

TROJAN FOOTBALL

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



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

2019 SCHEDULE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 31	Fresno State	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 7	Stanford	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 14	at BYU	1:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Sept. 20 (Fr.)	Utah	6 p.m. (FS1)
Sept. 28	at Washington	TBA
Oct. 5	BYE DATE	
Oct. 12	at Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 19	Arizona	TBA
Oct. 25 (Fr.)	at Colorado	7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Nov. 2	Oregon	TBA
Nov. 9	at Arizona State	TBA
Nov. 16	at California	TBA
Nov. 23	UCLA	TBA

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Release Date: Aug. 25, 2019

GAME 1

USC

(0-0 overall, 0-0 Pac-12 - South)

vs.

Fresno State

(0-0 overall, 0-0 Mountain West - West)

Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, 7:30 p.m. PT, ESPN
United Airlines Field at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum



USC FOOTBALL KICKS OFF 2019 VS. FRESNO STATE IN RENOVATED COLISEUM

THEMES

*USC--with a renewed spirit, a promising roster, a revamped staff, an exciting offensive system, a renovated Coliseum and a chip on its shoulder after last season's disappointment--kicks off its 2019 season at home under the lights on Labor Day weekend against Fresno State on ESPN.

*This will be the first collegiate game in the historic and iconic Los Angeles stadium that just underwent a \$315-million renovation (including new seats and aisles and a new south-side tower) and has been renamed United Airlines Field at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

*It's just the fifth meeting between in-state opponents USC and Fresno State.

*USC has played less than a dozen games in August, but has won the past 7 of them (most recently in 2014 over Fresno State).

*The Trojans have captured their last 11 season openers in the Coliseum, dating to 1997, but are unranked to open a season for the first time in 18 years.

*USC historically has bounced back well after losing seasons and, in fact, has responded with a bowl trip the past 4 times it has happened.

*Several USC and Fresno State staffers have ties to the other school. Trojan head coach **Clay Helton** notched his first coaching victory by beating the Bulldogs in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl.

*USC has lost only once in 35 games to a Mountain West Conference foe (to Fresno State in 1992).

*USC has simplified its approach on both sides of the ball in 2019. New offensive coordinator **Graham Harrell**, who runs a version of the "Air Raid" attack, has an offense that returns its starting quarterback, its top 4 wideouts, a pair of runners with a combined career 1,500-plus rush yards and 13 TDs and 2 starting linemen. QB **JT Daniels** fended off 3 contenders to retain his starting job and he'll have one of the nation's best receiving corps at his disposal: WRs **Michael Pittman Jr.**, **Tyler Vaughns** (also a dangerous punt returner), **Amon-Ra St. Brown**, **Velus Jones Jr.** (a top kick returner) and **Devon Williams**, who combined for 187 receptions and 17 TDs in 2018. USC's beefy ground attack features TBs **Vavae Malepeai**, **Stephen Carr** and **Markese Stepp**. The offensive line, behind veterans OT **Austin Jackson** and OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees**, is upgraded from a year ago. Troy's defense, which should be particularly stout among the front 7, returns such DLs as **Christian Rector**, **Marlon Tuipulotu** and **Jay Tufele** (a 2018 Freshman All-American), ILBs **John Houston Jr.** and **Palaie Gaoteote** and high-potential young Ss **Talanoa Hufanga** and **Isaiah Pola-Mao**.

*Fresno State, which was 12-2 in 2018 (a school record for wins) while winning the MWC title and the Las Vegas Bowl, is led by a familiar face to USC fans: third-year head coach **Jeff Tedford** (he beat the Trojans just once in 11 tries while at California). The Bulldogs' offense averaged 420 yards and 34 points last fall, but only 3 starters return, including RB **Ronnie Rivers** (743 yards, 10 TDs rushing in 2018) and TE **Jared Rice** (55 catches in 2018). FSU's defense, which allowed just 14.1 points last fall (third nationally) and had 27 takeaways (4 for TDs), lost 4 All-MWC players but features dynamic DE **Mykal Walker**, also an All-MWC performer, and DB **Juju Hughes** (4 interceptions in 2018).

*USC's game broadcasts will be on a new radio station--AM 790 KABC--for the first time in 13 years.

*USC's 2018-19 NCAA champion men's water polo team and women's track individuals will be honored during the game.

*Two days before the football game, the No. 5 USC women's soccer team hosts the Battle of the Banc doubleheader in adjacent Banc of California Stadium, featuring teams (UCLA, Florida State, Florida and the Women of Troy) that have won 6 NCAA titles, including 4 of the past 6 collegiate crowns.

RANKINGS

*Neither USC nor Fresno State is ranked in the current AP sports media poll or the Amway coaches poll.

SERIES

*USC leads its series with Fresno State, 2-1-0, not including Troy's 2005 victory that was vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record, 3-1-0).

*In 2014 in the last meeting, QB Cody Kessler threw 4 touchdowns and ran for another to help the Steve Sarkisian era get off on a winning note as No. 15 USC routed Fresno State, 52-13, in the Coliseum. It was the most points and largest victory margin in a Trojan coaching debut since Howard Jones in 1925. See page 4 for a complete recap of that most recent matchup.



PAC-12 STANDINGS

	PAC-12		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
SOUTH				
ARIZ	0	0	0	1
ASU	0	0	0	0
COLO	0	0	0	0
UCLA	0	0	0	0
USC	0	0	0	0
UTAH	0	0	0	0
NORTH				
CAL	0	0	0	0
DRE	0	0	0	0
OSU	0	0	0	0
STAN	0	0	0	0
WASH	0	0	0	0
WSU	0	0	0	0

AP POLL

- Clemson
- Alabama
- Georgia
- Oklahoma
- Ohio State
- LSU
- Michigan
- Florida
- Notre Dame
- Texas
- Oregon
- Texas A&M
- Washington
- Utah
- Penn State
- Auburn
- Central Florida
- Michigan State
- Wisconsin
- Iowa
- Iowa State
- Syracuse
- Washington St.
- Nebraska
- Stanford

COACHES POLL

- Clemson
- Alabama
- Georgia
- Oklahoma
- Ohio State
- LSU
- Michigan
- Florida
- Notre Dame
- Texas
- Texas A&M
- Washington
- Oregon
- Penn State
- Utah
- Auburn
- Central Florida
- Wisconsin
- Iowa
- Michigan State
- Washington St.
- Syracuse
- Stanford
- Iowa State
- Northwestern

FUN FACT I

USC's first varsity night football game took place in Fresno 75 years ago, on Oct. 14, 1944 versus St. Mary's Pre-Flight. Because of World War II travel restrictions, USC was scheduled to play a Monday night home game against Washington on Oct. 23 of that year (it would be Troy's first night outing in the Coliseum). So, to give the Trojans some game experience under the lights in preparation for a revenge-seeking conference opponent that it had shut out in the previous year's Rose Bowl, USC scheduled the Fresno night game a week earlier (and Troy served as the home team, its first-ever home game outside the Coliseum). USC beat St. Mary's Pre-Flight, 6-0, in front of 13,500 fans in Ratcliffe Stadium. It was the only time that USC ever played in Fresno (and only the second time it has played in the Central Valley, following a 1909 win at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo). The under-the-lights tryout served USC well, as it beat Washington the following week, 38-7. Lights actually were installed in the Coliseum for the 1930 season, but only UCLA played under the lights there (on Fridays) until the Trojans first did so in 1944 because USC had priority for Saturday games and Troy played those in the afternoon.

FUN FACT II

USC is starting off a season unranked for the first time since 2001, which was the last time it was coming off a losing year.

VERSUS MOUNTAIN WEST

*USC is 31-1-1 (.955) against current Mountain West Conference teams (not including 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33-1-1, .957), last losing in 1992 (to Fresno State), the same year it tied San Diego State. Troy is 8-0 versus Hawaii (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 9-0), 6-0 versus Utah State, 5-0 versus Nevada, 4-0 against San Jose State, 2-0 versus UNLV, 2-0-1 against San Diego State, 1-0 against Colorado State and Wyoming and 2-1 against Fresno State (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 3-1). USC's most recent game against a current MWC opponent was its 2018 home-opening victory over UNLV (43-21).

*On the other hand, Fresno State is 26-42-0 (.382) against current Pac-12 teams, last facing a Pac-12 foe in 2018 (a 31-20 win over Arizona State in the Las Vegas Bowl).

OPENERS

*USC's record in all season openers is 93-24-8 (.776), with 36 shutout victories. In season openers at home, the Trojans are 65-16-7 (.776). (Does not include 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 94-24-8, .778 overall.) USC has won its past 11 home season openers, last losing in 1997 (14-7 to Florida State).

*USC's record for home openers is 97-19-7 (.817). (Does not include 1 home vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 98-19-7, .819 at home.)

IN COLISEUM

*USC has a 445-139-27 (.750) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923 (not including 6 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 451-139-27, .753). USC's 617 games played in the Coliseum (including the 6 vacated wins) is the second most that any school has played in its home stadium (behind Georgia Tech's 694 in Bobby Dodd Stadium).

IN AUGUST

*USC has an 8-2 (.800) all-time record while playing in the month of August.

*USC last played an August game in 2014, also against Fresno State (a 52-13 win). The Trojans have won their last 7 August contests.

AT NIGHT

*USC owns a 175-64-4 (.728) all-time record at night, including 103-29-4 in the Coliseum, 57-28 on the road and 15-7 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 180-65-4, .731 overall, 106-29-4 in the Coliseum, 17-8 at neutral sites.)

USC-FRESNO STATE CONNECTIONS

*USC OG **Jacob Daniel** attended Clovis North High in Fresno, while OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** attended Kingsburg High (just south of Fresno).

*USC special teams coordinator/tight ends coach **John Baxter** spent 13 seasons (1997-2009) as an assistant at Fresno State.

*USC football's director of player personnel **Spencer Harris** held a similar job at Fresno State (2017-18).

*Fresno State head football equipment manager **Josh Hewitt** is the son of USC director of equipment operations **Todd Hewitt**, the brother of USC assistant equipment manager **Travis Hewitt** and the grandson of former USC equipment manager Don Hewitt.

*USC head coach **Clay Helton's** first coaching victory came against Fresno State in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl (45-20) when he served as the Trojans' interim head coach.

*In his 11 years (2002-12) as head coach at California, FSU head coach **Jeff Tedford** beat USC just once (in 3 overtimes in 2003).

*WR **Michael Pittman Jr.'s** father, Michael, was a running back at Fresno State (1993, 95-97).

*Fresno State QB **Blaze McKibbin** has 5 relatives who played volleyball at USC: father Owen McKibbin (1983-87), cousins Riley (2008-11), Maddison (2010-12, 2014) and Jameson (a current Trojan sophomore setter) and aunt Claudia McKibbin (a member of the 1980 national championship team).

*Fresno State tight ends coach **Scott Thompson** previously worked with the USC football program for 7 seasons as director of player personnel (2010-14), director of scouting/high school relations (2015) and offensive assistant (2016).

*FSU offensive analyst **Brad Vonnahme's** brother is USC athletic video producer **Tanner Vonnahme**.

*USC defensive quality control analyst **Brett Arce** played at the Central Valley's Coalinga High and then West Hills Community College in Coalinga (he also coached football and men's basketball there in 2013), and his father, Mark, was the athletic director (2015-18) and men's basketball coach (2001-18) at West Hills CC.

*Fresno State head baseball coach **Mike Batesole** is the brother of former USC infielder (1980-83) and volunteer assistant coach (2017-19) Bobby Batesole, while Fresno State baseball director of operations **Kody Batesole** is Bobby's nephew.

*Fresno State women's water polo assistant **Alexandra Kiss** held a similar position at USC (2016-18, winning 2 NCAA titles) after playing for the Women of Troy (2007-10, including on the 2010 NCAA champs).

2019 SCHEDULE

*USC's challenging 12-game 2019 schedule features 9 teams (including its first 6 opponents) that played in bowls last year, with 5 winning their bowl. Half of Troy's foes this season won at least 9 games in 2018.

*USC will open its slate at home in the renovated Coliseum on Labor Day weekend by hosting **Fresno State** of the Mountain West on Aug. 31. It will be just the 11th time that Troy plays a game in August (it last occurred in 2014, also against the Bulldogs) and the Trojans have won their last 7 August contests. The Trojans stay at home to open league competition against **Stanford** on Sept. 7, the ninth consecutive year that USC will play the Pac-12's first conference game of the year (California also plays at Washington that day). USC has its first road game of 2019 on Sept. 14 when it makes its second-ever visit to independent **BYU** (the first time was in 2004). Troy then returns to the Coliseum for a Friday night contest against **Utah** on Sept. 20, just the second Friday home game since 1999 for the Trojans. USC next travels to defending Pac-12 champion **Washington** on Sept. 28, Troy's first time playing the Huskies since 2016 due to the league scheduling rotation. After a bye the following weekend, USC remains on the road for its annual intersectional clash with **Notre Dame**, visiting South Bend on Oct. 12. USC hosts **Arizona** on Oct. 19 for Homecoming, then goes to **Colorado** for another Friday night game on Oct. 25, marking the first time since 1977 that the Trojans have had a pair of regular season Friday games. The Trojans welcome **Oregon** to the Coliseum on Nov. 2 (Trojan Family Weekend), the teams' first encounter since 2016. USC then plays back-to-back road games, at **Arizona State** on Nov. 9 and at **California** on Nov. 16. Troy concludes its 2019 regular season by hosting crosstown rival **UCLA** on Nov. 23.

*USC's Pac-12 "misses" in 2019 are Washington State and Oregon State.



USC VS. FRESNO STATE (2**-1-0)

YEAR	AP RANK	RESULT	PLACE
1992*	23-NR	L 7-24	N1
2004	1-16	W** 50-42	H
2013+	NR-21	W 45-20	N2
2014	15-NR	W 52-13	H

N1-Anaheim Stadium, Anaheim, California

N2-Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, Nevada

*-1992 Freedom Bowl

+ -2013 Las Vegas Bowl

**Not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty
[original record: 3-1-0]

RENOVATED COLISEUM

*Fans attending USC's 6 home games in 2019 at United Airlines Field at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will enjoy the stadium's completed \$315-million renovation, which includes new seats (many with increased legroom), aisle handrails, additional aisles, a new stadium-wide Wi-Fi system, upgraded concession stands, new ticket scanners, TVs and game audio in public areas, new graphics, and a restored mural in the peristyle. There also is a new south-side structure housing suites, loge boxes, club seats, a new concourse, a new press box and a rooftop club.

LAST YEAR

*In 2018, USC went 5-7 overall (its first losing season since 2000), with the last 4 losses all by 7 points or less. Troy was 4-5 in Pac-12 play.

BOUNCING BACK

*Losing seasons don't happen often at USC (only 13 times in the modern era), but when they do the Trojans have a history of answering with a winning season the following year. For instance, the last 4 times Troy was coming off a losing season (1961-83-91-2000), it played in a bowl the following year, including winning a pair of Rose Bowls and a national championship.

RETURNING TROJANS

*USC returns 75 squadmen from the 2018 team, including 53 who saw action. Six starters are back on offense and 5 on defense, plus the kicker. Twenty other players have started at least once in their careers. The returnees will be joined by 33 newcomers who comprise a Top 20 recruiting class, including 11 who enrolled at USC in the spring so they could participate in spring practice.

*USC's offense returns its starting quarterback, its top 4 wideouts, a pair of runners with a combined career 1,500-plus rush yards and 13 TDs and 2 starting linemen. **JT Daniels**, who last fall was only the second Trojan true freshman to start a season opener at quarterback, threw for 2,672 yards in 2018 just a season after graduating high school a year early. **Matt Fink** and **Jack Sears** also are tested signalcallers, with Sears even starting once last season. **Michael Pittman Jr.** (41 catches, 6 TDs in 2018), **Tyler Vaughns** (58, 6), **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (60, 3) and **Velus Jones Jr.** (24, 1) are the nucleus of one of the nation's most dangerous pass catching corps after combining for nearly 2,500 receiving yards last season (Vaughns has 115 career grabs and Pittman has 70, while last year St. Brown was just the fourth true freshman to top USC in receptions). Tailbacks **Vavae Malepeai** (501 rushing yards, 8 TDs in 2018) and **Stephen Carr** (384 yards last year) saw plenty of action last fall and both also are excellent receivers. **Andrew Vorhees** has started 2 seasons at right guard, while **Austin Jackson** exhibited next-level potential while 2018's left tackle. Other offensive players returning with career starts are tight ends **Josh Falo** and **Erik Krommenhoek**, center **Brett Neilon** and tackles **Jalen McKenzie** and **Clayton Bradley**.

*Troy's defense returns linemen **Christian Rector** (20 tackles for loss with 12 sacks in his career), **Marlon Tuipulotu** and **Jay Tufele** (a 2018 Freshman All-American first teamer), inside linebackers **John Houston Jr.** (167 stops as a 2-year starter) and **Jordan Iosefa** (he started on the outside in 2018) and a pair of high-potential young safeties who shared starts last fall before getting hurt (**Talanoa Hufanga** and **Isaiah Pola-Mao**). Also back with career starts on defense are inside linebacker **Palaie Gaoteote IV**, linemen **Brandon Pili**, **Jacob Lichtenstein** and **Connor Murphy**, cornerbacks **Greg Johnson** and **Chase Williams** and safety **C.J. Pollard**.

*USC is well-stocked at placekicker, with **Michael Brown** (the 2018 starter after missing 2017 with an injury), **Chase McGrath** (he missed most of last season after starting in 2017) and kickoff specialist **Alex Stadthaus**. McGrath has 18 career field goals, Brown has 7. Two-year starting long snapper **Damon Johnson** returns. Receivers Vaughns (13th nationally in punt returns in 2018) and Jones (ninth on USC's career kickoff return list) are back as potent return specialists.

GONE FROM 2018

*Among the players gone from the 2018 roster on offense are tailback Aca/Cedric Ware (1,505 career rushing yards, including a team-best 825 in 2018), tight end Tyler Petite (53 career receptions as a 2-year starter) and a trio of veteran offensive linemen in right tackle Chuma Edogo, left guard Chris Brown and center Toa Lobendahn (he also played tackle and guard in his career). Missing on defense are 4-year starting inside linebacker Cameron Smith (354 career tackles and the first Trojan in 40 years to top the team in tackles for 3 consecutive years), safety Marvell Tell III (221 tackles and 5 interceptions in his career), outside linebacker Porter Gustin (33 tackles for loss with 21 sacks in his career, including team-highs of 10 and 7 in 2018), cornerbacks Iman Marshall (a 4-year starter with 218 tackles and 6 picks in his career), Ajene Harris (USC's nickel back in 2018 with 6 career interceptions, including a school record-tying 3 for TDs), Isaiah Langley and Jonathan Lockett and lineman Malik Dorton. Gone from last year's special teams are punters Reid Budrovich (40.5-yard career average) and Chris Tilbey and holder Wyatt Schmidt.

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

*Six starters return on offense from 2018: quarterback **JT Daniels**, wide receivers **Michael Pittman Jr.**, **Tyler Vaughns**, **Amon-Ra St. Brown** and **Velus Jones Jr.** (St. Brown and Jones split starts), tackle **Austin Jackson** and guard **Andrew Vorhees**. Other offensive players back with starting experience are tailbacks **Vavae Malepeai** and **Stephen Carr**, quarterback **Jack Sears**, tight ends **Josh Falo** and **Erik Krommenhoek**, center **Brett Neilon** and tackles **Jalen McKenzie** and **Clayton Bradley**.

*USC has nearly 50% of its 2018 rushing yards returning in 2019, including 11 of the 12 players who carried the ball (all except its rushing leader). All 4 players who threw a pass in 2018 return, as do 10 of the 13 players who had receptions, including Troy's top 6 pass catchers (91% of its catches return). USC's offense welcomes back its starting quarterback, its top 4 wideouts, a rushing duo with a combined career 1,500-plus ground yards and a pair of starting linemen. However, last season's total offense (382.1) and scoring (26.1) averages were USC's lowest since 2001.

*Helton brought in offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** to implement his version of the "Air Raid" offense (it features more of the run game than the original Mike Leach "Air Raid"). New running backs coach **Mike Jinks** will direct the ball carriers (he has experience coaching the run portion of Harrell's system), **Tim Drevno** moves over from running backs coach to once again handle the offensive line, **Keary Colbert** now will coach the wide receivers (he worked with the tight ends and slot receivers last year) and **John Baxter** reassumes mentoring the tight ends along with his special teams chores.



THE LAST MEETING: 2014 USC VS. FRESNO STATE

GAME 1 – August 30, Los Angeles Coliseum

USC 52, Fresno State 13

Att: 76,037

Fresno State	0	7	6	0	–	13
USC	21	10	21	0	–	52

QB Cody Kessler threw 4 touchdowns and ran for another to help the Steve Sarkisian era get off on a winning note as No. 15 USC routed Fresno State, 52-13, in front of 76,037 fans in the Coliseum and a national FOX TV audience.

Sarkisian was the sixth consecutive Trojan head coach to win his debut, and it was the most points and largest victory margin in a Trojan coaching debut since Howard Jones in 1925 (a 74-0 win over Whittier). It was USC's 16th straight win in an opener. It was the first time since 1916-17 that USC faced an opponent in consecutive games, as Troy also beat the Bulldogs in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl.

USC rolled up 701 yards of total offense (its most since getting 745 versus Washington State in 2005) while running off a Pac-12 and USC record 105 plays (10 shy of the NCAA record) and getting 37 first downs (its most since getting 40 in that 2005 WSU contest).

Kessler threw for a career-high 394 yards while completing 25-of-37 passes with the 4 TDs (all tying career bests). In the first half, he was 21-of-30 for 309 yards with 3 scores.

USC, which never punted, scored on its first 4 possessions to open a 24-0 lead. Kessler capped a 17-play, 90-yard opening drive with a 1-yard TD run, then he hit WR Nelson Agholor with scoring passes of 10 and 5 yards late in the opening quarter. PK Andre Heidari added a 27-yard field goal early in the second quarter before Fresno State got on the board with a 1-yard run by TB Martezee Waller, but USC countered with an 18-yard Kessler TD toss to freshman CB-WR Adoree' Jackson late in the half.

Fresno State scored on the opening drive of the second half on Waller's 2-yard run, but USC answered right back as TB Javorius Allen ended an 85-yard drive with a 9-yard TD run. USC scored on its next two possessions in the third quarter, first on a 22-yard Kessler pass to frosh TE Bryce Dixon (after ILB Anthony Sarao's interception) and then on an 11-yard run by FB Soma Vainuku to end the day's scoring.

Allen rushed for a game-best 133 yards on 22 carries and freshman WR-CB JuJu Smith had 4 catches for 123 yards (more than any USC first-year freshman has had in a season opener). Ten Trojans caught passes. Troy's 64 rushing attempts were its most since running 70 times at Arizona State in 1990 and its 21 rushing first downs were its most since getting 21 versus UCLA in 2005. USC converted 11-of-18 third downs (holding the ball 38:54) and limited FSU to 2-of-12.

The Bulldogs managed just 317 total yards and 17 first downs on 69 plays. The Trojans had 4 interceptions (by Sarao, S Gerald Bowman, DE Leonard Williams and ILB Michael Hutchings). ILB Hayes Pullard led USC with 8 tackles and Williams had 7 stops and 2 deflections to go with his pick.

USC, which suited just 57 recruited scholarship players, played 11 first-year freshmen and 2 transfers. QGs Toa Lobendahn and Damien Mama started, marking the first time in the post-World War II era that a pair of frosh started an opener on the offensive line (and just the second true freshman duo to ever start on the line). Jackson saw significant action on defense (1 tackle), offense (3 catches for 36 yards) and special teams (1 punt return for 10 yards).

For FSU, Waller ran for 97 yards on 16 tries, WR Josh Harper had 6 catches for 56 yards, and QBs Brian Burrell (11-of-19 for 92 yards) and Brandon Connette (7-of-17 for 68 yards with 3 picks) split time.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Kessler 1-yard run (Heidari kick)

USC – Agholor 10-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

USC – Agholor 5-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Heidari 27-yard field goal

FS – Waller 1-yard run (McGuire kick)

USC – Jackson 18-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

Third Quarter

FS – Waller 2-yard run (McGuire kick missed)

USC – Allen 9-yard run (Heidari kick)

USC – Dixon 22-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

USC – Vainuku 11-yard run (Heidari kick)

USC	STATISTICS	FRESNO STATE
37	First Downs	17
277	Net Yards Rushing	157
424	Net Yards Passing	160
41	Passes Attempted	36
28	Passes Completed	18
0	Had Intercepted	4
105	Total Plays	69
701	Total Yards	317
0/0/0	Punts/Avg	6/35.5
2/2	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
9/76	Penalties/Yards	5/47
38:54	Time of Possession	21:06

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 22-133; Waller (FS) 16-97; Toland (USC) 12-47; Burrell (FS) 4-42; Davis (USC) 12-30; Kessler (USC) 8-28; Vainuku (USC) 2-24.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 25-37-394; Burrell (FS) 11-19-92; Connette (FS) 7-17-68; Browne (USC) 3-4-30.

RECEIVING – Harper (FS) 6-56; Rogers (USC) 5-60; Agholor (USC) 5-57; J. Smith (USC) 4-123; Micenheimer (FS) 4-38; Blackwell (USC) 3-54; Jackson (USC) 3-36; Waller (USC) 3-25; Farmer (USC) 3-20.

QUARTERBACKS

*Harrell can choose from an array of experienced quarterbacks to run his offense.

*Sophomore **JT Daniels** (216-of-363, 59.5%, 2,672 yds, 14 TD, 10 int in 2018) started 11 games in 2018, only a season after graduating high school a year early. He threw for 2,672 yards and 14 touchdowns last fall and was just the second Trojan true freshman to start a season opener at quarterback. His 37 completions against Notre Dame was a USC game record. He had a trio of 300-yard passing outings in 2018.

*Freshman **Kedon Slovis**, who had NFL Hall of Famer Kurt Warner as his prep position coach, graduated high school early and enrolled at USC this spring so he could participate in spring practice. He has emerged as the No. 2 signalcaller.

*Junior **Matt Fink** (7-of-9, 77.8%, 46 yds, 1 TD in 2018, plus 7 tcb, 24 yds, 3.4 avg) has played in 7 games in his career, completing 72% of his 18 passes and also running for 106 yards. He was 7-of-9 passing last season with a TD as Daniels' backup and stepped in when Daniels was knocked out of the Utah contest, but broken ribs in that game ended Fink's season.

*Sophomore **Jack Sears** (20-of-28, 71.4%, 235 yds, 2 TD in 2018, plus 10 tcb, 10 yds, 1.0 avg), as mobile as Fink, was USC's No. 3 quarterback last season. He started against Arizona State in 2018 with Daniels and Fink sidelined by injuries and nearly led the Trojans to victory (a 3-point loss) while hitting 71% of his aeriels with 2 TDs. It was his only career action.

*There also are 2 walk-ons: redshirt freshman **Trevor Scully** and first-year freshman **Scott Harris**, a lefty.

RUNNING BACKS

*USC's top rusher from 2018, tailback Aca'Cedric Ware, is gone, but the Trojans have a nice mix of power and speed runners able to replace him, and all are capable pass catchers (a necessary skill in Harrell's system). Ware ran for 1,505 yards in his career with 10 TDs, with 7 100-yard performances. As the 2018 starter, he had a team-high 825 rushing yards with 6 scores while averaging 6.6 yards per carry and posting a quartet of 100-yard efforts (including 205 yards at Oregon State).

*Junior tailbacks **Vavae Malepeai** (93 tcb, 501 yds, 5.4 avg, 8 TD in 2018, plus 15 rec, 88 yds, 5.9 avg and 1 tac) and **Stephen Carr** (81 tcb, 384 yds, 4.7 avg, 2 TD in 2018, plus 8 rec, 26 yds, 3.2 avg and 6 KOR, 151 yds, 25.2 avg), who together have run for more than 1,500 yards and caught 40-plus passes in their careers while starting 3 times, have seen significant action the past 2 years. Malepeai is a downhill runner, while Carr is fleet; both excel at catching the ball out of the backfield and both contribute on special teams. Malepeai had a 100-yard game at Oregon State last year, while Carr did so against Stanford in 2017. An ankle sprain sidelined Carr for USC's last 3 contests of 2018.

*Powerful redshirt freshman tailback **Markese Stepp** (7 tcb, 33 yds, 4.7 avg in 2018, plus 1 rec, 7 yds, 7.0 avg and 1 tac) showed well in limited action in 4 games last fall and was able to redshirt.

*Then there are 3 walk-on tailbacks available: juniors **Quincy Jountti**, who redshirted last year after transferring from Sacramento State (he saw action there as a running back and defensive back), and **Chris Edmondson** (he has yet to play) and sophomore **Ben Easington** (he played on special teams in a game in 2018 before hurting his shoulder, an injury that slowed him in 2019 spring drills). Easington is sidelined with a knee ligament injury suffered in this fall camp.

*Speedster **Kenan Christon** joined the tailback group in the fall as a freshman. He rushed for 3,000-plus yards in his prep career and also was the 2019 California state 100- and 200-meter dash champion (he has bests of 10.30 and 20.55).

WIDE RECEIVERS

*USC might sport the best wide receiving outfit in the country in 2019 and the personnel should thrive in Harrell's offensive attack. Troy's top 4 pass catchers from 2018 return, bringing with them 183 catches, 2,448 yards and 16 touchdowns from last season.

*Senior **Michael Pittman Jr.** (41 rec, 758 yds, 18.5 avg, 6 TD in 2018, plus 1 rcb, 9 yds, 9.0 avg and 1 PR, 4 yds, 4.0 avg and 1 tac and 1 BLK P) is the unit's elder statesman, with 70 career clutches for 1,244 yards and 8 scores with 17 starts. He had 41 receptions for a team-high 758 yards and 6 TDs in 2018 (with 3 100-yard games) and his 18.5 yards per catch average was in the national Top 20.

*Smooth, sure-handed junior **Tyler Vaughns** (58 rec, 674 yds, 11.6 avg, 6 TD in 2018, plus 19 PR, 199 yds, 10.5 avg, 1 TD and 1-of-1 passing, 36 yds, 1 TD) has 115 career catches for 1,483 yards and 11 scores with 21 starts to rank 23rd on USC's all-time receptions chart. Last season, he caught 58 passes for 674 yards and 6 touchdowns. He closed 2018 with 12 catches for 120 yards and a TD versus Notre Dame. Also a threat returning punts, his 10.5 average last fall was 13th nationally (he had an 82-yard TD). He was the first Trojan since at least 1971 with a TD catch, TD pass and punt return TD in a game when he did so last year against Arizona State.

WATCH LISTS

QB JT Daniels

Maxwell Award (top player)
Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback)

TE Josh Falo

Mackey Award (top tight end)

ILB Palaie Gaoteote

Polynesian Player of the Year Award

S Talanoa Hufanga

Polynesian Player of the Year Award

ILB Jordan Iosefa

Polynesian Player of the Year Award

DL Drake Jackson

FWAA Freshman All-American

TB Vavae Malepeai

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

Polynesian Player of the Year Award

C Brett Neilon

Rimington Trophy (top center)

DL Brandon Pili

Polynesian Player of the Year Award

WR Michael Pittman Jr.

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)
Wuerffel Trophy (top community service)
Good Works Team (top community service)

DL Christian Rector

Hendricks Award (top defensive end)
Lott IMPACT Trophy (top defensive impact player)

WR Amon-Ra St. Brown

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

DL Jay Tufele

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)
Polynesian Player of the Year Award

DL Marlon Tuipulotu

Polynesian Player of the Year Award

WR Tyler Vaughns

Hornung Award (most versatile player)

PRE-SEASON HONORS

SNP **Damon Johnson** (Phil Steele) was named a 2019 pre-season All-American second teamer, DL **Jay Tufele** (Phil Steele) was a pre-season All-American third teamer and WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** (CollegeFootballNews.com), DL **Christian Rector** (CollegeFootballNews.com), DT **Austin Jackson** (CollegeFootballNews.com), WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (CollegeFootballNews.com) and PR **Tyler Vaughns** (CollegeFootballNews.com) were pre-season All-American honorable mention choices. Johnson, Tufele, Pittman, Rector and Vaughns were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-12 first teams.

*Precocious sophomore **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (60 rec, 750 yds, 12.5 avg, 3 TD in 2018, plus 2 tcb, 9 yds, 4.5 avg and 1 PR, 9 yds, 9.0 avg and 1 tac), Daniels' high school receiver, had an eye-opening debut in 2018. He was just the fourth USC true freshman to lead the Trojans in season receptions (60, good for 750 yards and 3 TDs), joining legends Mike Williams, Dwayne Jarrett and Robert Woods. At Texas, he had 9 grabs for 167 yards, the most receiving yards by a Trojan true frosh since 2011.

*Junior **Velus Jones Jr.** (24 rec, 266 yds, 11.1 avg, 1 TD in 2018, plus 6 tcb, 13 yds, 2.2 avg, 1 TD and 21 KOR, 483 yds, 23.0 avg and 1 tac) made an impact catching passes and returning kicks in 2018. He had 24 receptions for 266 yards and ran back 21 kickoffs for 483 yards last season. He is ninth on USC's career kickoff return list with 52 runbacks for 1,243 yards (a 23.9 average).

*Don't overlook promising sophomore **Devon Williams** (4 rec, 87 yds, 21.8 avg, 1 TD in 2018, plus 1 tac and 1 PR TD). He saw action in all 12 games last season, catching 4 passes (with a TD) and even returning a blocked punt for another score.

*Three walk-on wideouts have yet to see action at USC: senior **Matthew Hocum** (a hand injury sidelined him for half of 2018), soph **Jack Webster** and redshirt freshman **Zach Wilson**.

*There's a newcomer among the wide receivers with a familiar name to Trojan fans: freshman **John Jackson III**, who enrolled at USC this spring after sitting out the 2018 season. His father is former USC 2-time Academic All-American wide receiver and outfielder John Jackson Jr., who set the school's career records in pass receptions and stolen bases (earning All-Pac-10 honors in both sports) before playing both sports professionally and then enjoying a successful broadcasting career (including on USC football radio). His grandfather, John Sr., was USC's running backs coach during the Heisman seasons of Charles White and Marcus Allen. The youngest JJ, who prepped at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.), might also play baseball for the Trojans.

*Four talented receivers came aboard in the fall as freshmen: **Bru McCoy**, **Kyle Ford**, prep All-American **Drake London** and **Munir McClain**. McCoy, who originally enrolled at USC in the spring but then transferred to Texas, came back to Troy this fall after earning national prep Player of the Year honors while catching 78 passes for 1,428 yards and 18 scores in 2018. Ford is coming off a 2018 knee injury, but in his career had 172 catches for nearly 3,000 yards and 20-plus TDs. The 6-5 London, who had 113 career receptions for more than 2,000 yards with 23 TDs, doubles as a highly-regarded basketball player and might join the Trojan hoopsters. McClain, whose brother, Abdul-Malik, is a redshirt freshman outside linebacker for the Trojans, played only half of his junior and senior seasons due to a knee injury, but still caught 14 TDs. Also joining in the fall was first-year freshman walk-on **Chase Locke**.

TIGHT ENDS

*USC will miss the veteran play of 2-year starting tight end Tyler Petite, who had 53 career receptions. But Troy is not lacking in quality players at this position. There is high-caliber experience returning along with good-looking newcomers aiming to enter the rotation. Under Harrell's system, expect the tight ends to be more involved in the passing attack (last season, the group had only 17 receptions).

*Juniors **Josh Falo** (10 rec, 158 yds, 15.8 avg in 2018) and **Erik Krommenhoek** (2 rec, 6 yds, 3.0 avg in 2018, plus 1 tcb, 8 yds, 8.0 avg) have both started at times. They are equally-adept at blocking and receiving, although Falo usually is used more downfield and Krommenhoek blocking in the run game.

*Junior walk-ons **Chris Caulk** and **Scott Voigt** are also available (they have yet to play).

***Jude Wolfe** graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring as a freshman (he was slowed with a back injury), while **Ethan Rae** began in the fall as a frosh. Both were 2018 prep All-Americans. First-year freshman walk-on **Sean Mahoney** also came in the fall.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

*USC must replace a trio of offensive line vets in right tackle Chuma Edoga (2-year starter), left guard Chris Brown (2-year starter) and center Toa Lobendahn (he started all 45 games in which he played), who also appeared at tackle and guard in his career.

*Junior **Austin Jackson** was impressive starting for his first season at left tackle in 2018 and has a bright future. Fellow junior **Andrew Vorhees** has been the starting right guard the past 2 seasons and has played well (Vorhees also can move to tackle).

*Looking to see action at tackle are senior **Clayton Bradley** (he has 3 career starts, but was slowed this spring with a back injury), juniors **Liam Jimmons** (6 tac, 2.5 for loss in 2018), a converted defensive lineman who moved to offense this spring, and **Bernard Schirmer** (he missed 2019 spring practice due to personal reasons), and sophomore **Jalen McKenzie** (2 starts in 2018). Also in the mix at tackle is graduate transfer **Drew Richmond**, a 3-year starter at Tennessee who came to USC this season as a senior.

*Pushing for playing time at guard are senior **Jacob Daniel**, junior **Frank Martin II**, soph **Alijah Vera-Tucker** (he saw action in 12 games last fall) and redshirt freshmen **Liam Douglass** and walk-on **AJ Mageo**, who both also might work at tackle.

*Battling to start at center are sophomore **Brett Neilon** (he started once last season), redshirt freshman **Justin Dedich** and walk-on redshirt frosh **Mark Zuvich**.

*Newcomers hoping to make a dent as freshmen are center-guard **Gino Quinones**, who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring, plus fall enrollee **Jason Rodriguez**, a guard-tackle.

DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

*Five defensive starters return from 2018: defensive linemen **Christian Rector** and **Marlon Tuipulotu**, inside linebackers **John Houston Jr.** and **Jordan Iosefa** (Iosefa played on the outside last year) and safeties **Talanoa Hufanga** and **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (Hufanga and Pola-Mao split starts in 2018). Other defensive players back with career starts are inside linebacker **Palaie Gaoteote IV**, linemen **Brandon Pili**, **Jacob Lichtenstein** and **Connor Murphy**, cornerbacks **Greg Johnson** and **Chase Williams** and safety **C.J. Pollard**.

*Last season, USC held 6 of its 12 opponents to 21 points or less and its 63 pass deflections ranked 11th nationally. But Troy allowed its most points per outing (27.0) since 2000 and its most rushing yards (164.4) since 2012. The Trojans got only 10 turnovers all year, including just 4 interceptions. USC must replace its 2018 leaders in tackles, tackles for loss, sacks and deflections.

*Defensive coordinator **Clancy Pendergast's** attacking system (a 5-2 formation that can morph into a 3-4 or 4-3), which often employs 5 defensive backs, has historically been staunch. He'll have 3 new assistant coaches helping him in 2018: secondary coach **Greg Burns**, who held that role on USC's 2003 and 2004 national title teams, defensive line coach **Chad Kauha'aha'a** (he previously worked at Utah, Wisconsin, Oregon State and Boise State) and outside linebackers coach **Joe DeForest**, a USC defensive analyst last year who has 29 years of collegiate coaching experience. **Johnny Nansen** will focus on the inside linebackers this year (he was the linebackers coach in 2018) and also be the defensive run game coordinator in 2019.



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WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY

**No media availability.

TUESDAY

**4 p.m. PT--First 20 minutes of USC practice open to local/national media. Offensive and special teams players/coaches and Coach Helton available to media after practice on Howard Jones Field.

WEDNESDAY

**4 p.m. PT--First 20 minutes of USC practice open to local/national media. Defensive players/coaches available to media after practice on Howard Jones Field.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

**No media availability.

SATURDAY

**7:30 p.m. PT--USC vs. Fresno State, Los Angeles Coliseum.

SUNDAY

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

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DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

*USC's only loss on its defensive front is Malik Dorton, a 2018 starter who had 62 career stops. The Trojans have added depth to this group in 2019. Five Trojans have posted starts on the defensive line.

***Christian Rector** (48 tac, 9 for loss, 4.5 sack, 2 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2018), the only senior up front, has started most of the past 2 seasons on the line or at outside linebacker. He has been a force no matter where he plays. He has 98 career tackles, with 20 of them for losses (12 are sacks). He spent the first half of last season as a down lineman and then took over for an injured Porter Gustin at outside linebacker, and he ended up with 48 tackles (9 for losses, with 4.5 sacks).

*The other returning starter up front is sophomore **Marlon Tuipulotu** (33 tac, 5.5 for loss, 4.5 sack in 2018), who does a good job clogging the middle. He was second on the Trojans in sacks (4.5) last fall.

*A rising star is soph **Jay Tufele** (23 tac, 4.5 for loss, 3 sack, 1 FR, 1 BLK FG in 2018), who was a 2018 Freshman All-American first teamer. A 5-game starter in 2018, he had 3 sacks among his 23 tackles and even returned a fumble 48 yards for a touchdown.

*Juniors **Brandon Pili** (12 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack in 2018), an athletic big man with 26 career tackles, and **Connor Murphy** (2 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2018), who redshirted 2018 after getting into 4 games, both own career starts. Also back from last year's squad are junior **Caleb Tremblay** (2 tac in 2018), who was able to redshirt last year after spraining his knee (he was limited in 2019 spring practice), sophomore **Jacob Lichtenstein** (15 tac, 2 for loss, 1 dfl in 2018) and redshirt freshman **Trevor Trout** (back and bicep injuries limited him in 2019 spring practice).

*New this spring were sophomore **Nick Figueroa**, who transferred to USC after earning JC All-American honors, and a pair of freshmen who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring: **Drake Jackson**, a prep All-American, and **Stanley Ta'ufo'ou**, who helped Grace Brethern to a pair of CIF Division 4 championships and the 2018 California state 2AA crown.

*Entering the D-line fray in the fall as a freshman was **De'jon Benton**.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

*New faces will man outside linebacker in 2018. Sackmeister Porter Gustin, who had 21 sacks among his 33 career tackles for loss, has graduated. He led Troy in tackles for loss (10) and sacks (7) last year despite missing the last half of the season with an injury. When Gustin went down, Christian Rector moved over from the defensive line to replace him, but Rector will be back on the line in 2019. Jordan Iosefa was 2018's other starter on the outside, but he has moved to inside linebacker this season.

*Competing for playing time on the outside are sophomore **Hunter Echols** (6 tac in 2018) and redshirt freshmen **Abdul-Malik McClain** and **Eli'jah Winston** (1 tac in 2018). None has seen significant minutes in their young careers (McClain and Winston played briefly in 2018 and redshirted).

*Also available is walk-on soph **Bryce Matthews**, who hasn't played yet. He is sidelined this fall with a back injury.

***Tuasivi Nomura**, who joined in the fall as a freshman, is battling to get into the outside linebacker rotation. He had 150-plus tackles as a prepster.

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

*Four-year starting inside linebacker Cameron Smith, the long-time rock of USC's defense, has graduated. He ended his career eighth on the school's all-time tackle list with 354 and was the first Trojan in almost 40 years to top the program in tackles for 3 consecutive years. Last season, the Senior CLASS Award finalist posted 81 stops.

*But USC is well-laden with talented inside linebackers. Senior **John Houston Jr.** (67 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack, 5 dfl, 1 FF in 2018) has started on the inside the last 2 years and has 167 career tackles. He was second behind Smith in tackles in 2018 with 67.

*Junior **Jordan Iosefa** (38 tac, 4 for loss, 2 sack, 4 dfl, 1 FR in 2018) moves over from outside linebacker in 2019. As a starter on the outside in 2018, he had 38 tackles, but 2 of his 7 starts in 2017 were on the inside (he had 31 stops that year).

*Three experienced sophomores are vying for playing time at inside linebacker: **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (38 tac, 4.5 for loss, 2 sack in 2018), who had 5 starts last fall, **Kana'i Mauga** (14 tac, 1 for loss, 2 dfl in 2018), who moved over this spring from outside linebacker, and **Juliano Falaniko** (1 tac in 2018), a converted outside linebacker. Then there's redshirt freshman **Solomon Tuliaupupu**, who missed last season with a foot injury (he was slowed in 2019 spring drills while recuperating) and had surgery this fall camp that likely will sideline him.

*Four walk-ons also are available: senior **Matt Bayle**, junior **Grant Jones** and redshirt freshmen **Spencer Gilbert** and **Peter Esparza** (he previously played outside linebacker). Only Bayle has seen action (briefly in 1 game).

*Freshman **Ralen Goforth**, who made more than 200 tackles in his high school career, enrolled at USC this spring after graduating a semester early from high school, while **Maninoa Tufono** and walk-on **Clyde Moore** joined the unit in the fall as frosh. Goforth's brother played at UCLA, Tufono's father played at Washington and Moore's father and brother played at USC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

*USC must reload its secondary, as 5 players with starting experience have graduated. Gone are 3-year starting free safety Marvell Tell III, who had 221 tackles and 5 picks in his career (including 57 stops in 2018), cornerback Iman Marshall, USC's first 4-year starting cornerback in 20 years (he had 218 tackles and 6 interceptions in his career, including 48 stops and a team-best 9 deflections in 2018), 2-year starting nickel back Ajene Harris, who had 146 tackles and 6 interceptions in his career, with a USC record-tying 3 for touchdowns (he had 57 tackles last fall while playing nickel and both safety spots), corner Isaiah Langley, a 2018 starter when he had 46 tackles and 7 deflections (in his career, he made 104 stops and 14 deflections) and corner Jonathan Lockett (he had 10 career starts with 62 tackles).

*There are quality athletes looking to step in and some possess starting experience.

*High-potential sophomores **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (8 tac, 1 FF in 2018) and **Talanooa Hufanga** (51 tackles, 3.5 for loss, 4 dfl in 2018) shared starts at strong safety last fall. Pola-Mao started USC's first 2 games of 2018 before a dislocated shoulder ended his season, then Hufanga replaced him for 5 games before suffering a season-ending broken collarbone (he had 51 tackles in 2018). Junior **C.J. Pollard** (12 tac, 1.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 1 dfl in 2018) also had a start at strong safety in 2018. Pola-Mao was limited for some of 2019 spring practice while recuperating, Hufanga re-broke his collarbone midway through 2019 spring drills and was sidelined, while Pollard had spring foot surgery that kept him out.



*Vying for cornerback duty are fleet senior **Dominic Davis**, sophomores **Greg Johnson** (15 tac, 1 for loss, 3 dfl, 1 FR in 2018) and **Olajiah Griffin** (8 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl in 2018) and redshirt freshmen **Chase Williams** (4 tac, 1 for loss in 2018) and **Isaac Taylor-Stuart**. Davis, a one-time tailback who also has sprinted for the Trojan track team, has only seen action on special teams and offense so far at USC. Johnson, who started the first 4 games of 2018, and Griffin both were slowed in spring practice while recuperating from shoulder surgery. Williams and Taylor-Stuart each saw some action in 2018 (Williams even started at free safety versus Notre Dame) but were able to redshirt.

*Sophomore **Raymond Scott** (1 tac in 2018), who played inside linebacker in 2018, was moved to nickel back in 2019 spring practice and could see action there.

*There also is a trio of walk-on safeties in juniors **Richard Hagestad** and **Brandon Perdue** (a converted quarterback) and redshirt freshman **Jordan McMillan** (1 tac, 1 int in 2018). McMillan was called upon to play the second half of the season-ending Notre Dame game when the safety corps was thinned by injuries (he grabbed an interception).

*USC signed 8 defensive backs to bolster the secondary. Two graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring as freshmen: safety **Briton Allen** and cornerback **Max Williams**, who was limited in spring drills while recovering from a 2018 knee injury.

*Joining in the fall were 3 other freshmen corners: **Chris Steele**, a prep All-American who originally enrolled at Florida this spring but transferred to USC this fall, plus **Adonis Otey** and **Jayden Williams**. A pair of safeties also arrived in the fall as freshmen: **Dorian Hewett**, who helped North Shore Senior to the 2018 Texas 6A-I state championship, and **Kaulana Makaula**.

SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

*USC returns players at placekicker (**Michael Brown**, **Chase McGrath**, **Alex Stadthaus**), snapper (**Damon Johnson**), punt returner (**Tyler Vaughns**) and kickoff returner (**Velus Jones Jr.**), but there will be a new punter now that Reid Budrovich (the 2017 and 2018 starter who logged a 40.5-yard career average) and Chris Tilbey (the 2016 starter, with a career average of 37.9 yards) have graduated. Under coordinator **John Baxter**, the Trojans typically field effective and impactful special teams units. Last year, USC blocked 4 punts/field goals (good for 10th nationally), scored twice on punt returns, kicked 13 field goals, tied a school game record for field goals (5), averaged double digits in punt return yardage average (10.5), had touchbacks on two-thirds of its 61 kickoffs and had fair catches on a third of its 66 punts (18 others pinned foes inside the 20-yard line, with just 3 touchbacks). But Troy also surrendered a punt return for a TD, allowed a blocked field goal to be run back for a TD and had a punt blocked.

SPECIALISTS

*USC's punters the past 3 seasons are both gone, Reid Budrovich (he handled the duty in 2017 and 2018, averaging 40.5 yards in his career) and Australian Chris Tilbey (he punted in 2016 and briefly early last season, with a 37.9-yard career average).

*USC turned to Australia again for its new punter and he comes with an interesting backstory. Redshirt freshman **Ben Griffiths** is a 27-year-old who played professionally for 8 years in Australian Rules Football. He then trained at an Australian kicking academy to prepare for the transition to American football, enrolling at USC this spring. First-year freshman walk-on **Will Rose** joined in the fall.

*All of USC's 2018 placekickers return, so expect a healthy battle for the job. Sophomore **Chase McGrath** (6-of-8 FG, 6-of-6 PAT in 2018) was USC's kicker on placements and kickoffs in 2017 (he nailed 12 field goals and 58 PATs in 2017, including a field goal with no time remaining to send the Texas game into overtime and another to win it in the second OT) and he continued in that role in 2018 before tearing his knee ligament in the third game, allowing him to redshirt. He missed 2018 spring drills while recuperating. He has 18 career field goals, with a long of 51 yards. McGrath was replaced last season by junior **Michael Brown** (7-of-9 FG, 32-of-32 PAT in 2018, plus 1 tcb, -2 yds, -2.0 avg), who handled the kickoff duty in 2017 before tearing a knee ligament in the second game (allowing McGrath to take over). Last season while filling in when McGrath got hurt, Brown connected on 7 field goals (with a long of 46 yards) and all 32 PAT tries. Soph **Alex Stadthaus** (1 tac in 2018) was USC's kickoff man in 2018, getting touchbacks on 41 of his 61 kickoffs. His 64.3 yards per kickoff average was 11th nationally. Untested senior walk-on **Thomas Fitts** also is available.

*Reliable junior **Damon Johnson** (1 tac in 2018) returns as USC's snapper after handling the job the past 2 seasons without a hitch. Redshirt freshman **Jac Casasante** also is available to snap.

*USC must find a new holder, now that Wyatt Schmidt has graduated after being the holder the past 3 seasons. Among the candidates could be last year's backup holders, sophomore quarterback **Jack Sears** and junior quarterback **Matt Fink**, or redshirt freshman punter **Ben Griffiths**.

*All of USC's return men are back in 2019. Junior wide receiver **Tyler Vaughns** (19 PR, 199 yds, 10.5 avg, 1 TD in 2018) was 13th nationally in punt return average (10.5) last year and had an 82-yard TD among his 19 runbacks. Junior wide receiver **Velus Jones Jr.** (21 KOR, 483 yds, 23.0 avg in 2018) has returned kickoffs the past 2 years and is ninth on USC's career kickoff return list with 52 runbacks for 1,243 yards (a 23.9 average). Junior tailback **Stephen Carr** (6 KOR, 151 yds, 25.2 avg in 2018) also has been deep on kickoffs the past 2 years.

STATS OF NOTE

RANKING

***USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 164 of its past 220 games.
***USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 102 of its past 213 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.
***USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 205 games.

SCORING

***USC has scored at least 20 points in 193 of its past 224 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games).
***USC has scored at least 30 points in 135 of its last 214 games.
***USC has scored at least 40 points 83 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 27 times with at least 50 points).
***USC scored first in 10 of 12 games in 2018.
***Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 365 times.
***USC has scored in its past 259 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 274 games).

OFFENSE

***USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 26 of its past 35 games (including 17 with 500-plus yards).

DEFENSE

***USC held 6 of its 12 opponents in 2018 to 21 points or less.
***USC has intercepted a pass in 148 of the last 218 games.
***USC did not have an interception in 2018's first 4 games (for the first time since at least 1928 when records were first available).
***USC's 4 interceptions in 2018 were its fewest since records were first kept in 1948.
***USC's 63 pass deflections in 2018 were 11th most in the nation.
***USC has held 106 of its last 213 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less.
***Only 54 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 202 games (most recently, UCLA's Joshua Kelley with 289 in 2018).
***Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 74-9 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, Ohio State in 2017 and California in 2018).

MISCELLANEOUS

***In 2018, USC was 10th nationally in blocked kicks (4, first in Pac-12).
***USC has won 25 of its last 35 games.
***USC has won 20 of its last 25 games against teams from the Pac-12.
***USC had 21 different players start at least once on defense and 20 on offense in 2018.
***Twenty-six Trojans saw action for the first time in their USC careers in 2018, including 15 first-year freshmen, 8 redshirt freshmen and 2 junior college transfers.
***USC has blocked 40 kicks/punts since 2010 (4 in 2018).
***USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 521 times, including 383 of the past 385 games (Troy's last 224 games have been televised live, a school record).



RANDOM NOTES

***Two-time USC All-American **Troy Polamalu**, one of the greatest safeties in college football history, was named to the 15-member 2019 College Football Hall of Fame class. He is the 44th inductee with USC ties, including 33 players, in the College Football Hall of Fame. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 13 of the past 20 years. Polamalu will be inducted at a Dec. 10 dinner in New York City and then enshrined at the Hall in Atlanta. Known for his fearless hitting and flying tackles, Polamalu earned consensus All-American honors in 2002 and was a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award as the best defensive back in the nation. He led the Trojans to consecutive bowl games, including a victory in the 2003 Orange Bowl and an appearance in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, where he set a Las Vegas Bowl record with 20 tackles. A two-time First Team All-Pac-10 selection, in 2002 he guided USC to its first 11-win season since 1979, a share of the conference title and a No. 4 national ranking. A two-year team captain, Polamalu was USC's MVP in 2001 and Most Inspirational Player in 2002. The Tenmile, Oregon, native recorded 281 tackles and six interceptions in his four-year career. He led USC in tackles (118) and interceptions (three) in 2001 after topping the team in interceptions (two) and deflections (seven) in 2000. A member of the Pac-12 All-Century Team, he was inducted into the USC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018. Polamalu was selected in the first round of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, and he spent his entire 12-year career with the franchise. The 2010 NFL Defensive Player of the Year went to eight Pro Bowls and led the Steelers to three Super Bowl appearances, including wins in Super Bowls XL and XLIII. He is a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team and the Pittsburgh Steelers All-Time Team. During his NFL career, he earned his degree from USC in 2011. Polamalu and his wife established the Troy & Theodora Polamalu Foundation, which has raised millions for charity. Paying tribute to his American Samoan heritage, he supports the Fa'a Samoa Initiative, set up a medical clinic in Samoa, and serves on the board of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame, of which he is an inductee.

*****Dr. Arthur C. Bartner**, the director of the world-famous Trojan Marching Band, celebrates his 50th football season at USC in 2019. A graduate of Michigan and a member of USC's Athletic Hall of Fame, Bartner built the band--known as the "Spirit of Troy" and "Hollywood's Band"--into the nation's most dynamic, innovative and recognized collegiate band with his creative approach and unique, contemporary "drive-it" style of marching.

*****India Anderson**, a junior music (tuba performance) major from New Jersey, is serving as the first-ever female drum major of the Trojan Marching Band in 2019-20. Just the fourth woman to try out for USC's drum major since the TMC was established in 1880, she was elected by a vote of her fellow bandmates.

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

***USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season. USC's streak will end in 2021 when it hosts FCS' UC Davis.

***USC's 617 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) is the second most that any school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 694 in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

***USC's future non-conference schedule features BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home) and Alabama in 2020 at Arlington, Tex., plus home games versus Fresno State (2019, 2022, 2025), New Mexico (2020), UC Davis (2021), Rice (2022), Nevada (2023) and San Jose State (2024). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2026. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Texas, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, UNLV, Utah State, Western Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.

***USC's 2 conference "misses" in 2019 are Oregon State and Washington State.

***Seven Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: DL **Nick Figueroa** (Cal Poly), WR **Matthew Hocum** (Marquette), TB **Quincy Jountti** (Sacramento State), WR **Bru McCoy** (Texas), ILB **Clyde Moore** (Colorado), OT **Drew Richmond** (Tennessee) and CB **Chris Steele** (Florida).

***Five Trojans already earned their bachelor's degrees. Each wears a "Graduate" patch on their uniform jersey. OG **Jacob Daniel** received his bachelor's degree in political science from USC in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in communication management. OT **Drew Richmond** received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Tennessee in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship at USC. ILB **John Houston Jr.** received his bachelor's degree in sociology in the fall of 2018 and is working on another bachelor's degree in non-governmental organizations and social change. QB **Matt Fink** received his bachelor's degree in communication in the summer of 2019. ILB **Matt Bayle** received his bachelor's degree in communication in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in accounting.

***USC currently has 23 players who graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled in college that spring. QB **Matt Fink**, OT **Liam Jimmons**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** and S **C.J. Pollard** all enrolled in the spring of 2016. QB **Jack Sears**, DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** and OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** all enrolled in the spring of 2017. C **Justin Dedich**, S **Talanoa Hufanga**, ILB **Kana'i Mauga**, S-CB **Raymond Scott** and CB **Chase Williams** all enrolled in the spring of 2018. S **Briton Allen**, ILB **Ralen Goforth**, DL **Drake Jackson**, C-OG **Gino Quinones**, QB **Kedon Slovis**, DL **Stanley Ta'ufo'ou**, CB **Max Williams** and TE **Jude Wolfe** all enrolled in the spring of 2019. Two other early enrollees: WR **Bru McCoy** enrolled briefly at USC in the spring of 2019 before transferring to Texas (he returned to USC in the summer of 2019), while CB **Chris Steele** enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019 before transferring to USC in the summer of 2019. Since 1999, 62 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**).

***Who's the fastest among the 2019 Trojans? TB **Kenan Christon** has bests of 10.30 (10.26 wind-aided) in the 100 meters and 20.55 in the 200 meters. At the 2018 CIF San Diego Division 2 meet, he won the 100, was second in the 200 and third in the long jump, then was sixth in the 100 and 200 at the 2018 California state meet. He won 4 events at the 2019 CIF San Diego meet (100, 200, long jump, 400 relay), then was the California state meet champion in the 100 (in a state meet record-tying 10.30) and 200. He was named the 2019 Gatorade California Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year. CB **Dominic Davis** has 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. S **Dorian Hewett** has a best of 10.51 (10.33 wind-aided) in the 100 meters. He was fifth in the 100 at the 2019 Texas 6A State Championship meet and ran legs on the 400- and 800-meter relay teams that placed third and fifth, respectively, in that meet.

***Besides TB **Kenan Christon**, CB **Dominic Davis** and S **Dorian Hewett** (above), a number of other Trojans competed in track and field in high school: ILB **Matt Bayle**, OG-OT **Liam Douglass**, TB **Ben Easington** (shot put, discus), ILB **Ralen Goforth**, WR **Matthew Hocum** (sprints, long jump), OT **Austin Jackson** (shot put, discus), TB **Quincy Jountti** (triple jump, long jump), WR **Chase Locke** (sprints, long jump, high jump), ILB **Kana'i Mauga** (sprints, hurdles, weights, jumps), DL **Connor Murphy** (shot put, discus), C **Brett Neilon**, CB **Adonis Otey** (sprints), DL **Brandon Pili** (shot put, discus), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (sprints, hurdles, long jump, high jump), OG-OT **Jason Rodriguez** (shot put, discus), CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (sprints, long jump, triple jump), DL **Trevor Trout** (shot put, discus), WR **Jack Webster** (sprints), WR **Devon Williams** (high hurdles, long jump), CB **Max Williams** (sprints).

***As high schoolers, USC football players also competed in a wide range of other sports. In addition to track (above), they played primarily basketball (ILB **Matt Bayle**, OG **Jacob Daniel**, ILB **Peter Esparza**, PK **Thomas Fitts**, S **Talanoa Hufanga**, OT **Austin Jackson**, WR **Chase Locke**, WR **Drake London**, S **Kaulana Makaula**, OLB **Bryce Matthews**, OLB **Abdul-Malik McClain**, WR **Munir McClain**, C **Brett Neilon**, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, C-OG **Gino Quinones**, DL **Christian Rector**, OG-OT **Jason Rodriguez**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**, DL **Caleb Tremblay**, ILB **Maninoa Tufono**, WR **Tyler Vaughns**, WR **Devon Williams**, TE **Jude Wolfe**) and baseball (PK **Michael Brown**, TE **Chris Caulk**, OG-OT **Liam Douglass**, DL **Nick Figueroa**, WR **John Jackson III**, ILB **Grant Jones**, P **Will Rose**, WR **Tyler Vaughns**, C **Mark Zuvich**). They also participated in soccer (PK **Michael Brown**, C **Justin Dedich**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**), lacrosse (S **Briton Allen**, PK **Thomas Fitts**, S **Richard Hagestad**, TE **Sean Mahonney**), wrestling (OG-OT **Liam Douglass**, DL **Brandon Pili**, DL **Marlon Tuipulotu**), volleyball (S **Richard Hagestad**, OG-OT **AJ Mageo**), ice hockey (WR **Scott Voigt**) and rugby (DL **Jay Tufele**).

***WR **Drake London** (basketball), WR **John Jackson III** (baseball) and TB **Kenan Christon** (track) might join USC teams in those sports once football season concludes.



***ILB **Grant Jones** was a lefthanded pitcher on USC's baseball team in the fall of 2016 and 2017 but did not continue with the team into the spring. WR **Scott Voigt** was on USC's club ice hockey team in 2018 and 2019.

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

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

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

***QB **Jack Sears** did twice-a-week boxing workouts this past summer at Wild Card Boxing in Hollywood (home of famed trainer Freddie Roach and world champion Manny Pacquiao), training under former Liberian Olympian Sammy Stewart.

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

***P **Ben Griffiths** played forward for 8 seasons (2010-17) for the Richmond Tigers, a professional Australian rules football team in the Australian Football League. He was the team's second round draft pick in 2009. He played in 63 games in his career, getting 42 goals. He retired in early 2018 because of injuries and concussions. He then trained to punt with Prokick Australia, an Australian-based kicking academy. He is the Trojans' second Australian punter, joining former P Chris Tilbey (2016 and 2018).

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

***ILB **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, soccer and the martial art of aikido.

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

***Adding to the foreign feel of USC's football team: QB **Jack Sears** spent a year (2012-13) living in Australia and DL **Christian Rector** was born in the British Virgin Islands.

***OT **Austin Jackson** was a bone marrow donor in July of 2019 for his younger sister, Autumn, who suffers from Diamond-Blackfin anemia, a rare blood disorder that leads to severe anemia.

***WR **John Jackson III's** father, John Jr., who was a 2-time (1988-89) Academic All-American wide receiver and outfielder at USC before playing in the NFL and minor leagues, is recovering well from a massive stroke suffered in early December of 2018. Jackson Jr., whose father (John) was USC's running backs coach when Charles White (1979) and Marcus Allen (1981) won Heisman Trophies, has been part of the Trojan radio broadcast since 2003 (sideline reporter, then analyst). He will continue on the radio team in a limited role at home games this season while he recovers.

***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.

***DL **Christian Rector** interned with the non-profit Weingart Center's General Relief Opportunities For Work Program in the spring of 2019, helping recently-released prisoners write resumes and apply for jobs.

***While at Tennessee, OT **Drew Richmond** mentored middle school students at Emerald Academy in Knoxville.

***QB **Kedon Slovis'** quarterbacks coach at Desert Mountain High in Scottsdale (Ariz.) was NFL Hall of Famer Kurt Warner.

***CB **Olajiah Griffin's** father is rapper and hip-hop producer Warren G.

***OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** got married in March of 2018 (his wife's name is Samantha). PK **Michael Brown** was married in May of 2019 (his wife's name is Lauren).

***P **Ben Griffiths** is USC's oldest player (27, born Sept. 17, 1991), one of the oldest Trojan football players ever. WR **Drake London** is USC's youngest player (18, born July 24, 2001).

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

***USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (ILB **John Houston Jr.**, WR **Michael Pittman Jr.**, WR **Velus Jones Jr.**), a II (OG **Frank Martin II**), a III (WR **John Jackson 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 name of DL **Jacob Lichtenstein**. Four former lettermen also have 12-letter surnames: TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe (2016-17), WR Josh Imatorbhebhe (2017), 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 its jersey backs.

***DLB **Abdul-Malik McClain** and WR **Munir McClain** are USC's only brothers. DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** and S **Talanoa Hufanga** are cousins, as are TB **Vavae Malepeai** and OT **Bernard Schirmer**.

***USC has 4 players with the same last name of Williams (CB **Chase**, WR **Devon**, CB **Jayden**, CB **Max**), 3 players named Jackson (OT **Austin**, DL **Drake** and WR **John III**) and 2 players named Johnson (SNP **Damon**, CB **Greg**) and Jones (ILB **Grant**, WR **Velus Jr.**), but none are related. However, there are no Trojans named Smith.

***S **C.J. Pollard's** real first name is Christopher, ILB **Jordan Iosefa's** is Loveni, SNP **Jac Casasante's** is John, WR **Bru McCoy's** is Horace and head coach **Clay Helton's** is Charles. QB **JT Daniels'** initials stand for Jonathan Tyler and OG-OT **AJ Mageo's** stand for Andrew James. WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown's** full name is Amon-Ra Julian Heru J. St. Brown (he was named after the Egyptian sun god Amon-Ra and sky god Heru), while ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliaupupu. ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** nickname is "Solo," ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** is "E.A.," OT **Bernard Schirmer's** is "Beeno" and S **Briton Allen's** is "Bam."

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

***USC has 3 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. OT **Clayton Bradley** 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.

***In a 2019 ESPN ranking of the nation's best talent by position in the BCS/CFP era, USC ranked No. 1 in quarterbacks and wide receivers, fourth in linebackers, fifth in offensive linemen, seventh in defensive backs and ninth in defensive linemen.

***There are 5 former Texas high school quarterbacks on USC's coaching staff: head coach **Clay Helton** (Clements HS), offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** (Ennis HS), running backs coach **Mike Jinks** (Judson HS) and offensive quality control analysts **Seth Doege** (Crane HS, Frenship HS) and **John David Baker** (Lake View HS).

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

***Former Dallas Cowboys head coach **Dave Campo** is serving as a consultant with the Trojans again in 2019 after doing so in 2018, while ex-USC ILB **Christian Herrera** (2016-17) is a defensive intern after serving as a Trojan student assistant coach in 2018.

***WR **Michael Pittman Jr.'s** father, Michael Pittman, played in Super Bowl XXXVII with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 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, ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV's** uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa, won Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII with the Denver Broncos and consultant **Dave Campo** coached in Super Bowls XXVII, XXVIII and XXX.



***The NFL's Rams, who returned to Los Angeles in 2016, are sharing the Coliseum with USC for a fourth consecutive year in 2019 (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). This fall, the Trojans and Rams play games in the Coliseum on the same weekend once, although a day separates the games: Nov. 23 (USC hosts UCLA)/Nov. 25 (Rams host Baltimore).

***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 been part of national championship teams.

- Assistant 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 quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** was a starting offensive guard on USC's 2003 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 **Greg Burns** was the secondary coach on USC's 2003 and 2004 national championship teams and head strength and conditioning coach **Aaron Ausmus** worked with the Trojans' 2003 national titlists (he also won the 1997 NCAA indoor shot put title while at Tennessee), while 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).

- ILB **Clyde Moore's** brother, Grant, was an inside/outside linebacker at USC (2015-17) who earned USC's Joe Collins Walk-on Award in 2016 before earning a scholarship in 2017. His father, Rex, was a 4-year (1984-87) letterman linebacker at USC, leading the Trojans in tackles while earning team Most Inspirational Player accolades in 1986.

- 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).

- WR **John Jackson III's** father, John Jr., set USC's career pass receptions record (163 catches) as a 4-year (1986-89) wide receiver, earning All-Pac-10 first team honors as a 1989 senior on the Rose Bowl champion Trojans and also being named a 2-time (1988-89) Academic All-American (he also won an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 1989) before playing in the NFL with the Phoenix Cardinals (1990-92) and Chicago Bears (1996) and also starring in baseball at USC as an outfielder (1988-90), setting the school career mark for stolen bases (54) and leading the team in hitting in 1989 (.356) when he made All-Pac-10 first team before playing minor league baseball (1990-95); he then became a sports broadcaster, including analyst (2012-18) and sideline reporter (2003-11) duties on USC's football radio and high school football coverage on FOX Sports West. His grandfather, John Sr., was USC's running backs coach and offensive coordinator for 6 seasons (1976-81), helping Charles White (1979) and Marcus Allen (1981) win Heisman Trophies as the Trojans won 3 Rose Bowls; he also coached at Hofstra (1968-69), Dartmouth (1970), Illinois (1971-75) and UNLV (1999-2004) and worked 17 years with California Sports for Jerry Buss (running Forum Boxing and helping develop the Prime Ticket sports cable network). His aunt, Tracie, is employed at USC.

- TB **Quincy Jountti's** brother, Corbin, was a tailback at USC in 2017 after transferring in from Northern Arizona (2014-16).

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

- OT **Bernard Schirmer's** uncle, Titus Tuiaosopo, was an offensive guard at USC (1990-92).

- Assistant coach **Johnny Nansen** is the cousin of former USC wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (2014-16).

- Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** is the cousin of former USC safety Patrick Hall and ex-USC defensive lineman Tommie Townsend (who also played at Arizona State).

- Assistant athletic director/player development **Gavin Morris'** uncle is former USC defensive lineman Willard "Bubba" Scott (1967-69), a member of USC's famed 1969 "Wild Bunch" defensive line.

- Director of equipment operations **Todd Hewitt** and assistant equipment manager **Travis Hewitt** are the son and grandson, respectively, of former USC equipment manager Don Hewitt (who then handled that job for the Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams).

***Speaking of genes:

- TE **Josh Falo's** brother, Nu'umotu Jr., was a, 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 XXXII and XXXIII, San Diego Chargers (2001) and Atlanta Falcons (2002), while his cousin, also named Ma'a Tanuvasa, was a safety at Boise State (2017) and another cousin, Haskell Garrett, is a junior defensive tackle at Ohio State.

- ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, is USC's director of track and field (the Women of Troy won the 2018 NCAA outdoor title) after previously serving as Central Florida's women's head coach (2008-13) and a women's assistant at Tennessee (2003-07), Alabama (2000-02) and Penn State (1998-99) following an All-American sprinting career at UCLA, while his father, Greg Gilbert, is a senior director of development in the USC athletic department who played linebacker at Alabama (1985-88) and in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1989), Indianapolis Colts (1990), Oakland Raiders (1990-91) and Philadelphia Eagles (1991) before playing in the World League of American Football with the San Antonio Riders (1991) and Barcelona Dragons (1991-92).

- ILB **Ralen Goforth's** brother, Randall, was a cornerback at UCLA (2012-16) who spent 2017 on injured reserve with the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles and then was with the Arizona Hotshots of the Alliance of American Football.

- 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, 2018 and 2019 U.S. Open).

- S **Talanoa Hufanga's** brother, T.J., was a linebacker at Oregon State in 2013 and 2014.

- TB **Vavae Malepeai's** uncles, Silila (1990-94), Pulou (1993-95) and Tasi (1994-96), played football at Oregon.

- OLB **Abdul-Malik McClain's** and WR **Munir McClain's** grandfather, Lawrence Williams, played basketball at UNLV and then as an All-Conference player on the 1977 Texas Southern team that won the NAIA championship.

- WR **Bru McCoy's** father, Horace II, was a tight end at Northern Illinois (1994) and his mother, Shelby, was a record-setting 4-time (1991-94) All-Conference setter for Northern Illinois volleyball.

- 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, was the general manager of the Oakland Raiders (2012-18) and now is a senior personnel executive with the Miami Dolphins, while his brother, Kahlil, was a defensive lineman at Tennessee (2015-17) who now plays offensive line 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.

- ILB **Clyde Moore's** uncle, Rob, was a fullback at Stanford (1980-83) who then attended USC for an MBA. His grandfather, Robin, was the NCAA 50-yard freestyle swimming champion in 1956 for Stanford (he once set a world record) and then participated in team roping in rodeo competitions.

- DL **Connor Murphy's** brother, Trent, was a consensus All-American outside linebacker at Stanford (2010-13) and played for the Washington Redskins (2014-17) and now Buffalo Bills (2018), 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). His brother, Mycah, is a freshman wide receiver at Oregon.



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

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

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

• **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 sophomore 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., was an outside linebacker at Saint Francis (2015-18), which won the 2016 and 2017 NAIA national championships.

• **ILB Maninoa Tufono's** father, Albert, played inside linebacker at Washington (1983-84, 1987), while his brother, Jack, is a sophomore offensive lineman at Idaho State.

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

• **WR Tyler Vaughn's** brother, Aaren, was a wide receiver at Utah State (2017-18).

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

• **TE Jude Wolfe's** father, Mark, played football at Western Michigan (1977-80), his brother, Jakob, was a tight end at Stony Brook (2014), his sister, Jacqueline, played volleyball at Hawaii Pacific (2015) and his cousin, Ryan Gutierrez, was a safety at California (2001-04).

• 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. His brother, Tyson, is the head coach at Western Kentucky.

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

• Assistant coach **Keary Colbert's** cousin, Justin Colbert, was a wide receiver at Hawaii (1999-2002).

• Assistant coach **Graham Harrell's** brother, Clark, played quarterback at Tulsa (2007) and Abilene Christian (2008-10).

• Graduate assistant **Chris Hawkins'** brother, Armond Jr., played defensive back at Idaho (2014-17).

• Defensive quality control 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.

• Offensive quality control analyst **Seth Doege's** brother, Jarret, is a quarterback at Bowling Green, while his cousin, Kyle Herm, played quarterback at Rice (2000-03).

• Special teams quality control analyst **Joe Bolden's** father, Dan, played football at Hanover College.

• Assistant director of football operations **Gordon Thomas'** father, Gordon, played football at Cheyney University.

• Assistant strength and conditioning coach **Christian Tupou's** brother, Fenuki, played at Oregon (Christian lettered at USC in 2007-09, 2011).

***USC signed a 5-year agreement with **AM 790 KABC** to be the radio home of Trojan football and men's basketball, beginning with the 2019 football season. USC will be the main sports property for KABC, which is part of CUMULUS MEDIA. USC's games also will be available via live stream on KABC.com, as well as on the TuneIn Radio app and on SiriusXM satellite radio. KABC also will carry the popular "Trojans Live" Monday evening show featuring USC coaches and athletics. Since 2006, USC football and men's basketball game radio broadcasts had aired on KSPN-AM 710. AM 790 KABC, which previously served as the flagship station for the Dodgers and Kings, serves all of Southern California with its 6,600-watt signal. It is Los Angeles' first talk radio station. The station provides local news, weather, sports and traffic reports around the clock and has won numerous Golden Mike Awards for its reporting.

***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, adding aisles and handrails, restoring the iconic peristyle, installing Wi-Fi, improving audio and video with two new large screens, adding concession stands and installing new lighting. Work began after the 2017 USC season and was completed for the 2019 home opener, although some renovation to the Coliseum had already begun. New field and stadium lighting was installed for the 2016 season. New videoboards and scoreboards throughout the stadium were in place for the 2017 season, replacing the boards that sat atop the peristyle and thereby restoring the iconic peristyle to more closely resemble the stadium's original design. New seats with increased legroom were added on the south side of the stadium in 2018, along with handrails on south side aisles. The \$315 million renovation was privately funded by USC and preserves the Coliseum's historic nature. Improvements reduced seating capacity to 77,500 (from 92,348); it was at 78,467 in 2018 during the renovation. USC has been a tenant in the Coliseum since the historic stadium opened in 1923. For more information, go to ColiseumRenovation.com.

***To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite guest entry into the venue, the Coliseum has a "clear bag policy" that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the stadium for all events (one clear bag no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" per person). The policy does not affect other items that fans normally bring to a game, which still can be carried in their pockets or openly in their arms. The clear bag policy is detailed further at <http://www.lacoliseum.com/beclear>. 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. The site allows fans to reserve a tailgating location on campus. Tailgating and open containers in public areas are not allowed in the USC Village, where a variety of food and retail options are available.

IN THE NFL

*Twelve former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (second most of any school).

*A Trojan has appeared in all but 6 of the 53 Super Bowls and Trojans have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 238 times.

*Troy has produced more NFL draft picks (509) than any school (USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939) and there have been 511 USC players who have played in the NFL or its sister leagues.

*USC is tied with Ohio State for most first round NFL draft picks (81) and is tied with Notre Dame and Oklahoma for most players selected as the top pick in the NFL draft (5).

*Going into 2019 training camp, there were 48 ex-Trojans on NFL active rosters. There were 32 Trojans on 2018 NFL opening day active rosters, along with 7 on injured reserve and 4 on practice squads (they were on 21 of the NFL's 32 teams).

*Among USC's NFLers are QBs Sam Darnold, Cody Kessler and Matt Barkley, RB Javorius Allen and Ronald Jones II, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Nelson Agholor and Marqise Lee, LBs Clay Matthews, Devon Kennard and Uchenna Nwosu, DBs Nickell Robey-Coleman, Adoree' Jackson, T.J. McDonald and Su'a Cravens, DLs Jurrell Casey, Leonard Williams, Everson Griffen, Rasheem Green and Antwaun Woods, OLs Tyron Smith, Ryan Kalil, Matt Kalil and Chad Wheeler and TE's Rhett Ellison and Xavier Grimble.



*Two NFL head coaches have USC ties (as former coaches): Seattle's Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champion) and Arizona's Kliff Kingsbury.

*Twelve 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), OT **Jalen McKenzie** (father, Reggie McKenzie, uncle, Raleigh McKenzie), OT **Austin Jackson** (grandfather, Melvin Jackson), WR **John Jackson III** (father, John Jr.), ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa), OT **Bernard Schirmer** (uncle, Matt Toeaia), WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (brother, Equanimeous St. Brown), ILB **Ralen Goforth** (brother, Randall) and ILB **Spencer Gilbert** (father, Greg Gilbert). Also, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** father, Tracey, played football with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers. Assistant strength and conditioning coach **Christian Tupou** played in the NFL, as did his brother (Fenuki). Additionally, assistant coaches **Graham Harrell** and **Joe DeForest** played in the NFL and CFL, as did offensive quality control analyst **Seth Doege**. Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** played in the NFL and the United Football League. Offensive quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** played in the NFL and NFL Europe. Offensive quality control assistant **John David Baker** played pro indoor football. Assistant coaches **Clancy Pendergast**, **Tim Drevno** and **Greg Burns** were NFL assistants, while consultant **Dave Campo** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach.

ANNIVERSARIES

*The 2019 season marks the anniversary of several notable USC football teams, including 5 Rose Bowl teams in years that end in "9":

--The 90th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1929 team. QBs Russ Saunders and Marshall Duffield combined to pass for 279 yards and four touchdowns to lead coach Howard Jones' first USC Rose Bowl team past Pittsburgh, 47-14. Saunders' first three passes went for touchdowns, two to Trojan E Harry Edelson. USC built a 26-0 halftime lead in coasting to the triumph in the 1930 Rose Bowl.

--The 80th anniversary of USC's 1939 national championship team. Coach Howard Jones' Thundering Herd captured its fourth national championship in 1939. Jones said that this team--his next to last at Troy--was his best in terms of depth in his 16 years at USC. The Trojans rolled to an 8-0-2 record, shutting out 6 teams and allowing just 7 points to three others. Only 33 points were scored upon Troy that year, a mark no Trojan defense has topped. The season had its share of huge games. There was a 19-7 win over No. 11 Oregon State in Portland and a 20-12 win over No. 7 Notre Dame at South Bend (USC wouldn't win again at Notre Dame Stadium until 1967). The regular season finale was an epic 0-0 tie with No. 9 UCLA in front of 103,303, the second-largest crowd in Coliseum history. The capper was a 14-0 win over No. 2 Tennessee in the 1940 Rose Bowl against a Volunteer team that hadn't been scored upon in 16 games and hadn't lost in 24 games. It gave Jones a perfect 5-0 Rose Bowl record. USC's final TD came on a pass from Amby Schindler to Al Krueger, who had caught the winning TD pass in 1939. OL Harry Smith was a unanimous All-American, while QB Grenny Lansdell--who led the team with 742 rushing yards and 54 points--made some teams.

--The 75th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1944 team. QB Jim Hardy passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third as USC defeated Tennessee, 25-0, in the 1945 Rose Bowl. Hardy, the Rose Bowl MVP, thus in two games threw for five touchdowns and scored a sixth. Tennessee fielded a predominantly freshman team.

--The 50th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1969 team. A record fourth straight Rose Bowl appearance by USC was culminated in a 10-3 victory over Michigan, whose coach, Bo Schembechler, suffered a heart attack and missed the game. The Trojans' "Wild Bunch" on defense held Michigan to a field goal while a 33-yard pass from Jimmy Jones to Bobby Chandler was the margin of victory in the 1970 Rose Bowl.

--The 40th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1979 team. In a tough defensive struggle, the Pac-12 ran its victory string to five in a row as USC outlasted Michigan, 17-10, in the 1980 Rose Bowl. Trojan TB Charles White rushed for 99 yards and scored what proved to be the decisive touchdown on a disputed three-yard plunge in the second quarter. Michigan QB Rick Leach almost brought the Wolverines back from a 14-point halftime deficit by completing eight of 11 second-half passes, including a 44-yard scoring bomb to Roosevelt Smith. White and Leach shared Player of the Game honors.

--The 30th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1989 team. After losing its previous 2 Rose Bowls, USC beat Michigan, 17-10, in the 1990 Rose Bowl (a rematch of the 1989 game). The win, in Bo Schembechler's final game as Wolverine coach, ended Michigan's national title hopes. It was a bittersweet victory for USC coach Larry Smith, who served 6 years as Schembechler's assistant at Miami of Ohio and Michigan. Trojan TB Ricky Ervins, the Rose Bowl MVP, scored the game-winning TD on a 14-yard run with 1:10 to play. Ervins, who lived 5 minutes from the Rose Bowl and used to park cars there on New Year's Day, ran for 126 yards on 30 carries and caught 5 passes for 44 yards. USC, which dominated the stats, pulled off a key play early in the second quarter when DG Dan Owens blocked a punt. Six plays later, QB Todd Marinovich, who was 22-of-31 passing for 178 yards, scored on a 1-yard run. PKs J.D. Carlson of Michigan (19 yards) and USC's Quin Rodriguez (34 yards) then matched field goals prior to halftime. Michigan tied the score on a 2-yard run by TB Allen Jefferson in the third quarter. With less than 6 minutes to go, Michigan was called for holding on a successful Wolverine fake punt and USC took over at its 25-yard line. Troy then went 75 yards in 11 plays for the winning score. Michigan TB Leroy Hoard became the first player to run for 100-plus yards against USC all season (108 yards).

--The 25th anniversary of USC's Cotton Bowl champion 1994 team. USC made quite an impression in its first visit to the Cotton Bowl Classic, smashing Texas Tech, 55-14, in the 1995 game in a record-filled performance. After 59 years, it was the last Cotton Bowl where a Southwest Conference team served as host. Texas Tech was making only its second visit to the Cotton Bowl (the first was in 1939). The game was over quickly, as it was 28-0 after the first quarter and 34-0 at halftime. USC led 48-0 before Texas Tech scored against the Trojan reserves late in the third quarter. USC set Cotton Bowl records for most points in a game and quarter and most touchdowns (7), while scoring its most points ever in a bowl and posting its biggest bowl victory margin (second in Cotton Bowl history). Troy's first 3 scores came in a 1:16 span. After TB Shawn Walters, 1 of 8 Texans on the Trojan roster, ran 11 yards for a TD, USC recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and, on the next play, QB Rob Johnson hit FB Terry Barnum for a 19-yard score. Three plays later, CB John Herpin, another Texas native, intercepted a pass and returned it 26 yards for a TD. Herpin, who intercepted another pass in the second quarter to set up a field goal, was the game's Outstanding Defensive Player. USC's next 3 TDs came on aerials to WR Keyshawn Johnson of 12, 22 and 86 yards, the first 2 from Rob Johnson and the third from QB Brad Otton. Keyshawn Johnson, the game's Outstanding Offensive Player, had 8 catches overall for a Cotton Bowl-record 222 yards. His 3 TD catches set a Cotton Bowl record and equalled a Trojan mark. Rob Johnson, who became USC's career passing yardage leader and the Pac-10 and USC recordholder for career completion percentage, was 16-of-21 for 289 yards. The other Trojan scores came on a late 2-yard Otton pass to TE Jeff Dilitz and second quarter field goals by PK Cole Ford of 39 and a career-best 42 yards. Walters ran for a game-best 82 yards on 14 carries. Otton was 8-of-14 for 146 yards. USC dominated the statistics, more than doubling Texas Tech in total yardage (578-260). USC, which averaged 7.2 yards per play, set Cotton Bowl records for total yards, passing yards (a USC record 435) and completions (24).

--10th anniversary of USC's Emerald Bowl champion 2009 team. In head coach Pete Carroll's final USC game, QB Matt Barkley threw a pair of TD passes to FB Stanley Havili and ran for another score while Troy's defense shut out Boston College in the second half to lead the Trojans to a 24-13 win in their first-ever Emerald Bowl appearance. USC entered the 2009 game unranked for the first time since the end of the 2001 season when it last played in a non-BCS bowl. It was Troy's first game in San Francisco since 1943. The Trojans scored on their first 2 possessions, with Havili weaving 53 yards with a Barkley pass on the first series and then catching a 5-yard Barkley pass on the second series early in the second half. But the Eagles responded on their next 2 drives, with RB Montel Harris getting a 7-yard TD run and then, after getting an interception, WR Rich Gunnell jettisoning 61 yards with a pass from QB Dave Shinskie late in the half to pull within 14-13 at intermission. But the Trojans limited BC to only 91 total yards in the second half, including just 19 in the third quarter. USC converted a pair of turnovers into scores in the second half. After DT Jurrell Casey recovered a fumble, PK Jordan Congdon hit a 38-yard field goal midway through the third quarter. Then after an interception by CB Shareece Wright, Barkley scored on a 1-yard sneak early in the fourth quarter. Barkley was 27-of-37 for 350 yards and hit 13 of his first 14 passes (including his first 7). WR Damian Williams was the game's Offensive MVP after catching 12 passes for 189 yards and he set up USC's last 2 TDs after hauling in bombs. USC had 438 total yards to BC's 312.

ACADEMICS

*The USC football team posted an NCAA Academic Progress Rate of 972, just 1 point lower than the previous year's program-best 973, according to data released by the NCAA in May of 2019. The 972 exceeded the national average. 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 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 academic years. USC Athletics' 21-team multiyear APR of 983 was the sixth year in a row that Troy hit an all-time high.

*The Trojan football team posted an all-time high NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 75%, according to data released by the NCAA in November of 2018. The GSR measures how many players in the classes of 2008-11 graduated within 6 years of enrollment. The 2018 football rate was a program high for the third consecutive year. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2018 was at 86%, equalling the 2017 mark that was an all-time high for the fourth consecutive year.

*Twenty Trojans have cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 or higher (through spring 2019 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2019 Trojan squad are: DL **Nick Figueroa**, (3.82, real estate development), S **Brandon Perdue** (3.79, business administration), QB **JT Daniels** (3.51, psychology), S **Richard Hagestad** (3.50, business administration and accounting), QB **Jack Sears** (3.48, business administration), OG-OT **Liam Douglass** (3.42, communication), QB **Kedon Slovis** (3.42, business administration), WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (3.41, business administration), WR **John Jackson III** (3.41, real estate development), OG **Jacob Daniel** (3.30 graduate in communication management, 3.04 undergraduate in political science), WR **Matthew Hocum** (3.30, business administration), ILB **Matt Bayle** (3.28, accounting graduate, communication undergraduate), CB **Max Williams** (3.20, real estate development), TE **Erik Krommenhoek** (3.19, human biology), P **Ben Griffiths** (3.17), TE **Chris Caulk** (3.15, law, history and culture), C **Brett Neilon** (3.12, business administration), ILB **Ralen Goforth** (3.12, communication), WR **Devon Williams** (3.06, communication), ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu** (3.01, business administration).

*TE **Erik Krommenhoek** made 2018 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention.



*Five Trojans have already earned their bachelor's degrees: OG **Jacob Daniel** received his bachelor's degree in political science from USC in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in communication management. OT **Drew Richmond** received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Tennessee in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship at USC. ILB **John Houston Jr.** received his bachelor's degree in sociology in the fall of 2018 and is working on another bachelor's degree in non-governmental organizations and social change. QB **Matt Fink** received his bachelor's degree in communication in the summer of 2019. ILB **Matt Bayle** received his bachelor's degree in communication in the spring of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in accounting.

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

SCOUTING FRESNO STATE

*Fresno State, under third-year head coach **Jeff Tedford** (in his 14th season as a college head coach, the first 11 at California where he beat USC just once), posted a school record for victories last year at 12-2 with a Mountain West Conference championship and a win over Arizona State in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Bulldogs return only 3 starters from an offense that averaged more than 420 total yards and 34 points in 2018. Top offensive returnees are junior RB **Ronnie Rivers** (132 tcb, 743 yds, 5.6 avg, 10 TD in 2018, plus 26 rec, 311 yds, 12.0 avg, 3 TD and 14 PR, 138 yds, 9.9 avg), whose father Ron was a star runner at FSU in the 1990s, and senior TE **Jared Rice** (55 rec, 664 yds, 12.1 avg, 3 TD in 2018). FSU's defense, which allowed just 14.1 points an outing last fall (third nationally) and had 27 takeaways (4 for TDs), lost 4 All-MWC players but features dynamic senior DE **Mykal Walker** (87 tac, 14 for loss, 4.5 sack, 1 int, 6 def, 2 FR, 2 FF, 2 BLK in 2018), also a 2018 All-MWC player. Senior DB **Juju Hughes** (78 tac, 4 int, 8 dfl in 2018) tied for the team lead in interceptions (4) last year.

GAME PROMOTIONS

*There will be a **pre-game flyover** by the Tiger Squadron and then the Navy Seals "Leap Frogs" will **parachute** into the Coliseum.

*There also will be **pre-game fireworks** to open the renovated Coliseum.

*USC's 2018-19 NCAA champion **men's water polo team** and **women's track individuals** (**Angie Annelus, TeeTee Terry, Anna Cockrell, Lanae-Tava Thomas, Chanel Brissett** and **Kaelin Roberts**) will be honored on the field during the game.

OTHER USC SPORTS IN HOME ACTION

*The No. 5-ranked **USC women's soccer team** hosts the Battle at the Banc doubleheader featuring four of the last 6 NCAA champions on Thursday (Aug. 29) in the Banc of California Stadium next door to the Coliseum. USC (2007/2016 NCAA champ) plays Florida (1998 NCAA champ) at 8 p.m. PT following the 5:30 p.m. PT match featuring No. 4 UCLA (2013 NCAA champ) and No. 1 Florida State (2014/2018 NCAA champ). The local teams then swap Florida opponents on Sunday (Sept. 1) for a doubleheader at UCLA, with USC playing at 2 p.m. PT and UCLA at 5 p.m. PT.

NEXT GAME

*USC remains in the Coliseum next Saturday, Sept. 7, when it opens Pac-12 play against No. 25 Stanford at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN.

DEPTH CHART

USC head coach **Clay Helton** will release a depth chart the day before each game.

INJURY/STATUS UPDATE

OUT: TB **Ben Easington** (knee), ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu** (foot), OLB **Bryce Matthews** (back).

ROSTER UPDATES

Here are updates to the roster in the 2019 USC football regular season media guide:

***Delete:** CB **Trey Davis** (transferring), WR **Winston Guillory III** (quit).

***Change jersey number:** CB **Olajiah Griffin** to #2, WR **John Jackson III** to #80.

***Change weight:** S **Talanoa Hufanga** is 220 pounds.

***Change hometown:** CB **Jayden Williams** is from East Riverside, Calif.

***Change title:** **Brett Arce** is a defensive quality control analyst.



PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS

Briton ALLEN
 Matt BAYLE
 De'jon BENTON
 Stephen CARR
 Jac CASASANTE
 Chris CAULK
 Kenan CHRISTON
 Dominic DAVIS
 Justin DEDICH
 Liam DOUGLASS
 Ben EASINGTON
 Hunter ECHOLS
 Chris EDMONDSON
 Peter ESPARZA
 Juliano FALANIKO
 Josh FALO
 Nick FIGUEROA
 Palaie GAOTEOTE IV
 Ralen GOFORTH
 Olajiah GRIFFIN
 Richard HAGESTAD
 Dorian HEWITT
 Matthew HOCUM
 Talanoa HUFANGA
 Jordan IOSEFA
 Liam JIMMONS
 Damon JOHNSON
 Quincy JOUNTTI
 Erik KROMMENHOEK
 Jacob LICHTENSTEIN
 AJ MAGED
 Sean MAHONEY
 Kaulana MAKALA
 Vavae MALEPEAI
 Bryce MATTHEWS
 Kana'i MAUGA
 Abdul-Malik/Munir McCLAIN
 Bru McCOY
 Chase McGRATH
 Jalen MCKENZIE
 Brett NEILON
 Tuasivi NOMURA
 Adonis OTEY
 Brandon PERDUE
 Brandon PILI
 Isaiah POLA-MAO
 C.J. POLLARD
 Gino QUINONES
 Ethan RAE
 Christian RECTOR
 Jason RODRIGUEZ
 Bernard SCHIRMER
 Kedon SLOVIS
 Alex STADTHAUS
 Amon-Ra ST. BROWN
 Markese STEPP
 Stanley TA'UFO'OU
 Caleb TREMBLAY
 Jay TUFELE
 Maninoa TUFONO
 Solomon TULIAUPUPU
 Marlon TUIPULOTU
 Tyler VAUGHNS
 Alijah VERA-TUCKER
 Scott VOIGT
 Andrew VORHEES
 Devon/Jayden WILLIAMS
 Eli'jah WINSTON
 Mark ZUVICH

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Brett ARCE
 Aaron AUSMUS
 Keary COLBERT
 Joe DeFOREST
 Seth DOEGE
 Tim DREVNO
 Graham HARRELL
 Clay HELTON
 Shawn HOWE
 Chad KAUHA'AHAA
 Steve MURILLO
 Johnny NANSEN
 Clancy PENDERGAST
 Viane TALAMAIVAO
 Lenny VANDERMADE

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 SHER-mur
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 STAD-house
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TROJANS IN THE NFL (49)

(As of 8/22/19)

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Hayes Pullard, LB

Josh Shaw, CB

BALTIMORE RAVENS

*Iman Marshall, CB

BUFFALO BILLS

Matt Barkley, QB

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Kevon Seymour, CB

DALLAS COWBOYS

Tyron Smith, T

Antwaun Woods, DT

DENVER BRONCOS

Su'a Cravens, S

+Nico Falah, DL

DETROIT LIONS

Devon Kennard, LB

HOUSTON TEXANS

Matt Kalil, T

Steven Mitchell Jr., WR

Isaac Whitney, WR

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

*Marvell Tell III, S

*Isaiah Langley, CB

*Aca'Cedric Ware, RB

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Marqise Lee, WR

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

*Chris Brown, OL

Uchenna Nwosu, LB

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Justin Davis, RB

Clay Matthews, LB

Nickell Robey-Coleman, CB

Robert Woods, WR

MIAMI DOLPHINS

T.J. McDonald, S

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Everson Griffen, DE

*Cameron Smith, LB

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

+Javorius Allen, RB

*Porter Gustin, LB

NEW YORK GIANTS

Rhett Ellison, TE

Chad Wheeler, T

NEW YORK JETS

Deontay Burnett, WR

Sam Darnold, QB

*Chuma Edoga, T

Ryan Kalil, C

Leonard Williams, DL

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Nelson Agholor, WR

*Ajene Harris, DB

Cody Kessler, QB

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Zach Banner, T

Xavier Grimble, TE

JuJu Smith-Schuster, WR

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Malcolm Smith, LB

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Rasheem Green, DE

Marcus Martin, OG

Jordan Simmons, G

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Ronald Jones II, RB

Stevie Tu'ikolovatu, DL

TENNESSEE TITANS

Jurrell Casey, DT

Adoree' Jackson, CB

*2019 Rookie

+Injured Reserve

%Practice Squad



CLAY HELTON



*Clay Helton guided the Trojans to a Rose Bowl victory in 2016 and a Pac-12 Championship Game win in 2017 before seeing his team struggle in 2018, his third full season at Troy.

*The 47-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 32-17 (.653) as the Trojan head coach, with 10 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 in the Top 5. He was 5-7 in 2008 with a win over No. 19 Colorado, 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 was the first USC head coach to have 10-win seasons in each of his first 2 full seasons and he had more wins (21) in his first 2 full seasons than any USC coach. He led USC to a 19-game home winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001-04), a 14-game Pac-12 home game winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001 to 2004), a 13-game overall winning streak from 2016 to 2017 (its longest since 2003-04) and a 13-game winning streak over Power 5 opponents from 2016 to 2017. He is 19-3 in the Coliseum. He is 24-10 (.706) versus Pac-12 foes, including 15-4 (.789) against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career losses came while he was serving as USC's interim head coach.

*His 2018 Trojans--which featured young players in key positions--were 5-7 overall, with the last 4 losses all by 7 points or less, and went 4-5 in Pac-12 play.

*In 2017, his Trojans were 11-3 (ranked No. 12) despite playing all 12 regular season games without a bye. He led USC to an 8-1 Pac-12 record (the loss was by 3 points on Friday night on the road on a late field goal) and its first Pac-12 title since 2008 by winning the Pac-12 Championship Game (the first ever by a South Division team). Troy played in the Cotton Bowl Classic. He was the **2017 AP Pac-12 Coach of the Year** and **Athlon Pac-12 Coach of the Year** and a **finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** (the second consecutive year he was a finalist). After the 2017 season, Helton had his contract extended through the 2023 season.

*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**.

*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.

*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 in 2018 and now is the head coach at Western Kentucky.

ASSISTANT COACHES

*Clay Helton revamped his coaching staff in the 2019 offseason, bringing in 5 new assistants and reassigning roles for several of the holdovers.

***Graham Harrell**, a record-setting quarterback under Mike Leach at Texas Tech who then produced national Top 25 offenses the past 2 seasons while calling plays at North Texas, is USC's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. His system has elements of Leach's "Air Raid" attack, but also gets solid production on the ground. **Mike Jinks**, who was head coach at Bowling Green the past 3 years after handling the running backs at Texas Tech, coaches the Trojan runners. **Greg Burns**, the secondary coach on USC's 2003 and 2004 national championship teams before heading to the NFL and 3 other Pac-12 schools, returns in that role. **Chad Kauha'aha'a** guides USC's defensive line after doing so at schools such as Utah, Wisconsin, Oregon State and, most recently, Boise State. **Joe DeForest**, a USC defensive analyst last year who has 29 years of collegiate coaching experience, coaches the outside linebackers. Also, two former Trojans--**Chris Hawkins** and **Viane Talamaivao**--have returned to their alma mater as graduate assistants.

***Clancy Pendergast** returns as USC's defensive coordinator (he also adds the title of assistant head coach) and **John Baxter** as the special teams coordinator (he also will tutor the tight ends). **Tim Drevno** switches to the offensive line this year (he was the running backs coach last year), a role he has held at Stanford, Michigan, the San Francisco 49ers and, in 2014, USC. He also will continue as the run game and pass protection coordinator. Ex-USC and NFL star wideout **Keary Colbert** coaches Troy's wide receivers this year after handling the tight ends and inside receivers last fall. **Johnny Nansen** focuses on the inside linebackers this year (he was the linebackers coach in 2018) and also takes on the defensive run game coordinator duty in 2019. Former Trojans **Michael Hutchings** and **Dane Stevens** are back as grad assistants.



Graham Harrell

Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks

In the Booth



Tim Drevno

Off. Line/Run Game, Pass Protect. Coord.



Mike Jinks

Running Backs



Keary Colbert

Wide Receivers



Clancy Pendergast

Def. Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach

On the Field



Johnny Nansen

Linebackers/Def. Run Game Coord.



Greg Burns

Secondary



Chad Kauha'aha'a

Defensive Line



Chad DeForest

Outside Linebackers



John Baxter

Special Teams Coord./Tight Ends

On the Field



2019 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
49	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0	215	2/27/97	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Marino, CA (St. Francis)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-3	285	2/21/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
76	BRADLEY, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Orange, CA (Servite)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	195	12/23/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	210	1/16/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Gardena, CA (Summit)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
41	CAULK, Chris	TE	6-3	210	10/27/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego, CA (Madison)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	310	4/7/97	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Fresno, CA (Clovis North)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	210	2/2/00	So./So.	1V	Irvine, CA (Mater Dei)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	CB	5-9	195	12/8/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
57	DEDICH, Justin	C	6-2	295	4/21/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OG-OT	6-5	290	9/3/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	210	4/23/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	240	11/1/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	TB	5-9	190	3/5/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Cibola, TX (Clemens)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	ILB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
41	FALANIKO, Julianio	ILB	6-4	235	3/27/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	230	8/10/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	280	8/1/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	200	12/13/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
15	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	185	9/24/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	210	1/20/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	215	1/9/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
19	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	225	11/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
2	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	170	3/10/99	So./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-5	240	9/17/91	Fr.*/So.	--	Melbourne, Australia
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	S	6-1	200	3/21/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Del Mar, CA (Bishop's School)
16	HARRIS, Scott	QB	6-1	185	8/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, CA (Fairfax)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	S	6-0	180	6/13/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
27	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	175	12/30/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Carson, CA (Serra)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	220	2/1/00	So./So.	1V	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	230	9/20/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	310	8/11/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
99	JACKSON, Drake	DL	6-4	275	4/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-2	210	8/23/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OT	6-4	305	1/6/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	205	10/7/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	190	1/12/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
46	JONES, Grant	ILB	6-2	225	3/14/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
1	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
26	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	210	9/28/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	260	11/12/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	280	11/6/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-4	190	7/7/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	205	7/24/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OG-OT	6-5	300	11/10/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-5	215	9/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
23	MAKAULA, Kaulana	S	6-3	190	12/18/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	OLB	6-3	225	4/30/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	240	1/8/00	So./So.	1V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	240	10/10/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
13	McCLAIN, Munir	WR	6-4	210	12/29/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
14	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	210	6/22/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	So.*/Jr.	2V	Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	300	7/10/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	195	2/18/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)



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54	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	Fr./Fr.	TR	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	270	10/29/97	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	300	7/7/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	OLB	6-1	210	1/23/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	180	3/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
27	PERDUE, Brandon	S	6-4	205	9/4/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Simi Valley, CA (Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/ New Mexico Military Inst.)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	220	10/5/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	195	10/31/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
66	QUINONES, Gino	C-OG	6-3	280	4/5/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	240	7/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	270	4/22/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	South Pasadena, CA (Loyola)
53	RICHMOND, Drew	OT	6-5	315	1/2/96	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Memphis, TN (Memphis University/Tennessee)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OG-OT	6-6	325	3/9/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-1	175	4/30/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OT	6-6	290	12/18/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	S-CB	6-2	225	4/19/00	So./So.	1V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QB	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Jolla, CA (La Jolla)
10	SEARS, Jack	QB	6-3	210	4/17/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QB	6-2	200	4/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	200	12/13/99	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	So./So.	1V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	235	2/11/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	270	1/30/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Napa, CA (Vintage/American River CC)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	315	11/20/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	305	7/25/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
45	TUFONO, Maninoa	ILB	6-3	235	6/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Independence, OR (Central)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	230	3/20/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	190	6/1/97	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG	6-4	310	6/17/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd)
46	VOIGT, Scott	TE	6-3	210	1/7/98	Jr.*/Sr.	--	Darien, CT (Darien)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	315	1/21/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
22	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	190	8/20/98	So.*/Jr.	SQ	La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	CB	6-2	190	12/9/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
2	WILLIAMS, Devon	WR	6-4	215	7/6/00	So./So.	1V	Lancaster, CA (Antelope Valley)
29	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Fr./Fr.	--	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
24	WILLIAMS, Max	CB	5-9	180	8/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson, CA (Serra)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
82	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	250	2/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	C	6-3	260	9/1/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)

*Used up redshirt year

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

ASSISTANT COACHES: John BAXTER, Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends (Loras College, 1985); Greg BURNS, Secondary (Washington State, 1995); Keary COLBERT, Wide Receivers (USC, 2006); Joe DeFOREST, Outside Linebackers (Southwestern Louisiana, 1987); Tim DREVNO, Offensive Line/Run Game and Pass Protection Coordinator (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Graham HARRELL, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, 2007); Chris HAWKINS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2017); Michael HUTCHINGS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2017); Mike JINKS, Running Backs (Angelo State, 1995); Chad KAUAHA'HA'A, Defensive Line (Utah, 1997); Johnny NANSEN, Inside Linebackers/Defensive Run Game Coordinator (Washington State, 1997); Clancy PENDERGAST, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach (Arizona, 1990); Dane STEVENS, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2016); Viane TALAMAIVAO, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2018)

HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH: Aaron Ausmus (Tennessee, 1998)



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1	JONES JR., Velus	WR	6-0	190	5/11/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Saraland, AL (Saraland)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
2	WILLIAMS, Devon	WR	6-4	210	7/6/00	So./So.	1V	Lancaster, CA (Antelope Valley)
2	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	170	3/10/99	So./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QB	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr./So.	SQ	La Jolla, CA (La Jolla)
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael	WR	6-4	220	10/5/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr./So.	1V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	210	1/16/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Gardena, CA (Summit)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	CB	6-2	195	12/9/99	Fr./So.	1V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	So./So.	1V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	CB	5-11	190	1/12/99	So./Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QB	6-2	200	4/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	Carson, CA (Serra)
10	SEARS, Jack	QB	6-3	210	4/17/98	So./Jr.	1V	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente)
13	McCLAIN, Munir	WR	6-4	210	12/29/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	180	3/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
14	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	210	6/22/00	Fr./Fr.	TR	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
15	HUFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	220	2/1/00	So./So.	1V	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	205	7/24/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
15	FITTS, Thomas	PK	6-1	185	9/24/96	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	CB	5-9	195	12/8/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
16	HARRIS, Scott	QB	6-1	185	8/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, CA (Fairfax)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
18	DANIELS, JT	QB	6-3	210	2/2/00	So./So.	1V	Irvine, CA (Mater Dei)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	S-CB	6-2	225	4/19/00	So./So.	1V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
19	FINK, Matt	QB	6-3	200	12/13/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
19	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	225	11/2/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	190	6/1/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	So./Jr.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	S	6-0	180	6/13/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
22	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	190	8/20/98	So./Jr.	SQ	La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego, CA (Madison)
23	MAKAULA, Kaulana	S	6-3	190	12/18/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
24	WILLIAMS, Max	CB	5-9	180	8/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Carson, CA (Serra)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-5	240	9/17/91	Fr./So.	--	Melbourne, Australia
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	240	1/8/00	So./So.	1V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
26	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	210	9/28/97	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
27	HOCUM, Matthew	WR	5-10	175	12/30/96	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette)
27	PERDUE, Brandon	S	6-4	205	9/4/96	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Simi Valley, CA (Oaks Christian/Pierce JC/ New Mexico Military Inst.)
28	POLLARD, C.J.	S	6-1	195	10/31/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Jr./Sr.	2V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
29	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Fr./Fr.	--	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	235	2/11/00	Fr./So.	1V	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	195	2/18/00	Fr./So.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	240	11/1/99	So./Jr.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
31	HAGESTAD, Richard	S	6-1	200	3/21/97	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Del Mar, CA (Bishop's School)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	OLB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Fr./So.	1V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-1	175	4/30/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	210	4/23/99	So./Jr.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	200	12/13/99	So./So.	1V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
38	EDMONDSON, Chris	TB	5-9	190	3/5/98	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Cibola, TX (Clemens)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Fr./So.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	So./Jr.	2V	Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
41	FALANIKO, Julianio	ILB	6-4	235	3/27/99	So./Jr.	2V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
41	CAULK, Chris	TE	6-3	210	10/27/97	Jr./Sr.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	240	10/10/99	Fr./So.	SQ	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	OLB	6-1	210	1/23/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
45	TUFONO, Maninoa	ILB	6-3	235	6/28/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
46	JONES, Grant	ILB	6-2	225	3/14/98	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)



NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
46	VOIGT, Scott	TE	6-3	210	1/7/98	Jr./Sr.	--	Darien, CT (Darien)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	270	1/30/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	ILB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Fr./So.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	195	12/23/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian)
49	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0	215	2/27/97	Sr./Sr.	SQ	San Marino, CA (St. Francis)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	280	8/1/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
51	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Independence, OR (Central)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OT	6-6	290	12/18/96	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
52	DANIEL, Jacob	OG	6-4	310	4/7/97	Sr./Sr.	2V	Fresno, CA (Clovis North)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	215	1/9/00	Fr./So.	SQ	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
53	RICHMOND, Drew	OT	6-5	315	1/2/96	Sr./Gr.	TR	Memphis, TN (Memphis University/Tennessee)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	OLB	6-3	225	4/30/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery)
54	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	Fr./Fr.	TR	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	230	9/20/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
57	DEDICH, Justin	C	6-2	295	4/21/00	Fr./So.	SQ	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	230	3/20/00	Fr./So.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	205	10/7/97	Jr./Sr.	2V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
62	NEILON, Brett	C	6-2	300	7/7/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OG-OT	6-5	300	11/10/00	Fr./So.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OG	6-4	300	9/5/97	Jr./Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
66	QUINONES, Gino	C-OG	6-3	280	4/5/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	C	6-3	260	9/1/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OG-OT	6-5	300	9/3/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT	6-5	310	7/10/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OT	6-4	305	1/6/98	Jr./Sr.	2V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OG-OT	6-6	315	1/21/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
73	JACKSON, Austin	OT	6-6	310	8/11/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Phoenix, AZ (North Canyon)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OG	6-4	310	6/17/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd)
76	BRADLEY, Clayton	OT	6-5	295	10/7/96	Sr./Sr.	3V	Orange, CA (Servite)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OG-OT	6-6	325	3/9/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
78	TUFELE, Jay	DL	6-3	305	7/25/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Salt Lake City, UT (Bingham)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-3	285	2/21/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-2	210	8/23/99	Fr./Fr.	--	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	210	1/20/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
82	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	250	2/11/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	230	8/10/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	260	11/12/98	Jr./Jr.	2V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	240	7/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-4	190	7/7/00	Fr./Fr.	--	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DL	6-4	270	4/22/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	South Pasadena, CA (Loyola)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-5	215	9/12/00	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	270	10/29/97	Jr./Sr.	3V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
91	PILLI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	315	11/20/99	Fr./So.	SQ	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr./Sr.	1V	Napa, CA (Vintage/American River CC)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	280	11/6/98	So.*/Jr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
99	JACKSON, Drake	DL	6-4	275	4/12/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)

*Used up redshirt year

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

ASSISTANT COACHES: John BAXTER, Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends (Loras College, 1985); Greg BURNS, Secondary (Washington State, 1995); Keary COLBERT, Wide Receivers (USC, 2006); Joe DeFOREST, Outside Linebackers (Southwestern Louisiana, 1987); Tim DREVNO, Offensive Line/Run Game and Pass Protection Coordinator (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Graham HARRELL, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, 2007); Chris HAWKINS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2017); Michael HUTCHINGS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2017); Mike JINKS, Running Backs (Angelo State, 1995); Chad KAUHA'AHAA, Defensive Line (Utah, 1997); Johnny NANSEN, Inside Linebackers/Defensive Run Game Coordinator (Washington State, 1997); Clancy PENDERGAST, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach (Arizona, 1990); Dane STEVENS, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2016); Viane TALAMAIVAO, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2018)

HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH: Aaron Ausmus (Tennessee, 1998)

