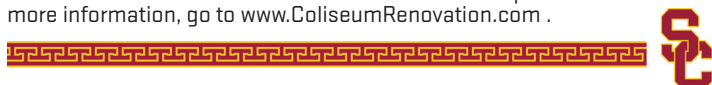
\*USC has had more first round NFL draft picks (81) than any school and is tied with Notre Dame for most players selected as the top pick in the NFL draft (5).

\*Going into 2018 training camp, there are 50 ex-Trojans on NFL active rosters.

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

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

\*Seven 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) and OT **Austin Jackson** (grandfather, Melvin Jackson). Also, C-OT **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was an offensive lineman in the Arena League. Additionally, assistant coaches **Ronnie Bradford** and **Kenechi Udeze** 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, defensive analyst **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, Udeze, **Clancy Pendergast** and **Tim Drevno** were NFL assistants.



## 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 Birmingham 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.

\*Seven Trojans have already earned their bachelor's degrees: 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; and 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.

\*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).



## 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	245	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	250	6/22/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Lagos, Nigeria (Serra)
2	BOLDEN, Bubba	S	6-3	190	5/28/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
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	210	1/16/99	So./So.	1V	Gardena (Summit)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	305	4/7/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Fresno (Clovis North)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	205	2/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Irvine (Mater Dei)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	TB-CB	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	285	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	Cibolo, TX (Clemens)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	295	5/25/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	220	3/27/99	So./So.	1V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	235	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	190	12/13/97	So./Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Glendora)
41	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	200	9/24/96	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
59	FRANCO, Isaac	ILB	6-1	225	4/15/95	Sr./Sr.	--	Los Angeles (Palisades Charter/Adams State)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	235	5/11/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
22	GODFREY, Je'Quari	CB	6-2	185	1/23/00	Fr./So.	SQ	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
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	255	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	190	6/1/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
44	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	170	12/30/96	Jr./Sr.	--	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	210	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	235	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	225	9/20/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Waipahu, HI (St. Louis)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	290	8/11/99	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
93	JIMMONS, Liam	DL	6-4	285	1/6/98	So./Jr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	200	10/7/97	So./So.	1V	Glendora (Glendora/Citrus JC)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	195	1/12/99	Fr./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Hawkins)
76	JOHNSTON, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Orange (Servite)
13	JONES, Levi	ILB-OLB	6-3	220	5/5/98	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Westlake)
23	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	So./Jr.	1V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
54	KATO, Taylor	ILB	6-2	230	7/27/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	245	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	255	11/6/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	C-OT	6-3	290	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)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	210	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	220	4/30/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Bishop Montgomery)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	OLB	6-2	220	1/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	230	10/10/99	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano (JSerra Catholic)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	So./So.	1V	Newport Beach (Mater Dei)
54	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	305	7/10/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Concord (Clayton Valley)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	260	10/29/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)



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62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	295	7/7/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Rancho Santa Margarita (Santa Margarita)
37	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-10	215	10/12/95	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
34	NYMAN, Matt	WR	6-2	185	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)
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	320	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-MAD, Isaiah	S	6-4	200	6/30/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	185	10/31/97	So./Jr.	1V	Carson (Serra)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	275	4/22/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	South Pasadena (Loyola)
14	ROSS, Ykili	S	6-1	190	9/17/96	Jr./Sr.	2V	Riverside (Riverside Poly)
24	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	170	12/18/96	Jr./Sr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	HLD-SNP	6-3	205	12/25/94	Sr./Sr.	2V	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
48	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	220	4/19/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Harbor City (Narbonne)
10	SEARS, Jack	QB	6-3	200	4/17/98	Fr./So.	SQ	San Clemente (San Clemente)
81	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)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	190	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	190	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	195	6/20/97	So./Jr.	SQ	Pacific Palisades (Brentwood)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	215	12/31/93	Sr./Sr.	1V	Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham/ San Francisco CC)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	275	9/24/96	Jr./Jr.	JC	Napa (Vintage/American River CC)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	300	11/20/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Ferguson, MD (Chaminade College Prep)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	295	7/25/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	295	5/31/99	Fr./So.	1V	Independence, OR (Central)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	230	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	300	6/17/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	310	1/21/99	So./So.	1V	Kingsburg (Kingsburg)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	195	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	200	7/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Lancaster (Antelope Valley)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	230	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)

\*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 and 2017)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** John BAXTER, Special Teams Coordinator (Loras College, 1985); Ronnie BRADFORD, Secondary (Colorado, 1995); Neil CALLAWAY, Offensive Line (Alabama, 1978); 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); 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	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	235	5/11/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
2	BOLDEN, Bubba	S	6-3	190	5/28/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
2	WILLIAMS, Devon	WR	6-4	200	7/6/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Lancaster (Antelope Valley)
4	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	180	3/10/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach (Mission Viejo)
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	190	10/25/99	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego (Helix)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	210	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	190	10/24/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills (Mater Dei)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	195	1/12/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Los Angeles (Hawkins)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	210	6/25/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Carson (Serra)
10	SEARS, Jack	QB	6-3	200	4/17/98	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Clemente (San Clemente)
13	JONES, Levi	ILB-OLB	6-3	220	5/5/98	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Westlake)
14	ROSS, Ykili	S	6-1	190	9/17/96	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Riverside (Riverside Poly)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	215	2/1/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	TB-CB	5-9	190	12/8/96	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
16	THOMAS, Holden	QB	6-6	195	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	205	2/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Irvine (Mater Dei)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	190	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)
22	GODFREY, Je'Quari	CB	6-2	185	1/23/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
23	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
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	170	12/18/96	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	OLB	6-2	220	1/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
27	HARRIS, Ajene	CB	5-10	190	6/1/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	195	6/29/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	185	10/31/97	So.*/Jr.	1V	Carson (Serra)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	210	1/21/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	230	2/11/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
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	230	4/8/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
34	NYMAN, Matt	WR	6-2	185	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	215	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	215	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)
39	FELDER JR., Howard	TB	6-0	235	10/11/98	Fr.*/Fr.	--	West Los Angeles (Cathedral)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	So./So.	1V	Newport Beach (Mater Dei)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	220	3/27/99	So./So.	1V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
41	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	200	9/24/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	230	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	170	12/30/96	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	OLB	6-5	255	2/8/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	HLD-SNP	6-3	205	12/25/94	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
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	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	220	4/19/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Harbor City (Narbonne)
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)



NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	Cl.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	C-OT	6-3	290	2/14/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Cerritos (La Habra)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	295	5/31/99	Fr./So.	1V	Independence, OR (Central)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	305	4/7/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Fresno (Clovis North)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	ILB	6-3	220	4/30/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Bishop Montgomery)
54	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	305	7/10/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Concord (Clayton Valley)
54	KATOA, 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	225	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	230	3/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	200	10/7/97	So./So.	1V	Glendora (Glendora/Citrus JC)
59	FRANCO, Isaac	ILB	6-1	225	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)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	So./Jr.	SQ	West Covina (Mater Dei)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OT	6-5	285	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	310	1/21/99	So./So.	1V	Kingsburg (Kingsburg)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	290	8/11/99	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG-OT	6-4	300	6/17/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
76	JOHNSTON, 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	295	7/25/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
81	SIDNEY, Trevon	WR	5-11	170	10/24/97	So./Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Amat)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-4	250	12/14/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Lafayette (Campolindo)
83	FALD, Josh	TE	6-6	235	8/10/99	So./So.	1V	Sacramento (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	245	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	235	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	245	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	320	4/2/99	So./So.	1V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
93	JIMMONS, Liam	DL	6-4	285	1/6/98	So./Jr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	300	11/20/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	275	9/24/96	Jr./Jr.	JC	Napa (Vintage/American River CC)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	255	11/6/98	Fr./So.	SQ	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
99	BETIKU JR., Oluwole	OLB	6-3	250	6/22/97	Jr./Jr.	2V	Lagos, Nigeria (Serra)

\*Used up redshirt year

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