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#### 2019 SCHEDULE (8-4)

DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 31	Fresno State	W 31-23
Sept. 7	Stanford	W 45-20
Sept. 14	at BYU	L 27-30 10T
Sept. 20 (Fr.)	Utah	W 30-23
Sept. 28	at Washington	L 14-28
Oct. 5	BYE DATE	
Oct. 12	at Notre Dame	L 27-30
Oct. 19	Arizona	W 41-14
Oct. 25 (Fr.)	at Colorado	W 35-31
Nov. 2	Oregon	L 24-56
Nov. 9	at Arizona State	W 31-26
Nov. 16	at California	W 41-17
Nov. 23	UCLA	W 52-35
Dec. 27	vs. Iowa	5 p.m. (FS1)
	Holiday Bowl	

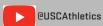
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# **GAME 13**

42nd SDCCU Holiday Bowl No. 22 USC (8-4 overall, 7-2 Pac-12 - South)

No. 19 Iowa (9-3 overall, 6-3 Big Ten - West) Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, 5 p.m. PT, FS1 SDCCU Stadium, San Diego, Calif.



#### NO. 22 USC FOOTBALL FACES NO. 19 IOWA IN HOLIDAY BOWL

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\*No. 22 USC and No. 19 lowa, winners of 5 of their last 6 games, meet for the first time in 17 years when

Something has to give between USC's productive Top 20 offense and lowa's stingy Top 20 defense.

\*USC has a big edge in its series versus lowa (riding 6 wins in a row) and against the Big Ten (13 wins in the last 15 games)

\*USC, one of the nation's premier bowl teams (52 bowls, 34 wins), is visiting the Holiday Bowl for the third time in 6 years.

This will be USC's third Friday night game of 2019 and its ninth night contest.

\*It's a homecoming for 5 Trojan San Diegan players. USC's new A.D. once worked there and a famous Trojan alum was a noted news anchorman in San Diego. Troy has played 8 games in the city, a 2-hour drive from Los Angeles

\*Head coach **Clay Helton's** youthful USC team (4 senior starters) successfully battled through an injury-marred season in which 26 starters or key backups missed action. Two of Troy's losses were by a field goal (including one in overtime on the road). USC finished just behind No. 11 Utah in the Pac-12 South and gave the Utes their only regular season loss. The Trojans' Air Raid-style Top 20-ranked offense is averaging 463.7 total yards (335.9 passing) and 33.2 points. Record-setting QB **Kedon Slovis**, the Pac-12's Freshman Offensive Player of the Year who became the first Trojan to pass for 400 yards 4 times in a season, is in the national Top 20 in 5 passing stat categories: completion percentage, yards, TDs, efficiency and completions. USC has the nation's best group of wideouts: WRs **Michael Pittman Jr.** (the Pop Warner Award winner and Biletnikoff Award finalist has 95 catches and 11 TDs and is in the national Top 15 in receptions and receiving yards and TDs) along with Tyler Vaughns (ninth on USC's career receiving list) and Amon-Ra St. Brown, who both have 68 catches and 6 scores, and true frosh basketballer Drake London. USC has gotten solid ground contributions from TBs Vavae Malepeai, Stephen Carr, Markese Stepp and true freshman speedster Kenan Christon. DT Austin Jackson, an All-Pac-12 first teamer, and OG Alijah Vera-Tucker headline Troy's effective offensive line. USC's young defense [9 freshman and sophomore starters, including the entire secondary) is captained by ILB John Houston Jr., the team's tackle leader (100). Among the impressive young defenders are Ss Isaiah Pola-Mao (4 picks) and Talanoa Hufanga (76 tackles), DLs Jay Tufele (an All-Pac-12 first team pick) and Marlon Tuipulotu and dominating freshman DL Drake Jackson (11.5 tackles for loss). PK Chase McGrath has been near perfect this year, hitting all 51 PATs and 13-of-15 field goals, while Australian P Ben Griffiths has put almost half of his punts within the 20-yard line.

\*lowa, under 21st year coach **Kirk Ferentz**, lost its 3 games in 2019 by 14 points combined. The staunch Hawkeye defense is fifth nationally in scoring defense, 10th in pass defense, 12th in total defense and 25th in rushing defense. MLB **Kristian Welch** (80) and S **Jack Koerner** (73) top the team in tackles, while 2-time All-Big Ten first team DE A.J. Epenesa is in the nation's Top 20 in forced fumbles and sacks. lowa's offense is directed by 3-year starting QB Nate Stanley. WRs Nico Ragaini, Tyrone Tracy, Ihmir Smith-Marsette and Brandon Smith have combined for 155 catches and 13 TDs this year, while RBs Tyler Goodson, Mekhi Sargent and Toren Young have a totalled 1,500-plus rushing yards with 9 TDs. All-American OT Tristan Wirfs was the Big Ten's Offensive Lineman of the Year. All-American PK Keith Duncan, the Big Ten's Kicker of the Year and a finalist for the Groza Award, tops the nation in field goals (his 29 field goals this season are a Big Ten record).

#### **RANKINGS**

\*USC currently is ranked 22nd in the AP sports media, 23rd in the Amway coaches poll and 22nd by the BCS. Iowa is ranked 19th by AP and the coaches and 16th by the BCS.



#### PAC-12 STANDINGS PAC-12 OVERALL W SOUTH HATII 7 8 USC 2 4 ASU 4 5 7 5 UCLA 5 8 3 COLO 6 5 2 8 ARI7 4 <u>NORTH</u> 2 ORE 8 10 5 CAL 4 5 WASH 4 5 7 5 4 3 OSU 5 5 WSU 6 6 6

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AP POLL	COACHES POLL
1. LSU 2. Ohio State 3. Clemson 4. Oklahoma 5. Georgia 6. Florida 7. Oregon 8. Baylor 9. Auburn 9. Alabama 11. Wisconsin 12. Utah 13. Penn State 14. Notre Dame 15. Memphis 16. Minnesota 17. Michigan 18. Boise State 19. Iowa 20. Appalachian St. 21. Navy 22. USC 23. Cincinnati 24. Air Force 25. Oklahoma State	1. LSU 2. Ohio State 3. Clemson 4. Oklahoma 5. Georgia 6. Oregon 7. Florida 8. Baylor 9. Alabama 10. Utah 11. Wisconsin 12. Penn Stat 13. Auburn 14. Notre Dame 15. Memphis 16. Minnesota 17. Michigan 18. Boise State 19. Iowa 20. Appalachian St. 21. Navy 22. Cincinnati 23. USC 24. Air Force 25. Virginia

## **FUN FACT I**

In its history, USC has had 10 lettermen from Iowa: RE Ward Browning (1932-34) of Sioux City East HS; OG Joel Crisman (1990-93) of Grundy Center HS; T Clarke DeGroot (1924-26) of Humboldt HS; T Robert Erskine (1931-33) of Ottumwa HS; E William J. Gill (1934-35) from Des Moines; RT Robert Hendren (1946-48) of Clarinda HS; RG Pete Kalinich (1939) of Waterloo East DT **Jim Phillips** (1983) of Des Moines Roosevelt HS, who transferred to USC from lowa; T Alfred Plaehn (1930-32) of Reinbeck HS; and LT Howard Stoecker (1937-39) of Mason City HS. Also, HB Rudy Bukich (1051-52) transferred to USC from Iowa State.

#### **FUN FACT II**

The only previous time USC has played on Dec. 27 was the 2014 Holiday Bowl, a 45-42 win over Nebraska

#### **FUN FACT III**

USC and lowa played once before on a Friday: in 1950 at night in the Coliseum, when the Hawkeyes upset the No. 12 Trojans, 20-14.

#### **SERIES**

th has been 17 years since USC and lowa last played. The Trojans hold a 7-2 series edge over the Hawkeyes, winning the last 6 meetings. USC has outscored lowa, 282-91.

The teams' last meeting came in the 2003 Orange Bowl (following the 2002 season). No. 5 USC--behind a balanced offense and a stingy defense--staked its claim as one of the nation's top teams of 2002 as it swamped No. 3 Iowa, 38-17. It was the teams' first meeting in a bowl. See page 4 for a complete recap of that 2003 Orange Bowl.

\*Before that Orange Bowl, USC and Iowa hadn't played for 26 years. The teams met in 1976 in Los Angeles, a 55-0 Trojan win behind QB Rob Hertel's school-record-tying 4 TD passes and 100-yard rushing performances by TBs Ricky Bell and Charles White (it was USC's biggest margin of victory in any game since 1931). USC's other wins came in 1925 (18-0 at home), 1962 (7-0 on the road), 1970 (48-0 on the road), 1974 (41-3 at home) and 1975 (27-16 on the road). Iowa's victories were in 1950, when the Hawkeyes upset No. 12 USC, 20-14, in the Coliseum on a touchdown with 10 minutes to play (the first time USC lost a night game) and 1961, when the top-ranked Hawkeyes won, 35-34, in the Coliseum (Troy trailed 34-20 with less than 5 minutes to play before a pair of Bill Neisen-to-Hal Bedsole TD passes closed the gap, but the Trojans failed on a 2-point conversion for the win with less than a minute left). USC came into the lowa games ranked in the AP Top 13 in all but 2 of the 9 meetings (in the pre-ranking year of 1925 and then in 1961)

#### **VERSUS BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

'USC holds a 75-29-3 record against Big Ten teams. Despite dropping its last 2 meetings against Big Ten foes, Troy has won 13 of its last 15 games against the conference, as well as 35 of its last 45 and 42 of its last 53. The Trojans' last game against a Big Ten squad came in the 2017 Cotton Bowl, a 24-7 Buckeye victory.

\*lowa, on the other hand, is 29-38-1 versus Pac-12 teams. The Hawkeyes' last meeting against a Pac-12 foe came in the 2016 Rose Bowl (after the 2015 season), a 45-16 loss to Stanford.

#### **SEASON ENDERS**

'USC is 69-44-11 (.601) in all season finales (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 70-45-11, .599.).

FRIDAY GAMES

\*USC has played 12 Friday games since 1990: versus Syracuse in the 1990 Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J., versus Louisiana Tech in 1999 in the Coliseum, at Colorado in 2011, at Oregon State in 2013, at Colorado in 2015, at Utah in 2016, 3 times in 2017 (at Washington State, against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game and against Ohio State in the Cotton Bowl), versus Washington State in 2018 in the Coliseum and twice so far in 2019 (versus Utah in the Coliseum and at Colorado). All were wins except the 2016 Utah and 2017 Washington State and Ohio State contests.

fin the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, USC played occasional Friday night games in the Coliseum when sharing' the stadium with UCLA.

#### **IN DECEMBER**

\*USC has a 42-28-7 (.591) all-time record while playing in the month of December (not including 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 44-28-7, .601).

"USC owns a 182-66-4 (.730) all-time record at night, including 107-30-4 in the Coliseum, 59-29 on the road and 15-7 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 186-67-4, .732 overall, 110-30-4 in the Coliseum, 17-8 at neutral sites.)

This week's Holiday Bowl will be the Trojans' ninth night game in 2019 (the school season record is 10, in 2010 and 2017).

#### **USC IN SAN DIEGO**

\*USC has played just 8 games in San Diego, sporting a 3-4-1 record. The games were against: San Diego YMCA in 1897 (18-0 loss), San Diego High School in 1910 (32-0 win), 21st Infantry (U.S. Army) in 1917 (3-0 win), San Diego Navy in 1943 (10-7 loss while ranked fourth) and 1945 (33-6 loss while ranked sixth), San Diego State in 1992 (a season-opening 31-31 tie in Jack Murphy Stadium in the inaugural Ralphs Holiday Classic), Nebraska in the 2014 Holiday Bowl (a 45-42 win) and Wisconsin in the 2015 Holiday Bowl (a 23-21 loss).

\*Also, USC has a 5-0 recórd against San Diégo teams in the Coliseum, beating San Diego Navy in 1944 (28-21), 1951 (41-7) and 1952 (20-6) and San Diego State in 1998 (35-6) and 1999 (24-21).

#### **USC'S SAN DIEGO CONNECTIONS**

\*USC has 5 players who prepped in the San Diego area: TB Kenan Christon (Madison HS), CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart (Helix HS), S Richard Hagestad (Bishop's School), QB Trevor Scully (La Jolla HS) and WR Chris Caulk (Cathedral Catholic HS/San Diego Mesa JC).

'USC offensive line coach/run game and pass protection coordinator **Tim Drevno** was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at San Diego (2003-06).

\*USC offensive quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** was a graduate assistant at San Diego State in 2007, then the tight ends coach at San Diego in 2008.

'USC wide receivers coach **Keary Colbert's** cousin is Clarence Oliver, a defensive back at San Diego State in 1967-68.

\*USC head athletic trainer **Russ Romano** is a graduate of San Diego State.
\*USC athletic director **Mike Bohn** was the A.D. at San Diego State (2003-05).
\*Former USC sports information office intern **Will Ferrell** portrayed fictional San Diego television newscaster Ron Burgundy in the movie, "Anchorman."

#### **USC-IOWA CONNECTIONS**

TUSC has no players from Iowa, while Iowa has one Californian (QB **Spencer Petras** from Marin Catholic HS in Greenbrae).

\*USC special teams coordinator/tight ends coach **John Baxter** began his coaching career at his alma mater, Loras College in Dubuque, Ia., where he served for 5 seasons (1981-85) as a student assistant (working with the running backs). He then moved on to lowa State for 2 seasons (1986-87) as a graduate assistant working with the defensive line and special teams.

\*Legendary USC head football coach **Howard Jones** (1925-40), who won 4 national championships and 5 Rose Bowls with his "Thundering Herd" teams at Troy, also was lowa's head coach (1916-23), where he won the 1921 national title. He also served as the Hawkeye athletic director (1917-24) and baseball coach (1919).



USC VS. IOWA (7-2-0)					
1925	W	18- 0	Н		
1950	L	14-20	Н		
1961	L	34-35	Н		
1962	W	7- 0	Α		
1970	W	48- 0	Α		
1974	W	41- 3	Н		
1975	W	27-16	Α		
1976	W	55- 0	Н		
2002	W*	38-17	N1		
N1- Pro F	N1- Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Florida				
*-2003 Orange Bowl					

#### **HOLIDAY BOWL HISTORY**

The SDCCU Holiday Bowl, first played in 1978, pits Pac-12 and Big Ten opponents in 70,561-seat SDCCU Stadium in San Diego.

2018 -- Northwestern 31, Utah 20

2017 -- Michigan State 42, Washington State 17

2016 -- Minnesota 17, Washington State 12

2015 -- Wisconsin 23, USC 21

2014 -- **USC** 45, Nebraska 42

2013 -- Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23

2012 -- Baylor 49, UCLA 26

2011 -- Texas 21, California 10

2010 -- Washington 19, Nebraska 7

2009 -- Nebraska 33, Arizona 0 2008 -- Oregon 42, Oklahoma State 31

2007 -- Texas 52, Arizona State 34

2006 -- California 45, Texas A&M 10

2005 -- Oklahoma 17, Oregon 14

2004 -- Texas Tech 45, California 31 2003 - Washington State 28, Texas 20

2002 -- Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27

2001 -- Texas 47, Washington 43

2000 -- Oregon 35, Texas 30

1999 -- Kansas State 24, Washington 20

1998 -- Arizona 23, Nebraska 20

1997 -- Colorado State 35, Missouri 24

1996 -- Colorado 33, Washington 21

1995 - Kansas State 54, CSU 21

1994 -- Michigan 24, Colorado State 14

1993 -- Ohio Štate 28, BYU 21

1992 -- Hawaii 27, Illinois 17

1991 -- **Iowa** 13, BYU 13

1990 -- Texas A&M 65, BYU 14

1989 -- Penn State 50. BYU 39

1988 -- Oklahoma State 62, Wyoming 14

1987 -- **Iowa** 20, Wyoming 19

1986 -- Iowa 39, San Diego State 38

1985 -- Arkansas 18, Arizona State 17

1984 -- BYU 24, Michigan 17

1983 -- BYU 21, Missouri 17

1982 -- Ohio State 47, BYU 17

1981 -- BYU 38, Washington State 36

1980 -- BYU 46. SMU 45

1979 -- Indiana 38, BYU 37

1978 -- Navy 23, BYU 16

#### **USC-IOWA STATISTICAL COMPARISON**

	USC	IOWA
Rushing Offense	127.8	139.5
Passing Offense	335.9	230.3
Total Offense	463.7	369.8
Scoring Offense	33.2	23.8
Rushing Defense	166.5	120.1
Passing Defense	248.9	184.2
Total Defense	415.4	304.3
Scoring Defense	27.8	13.2





#### **USC BOWL HISTORY**

'USC has a remarkable record in bowl games. The Trojans have the nation's eighth highest bowl winning percentage (.654) among the 96 schools that have made at least 10 bowl appearances (behind Marshall's .857, Utah's `.773, Louisiana Tech's .750, San Jose State's .700, Wake Forest's .692, Boise State's .667 and Oklahoma State's .655) (not including 1 USC win and 1 USC loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: .648). USC's 34 bowl victories is second behind Alabama's 40 for the most in the nation (not including 1 win for both teams vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 35 for USC, 41 for Alabama). Troy's 52 bowl appearances are tied for fifth most with Tennessee and Oklahoma, behind Alabama (69), Texas (55) and Georgia (55) and Nebraska (53) (not including 2 USC appearances and 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 54 for USC, 70 for Alabama). USC once won 9 consecutive bowl games (the 1923-30-32-33-39-40-44-45 Rose Bowls and 1924 Christmas Festival); only Florida State has won more in a row (11).

USC's overall post-season record is 34-18 (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty;" original record: 35-19). The Trojans were a bowl participant each year they were eligible from 1972 to 1990.

\*USC has appeared in an unprecedented 33 Rose Bowls, where it has a 25-8 mark (.758) (not including

1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34 Rose Bowls, 25-9, 7351. That is not only the most Rose Bowl wins of any team, but also the most wins by a school in a single bowl. USC has won 12 of its last 14 Rose Bowls (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 12 of its last 15). USC is the only team to win 3 consecutive Rose Bowls (2007-08-. . Ö9). USC twice played in 4 consecutive Kose Bowl games (1967 to 1970 and 2006 to 2009); Ohio State (1973 to 1976) is the only other team to have done so.

\*USC has also appeared in 13 other bowls--the Christmas Festival, Liberty Bowl, Bluebonnet Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Aloha Bowl, Florida Citrus Bowl, Sun (John Hancock) Bowl (3 times), Freedom Bowl (twice), Cotton Bowl

(twice), Las Vegas Bowl (twice), Orange Bowl (twice), Emerald Bowl and Holiday Bowl (twice).

'UŚC made 5 BCS bowl appearances (2003 Orange, 2004 Rose, 2007 Rosé, 2008 Rose, 2009 Rose)(not including 2 appearances--2005 Orange and 2006 Rose--vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: an unprecedented 7 consecutive BCS bowl appearances). USC's 5 overall BCS bowl trips tied for seventh most, behind Ohio State's 9, Oklahoma's 9, Florida State's 8, Florida's 7, Virginia Tech's 6 and Alabama's 6 (not including 2 appearances vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 7 appearances, tied for fourth most; also, 1 Ohio State appearance vacated by NCAA penalty). USC's 5 BCS bowl victories tied with Ohio State for the most of any school (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 6 victories, tied with Ohio State for most; also, 1 Ohio State win vacated by NCAA penalty).

#### USC's Rose Bowl Record

1923USC 14, Penn State 3 1930USC 47, Pittsburgh 14 1932USC 21, Tulane 12 1933USC 35, Pittsburgh 0 1939USC 7, Duke 3 1940USC 14, Tennessee 0 1944USC 29, Washington 0 1945USC 25, Tennessee 0 1946Alabama 34, USC 14 1948Michigan 49, USC 0 1953USC 7, Wisconsin 0 1955Ohio State 20, USC 7 1963USC 42, Wisconsin 37 1967Purdue 14, USC 13	1973USC 42, Ohio State 17 1974Ohio State 42, USC 21 1975USC 18, Ohio State 17 1977USC 14, Michigan 6 1979USC 17, Michigan 10 1980USC 17, Ohio State 16 1985USC 20, Ohio State 17 1988Michigan State 20, USC 17 1989Michigan 22, USC 14 1990USC 17, Michigan 10 1996USC 41, Northwestern 32 *2004USC 28, Michigan 14 *2006Texas 41, USC 38** (BCS Champ. Game) *2007USC 32, Michigan 18
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1968USC 14, Indiana 3	*2008–USC 49. Illinois 17
1969Ohio State 27, USC 16	*2009-USC 38, Penn State 24
1970USC 10, Michigan 3	2017USC 52, Penn State 49

#### USC's Record in Other Bowls

1924—USC 20, Missouri 7 (Christmas Festival) 1975—USC 20, Texas A&M 0 (Liberty Bowl) 1998-TCU 28, USC 19 (Sun Bowl) 2001–Utah 10, USC 6 (Las Vegas Bowl) 1977-USC 47, Texas A&M 28 (Bluebonnet Bowl) \*2003–USC 38, **lowa** 17 (Orange Bowl) 1982-Penn State 26, USC 10 (Fiesta Bowl) \*2005–USC 55\*\*, Oklahoma 19 (Orange Bowl, BCS Champ. Game) 1985—Alabama 24, USC 3 (Aloha Bowl) 2009-USC 24, Boston College 13 (Emerald Bowl) 1987–Auburn 16, USC 7 (Florida Citrus Bowl) 1990–Michigan State 17, USC 16 (John Hancock Bowl) 2012–Georgia Tech 21, USC 7 (Sun Bowl) 2013-USC 45, Fresno State 20 (Las Vegas Bowl) 2014-USC 45, Nebraska 42 (Holiday Bowl) 1992-Fresno State 24, USC 7 (Freedom Bowl) 2015 - Wisconsin 23, USC 21 (Holiday Bowl) 2017-Ohio State 24, USC 7 (Cotton Bowl Classic) 1993-USC 28, Utah 21 (Freedom Bowl) 1995-USC 55, Texas Tech 14 (Cotton Bowl)

\*\*2005 win and 2006 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty

#### **USC IN HOLIDAY BOWL**

This will be USC's third trip to the Holiday Bowl, where it has a 1-1 mark, all in the past 6 years.

\*In 2015 in Troy's most recent visit to the Holiday Bowl, PK Rafael Gaglianone kicked 3 field goals, including a 29-yarder with 2:27 to play, to give No. 23 Wisconsin a 23-21 victory over USC. It was USC's first loss to Wisconsin in 7 meetings (the teams last played in 1966) and it snapped Troy's 13-game winning streak over Big Ten squads (including 8 straight in bowls). USC trailed the entire game before taking a 21-20 lead with 10:19 to play on a 7-yard touchdown pass from QB Cody Kessler to WR Darreus Rogers. But later in the final

quarter, the Badgers drove 42 yards into position for Gaglianone's game-winning 3-pointer.

\*In 2014 in Troy's first appearance in the Holiday Bowl, No. 24 USC used QB Cody Kessler's 3 touchdown passes, a pair of scores by both TB Javorius Allen and CB-WR-RET Adoree' Jackson, a pair of fourth quarter fourth-down defensive stops and a batted-down Hail Mary pass at the gun to hold off No. 25 Nebraska, 45-42, in a wild shootout. The win kept USC undefeated against Nebraska in 5 meetings (it was the first time the teams met in the post-season). It was USC's 13th straight win over a Big Ten team, including 8 in a row in a bowl. The teams combined for 1,040 total yards and 87 points, with 4 touchdowns measuring more than 40 yards. There were 27 points scored in the first quarter and 38 in the third. It was the last time that a Pac-12 team has won in the Holiday Bowl.



#### THE LAST MEETING: 2002 USC VS. IOWA

Game 13 - January 2, Miami, Fla. 2003 FedEx Orange Bowl USC 38, Iowa 17

Att: 75,971

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No. 5-ranked USC-behind a balanced offense and a stingy defense-staked its claim as one of the nation's top teams as it swamped No. 3 Íowa, 38-17, in the 69th FedEx Orange Bowl before a sold out crowd of 75,971 fans under the lights in Pro Player Stadium and a national ABC-TV audience.

It was Pac-10 co-champion USC's eighth win in a row (giving Troy its first 11win season since 1979) and it snapped Big Ten co-champ lowa's 9-game winning streak. It was the first meeting between the teams in 26 years and the first trip to the Orange Bowl for either school. It also was Troy's first win ever in Florida in 5 tries and came against the ninth AP-ranked squad the Trojans played in 2002. USC scored at least 30 points for a school-record eighth consecutive game

USC dominated the Hawkeyes statistically, getting more total yards (550-323), first downs (30-18), plays (80-58) and possession time (38:06-21:54). It was the ninth game in a row that USC had at least 400 yards of total offense. Despite

the ninth game in a row that USC had at least 400 yards of total offense. Despite facing an lowa defense that was second nationally against the run [68.2], Troy rushed for a season-best 247 yards and scored 4 TDs on the ground. And USC-playing without 2-time All-American S Troy Polamalu, who was out with a sore hamstring-kept in check lowa's offense that was sixth nationally in scoring [38.9].

At the start, it looked like lowa would provide a stiff challenge as WR C.J. Jones ran back the opening kickoff an Orange Bowl-record 100 yards for a TD. But USC responded quickly as QB Carson Palmer's 65-yard bomb to WR Kareem Kelly on Troy's first play set up TB Justin Fargas' 4-yard scoring run just 3 plays later.

Then, after lowa had to settle for a 35-yard field goal by PK Nate Kaeding after advancing to the USC 2-yard line on the ensuing drive, USC reeled off 31 unanswered points. First, PK Ryan Killeen atoned for an earlier missed field goal by nailing a 35-yarder late in the half (DT Bernard Riley then blocked Kaeding's 28-yard field goal try at the end of the half to keep the score knotted at 10-10]. 28-yard field goal try at the end of the half to keep the score knotted at 10-10).

Next, USC scored on its first 3 possessions of the second half, first an 18 yard Palmer TD pass to WR Mike Williams, then a career-long 50-yard TD run by Fargas (to cap a 99-yard drive) and a 5-yard run by TB Sultan McCullough at the top of the fourth quarter. FB Sunny Byrd added a 6-yard scoring run late in the game before lowa added a touchdown against USC's reserves on an 18-yard pass from QB Brad Banks to WR Maurice Brown.

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Palmer proved his Heisman Trophy was no fluke as he hit 21-of-31 passes for 303 yards to earn Orange Bowl MVP honors, while Heisman runnerup Banksthe nation's passing efficiency leader-was just 15-of-36 for 204 yards and an interception (his first pick in his last 104 attempts).
Fargas ran for 122 yards on 20 carries and McCullough added 76 yards on 21 tries, while lowa RB Fred Russell-12th in the nation in rushing-was held to just 45 yards on 9 carries. Florida native Williams (game-high 99 yards) and WR Keary Colbert (81 yards) each had 6 receptions, while Kelly had 3 for 74 yards to set an NCAA record for consecutive games with a catch (47) en route to becoming USC's career reception leader (204). Williams set NCAA freshman records for receiving yards (1,265) and receiving TDs (14).
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lowa hurt itself with 13 penalties and turned the ball over twice.

#### **SCORING** First Quarter

A – Jones 100-yard kickoff return (Kaeding kick) USC – Fargas 4-yard run (Killeen kick)

IA – Kaeding 35-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC - Killeen 35-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC – M. Williams 18-yard pass from Palmer (Killeen kick) USC – Fargas 50-yard run (Killeen kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC - McCullough 5-yard run (Killeen kick)
USC - S. Byrd 6-yard run (Killeen kick)
IA - Brown 18-yard pass from Banks (Kaeding kick)

USC	STATISTICS	IDWA
30	First Downs	18
247	Net Yards Rushing	119
303	Net Yards Passing	204
31	Passes Attempted	36
21	Passes Completed	15
0	Had Intercepted	1
80	Total Plays	58
550	Total Yards	323
2/37.5	Punts/Avq	5/42.6
2/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
6/45	Penalties/Yards	13/85
38:06	Time of Possession	21:54

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Fargas (USC) 20-122; McCullough (USC) 12-76; Russell (IA) 9-45; Banks (IA) 8-36; Lewis (IA) 2-31; MacKenzie (USC) 5-19; S. Byrd (USC) 5-18. PASSING - Palmer (USC) 21-31-303; Banks (IA) 15-36-204.

RECEIVING - M. Williams (USC) 6-99; Colbert (USC) 6-81; Brown (IA) 6-63; Clark (IA) 4-97; Kelly (USC) 3-74; Hinkel (IA) 3-31; Holmes (USC) 3-27; Jones (IA) 2-13.

#### **USC'S MOST RECENT BOWL**

\*No. 5 Ohio State took advantage of No. 8 USC's 4 turnovers, 8 allowed sacks and red zone inefficiency to post a 24-7 victory in the 2017 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic in AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex. The victory snapped USC's 7-game winning streak over Ohio State. Despite the score, USC dominated many of the statistics, outgaining the Buckeyes 413 to 277 while getting more plays (81-55) and first downs (23-13) and holding the ball for 34:56. USC limited Ohio State to just 2-of-12 on third downs. The Buckeyes jumped out to a 24-0 lead before USC scored late in the first half. USC held OSU scoreless the rest of the way, allowing only 94 yards and 4 first downs in the second half (and 0-of-5 on third downs). USC got into the red zone 3 times in the fourth quarter but came away with no points on a missed field goal, a lost fumble and an unsuccessful fourth down try. For USC, QB Sam Darnold was 26-of-45 for 356 yards, WR Deontay Burnett caught a Cotton Bowl record 12 passes for 139 yards, WR Tyler Vaughns had 6 receptions for 119 yards and TB Ronald Jones II ran for 64 yards on 19 tries (with a 1-yard TD).

#### <u>IOWA BOWL HISTORY</u>

\*lowa is 16-15-1 (.516) in bowl games. The Hawkeyes are 2-0-1 all-time in the Holiday Bowl, defeating San Diego State (39-38) in 1986 and Wyoming (20-19) in 1987 and tying Brigham Young (13-13) in 1991.

#### NATIONAL AWARDS

\*WR Michael Pittman Jr. won the 2019 Pop Warner College Football Award (senior who made an impact on the field/classroom/community). He was a finalist for the Blietnikoff Award (top receiver) and is a finalist for the Witten Award (College Man of the Year) and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award (performance/leadership/character/resilience)

#### **ALL-AMERICAN**

WR Michael Pittman Jr. was named to the 2019 AP All-American second team, Football Coaches All-American second team, Football Writers All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team, The Athletic All-American second team and Pro Football Focus All-American honorable mention. OG Alijah Vera-Tucker made the 2019 Pro Football Focus All-American third team. DL Drake Jackson made the 2019 247 Sports Freshman All-American first team and Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American second team. QB Kedon Slovis made the 2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team. WR Drake London made the 2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team.

#### ALL-PAC-12

\*WR Michael Pittman Jr., OT Austin Jackson and DL Jay Tufele were named to the 2019 All-Pac-12 first team, while QB Kedon Slovis was selected as the Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. Additionally, OG Alijah Vera-Tucker, DL Drake Jackson, S Talanoa Hufanga and KOR Velus Jones Jr. made the All-Pac-12 second team, as did Pittman as a special teams player. Drake Jackson also made Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honorable mention. USC's All-Pac-12 honorable mention choices were: Slovis, ILB John Houston Jr., WRs Tyler Vaughns and Amon-Ra St. Brown, CB Olaijah Griffin and PK Chase McGrath. Of USC's 13 selections for the various All-Pac-12 teams, just Pittman and Houston are seniors, while only Austin Jackson, Jones and Vaughns are juniors. Slovis is the fourth Trojan to be the Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year, joining wide receivers Robert Woods (2010) and Margise Lee (2011) and quarterback Sam Darnold (2016).

#### **USC TEAM AWARDS**

WR Michael Pittman Jr. was named the MVP of the 2019 USC football team. He also won the Community Service Award and Lifters Award. ILB **John Houston Jr.** was the Most Inspirational Player. WR **Tyler Vaughns** was the Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year, while Ss **Talanoa Hufanga** and Isaiah Pola-Mao were the Defensive Perimeter Players of the Year. OG Alijah Vera-Tucker was the Offensive Lineman of the Year, while DL Jay Tufele repeated as Defensive Lineman of the Year. PK Chase McGrath was the Special Teams Player of the Year. WR Amon-Ra St. Brown won the Trojan Way Leadership Award and DL Christian Rector won the Trojan Commitment Award. TEs Sean Mahoney and Scott Voigt were the Offensive Service Team Players of the Year, while ILBs Matt Bayle and Grant Jones were the Defensive Service Team Players of the Year. QB Kedon Slovis was the Player of the Game Versus UCLA. OG Jacob Daniel won the Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award. TE Erik Krommenhoek won the Bob Chandler Award, OT Drew Richmond won the John McKay Award, TB Quincy Jountti won the Joe Collins Walk-on Award and the Lifters Award, OT Austin Jackson won the Chris Carlisle Courage Award and QB Matt Fink won the Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award.

#### **LOOKING TO 2020**

On USC's current 48-man 2-deep (including the punter and kicker), 43 players (19 offense, 20 defense, 4 specialists) are non-seniors, including 20 starters (9 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists). That does not include potential non-senior 2-deepers who are injured or any non-seniors who might leave early. USC's graduating starters are WR Michael Pittman Jr., ILB John Houston Jr., DL Christian Record and OT Drew Richmond.



#### WATCH LISTS

QB JT Daniels

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Maxwell Award (top player)
Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback)
TE Josh Falo
Mackey Award (top tight end)

LB Palaie Gaoteote

Polynesian Player of the Year Award Ray Griffiths

Ray Guy Award (top punter) S **Talanoa Hufanga** Polynesian Player of the Year Award

ILB Jordan losefa 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

PK Chase McGrath

Burlsworth Trophy (top former walk-on)

C Brett Neilon

Rimington Trophy (top center) DL Brandon Pili

Polynesian Player of the Year Award WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** 

\*Pop Warner Award (senior athlete/academics/service)
\*\*Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

\*\*Witten Award (college Man of the Year)
\*\*\*Lombardi Award (perf./lead./char./resilience) Wuerffel Trophy (top community service)

Good Works Team (top community service) S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** 

Combeback Player of the Year Award

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)
\*Winner \*\*Finalist \*\*\*Semifinalist

PRE-SEASON HONDRS
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 (Cellope Stablillhous page) [Philiptian Boats CollegeFootballNews.com), OT Austin Jackson CollegeFootballNews.com), WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (CollegeFootballNews.com) and PR Tyler Vaughns (CollegeFootballNews.com) were pre-season All-American honorable mention. Johnson, Tufele, Pittman, Rector and Vaughns were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-12 first teams.

#### IN-SEASON HONORS

TB Kenan Christon

Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week (11/11) QB Matt Fink

Manning Award Star of the Week (9/23) Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 (9/23)

Ben Griffiths

Ray Guy Award Ray's 8 (9/23) Ray Guy Award Ray's 8 (10/28)

S **Talanoa Hufanga**Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (11/25) OT Austin Jackson

Pac-12 Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/9) DL Drake Jackson

The Athletic Midseason Freshman All-American WR Drake London

Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week (11/18) WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** 

Senior Bowl invitee

OT Drew Richmond

East-West Shrine Bowl invitee QB **Kedon Slovis** Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (9/9)

Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week [9/9]
Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week [9/9]
Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week [9/9]
Manning Award Star of the Week [9/9]
CFPA National Performer of Week [9/8]
CollegeSportsMadness.comPac-12 Off Player of Week [9/8]
Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week [10/28]
Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 [10/28]
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Pro Football Focus National QB of the Week (11/18)
Manning Award Star of the Week (11/18)

Maxwell Award National Player of the Week (11/20) Manning Award Star of the Week (11/25) Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (11/25) CFPA National Performer of Week hon. men. (11/26) NR Amon-Ra St. Brown

Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (11/11) Head Coach **Clay Helton** 

Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week (9/23)

#### INJURIES

\*USC has had a number of starters and key backups miss games with injuries in 2019. They include (with games missed): ILB Jordan losefa, knee [12], ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu, foot (12), DL Jacob Lichtenstein, knee (12), OT Clayton Bradley, hand (12), QB JT Daniels, knee (11), OG-OT Andrew Vorhees, ankle (10), CB Max Williams, knee/ankle (2/3), DLB Eli'jah Winston, ankle (6), TB Vavae Malepeai, knee (5), OLB Abdul-Malik McClain, knee/shoulder (4/1), TB Markese Stepp, ankle (5), WR Munir McClain, knee (5), ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV, ankle (5), OT Liam Jimmons, concussion/elbow (1/3), TB Stephen Carr, hamstring (3), S Talanoa Hufanga, concussion/shoulder (1/2), DL Christian Rector, ankle (3), DLB Hunter Echols (3), shoulder CB Dlaijah Griffin, back (2), TE Josh Falo, ankle (2), DL Drake Jackson, ankle (2), CB Greg Johnson, shoulder/concussion (1/1), C Brett Neilon, calf (2), WR Velus Jones Jr., ankle (1), CB Chase Williams, foot (1), QB Kedon Slovis, concussion (1), CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart, concussion (1), CB Chris Steele (1), knee, and DL Marlon Tuipulotu (1), back. In 2019, USC has started 3 different quarterbacks and has entered games down to a fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or both starting fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or both starting defensive ends.

#### **LAST GAME**

 $^*$ Go to page **36** for a recap of USC's 52-35 home victory over UCLA on Nov. 23.

<sup>t</sup>USC's challenging 12-game 2019 regular season schedule featured 9 teams (including its first 6 opponents) that played in bowls last year, with 5 winning their bowl. Half of Troy's foes this regular season won at least 9 games in 2018.

'USC's 2019 schedule is ranked the <u>17th most difficult</u> in the current Saqarin rankings.

\*USC opened its slate at home in the renovated Coliseum on Labor Day weekend by hosting **Fresno State** of the Mountain West on Aug. 31. It was just the 11<sup>th</sup> time that Troy played a game in August. The Trojans stayed at home to open league competition against **Stanford** on Sept. 7, the ninth consecutive year that USC played the Pac-12's first conference game of the year (California also played at Washington that day). USC had its first road game of 2019 on Sept. 14 when it made its second-ever visit to independent **BYU** (the first time was in 2004]. Troy then returned to the Coliseum for a Friday night contest against Utah on Sept. 20, just the third Friday home game since 1999 for the Trojans. USC next traveled 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 remained on the road for its annual intersectional clash with **Notre Dame**, visiting South Bend on Oct. 12. USC hosted **Arizona** on Oct. 19 for Homecoming, then went 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 elocomed **Dregon** to the Coliseum on Nov. 2 (Trojan Family Weekend), the teams' first encounter since 2016. USC then played back-to-back road games, at Arizona State on Nov. 9 and at California on Nov. 16. Troy concluded it's 2019 regular season by hosting crosstown rival UCLA on Nov. 23

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

#### RENOVATED COLISEUM

\*Fans attending USC's 6 home games in 2019 at United Airlines Field at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum enjoyed 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, a new press box and a rooftop club.

#### **OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW**

Six starters returned 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 quard Andrew Vorhees. Other offensive players back with starting experience are tailbacks Vavae Malepeai and Stephen Carr, tight ends Josh Falo and Erik Krommenhoek, center Brett Neilon and tackles Jalen McKenzie and Clayton Bradley.

\*USC had 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 returned, as did 10 of the 13 players who had receptions, including Troy's top 6 pass catchers (91% of its catches return). USC's offense welcomed 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 directs the ball carriers (he has experience coaching the run portion of Harrell's system), Tim Drevno moved over from running backs coach to once again handle the offensive line, Keary Colbert now coaches the wide receivers (he worked with the tight ends and slot receivers last year) and John Baxter reassumed mentoring the tight ends along with his special teams chores.

#### **QUARTERBACKS**

\*Graham Harrell has an array of quarterbacks to run his offense.

\*Freshman **Kedon Slovis** (26'0-of<sup>-</sup>362, 71.8%, 3,242 yds, 28 TD, 9 int in 2019, plus 43 tcb, -48 yds, -1.1 avg), who had NFL Hall of Famer Kurt Warner as his prep position coach, has assumed the starting job. He was the 2019 Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year and made All-Pac-12 honorable mention. He made 2019 Pro The 2019 Pag-12 Urrensive Freshman of the Year and made Alf-Pag-12 nonorable mention. He made 2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman Alf-American third team. He currently is fifth nationally in completion percentage [.718, second in Pag-12], eighth in passing yards [294.7, second in Pag-12], ninth in completions [23.6, second in Pag-12], 10th in passing efficiency [167.6, second in Pag-12], 16th in passing TDs [28, third in Pag-12], 18th in total offense [290.4, second in Pag-12] and 23rd in points responsible for [15.3, fourth in Pag-12]. His completions [260] and yardage [3.242] are USC freshman season records, while his TDs [28] trail only Sam Darnold's frosh mark of 31 in 2016. His 71.8% completion percentage is above Cody Kessler's USC season record of 69.7% in 2014. His 260 completions already ranks him 10th on USC's season passing list and 15th on the career ladder. His 3194 yards of total offense is 14th on USC's season list and 24th on the career on the career ladder. His 3,194 yards of total offense is 14th on USC's season list and 24th on the career chart. He has 4 games this year with 400 passing yards (a season record by a Trojan and tied with Matt Barkley for the most ever in a USC career) and 4 TD throws, all in the past 5 contests. He completed more than 67% of his passes in all but 1 game in 2019 and he was over 70% in 7 games (3 times over 80%). In the fourth quarter in 2019, he is 53-of-68 (77.9%) for 729 yards with 8 TDs and no interceptions. He graduated high school early and enrolled at USC this spring so he could participate in spring practice.



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### **WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE**

#### MONDAY

\*\*10 a.m. practice on USC campus, first 20 minutes open to media, Coach Helton only available to media after practice (in SID Office).

\*\*3 p.m., USC travels to San Diego.

#### **TUESDAY**

\*\*10 a.m., USC team visit to USS Theodore Roosevelt, Naval Air Station, North Island (Coronado).

\*2 p.m. practice at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista 91910), first 20 minutes open to media, all players, assistant coaches and Coach Helton available to media after practice.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

\*\*practice, closed to media, no interviews.

\*\*2 p.m., USC team visit to Sea World.

#### **THURSDAY**

\*\*practice, closed to media, no interviews.

\*\*10:30 a.m., Coaches Press Conference (both head coaches). Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego (1 Market Pl., San Diego 92101).

\*Noon, Kickoff Luncheon (both teams), Manchester Grand Hyatt.

FRIDAY

\*\*5 p.m. PT--USC vs. Iowa, Holiday Bowl, SDCCU Stadium.

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

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

COLLEGE PRESS BOX-The official media website for Division I football is CollegePressBox.com. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media quides, headshots, logos and more for each conference and its member schools. Register for access at collegepressbox.com/ register.

\*Junior **Matt Fink** (46-of-70, 65.7%, 574 yds, 4 TD, 4 int in 2019, plus 10 tcb, 4 yd, 0.4 avg, 1 TD) <u>won USC's</u> <u>Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award</u>. He entered 2019 having 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 **JT Daniels** (25-of-34, 73.5%, 215 yds, 1 TD, 1 int in 2019) <u>already is tied for 17th on USC's</u> career passing chart (241 completions). But he suffered a season-ending knee injury in USC's 2019 season opener. He 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.

\*There also are 2 walk-ons: redshirt freshman **Trevor Scully** and junior safety **Brandon Perdue**, who played quarterback in 2018 and is available on both sides of the ball in 2019.

-Daniels was 25-of-34 (73.5%) for 215 yards with a TD and interception against <u>Fresno State</u> (he was a blazing 15-of-17 for 114 yards and the TD in the first quarter) before suffering a season-ending knee injury late in the first half, while Slovis replaced him and went 6-of-8 for 57 yards with 1 pick.

--In his first career start (just the fifth USC true freshman quarterback to start a game, along with JT Daniels, Matt Barkley, Carson Palmer and Rob Johnson), Slovis hit 84.8% of his passes (28-of-33) for 377 yards with 3 TDs against <u>Stanford,</u> the most yards, TDs, completions and completion percentage by a USC true frosh in a debut (also the second most yards by a USC true freshman in any game, behind Barkley's 380 at Notre Dame in 2009, and the most yards by any USC quarterback since Sam Darnold's 297 against Texas in 2017) to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Fink played the final series.

-Slovis was 24-of-34 for 281 yards with 2 TDs but threw 3 interceptions at <u>BYU</u>.

--Against <u>Utah</u>, Slovis completed passes on the first 2 plays of the game (for 17 yards) before being sidelined with a concussion, so Fink stepped in and was outstanding, going 21-of-30 for 351 yards with 3 TDs (29, 31 and 77 yards) and 1 <u>interception, all career highs, to earn <u>Manning Award Star of the Week and Davey O'Brien Award Great 8</u> honors.</u>

--Fink started at <u>Washington</u> and hit 19-of-32 passes for 163 yards, with a 44-yard TD, but threw 3 interceptions (2 at the goal line), and he also ran for 7 yards on 6 carries, with a 3-yard TD.

-Slovis hit 24-of-35 passes for 255 yards with 2 TDs (38 and 5 yards) at <u>Notre Dame</u>, including 14-of-18 for 181 yards and both scores in the second half.

-Slovis was 19-of-28 for 232 yards and short 2 TDs aqainst <u>Arizona</u>, while Fink played the last 2 series and was 2-of-2

--Slovis was 30-of-44 for 406 yards and 4 TDs (all career highs) with an interception at <u>Colorado</u>, including going 9-of-13 for 148 yards with 2 long TDs in the fourth quarter (with the game winner coming with 2:15 to go to cap a 12-play, 89-yard drive), to earn Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week and Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 honors.

-Slovis completed a career-high 32 passes on a USC game record 57 attempts for 264 yards with 3 TDs (8, 13, 20 yards) but threw 3 picks and lost a fumble against <u>Oregon</u> (in the first quarter, he was 24-of-42 for 179 yards with 2 TDs).

--At <u>Arizona State</u>, Slovis was 29-of-39 for a career-best 432 yards with 4 TDs (8, 8, 58, 95 yards, all in the first quarter when he completed 15-of-17 passes, including his first 11, for 297 yards, with the 95-yarder the longest at USC since a school record 97-yarder in 1996) to earn <u>Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, Rose Bowl</u> Game Pac-12 Player of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Fink came in for a cramping Slovis for 2 series in the second half and was 4-of-6 for 45 yards (directing the Trojans to a field goal).

-- Slovis completed 82.9% of his passes (29-of-35) for 406 yards and 4 TDs (18, 33, 8, 15 yards) at California against a defense that was allowing only 234.4 passing yards and had given up just 9 TDs passes all year to earn <u>Maxwell Award</u> National Player of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, Pro Football Focus National Quarterback of the Week and College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honors, while Fink came in for the final 2 series and ran for 3 yards on 2 tries.

--Slovis threw for a USC game record 515 yards against <u>UCLA</u> (the most ever by a player on either team in the series) while completing 78.7% of his passes, hitting a USC game record-tying 37 completions on 47 attempts with 4 TDs (1, 4, 32, 49 yards) to earn USC's Player of the Game Versus UCLA Award, Manning Award Star of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week and College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention honors, while Fink played a few plays in the third quarter while Slovis recovered from a hit.

USC came into 2019 fall camp with 4 scholarship quarterbacks, but that number has dwindled. When he was named No. 4 on the depth chart late in camp, Jack Sears entered the transfer portal and left the team, although he has remained in school. Starter TJ Daniels suffered a season-ending torn knee ligament late in the first half of the Fresno State opener, so true freshman Kedon Slovis filled in the rest of that game and started the next 3 games (Stanford, BYU, Utah). But Slovis suffered a concussion on the second play of the Utah game, so Matt Fink came in and then started the next contest (Washington) as the only available scholarship quarterback. Fink's backup at Washington was walk-on Brandon Perdue, who came to USC in 2018 as a JC transfer quarterback but moved to safety in 2019 spring drills, only to see some work as the scout team quarterback once the 2019 season began. Also under consideration as backup QBs at Washington were WRs Tyler Vaughns and Amon-Ra St. Brown. Slovis returned to the starting role at Notre Dame and continued as the starter against Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State, Californía and UCLA.

#### **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 (97 tcb, 466 yds, 4.8 avg, 6 TD in 2019, plus 11 rec, 59 yds, 5.4 avg) and Stephen Carr (67 tcb, 372 yds, 5.6 avg, 4 TD in 2019, plus 19 rec, 137 yds, 7.2 avg, 1 TD and 6 KDR, 106 yds, 17.7 avg), who together entered 2019 having run for more than 1,500 yards and caught 40-plus passes in their careers while starting 3 times, saw significant action the past 2 years. Malepeai has 1,228 career rushing yards with 14 TDs, while Carr has 1,129 career rush yards with 9 TDs. 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** [48 tcb, 307 yds, 5.7 avg, 3 TD in 2019] showed well in limited action in 4 games last fall and was able to redshirt. A mid-season ankle injury has sidelined him for the rest of 2019.

\*Then there are junior tailback **Quincy Jountti** (13 tcb, 38 yds, 2.9 avg in 2019, plus 6 tac), a one-time walk-on who received a scholarship in the fall of 2019 (he redshirted last year after transferring from Sacramento State, where he saw action as a running back and defensive back), and a pair of walk-on tailbacks: junior **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). <u>Jountti won USC's Joe Collins Walk-on Award and the Lifters Award</u>. Easington is sidelined with a knee ligament injury suffered in 2019 fall camp.

\*Fleet senior **Dominic Davis** (2 tcb, 15 yds, 7.5 avg in 2019), who originally came to USC as a tailback, is now being used at wide receiver, tailback and cornerback.

\*Speedster **Kenan Christon** (68 tcb, 373 yds, 5.5 avg, 2 TD in 2019, plus 9 rec, 113 yds, 12.6 avg, 3 TD and 1 KOR, 20 yds, 20.0 avg) 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).

--Malepeai ran for 134 yards on 23 carries (both career highs) with a short TD and caught 2 passes for 8 yards against <u>Fresno State</u>, while Carr had 56 rushing yards on 6 carries (9.3 average) with a 14-yard TD, 43 receiving yards on 6 catches with an 8-yard TD and a 7-yard kickoff return and Jountti had 2 tackles.

--Malepeai ran for 42 yards on 12 carries with 2 short TDs and caught 2 passes for 6 yards against <u>Stanford</u>, while Carr added 33 yards on 6 carries with a 25-yard TD and he also had a 3-yard reception and Stepp had 3 carries for 33 yards.

--Malepeai had 96 yards on 23 carries with a short TD and also caught 3 passes for 28 yards at <u>BYU</u>, while Carr added 22 yards on 9 rushes, had 3 catches for 29 yards and returned 3 kickoffs for 46 yards and Stepp had 53 yards on 9 carries.

--Malepeai ran for 39 yards on 11 carries and had a catch for no yards against <u>Utah</u>, Stepp had 11 yards on 3 carries (with a short TD) and Carr had 3 carries for minus 16 yards, caught 2 passes for 7 yards and had a 33-yard kickoff return.

--Carr ran for 94 yards on 7 carries (with a 60-yard run) and had a catch for no yards at <u>Washington</u>, while Stepp added 62 yards on 10 carries, Malepeai had 49 yards on 10 carries and caught 2 passes for 8 yards and Jountti had a tackle.

--Stepp had a team-best and career-high 82 yards on 10 carries, with a short TD, at Notre Dame, while Malepeai added 46 yards on 8 rushes and caught a 9-yard pass and Carr had 44 yards on 9 carries, caught 2 passes for 21 yards and had a 20-yard kickoff return.

--In his first action at USC, Christon came off the bench in the middle of the third quarter against <u>Arizona</u> when Carr and Stepp left with injuries and he ran for a game-best 103 yards on 8 carries with a pair of TDs (55 and 30 yards) where he used his sprinter's speed to run away from defenders, while Stepp added 66 yards on 13 carries with a 12-yard TD, Carr had 33 yards on 7 carries along with an 11-yard reception and Jountti had 13 yards on 4 carries in his first USC rushes and also made a tackle.

--With Malepeai, Carr and Stepp all sidelined by injury at <u>Colorado</u>, Christon ran for a game-best 76 yards on 14 carries and caught 2 passes for 1 yard, including a 3-yard TD catch, while Jountti had 2 carries for 5 yards.

--Christon had a game-best 79 yards on 15 carries and also had a 5-yard reception against <u>Oregon</u>, while Davis added 15 yards on 2 carries and Jountti had 5 yards on 3 rushes.

--At <u>Arizona State</u>, Christon got his first career start and responded with 144 all-purpose yards, getting 62 yards on 20 carries and 82 yards on 4 catches with 2 TDs (8 and 58 yards, dragging defenders the last 20 yards on his second TD) to earn <u>Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week</u> honors (his 82 receiving yards were the most in a game by a USC freshman tailback since Reggie Bush's 132 yards versus Washington in 2003 and the most by a Trojan tailback since Javorius Allen's 86 yards against Airzona State in 2014), while Jountti had a 1-yard carry.

--Christon ran for 44 yards on 9 carries and had an 11-yard reception at <u>California</u>, while Carr had 19 yards on 9 carries with a 2-yard TD along with 2 receptions for 2 yards and Jountti had 14 yards on 3 carries and a tackle.

--Carr had a game-high 87 yards on 11 carries with a 2-yard TD and also had a 21-yard reception against <u>UCLA</u>, while Malepeai had 60 carries on 10 rushes with 2 TDs (1 and 8 yards) in his first action after missing the previous 5 games with a knee injury, Christon had 9 yards on 2 rushes, caught a 14-yard pass and had a 20-yard kickoff return and Jountti had a tackle.

#### **WIDE RECEIVERS**

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

\*Senior Michael Pittman Jr.  $(95 \, {\rm rec}, 1,222 \, {\rm yds}, 12.9 \, {\rm avg}, 11 \, {\rm TD}$  in 2019, plus 3 tac and 1 PR, 0 yds, 0.0 avg and 1 KOR, 0 yds, 0.0 avg) is the unit's elder statesman. He made the 2019 AP All-American second team, Football Coaches All-American second team, Football Writers <u> All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team,</u> CBSSports All-American second team, The Athletic All-American second team and Pro Football Focus All-American honorable mention. He won the 2019 Pop Warner College Football Award (senior who has made an impact on the field/classroom/community), is a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award (top receiver) and the Witten Award (College Man of the Year) and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award (performance/ leadership/character/resilience). He made the 2019 All-Pac-12 first team (as a wide receiver) and second team (as a special teams player). He won USC's MVP, Community Service Award and Lifters Award. He is a 2020 Senior Bowl invitee. He currently is fourth nationally in receptions [7.9, first in Pac-12], 10th in receiving yards (101.8, first in Pac-12] and 12th in receiving TDs (11, second in Pac-12). His 95 receptions in 2019 is tied for fifth on USC's season receiving chart. He has been in double digits in receptions 4 times in 2019. He has 5 100-yard receiving games in 2019 (9 in his career). His 165 career clutches for 2,466 yards and 19 scores with 29 starts rank 13th on USC's career receptions list. 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** (68 rec, 858 yds, 12.6 avg, 6 TD in 2019, plus 7 PR, 46 yds, 6.6 avg and 1 KOR, 10 yds, 10.0 avg and 3 tac) has 183 career catches for 2,341 yards and 17 scores with 32 starts to rank ninth on USC's all-time receptions chart. He has 4 100-yard receiving games in 2019 (7 in his career). His 68 receptions is tied for 20th on USC's season receptions list. He made 2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. He was USC's Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year. 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*Precocious sophomore Amon-Ra St. Brown (68 rec, 779 yds, 12.5 avg, 6 TD in 2019, plus 7 tcb, 60 yds, 8.6 avg, 1 TD and 12 PR, 66 yds, 5.5 avg), JT Daniels' high school receiver, had an eye-opening debut in 2018. He has 128 career catches for 1,629 yards and 9 TDs with 16 starts to rank tied for 19th on USC's career receptions list. He has 4 career 100-yard receiving games (3 in 2019). His 68 receptions is tied for 20th on USC's season receptions list. He made 2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. He won USC's Trojan Way Leadership Award. 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 last year, he had 9 grabs for 167 yards, the most receiving yards by a Trojan true frosh since 2011.

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\*Junior **Velus Jones Jr.** (6 rec, 35 yds, 5.8 avg in 2019, plus 28 KOR, 685 yds, 24.5 avg, 1 TD, plus 3 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 currently is 10th nationally in kickoff return TDs [1, second in Pac-12] and 25th in kickoff returns [24.5, second in Pac-12]. He made the 2019 All-Pac-12 second team (as a return specialist). He is second on USC's career kickoff yardage return list with 1,928 yards on a school career record 80 runbacks [a 24.1 average], 213 yards behind recordholder Adoree' Jackson (2,141 yards on 79 returns).

\*Fleet senior **Dominic Davis** (2 tcb, 15 yds, 7.5 avg in 2019), who originally came to USC as a tailback, is now being used at wide receiver, tailback and cornerback.

\*Five walk-on wideouts have seen sparse action at USC: senior Matthew Hocum (a hand injury sidelined him for half of 2018), junior Chris Caulk (who previously was a tight end), soph Jack Webster and redshirt freshmen Zach Wilson and Brad Aoki.

\*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 Trophy-winning 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: prep All-Americans <code>Drake London</code> (35 rec, 533 yds, 15.2 avg, 4 TD in 2019) and <code>Bru McCoy</code> along with <code>Munir McClain</code> (3 rec, 19 yds, 6.3 avg in 2019) and <code>Kyle Ford</code> (1 rec, 20 yds, 20.0 avg, 1 TD in 2019). The 6-5 London, who had 113 career receptions for more than 2,000 yards with 23 TDs as a prepster, doubles as a highly-regarded basketball player and might join the Trojan hoopsters. <code>London made 2019 Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American third team</code>. 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. McClain, whose brother, Abdul-Malik, is a redshirt freshman outside linebacker for the Trojans, played only half of his junior and senior high school seasons due to a knee injury, but still caught 14 TDs. Ford is coming off a 2018 knee injury, but in his prep career had 172 catches for nearly 3,000 yards and 20-plus TDs. Also joining in the fall was first-year freshman walk-on <code>Chase Locke</code>.

--Vaughns had 11 receptions for a career-high 150 yards and returned a punt 3 yards against <u>Fresno State</u>, while Pittman had 6 grabs for 28 yards and a tackle, St. Brown had 5 catches for 38 yards and Jones had 4 kickoff returns for 161 yards, including a 100-yarder for a TD (USC's first scoring kick return since Adoree' Jackson did so versus Notre Dame in 2016 and just the sixth time a Trojan has returned a kickoff 100 yards for a TD, joining Jackson and Anthony Davis who did so twice and Margise Lee).

--St. Brown had 8 catches for 97 yards with 2 TDs (39 and 7 yards) against <u>Stanford</u>, while Pittman added 6 receptions for 82 yards, Vaughns had 5 grabs for 106 yards with a 16-yard score and he had a 14-yard punt return, London had 3 catches for 62 yards, McClain had 2 catches for 10 yards, Devon Williams had an 11-yard reception and Jones had 4 kickoff returns for 79 yards and made 2 tackles.

--Pittman had 9 catches for 95 yards (both game highs and a career high for receptions) with 2 TDs (8 and 30 yards) at <u>BYU</u>, while Vaughns added 7 receptions for 65 yards, had a 4-yard punt return and made a tackle, St. Brown had a 4-yard catch and Jones had 3 kick returns for 67 yards.

--Pittman had 10 catches for 232 yards with a 77-yard TD (all career highs) against <u>Utah</u> (it was the fifth most yards ever by a Trojan and the most since Marqise Lee's school-record 345 yards at Arizona in 2012), while St. Brown added 5 catches for 68 yards with a 31-yard TD, Vaughns had 4 catches for 49 yards with a 29-yard TD and also made a tackle and Jones returned 5 kickoffs for 102 yards.

--St. Brown had a team-best 5 catches for 31 yards and returned a punt 6 yards at <u>Washington</u>, while Pittman had 4 grabs for 64 yards, a tackle and a punt return for no yards, Vaughns had 4 catches for 44 yards and Jones returned 3 kickoffs for 78 yards.

--St. Brown had a game-best 8 receptions for 112 yards, with a 38-yard TD, and he had a 10-yard punt return at <u>Notre Dame</u>, while Vaughns added 4 catches for 47 yards with a 5-yard TD and he also had a 6-yard punt return, Pittman had 4 catches for 29 yards and Jones returned 2 kickoffs for 48 yards.

--Vaughns had a game-high 7 catches for 73 yards with a 5-yard TD and also had 3 punt returns for 19 yards and a 10-yard kickoff return against Arizona, while Pittman added 4 receptions for 69 yards with a 9-yard score, London had 4 grabs for 52 yards, St. Brown had 3 catches for 27 yards, McClain had a 9-yard reception by the first score on the play and Jones had a 6-yard catch, a 15-yard kickoff return and a tackle

--Vaughns had 9 catches for 104 yards with a 21-yard TD and a tackle at <u>Colorado</u>, Pittman had 7 receptions for 156 yards with fourth quarter TDs of 44 yards and the game winner of 37 yards with 2:15 to play (it was the first time USC had a pair of 100-yard receivers since Deontay Burnett had 139 yards and Vaughns had 119 yards against Ohio State in the 2:018 Cotton Bowl), London had 7 grabs for 85 yards, St. Brown had 5 catches for 55 yards and also saw action out of the backfield to run for 50 yards on 3 carries with a 37-yard TD and Jones had a 5-yard catch and 24-yard kickoff return.

--Vaughns (75 yards) and Pittman (37 yards) each had a game-high 8 receptions against <u>Oregon</u>, with Pittman grabbing a 13-yard TD, while St. Brown added 7 receptions for 61 yards, a 2-yard rush and a 5-yard punt return, London had 4 catches for 51 yards with an 8-yard score, Jones had 2 catches for 12 yards and 4 kickoff returns for 87 yards and Ford caught a 20-yard TD on his first career reception.

--Pittman had a career-high 13 receptions for 146 yards and made a tackle at <u>Arizona State</u>, while St. Brown had 8 catches for 173 yards (with a 95-yard TD, USC's longest pass completion since a school-record 97-yarder at Illinois in 1996), 3 rushes for 8 yards (while lining up in the backfield) and 3 punt returns for 26 yards for 207 all-purpose yards to earn <u>Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll</u> notice, Vaughns had 4 grabs for 39 yards and London had 3 catches for 30 yards with an 8-yard TD.

'--Pittman had 11 catches for 180 yards with a 33-yard TD at <u>California</u> (he also returned a kickoff for no yards), while London added 6 grabs for a career-high 111 yards with a 8-yard TD to earn <u>Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week</u> honors, St. Brown had 5 catches for 85 yards with an 18-yard TD and returned 2 punts for 20 yards and Jones had 2 catches for 12 yards and had a 24-yard kickoff return.

--Pittman had a career-high 13 catches for 104 yards with 2 TDs (1 and 4 yards) against <u>UCLA</u>, London (142 yards, with a 32-yard TD) and St. Brown (128 yards) each had 8 receptions (London's catches and yards totals were personal bests) and Vaughns had 6 grabs for 106 yards with a 49-yard TD as USC had 4 players with 100-plus receiving yards in a game for the first time in school history (no school has had more since 1996); St. Brown also returned 2 punts for minus 3 yards.

#### **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, the tight ends look to be more involved in the passing attack (last season, the group had only 17 recentions).

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\*Juniors **Josh Falo** (4 rec, 23 yds, 5.8 avg, 1 TD in 2019, plus 1 tac) and **Erik Krommenhoek** (11 rec, 122 yds, 11.1 avg in 2019) 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. Krommenhoek won USC's Bob Chandler Award.

\*Junior walk-on **Scott Voigt** is also available (he has 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. Voigt and Mahoney were USC's Offensive Service Team Players of the Year.

--Krommenhoek had a 60-yard reception at <u>BYU</u>.

--Falo had a 12-yard catch and a tackle against <u>Utah</u>.

--Krommenhoek had 2 catches for 10 yards at <u>Washington</u> and Falo had a 6-yard reception.

, --Krommenhoek had a career-best 5 receptions for 37 yards at <u>Notre Dame</u>.

--Krommenhoek had a 3-yard catch against Oregon.

--Krommenhoek caught a 7-yard pass at Arizona State.

--Falo had 2 catches for 5 yards at <u>California</u>, with a 5-yard TD.

#### **OFFENSIVE LINEMEN**

\*USC had to 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 (1 BLK FG in 2019) was impressive starting for his first season at left tackle in 2018 and has a bright future (he is starting there again in 2019). Jackson made the 2019 All-Pac-12 first team and won USC's Chris Carlisle Courage Award. Fellow junior Andrew Vorhees was the starting right guard the past 2 seasons and played well (Vorhees also can move to tackle). Vorhees has been sidelined most of 2019 with a foot injury.

\*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**, 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** (1 KOR, 4 yds, 4.0 avg in 2019, plus 1 tac), who had 2 starts in 2018 and who can also play guard. 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. **Richmond** won USC's John McKay Award and is a 2020 East-West Shrine Bowl invitee. Richmond is starting at right tackle in 2019, while McKenzie is at right guard.

\*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 is now starting at left guard in 2019) and redshirt freshmen Liam Douglass and walk-ons Damian Lopez, a sophomore, and redshirt frosh AJ Mageo and Mark Zuvich (Douglass, Lopez and Mageo might work at tackle and Zuvich at center). Vera-Tucker made 2019 Pro Football Focus All-American third team, All-Pac-12 second team and was USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year. Daniel won USC's Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award.

\*Battling to start at center are sophomore **Brett Neilon** (2 tac in 2019), who started once last season and has started there all of 2019, and redshirt freshman **Justin Dedich**.

\*New freshmen linemen 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.

--Jackson, Vera-Tucker, Neilon, McKenzie and Richmond started against Fresno State, Stanford (Jackson was the Pac-12 Offensive Lineman of the Week), BYU, Utah, Washington, Notre Dame, Arizona, Oregon and Arizona State.

--Jackson, Vera-Tucker, Neilon, Jimmons and McKenzie started against <u>Colorado</u>.

--Jackson, Vera-Tucker, Dedich, McKenzie and Richmond started against nd <u>California</u> (McKenzie returned a short kickoff 4 yards) and <u>UCLA</u>.

#### **DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW**

\*Five defensive starters returned from 2018: defensive linemen Christian Rector and Marlon Tuipulotu, inside linebackers John Houston Jr. and Jordan Iosefa (losefa 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 had to 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 has 3 new assistant coaches helping him in 2019: 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 focuses on the inside linebackers this year (he was the linebackers coach in 2018) and also is the defensive run game coordinator in 2019.

#### **DEFENSIVE LINEMEN**

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

Christian Rector (16 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2019), the only senior up front, started most of the past 2 seasons on the line or at outside linebacker (he is starting at end in 2019). He has been a force no matter where he plays. He won USC's Trojan Comittment Award. He has <u>104 career tackles, with 22 of them for losses (13 are sacks)</u>. 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

(44 tac, 6 for loss, 2 sack, 3 dfl, 1 FF in 2019), who does a good job clogging the middle. He was second on the Trojans in sacks (4.5) last fall.

\*Ã rising star is soph **Jay Tufele (**38 tac, 6.5 for loss, 4.5 sack, 1 dfl in 2019), who made the <u>2019 All-Pac-12 first team and repeated as USC's</u> <u>Offensive Lineman of the Year</u>. A 5-game starter in 2018 when he was was a 2018 Freshman All-American first teamer, he had 3 sacks among his 23 tackles and even returned a fumble 48 yards for a touchdown. He is starting in 2019.

\*Juniors **Brandon Pili** (17 tac, 4.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF, 3 dfl in 2019), an athletic big man, and **Connor Murphy** (4 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack, 1 BLK FG in 2019), who redshirted 2018 after getting into 4 games, both own career starts. Also back from last year's squad are junior Caleb Tremblay (16 tac, 3 for loss, 2 sack in 2019), who was able to redshirt last year after spraining his knee (he was limited in 2019 spring practice), soph **Jacob** Lichtenstein and redshirt frosh Trevor Trout (back and bicep injuries

limited him in 2019 spring practice).

\*New this spring were sophomore **Nick Figueroa** (9 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FR, 1 dfl in 2019), 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 (41 ťac, 11.5 for loss, 5.5 sack, 3 dfl, 1 FF in 2019), 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. Jackson, who has been starting at end this fall, was named a 2019 The Athletic Midseason Freshman All-American. He made the 2019 247 Sports Freshman All-American first team, Pro Football Focus Freshman All-American second team, All-Pac-12 second team and was Pac-12 <u>Defensive Freshman of the Year honorable mention</u>.

\*Entering the D-line fray in the fall as a freshman was **De'jon Benton** (2 tac in 2019)

--Tuipulotu had 5 tackles and forced a fumble against <u>Fresno State</u>, Tufele added 4 tackles, Rector had 4 tackles with a sack and a deflection, Jackson had 3 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), and 2 deflections while becoming the first USC true freshman to start a season opener on the defensive line since Everson Griffen did so in 2007 (and just the second since Tim Ryan in 1986), Pili had a tackle (with 0.5 sack) and Murphy and Figueroa each had a stop.

-Tufele had 6 tackles with a sack against <u>Stanford</u>, Tuipulotu added 4 tackles (1 for loss), Jackson had 3 tackles (1.5 for loss), Murphy had 2 tackles (1 sack), Tremblay had a tackle (0.5 sack), Rector had a tackle for a loss and Figueroa had

--Tupipulotu had 5 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), at <u>BYU</u>, Jackson had 3 tackles (with 1.5 sacks), a deflection and a forced fumble, Tufele had 3 tackles (with 0.5 for loss), Murphy and Tremblay each had a tackle and Pili had 2 deflections.

--Jackson had 8 tackles, including forcing intentional grounding in the end zone for a sack and a safety, against Utah, Tuipulotu added 5 tackles (0.5 sack) and 2 deflections, Rector had 3 tackles, Tufele and Tremblay both had 2 tackles, Pili had a tackle and deflection, Figueroa had a tackle and Murphy blocked a field goal.

--Tuipulotu and Jackson each had 5 tackles at <u>Washington</u>, 2 of Tufele's 4 tackles were for losses (with a sack) and Rector had a tackle.

--Tuipulotu had 6 tackles at <u>Notre Dame</u>, Jackson had 5 tackles (2.5 for losses), Rector, Pili and Tremblay each had 2 stops and Tufele and Figueroa both had 1.

--Tuipulotu had 3 tackles (including 1.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack) against Arizona, Jackson had 3 tackles (with 0.5 sack), Tufele had 2 tackles (0.5 sack) and a deflection, Figueroa had a sack and deflection, Tremblay had a tackle for loss and Renton had a tackle.

--Tremblay got his first career start and had 4 tackles with a sack at Colorado, Tuipulotu had 4 tackles, Tufele had 3 tackles, Pili had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) and Figueroa had 2 tackles.

--Tufele had 5 tackles (with a sack) against <u>Oregon</u>, Rector and Tremblay each had 3 tackles, Figueroa had 2 stops, Pili had a tackle for loss and Tuipulotu and Benton each had 1 tackle.

-Jackson had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) at <u>Arizona State</u>, Rector had 2 tackles and made a victory-sealing interception deep in USC territory with 25 seconds to play when he batted a pass at the line and dove to haul it in, Tufele had 2 tackles, Pili had a tackle for loss and a forced fumble and Figueroa recovered a fumble.

--Tuipulotu had 4 tackles (with 0.5 sack) at <u>California</u>, Jackson and Pili each added 3 tackles (with a sack), Tremblay had 2 tackles (with 0.5 sack), Tufele had 2

tackles (with a sack).

--Pili had 6 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against <u>UCLA</u>, Tufele had 4 tackles (0.5 for a loss), Tuipulotu had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection and Jackson had 2 tackles (with a sack).

#### **OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**

New faces 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 losefa 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** (9 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 FR, 1 dfl in 2019) and redshirt freshmen **Abdul-Malik McClain** (2 tac, 2 for loss, 2 sack in 2019) and Eli'jah Winston (8 tac, 1 for loss in 2019). Coming into 2019, none had seen significant minutes in their young careers (McClain and Winston played briefly in 2018 and redshirted). Echols had season-ending shoulder surgery in early November.

\*Also at the position 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, looked to get into the outside linebacker rotation before suffering a knee injury. He had 150-plus tackles as a prepster.

-Echols had 2 tackles and recovered a fumble against <u>Fresno State</u>.

--Echols had 2 tackles (0.5 sack) against Stanford.

--Echols had 2 tackles (with a sack) at <u>BYU</u>.

--Echols had 3 tackles against Utah.

--McClain had a sack against <u>Arizona</u> (but hurt his shoulder on the play) and Echols had a deflection.

--Winston had 2 tackles at <u>Colorado</u>.

--Winston had 1 tackle against <u>Oregon</u>.

--McClain had a sack at Arizona State and Winston had a tackle for loss.

--Winston had a tackle at California.

--Winston had 3 tackles against UCLA

#### **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. (team-high 100 tac, 6.5 for loss, 2.5 sack, 1 FR, 3 dfl in 2019) started on the inside the last 2 years (he continues to do so in 2019) and has 267 career tackles. He has been USC's leading tackler in 7 games in 2019. He made 2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. He is a 2020 East-West Shrine Bowl invitee. He was second behind Smith in tackles in 2018 with 67.

\*Junior **Jordan losefa** moved 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). He has been sidelined

\*Four experienced sophomores are vying for playing time at inside linebacker: Palaie Gaoteote IV (50 tac, 2 for loss in 2019), who had 5 starts last fall, **Kana'i Mauga** (57 tac, 7 for loss, 3 sack, 1 FF, 2 dfl, 1 int in 2019, plus 1 KOR, 0 yds, 0.0 avg), who moved over this spring from outside linebacker, **Juliano Falaniko** (12 tac, 1.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 1 FR in 2019), a converted outside linebacker, and Raymond Scott (1 tac in 2019), who might also play at nickel back after working there in 2019 spring practice. 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 has sidelined

\*Four walk-ons also are available: senior Matt Bayle, junior Grant Jones and redshirt freshmen Spencer Gilbert (1 tac in 2019) and Peter Esparza (he previously played outside linebacker). Bayle and Jones were USC's Defensive Service Team Players of the Year.



\*Freshman Ralen Goforth (6 tac in 2019), 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 (2 tac in 2019) 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.

--Houston had a team-best 13 tackles with a deflection against <u>Fresno State</u>, Gaoteote added 6 tackles, Mauga had a tackle and Falaniko had a fumble recovery.

- --Houston had 5 tackles against <u>Stanford</u>, Mauga had 4 tackles (1 for loss), Gaoteote had 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) , Falaniko had 2 tackls and Goforth had a tackle.
- --Gaoteote had 9 tackles (1.5 for losses) at <u>BYU</u>, Houston had 8 tackles (1 for loss) and Goforth had a tackle.
- --Gaoteote had a game-high and career-best 14 tackles against <u>Utah</u>, Houston added 9 tackles (0.5 for loss), Mauga had 2 tackles (0.5 for loss) and Falaniko had 2 tackles.
- --Houston had a game-high 10 tackles at <u>Washington</u>, Gaoteote added 9 tackles and Mauga had a kickoff return for no yards.
- --Houston had a team-best 8 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack), and a deflection at <u>Notre Dame</u>, while Gaoteote added 6 tackles and Mauga had 2.
- --Against Arizona, Mauga started and had a game-high and career-best 13 tackles [2 for losses, with a sack], forced a fumble that USC recovered and converted into a TD and returned an interception 11 yards that led to a USC field goal, while Houston had 8 tackles [2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks] and a fumble recovery, Falaniko had 3 tackles [0.5 sack], Goforth had 3 tackles, Tufono had 2 tackles and Gilbert had a tackle.
- --Houston had a game-best 9 tackles with a deflection at <u>Colorado</u> and Mauga added 8 tackles (1 for a loss).
- --Houston had a game-high 9 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against <u>Oregon</u>, Mauga added 7 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with a sack), Gaoteote had 3 tackles and Scott had a tackle.
- --Houston and Mauga each had a game-high 9 tackles at <u>Arizona State</u> and Falaniko had 2 stops.
- --Houston and Mauga each had a team-best 5 tackles at <u>California</u>, while Falaniko and Goforth each added a stop.
- --Houston had 7 tackles against <u>UCLA</u>, Mauga had 6 tackles (with a sack) and 2 deflections and Falaniko had 2 tackles (1 for a loss).

#### **DEFENSIVE BACKS**

\*USC had to reload its secondary in 2019, as 5 players with starting experience 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 from last year.

\*High-potential sophomores Isaiah Pola-Mao (68 tac, 4.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 4 int, 2 dfl in 2019) and Talanoa Hufanga (76 tackles, 5.5 for loss, 2.5 sack, 3 dfl, 1 FF in 2019) 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). Pola-Mao is starting at free safety in 2019 and Hufanga at strong safety. Pola-Mao currently is 24th nationally in interceptions (0.3, third in Pac-12). With an interception in 3 consecutive games in 2019 (Dregon, Arizona State, California), Pola-Mao is the first Trojan to do so since Ifeanyi Ohalete in 1998. Hufanga made All-Pac-12 second team. Pola-Mao and Hufanga were USC's Defensive Perimeter Players of the Year. Junior C.J. Pollard (15 tac, 1 for loss in 2019) 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** (2 tcb, 15 yds, 7.5 avg in 2019), who is also being used at wide receiver and tailback after originally coming to USC as a tailback, sophomores **Greg Johnson** (30 tac, 1 for loss, 1 FR, 1 FF, 2 int, 4 dfl in 2019) and **Olaijah Griffin** (34 tac, 0.5 for loss, 9 dfl in 2019) and redshirt freshmen **Chase Williams** (29 tac, 1 for loss in 2019) and **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (36 tac, 1 for loss, 1 int, 4 dfl in 2019). Griffin made 2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. Griffin and Taylor-Stuart are starting at corner in 2019, with Johnson at nickel back. Davis also has sprinted for the Trojan track team. 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 inside linebacker **Raymond Scott** (1 tac in 2019) could also play at nickel back after working there in 2019 spring practice.

\*There also is a trio of walk-on safeties in juniors Richard Hagestad and Brandon Perdue (a converted quarterback who might also be used there in 2019) and redshirt freshman Jordan McMillan (6 tac in 2019). 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). Then there are 2 walk-on cornerbacks in junior Justin Newell and sophomore Jack Drake.

\*USC signed 7 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** (5 tac in 2019) and cornerback **Max Williams** (6 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack, 1 dfl, 1 FF in 2019), who was limited

in spring drills while recovering from a 2018 knee injury.

\*Joining in the fall were 3 other freshmen corners: Chris Steele (33 tac, 1 for loss, 4 dfl, 1 FR in 2019), a prep All-American who originally enrolled at Florida this spring but transferred to USC this fall, plus Adonis Otey (1 tac in 2019) and Jayden Williams (6 tac in 2019). A pair of safeties also arrived in the fall as freshmen: Dorian Hewett (9 tac, 1 dfl in 2019), who helped North Shore Senior to the 2018 Texas 6A-I state championship, and Kaulana Makaula (6 tac, 2 dfl in 2019).

- --Hufanga had 8 tackles against <u>Fresno State</u>, Pola-Mao had 5 tackles (with a sack) and had an endzone interception as the Bulldogs were driving for a potential tying score late in the game, Griffin had 5 tackles and a deflection, Taylor-Stuart had 3 stops, Johnson had 2 tackles and Chase Williams, Steele and Allen each had 1 tackle.
- --Hufanga had a game-high 10 tackles (1 for loss) against <u>Stanford</u>, Johnson had 6 tackles, a deflection and a fourth quarter interception, Griffin had 4 tackles and 4 deflections, Pola-Mao had 4 tackles, Chase Williams had 3 tackles (1 for loss), Taylor-Stuart had 2 tackles, Allen had a tackle and Steele had a deflection.
- --Hufanga had a team-best 10 tackles with a deflection at <u>BYU</u>, Pola-Mao added 8 tackles, Taylor-Stuart had 5 tackles with a deflection, Griffin had 4 tackles, Pollard had 3 tackles, Steele had 2 tackles and a deflection, Johnson had 2 tackles and Chase Williams had a tackle.
- --Hufanga had a game-best and career-high 14 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with 0.5 sack), against <u>Utah</u>, Pola-Mao added 8 tackles (1 for loss), Johnson had 6 tackles (1 for loss) and forced a fumble that he recovered, Griffin had 4 tackles and a deflection, Steele had 4 tackles, and Pollard and Chase Williams each had a tackle.
- --Taylor-Stuart had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection at <u>Washington</u>, while Steele had 5 tackles and a fumble recovery, Pola-Mao and Chase Williams each had 4 tackles, Johnson had a tackle and deflection, Max Williams made his first start and had a sack and forced fumble and Jayden Williams had a tackle.
- --Pola-Mao had 7 tackles (1 for a loss) at <u>Notre Dame</u>, Hufanga added 6 tackles and a deflection, Johnson and Steele each had 5 tackles and a deflection, Griffin had 3 tackles (0.5 for loss), Taylor-Stuart had 3 tackles and Chase Williams and Makaula each had a tackle.
- --Pola-Mao had 7 tackles (0.5 sack) and a deflection against <u>Arizona</u>, Jayden Williams had 4 tackles, Taylor-Stuart and Makaula each had 3 tackles and a deflection, Hufanga, Steele and Pollard each had 3 tackles, Chase Williams and McMillan each had 2 tackles, and Max Williams, Hewett and Otey each had a tackle.
- --Taylor-Stuart had 6 tackles with a deflection at <u>Colorado</u>, Pola-Mao and Chase Williams each had 6 tackles, Griffin had 5 tackles with a deflection, Hewett had 4 tackles, Johnson had 2 tackles and Max Williams had 1 tackle.
- --Pollard had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) off the bench against <u>Oregon</u>, Chase Williams added 5 tackles, Steele had 3 tackles (1 for a loss), Taylor-Stuart had 3 tackles, Max Williams had 2 tackles and a deflection, McMillan had 2 tackles, Pola-Mao had a tackle for loss and a interception that he returned 14 yards before being ejected for targeting, Griffin and Allen each had a tackle and Johnson had a deflection.
- --Griffin had 5 tackles and 2 deflections at <u>Arizona State</u>, Pola-Mao had 4 tackles and a goal-line interception, Hufanga had 4 tackles and forced a fumble, Steele, Chase Williams and McMillan each had 3 tackles and Hewett had a tackle and a deflection.
- --Hufanga had 3 tackles (with a sack) at <u>California</u>, Hewett added 3 tackles, Johnson had 2 tackles and returned an interception 32 yards, Pola-Mao had 2 tackles and returned an interception 24 yards, Makaula had 2 tackles and a deflection, Chase Williams and Pollard each had 2 tackles, Steele had a tackle and deflection and Griffin, Taylor-Stuart and Allen each had a tackle.
- --Hufanga had 18 tackles (including 2 for a loss, with a sack) and a deflection against UCLA to earn Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week honors (it was the most tackles by a Trojan since Troy Polamalu had 20 against Utah in the 2001 Vegas Bowl, while Pola-Mao added 12 tackles and a deflection, Steele had 6 tackles, Taylor-Stuart had 4 tackles and an interception, Johnson had 4 tackles, Griffin had 2 tackles and Allen and Jayden Williams each had 1 stop.



#### **SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW**

\*USC returned players at placekicker (Michael Brown, Chase McGrath, Alex Stadthaus), snapper (Damon Johnson), punt returner (Tyler Vaughns) and kickoff returner (Velus Jones Jr.), but there is 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) 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** (48 P, 41.4 avg) is a 28-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. Of Griffith's 48 punts in 2019, 21 have pinned foes within the 20. 8 have traveled at least 50 yards and only 3 have been touchbacks. First-year freshmen walk-ons **Will Rose** and **Michael Shahidi** joined in the fall.

\*All of USC's 2018 placekickers return, so expect a healthy battle for the job. Sophomore Chase McGrath (13-of-15 FG, 51-of-51 PAT in 2019) 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. McGrath currently is 12th nationally in field goal percentage (.867, third in Pac-12). He made 2019 All-Pac-12 honorable mention and was USC's Special Teams Player of the Year. He has 31 career field goals, with a long of 52 yards. McGrath was replaced last season by junior Michael Brown (1 tac in 2019), 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. Of Brown's 16 kickoffs in 2019, 8 have been touchbacks. Soph Alex Stadthaus (4 tac in 2019) was USC's kickoff man in 2018, getting touchbacks on 41 of his 61 kickoffs. His 64.3 yards per kickoff average in 2018 was 11th nationally. Of Stadthaus' 59 kickoffs in 2019, 19 have been touchbacks. Untested senior walk-on **Thomas Fitts** also is available. McGrath is handling the placements in 2019, with Stadthaus and Brown sharing kickoff duties.

\*Reliable junior **Damon Johnson** (2 tac, 1 FR in 2019) returned 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 had to find a new holder, now that Wyatt Schmidt has graduated after being the holder the past 3 seasons. Redshirt freshman punter **Ben Griffiths** has assumed that role, backed by junior quarterback **Matt Fink**.

\*All of USC's return men are back in 2019. Junior wide receiver **Tyler Vaughns** (7 PR, 46 yds, 6.6 avg in 2019, plus 1 KOR, 10 yds, 10.0 avg) was 13th nationally in punt return average (10.5) last year and had an 82-yard TD among his 19 runbacks. Soph wide receiver **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (12 PR, 66 yds, 5.5 avg in 2019) also has returned punts in the past. Junior wide receiver **Velus Jones Jr.** (28 KOR, 685 yds, 24.5 avg, 1 TD in 2019) has returned kickoffs the past 2 years and is <u>second on USC's career kickoff yardage return list with 1,928 yards on a school career record 80 runbacks (a 24.1 average), 213 yards behind recordholder Adoree' Jackson (2,141 yards on 79 returns). Jones currently is 10th nationally in kickoff return TDs (1, second in Pac-12) and 25th in kickoff returns (24.5, second in Pac-12). He made the 2019 All-Pac-12 second team (as a return specialist). Junior tailback **Stephen Carr** (5 KOR, 86 yds, 17.2 avg in 2019) also has been deep on kickoffs the past 2 years and freshman tailback **Kenan Christon** (1 KOR, 20 yds, 20.0 avg) has done so this year.</u>

--McGrath hit a 38-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs against <u>Fresno State</u>, Griffiths averaged 37.0 yards on his 3 punts in the first American football game at any level he has played and Stadthaus had touchbacks on 3 of his 6 kickoffs and he made a tackle.

--McGrath hit all 6 of his PATs and had a 23-yard field goal against <u>Stanford,</u> Griffiths averaged 42.0 yards on his 2 punts (with a 51-yarder) and 3 of Stadthaus' kickoffs were for touchbacks.

--McGrath hit both of his field goal tries (27 yards and a career-long 52 yards with 1:43 to play to send the game into overtime) and all 3 of his PATs at <u>BYU</u>, Griffiths averaged 38.5 yards on his 4 punts (with 3 pinning the Cougars within the 20), Brown had touchbacks on all 4 of his kickoffs and Stadthaus kicked off twice with a touchback.

- --Against <u>Utah</u>, Griffiths averaged 42.2 yards on his 4 punts, including a 50-yarder (with 2 pinning the Utes within the 20), to earn <u>Ray Guy Award Ray's 8</u> honors, while McGrath hit all 4 of his PATs and Brown had touchbacks on 4 of his 5 kickoffs.
- --At <u>Washington</u>, Griffiths averaged 41.0 yards on 6 punts, with a 54-yarder and 4 that pinned the Huskies within the 20, McGrath hit both of his PATs, Brown kicked off twice and had a tackle, Stadthaus kicked off once (for a touchback) and Johnson had 2 tackles.
- --At <u>Notre Dame</u>, McGrath hit both of his field goals (40 and 27 yards) and all 3 of his PATs, Griffiths averaged 42.2 yards on his 5 punts (with a 50-yarder and 1 pinning the Irish within the 20) and Stadthaus had touchbacks on 2 of his 5 kickoffs.
- --Against <u>Arizona</u>, McGrath nailed a pair of field goals (31 and 38 yards) and all 5 of his PATs, Griffiths averaged 44.3 yards on his 6 punts (with 3 pinning the Wildcats within the 20) and he had a pair of 50-yarders and Stadthaus had 1 touchback on his 8 kickoffs and made 2 tackles.
- --At <u>Colorado</u>, Griffiths averaged 46.0 yards on 4 punts, with 1 pinning the Buffaloes within the 20, to earn <u>Ray Guy Award Ray's 8</u> honors, Stadthaus had touchbacks on 5 of his 6 kickoffs and McGrath hit all 5 of his PATs but missed his first field goal of 2019.
- --Against <u>Oregon</u>, Griffiths averaged 36.3 yards on his 3 punts and all 3 pinned the Ducks within the 20, McGrath hit a 24-yard field goal and all 3 of his PATs and 2 of Stadthaus' 5 kickoffs were touchbacks (he also had a tackle).
- --At <u>Arizona State</u>, Griffiths averaged 36.2 yards on his 5 punts and he put 3 within the 20 (all from the 10-yard line, including 1 at the 1-yard line), while McGrath hit a 41-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs, Brown had 4 kickoffs and Stadthaus had 2 kickoffs.
- --At <u>California</u>, McGrath hit both field goal tries (41 and 32 yards) and all 5 PATs, while Griffiths averaged 50.3 yards on his 3 punts (with a pair of 50-yarders, including 1 midway through the fourth quarter that pinned the Bears at the 2-yard line). Stadthaus kicked off 7 times and Brown did so once.
- --Against UCLA, Griffiths averaged 40.7 yards on his 3 punts, McGrath hit all 7 of his PATs and was 1-of-2 on field goals (making a 31-yarder) and Stadthaus kicked off 9 times, with 1 touchback.



#### STATS OF NOTE

**RANKING**\*\*\*\*USC has faced <u>5 AP Top 25 opponents</u> in 2019, including 3 in a row and <u>3</u> on the road (No. 23 Stanford, No. 10 Utah, No. 17 Washington, No. 9 Notre Dame, No. 7 Oregon), with wins over Stanford and Utah.

\*\*\*USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 166 of its past 232 games.

\*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 102 of its past 225 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.

\*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 217 games.

SCORING

USC scored on its first possession in 8 games in 2019, getting 7 TDs and 1 field qoal.

\*\*\*79 of the opponents' 333 points (23.7%) in 2019 have come <u>following</u> <u>USC's 23 turnovers</u>, while 44 of USC's 398 points (11.1%) have followed the foes' 16 turnovers.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 203 of its past 236 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games).

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 143 of its last 226 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 87 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 28 times with at least 50 points).

\*\*\*USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 385 times since 2003.

\*\*\*USC has scored in its past 271 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 286 games).

\*\*\*USC currently is fifth <u>nationally</u> in passing offense (335.9, second in Pac-12), fifth in completion percentage (.710, third in Pac-12), 12th in passing efficiency (161.1, second in Pac-12) and 17th in total offense (463.7, second in

Pac-12).

\*\*\*USC's top 3 receivers (WRs Michael Pittman Jr., Tyler Vaughns, Amon-Ra St. Brown) have 231 catches for 2,959 yards with 23 TDs combined in 2019; in their careers, they have combined for 476 receptions for 6,439 yards and 45 TDs (each has at least 100 catches).

\*\*\*WRs Tyler Vaughns (2,341 yards) and Michael Pittman Jr. (2,466 yards) are the fourth <u>pair of 2,000-yard career receivers</u> on the same USC roster, joining Robert Woods/Marqise Lee in 2012, Dwayne Jarrett/Steve Smith in 2006 and Keary Colbert/Mike Williams in 2003.

\*\*\*Three different quarterbacks have started games for USC in 2019 (the first time that has happened at USC since 1999, when Carson Palmer, Mike Van Raaphorst and John Fox had starts) and each has led the Trojans in passing yardage in a game this year (QBs JT Daniels, Kedon Slovis, Matt Fink)

\*\*USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 35 of its past 47 games

(including 20 with 500-plus yards), including 9 times in 2019.

#### **DEFENSE**

\*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 155 of the last 230 games.

\*\*\*USC has held 108 of its last 225 opponents to 100 rushing yards or less.

\*\*\*Only 57 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 212 games (most recently, California's DeShawn Collins with 103 in 2019). \*\*\*Since the the 2001 season, USC is 75-9 when holding foes 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** 

\*\*\*USC has had 23 turnovers in 2019, while getting only 16 takeaways, including only 2 combined in its 4 losses.

\*\*USC has played 35 <u>freshmen (including 21 true freshmen) in 2019, with 11</u> starting (7 true freshmen) including specialists.

\*\*USC has started 15 <u>sophomores</u> in 2019.

\*\*\*USC has started to <u>suphomores</u> in 2010.

\*\*\*USC has won 33 of its last 47 games.

\*\*\*USC has won 27 of its last 35 games against teams from the Pac-12.

\*\*\*USC has <u>blocked 42 kicks/punts</u> since 2010 (2 in 2019).

\*\*\*USC has appeared on <u>live national, regional or local telecasts</u> 533 times, including 393 of the past 397 games (Troy's last 237 games have been televised live a school record). televised live, a school record).

#### **RANDOM NOTES**

\*\*\*USC's <u>2019 team captains</u>, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are ILB John Houston Jr., ILB Jordan losefa, WR Michael Pittman Jr. and DL Christian Rector. This is the third year in a row that USC has only one offensive player as a captain (before that, it last happened in 2004).

\*\*\*One-time walk-on TB **Quincy Jountti** received a scholarship at the end of 2019 fall camp. He was notified of this when older brother Corbin, who was a tailback at USC in 2017, appeared in a video at a team meeting and informed him that he was now on scholarship.

\*\*\*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 was inducted at a Dec. 10 dinner in New York City and then will be 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, is celebrating his <u>50th football season at USC</u> 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 <u>female drum major</u> 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. And Dana Kastul, the first female rider of USC's white horse mascot Traveler (she rode some of the time starting in 2017), has been aboard Traveler often in 2019.

\*\*\*USC is the only FBS school never to have had <u>surnames on the back</u> 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 <u>never played an FCS</u> (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 623 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) are the second most that any school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 701 in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

\*\*\*USC traveled 9,739 miles to its regular season road games in 2019, the fourth most among Power 5 schools (behind Arizona's 11,784, West Virginia's 11,131 and Oregon State's 10,436).

\*\*\*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 5 times Troy was coming off a losing season (1961-83-91-2000-18), it played in a bowl the following year, including winning a pair of Rose Bowls and a national championship.



\*\*\*In a 2019 ESPN ranking of college football's 150 greatest teams, USC had 10 teams ranked: No. 2 (2004), 3 (1972), 30 (1979), 49 (1978), 52 (2005), 54 (2003), 56 (1962), 69 (1967), 70 (1974) and 82 (1932).

\*\*\*USC's future non-conference schedule features Alabama in 2020 at Arlington, Tex., plus home games versus New Mexico (2020), BYU (2021, 2023), UC Davis (2021), Fresno State (2022, 2025), 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, BYU, 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 <u>conference "misses"</u> in 2019 were Oregon State and Washington State.

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

\*\*\*Five Trojans already <u>earned their bachelor's degrees</u>. 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 20197 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 22 players who graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled in college that spring. QB Matt Fink, QT Liam Jimmons, WR Michael Pittman Jr. and S C.J. Pollard all enrolled in the spring of 2016. 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, ILB-S 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 <u>fastest</u> 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. WR-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, WR-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), 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, TE Jude Wolfe) and baseball (PK Michael Brown, WR Chris Caulk, OG-OT Liam Douglass, DL Nick Figueroa, WR John Jackson III, ILB Grant Jones, P Will Rose, WR Tyler Vaughns, OG-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, P Michael Shahidi), 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 <u>join USC teams</u> in those sports once football season concludes.

\*\*\*ILB **Grant Jones** was a lefthanded pitcher on USC's <u>baseball</u> 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 <u>ice hockey</u> team in 2018 and 2019.

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

\*\*\*P Michael Shahidi won the 2016 AAU Under-16 boy's <u>beach volleyball national championship</u>, represented the U.S. at the 2017 ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball International Championship in Tahiti, and then won the 2018 AAU Under-18 boy's beach volleyball national championship to qualify for the 2019 ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball International Championship in Sicily (finishing ninth).

\*\*\*WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** <u>rides horses</u> in his spare time and wants to get into tie-down roping after his football days. He also surf casts.

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

\*\*\*PK **Alex Stadthaus** started kicking after winning a <u>halftime fan field</u> <u>goal kicking contest</u> 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 <u>Australian rules football</u> 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.

\*\*\*|LB 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 <u>Japan</u>, home of his mother, where he participated in baseball, basketball, soccer and the martial art of aikido.

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

\*\*\*DL Christian Rector was born in the British Virgin Islands.

\*\*\*OT **Austin Jackson** was a <u>bone marrow donor</u> 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 continued on the radio team in a limited role at home games this season while he recovered.



- \*\*\*Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** is such a huge <u>WWE fan</u> that he named his son [Herschel Hawk Harrell] in honor of WWE star Triple H. Harrell also presents a WWE-type championship belt weekly to a USC quarterback who wins that week's skills competition.
- \*\*\*|LB **Solomon Tuliaupupu** cut his <u>long hair</u> 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** <u>mentored</u> middle school students at Emeral Academy in Knoxville.
- \*\*\* OB **Kedon Slovis'** quarterbacks coach at Desert Mountain High in Scottsdale (Ariz.) was NFL Hall of Famer <u>Kurt Warner</u>.
- \*\*\*CB Olaijah Griffin's father is rapper and hip-hop producer Warren G.
- \*\*\*OG-OT **Andrew Vorhees** got <u>married</u> 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 <u>oldest player</u> (28, 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 <u>crosstown rival</u>, UCLA. ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, was an All-American sprinter at UCLA.
- \*\*\*USC's <u>roster</u> 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.
- \*\*\*OLB 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 Schrimer.
- \*\*\*USC has 3 players with the <u>same last name</u> of Williams (CB **Chase**, 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 losefa'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** <u>changed his last name</u> 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 <u>nation's best talent</u> 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** <u>played for his father</u>, 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 <u>consultant</u> with the Trojans again in 2019 after doing so in 2018, while ex-USC ILB **Christian Herrera** (2016-17) is a <u>defensive intern</u> after serving as a Trojan student assistant coach in 2018.
- \*\*\*WR Michael Pittman Jr.'s father, Michael Pittman, played in <u>Super Bowl</u> 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 played games in the Coliseum on the same weekend once, although a day separated the games: Nov. 23 (USC hosted UCLA)/Nov. 25 (Rams hosted Baltimore).
- \*\*\*The <u>Trojan Athletic Fund</u>, 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: <a href="http://www.trojanathleticfund.com">http://www.trojanathleticfund.com</a>.
- \*\*\*Several Trojan staffers have been part of <u>national championship</u> <u>teams</u>.
- 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

•OT Bernard Schirmer's uncle, Titus Tuiasosopo, 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 wide receiver Earl McCullouch (1967), who also ran track at USC (winning a pair of NCAA high hurdles titles and leading off the 1967 world record-setting NCAA champion sprint relay team), 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 (2000and Penn State (1998-99) following an All-American sprinting career at ÚCLA, while his father, Greq 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.

- •DT 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 then was 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.

•DL Brandon Pili's sister, Alissa, is a freshman on the USC women's

basketball team.

•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 junior 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** has 2 cousins who played college football--defensive back Clarence Oliver at San Diego State (1967-68) and tight end Josh Oliver at San Jose State (2015-18)--and 2 who played Major League Baseball: infielder/outfielder Bob Óliver (1965-75) and pitcher Darren Oliver (1993-2013).
- •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).

·Special teams quality control analyst Joe Bolden's father, Dan,

played football at Hanover College.

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).

·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 <u>AM 790 KABC</u> to be the radio home of Trojan football and men's basketball, beginning with the 2019 football season. USC is the main sports property for KABC, which is part of CUMULUS MEDIA. USC's games also are available via live stream on KABC.com, as well as on the TuneIn Radio app and on SiriusXM satellite radio. KABC also carries 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 it's 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 was 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.

\*\*\*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 (quests should remove metal items from pockets).

\*\*\*<u>USC Gameday</u> 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 <u>more NFL draft picks</u> (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

\*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 <u>48 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters</u>. There were <u>24 Trojans on 2019 NFL opening day active rosters</u>.

\*Among USC's NFLers are QBs Sam Darnold and Matt Barkley, RB Ronald Jones II, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Nelson Agholor and Margise Lee, LBs Clay Matthews, Devon Kennard and Uchenna Nwosu, DBs Nickell Robey-Coleman and Adoree' Jackson, DLs Jurrell Casey, Leonard Williams, Everson Griffen, Rasheem Green and Antwaun Woods, OLs Tyron Smith and Ryan Kalil and TEs Rhett Ellison and Xavier Grimble.

\*There are 4 Trojans serving as 2019 NFL team captains (Lions' Devon Kennard, Vikings' Everson Griffen, Jets' Sam Darnold, Titans' Jurrell

Casey), more than from any other school.

\*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 <u>backgrounds:</u> 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 IIÍ** (father, John Jr.), ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV (uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa), OT Bernard Schirmer (uncle, Matt Toeaina), 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-Máo's father, Tracey, played football with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers. Assistant coach Keary Colbert's cousins, Earl McCullouch, Josh Oliver and Clarence Oliver, played in the NFL. 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-O-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 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 Bowlrecord 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 Diltz 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).

--The 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 jetting 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.

\*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 <u>NCAA Graduation</u> <u>Success Rate</u> of 82%, according to data released by the NCAA in October of 2019. The GSR measures how many players in the classes of 2009-12 graduated within 6 years of enrollment. The 2019 football rate was a program high for the fourth consecutive year. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2018 was at 90%, an all-time high for the sixth consecutive year.

\*Twenty-six Trojans have cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 or higher (through summer 2019 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2019 Trojan squad are: S **Brandon Perdue** (3.79, business administration), DL Nick Figueroa, (3.71, real estate development), OLB Tuasivi Nomura (3.70, business administration), ILB Clyde Moore (3.70), TE **Sean Mahoney** (3.70), WR **Chase Locké** (3.70, health and human sciences), S **Richard Hagestad** (3.55, business administration and accounting), TE **Ethan Rae** (3.50, business administration), OG **Jacob Daniel** (3.50 graduate in communication management, 3.04 undergraduate in political science), QB JT Daniels (3.49, psychology), QB Kedon Slovis (3.40, business administration), P Ben Griffiths (3.40), OG-OT Liam Douglass (3.40, communication), WR Matthew Hocum (3.30, business administration), ILB Ralen Goforth (3.28, communication), ILB Matt Bayle (3.28, accounting graduate, communication undergraduate), WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (3.20, business administration), ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu (3.17, business administration), TE Erik Krommenhoek (3.17, human biology), WR **John Jackson III** (3.13, real estate development), C **Brett Neilon** (3.10, business administration), WR **Chris Caulk** (3.09, law, history and culture), PK Alex Stadthaus (3.07, geological sciences), TE Scott Voigt (3.05), OG-OT Jason Rodriguez (3.00), WR Bru McCoy (3.00). \*OG Jacob Daniel, QB JT Daniels, OG-OT Liam Douglass, S Richard

Hagestad, WR Matthew Hocum and S Brandon Perdue made the 2019

Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll

\*Five Trojans have already <u>earned their bachelor's degrees</u>: 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 20197 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 nongovernmental 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)

#### MIKE BOHN NAMED A.D.

On Nov. 11, **Mike Bohn** became USC's ninth athletic director. He took over for interim A.D. Dave Roberts, who stepped in on Sept. 9 when thirdyear athletic director Lynn Swann resigned. Bohn, who has more than 35 years of experience in collegiate athletics administration, came to USC after a 5-year tenure as athletic director at Cincinnati (2014-19). Before that, he led Colorado (2005-13), including its transition to the Pac-12. He also was A.D. at Idaho State (1998-2003) and San Diego State (2003-05). After serving as a graduate assistant football coach at Ohio (1983-84), he held administrative roles at Air Force (1984-92), the College Football Association (1992-95) and Colorado State (1996-98). Bohn has a bachelor's degree from Kansas, where he played quarterback and was on the baseball team. He earned his master's degree in sport administration from Ohio.

#### **USC 2020 EARLY SIGNEE CLASS**

\*Eleven high school football players signed with USC on the first day of the 2020 early signing period. Three of the signees will graduate early from high school and enroll at USC in January, so they can participate in the upcoming spring practice. The other eight signees will join the Trojan program in the fall. USC could add additional signees to its 2020 class in the upcoming February signing period.

\*The 2020 spring enrollment signees are, alphabetically: WR Joshua Jackson Jr. of Narbonne High in Harbor City, Calif., PK Parker Lewis of Saguaro High in Scottsdale, Ariz., and DL Kobe Pepe of St. John Bosco

High in Bellflower, Calif.

\*The 2020 fall enrollment signees are, alphabetically: OL Casey Collier of Barbers Hill High in Mont Belvieu, Tex., OL Andres Dewerk of Los Gatos (Calif.) High, OL Courtland Ford of Cedar Hill (Tex.) High, OL Andrew Milek of Brophy Prep in Phoenix, Ariz., OL Jonah Monheim of Moorpark (Calif.) High, DL Jamar Sekona of Marin Catholic High in Kentfield, Calif., OL Caadyn Stephen of Camas (Wash.) High and DL Tuli Tuipulotu of Lawndale (Calif.) High.

\*"We are excited to welcome this new group of young Trojans," said USC head coach Clay Helton. "We knew going in that this would be a signing class limited in numbers because of our small senior class (just 7 scholarship seniors). But today was a big man's day for us. With such a small class, we had to address our needs and that primarily was getting big men on both lines. We accomplished that with some very talented

players.



#### **SCOUTING IOWA**

\*Kirk Ferentz, in his 21st year as the Hawkeyes' head coach, saw his 2019 team finish third in the Big Ten's West Division at 6-3, with losses to Michigan, Penn State and Wisconsin by a combined total of 14 points.

\*The Hawkeye defense is fifth nationally in scoring defense (13.2), 10<sup>th</sup> in pass defense (184.2), 12<sup>th</sup> in total defense (304.3) and 25<sup>th</sup> in rushing defense (120.1). Senior MLB **Kristian Welch** (80 tac, 7.5 for loss, 3 sack, 3 dfl, 1 FF in 2019) and sophomore S **Jack Koerner** (73 tac, 1 int, 5 dfl, 2 FR, 1 FF in 2019) top the team in tackles. Junior DE **A.J. Epenesa** (45 tac, 13 for loss, 9 sack, 3 dfl, 3 FF in 2019), who made the All-Big Ten first team for the second consecutive year, is 20th in the nation in forced fumbles (0.3) and 24<sup>th</sup> in sacks (0.8).

\*Íowa's offense is directed by senior QB Nate Stanley (219-of-372, 58.9%, 2,738 yds, 14 TD, 7 int in 2019), a 3-year starter. His top pass catchers are a quartet of wide receivers: redshirt freshmen Nico Ragaini (44 rec, 385 yds, 8.8 avg, 2 TDs in 2019, plus 9 PR, 96 yds, 10.7 avg) and Tyrone Tracy (36 rec, 589 yds, 16.4 avg, 3 TD in 2019, plus 5 tcb, 16 yds, 3.2 avg) and juniors Ihmir Smith-Marsette (42 rec, 676 yds, 16.1 avg, 4 TD in 2019, plus 9 tcb, 93 yds, 10.3 avg, 2 TD and 14 KOR, 361 yds, 25.8 avg, 1 TD) and Brandon Smith (33 rec, 407 yds, 12.3 avg, 4 TD in 2019). Leading rushers are redshirt freshman RB Tyler Goodson (116 tcb, 590 yds, 5.1 avg, 4 TD in 2019, plus 21 rec, 146 yds, 7.0 avg) along with junior RBs Mekhi Sargent (117 tcb, 543 yds, 4.6 avg, 4 TD in 2019, plus 14 rec, 138 yds, 9.9 avg) and Toren Young (77 tcb, 414 yds, 5.4 avg, 1 TD in 2019). All-American junior OT Tristan Wirfs was the Big Ten's Offensive Lineman of the Year.

\*All-American junior PK **Keith Duncan** (29-of-34 FG, 25-of-25 PAT in 2019), the Big Ten's Kicker of the Year and a finalist for the Groza Award, leads the nation in field goals (2.42) and is 11<sup>th</sup> in scoring (9.3). His 29 field goals this season are a Big Ten record.

#### **INJURY/STATUS UPDATE**

\*OUT: ILB Jordan losefa (knee), OLB Hunter Echols (shoulder), OG-OT Andrew Vorhees (foot), QB JT Daniels (knee), 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: QB Scott Harris (quit), WR Devon Williams (transferred), QB Jack Sears (transferring), CB Trey Davis (transferred), WR Winston Guillory III (quit).

\*Change jersey number: CB Jayden Williams to #14, TB Quincy Jountti to #27, CB Olaijah Griffin to #2, WR John Jackson III to #80.

\*Slip-on jerseys: On special teams, ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV wears #92 (on kickoff returns) and WR Michael Pittman Jr. wears #98 (on punt returns).

\*Change position: **Dominic Davis** is now at TB-WR-CB, **Raymond Scott** is now an ILB-S, **Chris Caulk** is now a WR, **Mark Zuvich** is now an OG-C.

\*<u>Change weight</u>: S **Talanoa Hufanga** is 220 pounds.

\*Change hometown: CB Jayden Williams is from East Riverside, Calif.
\*One-time walk-on TB Quincy Jountti received a scholarship in the

\*Add 5 walk-ons: #36 Brad Aoki (WR, 5-9, 170, 4/24/00, Fr.\*/So., --, Honolulu, HI, Punahou HS); #37 Justin Newell (CB, 6-0, 175, 10/6/96, Jr.\*/Sr., --, West Orange, NJ, West Orange HS/Union County CC); #44 Jack Drake (CB, 5-10, 190, 10/28/98, So.\*/Jr., --, Danville, CA, De La Salle HS); #47 Michael Shahidi (P, 6-0, 180, 3/3/01, Fr./Fr., --, Westlake Village, CA, Westlake HS); #63 Damian Lopez (DG-OT, 6-6, 320, 9/23/99, So.\*/Jr., JC, San Pedro, CA, San Pedro HS/UC Irvine/Los Angeles Harbor JC). \*Change title: Brett Arce is a defensive quality control analyst.

BEN GRIFFITHS PUNTS

GAME         PUNTS           FS         3           STAN         2           BYU         4           UTAH         4           WASH         6           ND         5           ARIZ         6           COLO         4           ORE         3           ASU         5           CAL         3           UCLA         3           TOTAL         48	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS) 0 (0) 0 (0) 3 (0) 2 (0) 4 (0) 1 (3) 3 (0) 1 (0) 3 (0) 3 (0) 1 (0) 0 (0) 21 (3)	50+ YARDS 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 2 0 8
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#### **ALEX STADTHAUS KICKOFFS**

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
FS	6	1(3)
STAN	8	0 (3)
BYU	2	0 (1)
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TOTAL	59	3 (19)

#### MICHAEL BROWN KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
BYU	4	0 (4)
UTAH	5	0 (4)
WASH	2	0 (0)
ASU	4	اما ه
CAL	1	0 101
TOTAL	16	0 (8)

#### **CHASE McGRATH KICKOFFS**

GAME	KICKUFFS	WITHIN 20 [TUUCHBACKS]
ND	1	0 (0)
TOTAL	1	0 (0) <b>0 (0)</b>



#### **USC IN NCAA/PAC-12 STAT RANKINGS**

NCAA

PAC-12

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	RANK*	RANK**
Michael Pittman Jr.	Receptions	7.9	4	1
Kedon Slovis	Completion Percentage	.718	5	2
Kedon Slovis	Passing Yards	294.7	8	2 2 2 1
Kedon Slovis	Completions	23.6	9	2
Michael Pittman Jr.	Receiving Yards	101.8	10	1
Velus Jones Jr.	Kickoff Return TDs	1	10	2
Kedon Slovis	Passing Efficiency	167.6	10	2
Chase McGrath	Field Goal Percentage	.867	12	3
Michael Pittman Jr.	Receiving TDs	11	13	2
Kedon Slovis	Passing TDs	28	16	3
Kedon Slovis	Total Offense	290.4	18	2
Kedon Slovis	Points Responsible For	15.3	23	4
Isaiah Pola-Mao	Interceptions	0.3	24	3
Velus Jones Jr.	Kickoff Returns	24.5	25	2
Chase McGrath	Scoring	7.5		4
Talanoa Hufanga	Tackles	8.4		5
Chase McGrath	Field Goals	1.1		5
USC	Passing Offense	335.9	5	223232432455232222333
USC	Completion Percentage	.710	5	3
USC	Passing Efficiency	161.1		2
USC	Total Offense	463.7	17	2
USC	3rd Down Conversions	.452		2
USC	Blocked Kicks	2		2
USC	Sacks	2.8		3
USC	Tackles For Loss	6.3		3
USC	Punt Return Defense	7.3		3
USC	First Downs	281		4
USC	Passing Defense	248.9		4
USC	Pass Efficiency Defense	131.6		4
USC	3rd Down Conversion Defense	.390		4
USC	Scoring Offense	33.2		4
USC	4th Down Conversion Defense	.500		4
USC	4th Down Conversions	.600		4
USC	Tackles For Loss Allowed	5.3		5
USC	Net Punting	40.0		5
*Top 25 only				

#### **RED ZONE PRODUCTION**

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TOTAL	<b>42-of-50 (.840)</b> 31TD	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	38-of-46 (.8;	<b>26)</b> 1int 1miss FG

\*\*Top 5 only

## **TROJANS IN THE NFL (39)**

#### (As of 12/19/19)

ARIZONA CARDINALS
%Justin Davis, RB
+Josh Shaw, CB
BALTIMORE RAVENS
\*Iman Marshall, CB
BUFFALO BILLS
Matt Barkley, QB
CARDLINA PANTHERS
Wes Horton, DF Wes Horton, DE
CLEVELAND BROWNS
Porter Gustin, DE
DALLAS COWBOYS
Malcolm Smith, LB Tyron Smith, T
Antwaun Woods, DT
DENVER BRONCOS
+Nico Falah, DL
DETROIT LIONS
Devon Kennard, LB
HOUSTON TEXANS
Steven Mitchell Jr.
+Isaac Whitney, WR
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
\*Marvell Tell III, S
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
+Margise Lee, WR Tyron Smith, T JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
+Marqise Lee, WR
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
%\*Chris Brown, OL
Uchenna Nwosu, LB
LOS ANGELES RAMS
Clay Matthews, LB
Nickell Robey-Coleman, CB
Robert Woods, WR
MINNESOTA VIKINGS
Everson Griffen, DE
Cameron Smith, LB
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
Cody Kessler, QB
NEW YORK GIANTS
Javorius Allen, TB
Rhett Ellison, TE
Leonard Williams, DL
NEW YORK JETS
Sam Darnold, QB
+\*Chuma Edoga, T +\*Chuma Edoga, T +Ryan Kalil, C PHILADELPHIA EAGLES Nelson Agholor, WR PITTSBURGH STEELERS Zach Banner, T Xavier Grimble, TE Juju Smith-Schuster, WR SEATTLE SEAHAWKS Rasheem Green, DE + Jordan Simmons, G %Chad Wheeler, T %Chad Wheeler, T TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS Ronald Jones II, RB 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. But USC rebounded well in 2019.

\*The 47-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 40-21 (.656) as the Trojan head coach, with 12 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 in the Top 5 and 4 in the Top 10. He is 8-4 in 2019 with ranked wins over No. 23 Stanford and No. 10 Utah (for which he was named the **Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week**), was 5-7 in 2018 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 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 4-4 in the Coliseum. He is 31-12 (721) versus Pac-12 foes, including 20-4 (.833) against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career

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 24-4 in the Coliseum. He is 31-12 [.721] versus Pac-12 foes, including 20-4 [.833] against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career losses came while he was serving as USC's interim head coach.

\*His 2019 Trojans, with only 4 senior starters and despite being marred by injuries in which 26 starters or key backups missed action, won 5 of their last 6 regular season games to go 8-4 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12 South, qualifying for the Holiday Bowl. The Trojans gave Utah its only regular season loss. Two of USC's losses were by a field goal, including one in overtime on the road. Troy did this despite starting 3 different quarterbacks and entering games down to a fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or both starting defensive ends.

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

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) 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 calling plays at North Texas, is USU'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, returned 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—returned to their alma mater as graduate assistants.

\*Clancy Pendergast remained as USC's defensive coordinator (he also added the title of assistant head coach) and John Baxter as the special teams coordinator (he also now tutors the tight ends). Tim Drevno switched 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 continues 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 tinht ends and inside receivers last fall . Johnny

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 took on the defensive run game coordinator duty in 2019. Former Trojans **Michael Hutchings** and **Dane Stevens** returned as grad assistants.



**Graham Harrell** 

Off. Coordinator/Ouarterbacks

In the Booth



**Clancy Pendergast** 

Def. Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach

On the Field



Joe DeForest

Outside Linebackers

In the Booth



Tim Drevno

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

On the Field



John Baxter

Special Teams Coord./Tight Ends

On the Field



**Running Backs** 

On the Field

**Keary Colbert** 

Wide Receivers

On the Field



Johnny Nansen

Linebackers/Def. Run Game Coord.

On the Field



Greg Burns

Secondary

On the Field



Chad Kauha'aha'a

Defensive Line

On the Field



# **DEPTH CHART**

# OFFENSE

			OITENSE	
Pos. WR	<b>No.</b> <u>6</u> 27	Name Michael Pittman Jr. (6-4, 220, Sr.) Matthew Hocum (5-10, 175, Sr.*)	Twitter • Instagram @MikePitt_Jr • @michael_pittman_jr @MatthewHocum • @matthewhocum	<b>Major</b> Sociology Business Administration
WR	<u>21</u> 86 14 13	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 190, Jr.*) Chase Locke (6-4, 190, Fr.) #Bru McCoy (6-3, 210, Fr.) #Munir McClain (6-4, 210, Fr.)	@tswagO3 • @tvaughns_21 @chase_locke15 • @chaselocke @buhbuhbru • @brumccoy @munirmcclain_6 • @munirmcclain	Communication Health and Human Sciences – Sociology
WR	8 1 <u>81</u> 17	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, So.) Velus Jones Jr. (6-0, 190, Jr.*) Kyle Ford (6-2, 210, Fr.) Zach Wilson (6-1, 205, Fr.*)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown @VelusJr • @iam_vjj @Ford_Kyle6 • @ky1e_ford @ZachKetchum_ • @zachketchum_	Business Administration Sociology Communication Real Estate Development
WR	15 <u>80</u> 22 41 36	Drake London (6-5, 205, Fr.) John Jackson III (6-2, 210, Fr.) Jack Webster (6-0, 190, So.*) Chris Caulk (6-3, 210, Jr.*) Brad Aoki (5-9, 170, Fr.*)	@DrakeLondon_ • @drakelondon_ @johnjack3_ • @johnjack.3 @jweb9 • @jweb _ • @cc_fourtyone _ • _	Real Estate Development Real Estate Development Real Estate Development Law, History and Culture
TE	84 83 <u>82</u> 85 46	Erik Krommenhoek (6-5, 260, Jr.) Josh Falo (6-6, 230, Jr.) Jude Wolfe (6-5, 250, Fr.) Ethan Rae (6-5, 240, Fr.) Scott Voigt (6-3, 210, Jr.*) Sean Mahoney (6-5, 215, Fr.)	@ekromme11 • @erik_krommenhoek @Josh_falo • @thejoshfalo @judewolfe25 • @jude_wolfe @RaeEthan • @ethan_rae @Scottyv33 • @scottyv33 _ • @_seanmahoney	Human Biology Communication Real Estate Development Business Administration —
LT	73 <u>65</u> 51	Austin Jackson (6-6, 310, Jr.) Frank Martin II (6-4, 300, Jr.*) Bernard Schirmer (6-6, 290, Jr.*)	@ChocoDro • @austindjackson @IAMFMII • @iamfmii — • @ayebeeno	Political Science Real Estate Development Sociology
LG	75 <u>52</u> 64 63	Alijah Vera-Tucker (6-4, 310, So.*) Jacob Daniel (6-4, 310, Sr.*) AJ Mageo (6-5, 300, Fr.*) Damian Lopez (6-6, 320, So.*)	eyung_lijh • ealijahveratucker e559JDan • emanlikejdan eajames224 • ajmageo – • –	Communication Political Science/Comm. Mgmt. –
C	62 <u>57</u> 66	Brett Neilon (6-2, 300, So.*) <b>DR</b> Justin Dedich (6-2, 295, Fr.*) Gino Quinones (6-3, 280, Fr.)	@brettn110 • @brettn110 @Justin_BigDaddy • @justin_bigdaddy @quinones_gino • @eaaazy_g	Business Administration Human Biology –
RG	70 <u>71</u> 68 67 72	Jalen McKenzie (6-5, 300, So.*) Liam Jimmons (6-4, 305, Jr.*) Liam Douglass (6-5, 290, Fr.*) Mark Zuvich (6-3, 260, Fr.*) #Andrew Vorhees (6-6, 315, Jr.)	@pcBjaypeez_ • @jay_peez70 @LJblack98 • @liam_jimmons @Liamdouglass99 • @liam.douglass @Mark_Zuvich • @markeyzuvich @Andrew_Vorhees • @andrew_vorhees	Real Estate Development Communication Real Estate Development Business Administration
RT	<u>53</u> 77 76	Drew Richmond (6-5, 315, Sr.*) Jason Rodriguez (6-6, 325, Fr.) #Clayton Bradley (6-5, 295, Sr.*)	@TheDream_75 • @drewanthony75 @Bamfod_75 • bamfrod32 @ClaytonJ76 • @claytonbradley76	Psychology/Social Entrepreneurship - Communication
QΒ	9 <u>19</u> 27 4 18	Kedon Slovis (6-2, 200, Fr.) Matt Fink (6-3, 200, Jr.*) Brandon Perdue (6-4, 205, Jr.*) Trevor Scully (5-11, 170, Fr.*) #JT Daniels (6-3, 210, So.)	@Kedonslovis • @kedonslovis @FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19 @bdperdue • @bperdue18 @trevorscully1 • @trevorscully @ jtdaniels06 • @jtdaniels	Business Administration Communication Business Administration Business Administration Psychology
ТВ	29 7 30 23 27 <u>16</u> 38	Vavae Malepeai (6-0, 220, Jr.*) OR Stephen Carr (6-0, 210, Jr.) OR Markese Stepp (6-0, 235 Fr.*) OR Kenan Christon (5-10, 185, Fr.) Quincy Jountti (5-10, 210, Jr.*) Dominic Davis (5-9, 195, Sr.*) Chris Edmondson (5-9, 190, Jr.*) #Ben Easington (5-10, 210, So.*)	@vavaeee • @vavaeee @yt_deon • @yt_deon @markese_stepp • @markese_stepp @KChriston_Jr • @kenan_christon @QJountti • @quincyejountti @dominicadjr • @domo_fast @ChrisEdmondson_ • @christian.edmondson  — • @bennyeazy	Communication Communication Communication Business Administration Psychology Communication Sociology History

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# **DEPTH CHART**

## **DEFENSE**

			DEI ENGE	
Pos. DE	<b>No.</b> 89 <u>90</u>	Name Christian Rector (6-4, 270, Sr.*) Connor Murphy (6-7, 260, Jr.*)	Twitter • Instagram  @the_real_rector • @christian_rector @CMurph_90 • @cmurphy_90	<b>Major</b> Political Economy and Non-Gov. Org. Communication
Т	78	Jay Tufele (6-3, 305, So.*)	@tufele123 • @jay_tufele	Sociology
	<u>50</u>	Nick Figueroa (6-5, 280, So.*)	@nickafigueroa1 • @nickafigueroa	Real Estate Development
	47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (6-3, 270, Fr.)	@TaufoouStanley • @stanley_taufoou	–
	97	#Jacob Lichtenstein (6-5, 280, So.*)	@BigLichh • @jake_lichtenstein	–
NT	51	Marlon Tuipulotu (6-3, 305, So.*)	emarlont_51 • emtuipulotu51	Political Science
	<u>91</u>	Brandon Pili (6-4, 325, Jr.)	eBrandonPili • ebrandonpili_91	-
	79	De'jon Benton (6-3, 285, Fr.)	eDejonBenton • edaepaayso	Communication
	95	Trevor Trout (6-4, 315, Fr.*)	etotaltroutmove • etotaltroutmove	Journalism
DE	99	Drake Jackson (6-4, 275, Fr.)	@The99Athlete • @the99athlete	Communication
	96	Caleb Tremblay (6-5, 270, Jr.*)	@ctremblay49 • @ctremblay5	Sociology
SLB	42	Adbul-Malik McClain (6-4, 240, Fr.*)	emalikmcclain8_ • emalik.mcclain	Communication
	<u>41</u>	Juliano Falaniko (6-4, 235, So.*)	ejulianofalaniko • ejulianofalaniko_	Communication
	48	Peter Esparza (6-1, 210, Fr.*)	– • –	–
	53	#Bryce Matthews (6-3, 225, So.*)	eBjerkkid • ecincotrey	Social Sciences (Economics)
	31	#Hunter Echols (6-5, 240, So.*)	ehunter_tyb • ehuntertyb	Communication
MLB	10 34 <u>19</u> 45 52 56 58	John Houston Jr. (6-3, 220, Sr.*) Eli'jah Winston (6-3, 240, Fr.*) Ralen Goforth (6-2, 225, Fr.) Maninoa Tufono (6-3, 235, Fr.) Spencer Gilbert (6-0, 215, Fr.*) #Jordan Iosefa (6-2, 230, Sr.) #Solomon Tuliaupupu (6-3, 230, Fr.*)	@Official_John10 • @johnhouston10 @EWinston34 • @elijahwinston.34 @ralengoforth • @ralengoforth @maninoa_tufono • @maninoatufono @allhailgilbert • @spencergilbert.cc @ Jordanlosefa • @iosefa_4 @nokeakua • @nokeakua	Sociology/Non-Gov. Organizations Psychology Communication Psychology Business Administration Non-Governmental Organizations Business Administration
WLB	1 <u>26</u> 18 49 46 44 54	Palaie Gaoteote IV (6-2, 250, So.) OR Kana'i Mauga (6-2, 240, So.) Raymond Scott (6-2, 225, So.) Matt Bayle (6-0, 215, JS.*) Grant Jones (6-2, 225, Jr.*) #Tuasivi Nomura (6-1, 210, Fr.) #Clyde Moore (6-0, 225, Fr.)	@PalaieGaoteote • @palaiegaoteote.cc @kanai_mauga • @squash_26 @RayScott22_ • — @realmattbayle • @matthewbayle3 @GrantJones53 • @grant_jones_inc @sivinomura • @_sivi_sivi_ @clydemoore • @clydemooree	– Communication Accounting Business Administration Business Administration –
CB	2 22 <u>14</u> 44	Olaijah Griffin (6-0, 170, So.) Dorian Hewett (6-0, 180, Fr.) Jayden Williams (6-1, 195, Fr.) Jack Drake (5-10, 190, So.*)	©DlaijahGriffin • @olaijah @thefuture124 • @hewettdorian @OfficialxJayden • @jaydenwilliamss – • –	Communication  Communication  -
FS	21	lsaiah Pola-Mao (6-4, 205, So.*)	elsaiah_Pola_Mao • eisaiahpolamao	–
	<u>28</u>	C.J. Pollard (6-1, 195, Jr.*)	eCJPollard1 • ecjpollard28	Communication
	30	Jordan McMillan (5-11, 195, Fr.*)	ejordanmcmillan • ejordanmcmilllan.cc	International Relations Global Business
	27	Brandon Perdue (6-4, 205, Jr.*)	ebdperdue • ebperdue18	Business Administration
SS	15	Talanoa Hufanga (6-1, 220, So.)	@HufangaTalanoa • tongantiger15	Communication
	7	Chase Williams (6-2, 190, Fr.*)	@_ujdkchase • @wavy_c5	Business Administration
	<u>25</u>	Briton Allen (6-0, 185, Fr.)	@AllenBriton • @bamx25	Journalism
	31	Richard Hagestad (6-1, 200, Jr.*)	– • @bighag	Business Administration/Accounting
NK	9	Greg Johnson (5-11, 190, So.*)	@YKGthree • @ykg.three	Communication
	23	Kaulana Makaula (6-3, 190, Fr.)	@kaulana_makaula • kaulana_makaula23	Health and Human Sciences
	<u>24</u>	#Max Williams (5-9, 180, Fr.)	@maaaax_1 • @maaaax5	Real Estate Development
CB	6	Isaac Taylor-Stuart (6-2, 205, Fr.*) <b>OR</b>	@Kingathlete5 • @kingathlete	Communication
	<u>8</u>	Chris Steele (6-1, 190, Fr.)	@KinggChris7 • @csteele.8	Communication
	13	Adonis Otey (6-1, 180, Fr.)	@donisgotfans • @donisgotfans	Communication
	37	Justin Newell (6-0, 175, Jr.*)	– • –	–

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## **DEPTH CHART**

#### **SPECIALISTS**

<u>Pos.</u> P	<u>No.</u> 24 36	Name Ben Griffiths (6-5, 240, Fr.*)	Twitter • Instagram  @bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24	<u>Major</u> –
		Will Rose (6-1, 175, Fr.)	-•-	International Relations/Global Bus.
	47	Michael Shahidi (6-0, 180, Fr.)	- • -	_
PK	40	Chase McGrath (6-0, 190, So.*)FG, PAT	@ChaseMcGrath • @chasemcgrath	-
	<u>38</u>	Alex Stadthaus (6-2, 200, So.)KO	@astadthaus • @astadthaus	Geological Sciences
	49 15	Michael Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.*)KO, FG, PAT Thomas Fitts (6-1, 185, Sr.*)FG, PAT	emicnaeibrownis • emicnaeiebrown45 ethomasfitts12 • ethomasfitts	Real Estate Development Business Administration
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SNP	<u>59</u>	Damon Johnson (6-0, 205, Jr.*)	@damon_james24 • @damonjoh_	Sociology
	39	Jac Casasante (6-0, 215, Fr.*)	@casasante_jac • @casasante	Business Administration
HLD	24	Ben Griffiths (6-5, 240, Fr.*)	@bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24	_
	<u>24</u> 19	Matt Fink (6-3, 200, Jr.*)	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19	Communication
			RETURNERS	
KOR	1	Velus Jones Jr. (6-0, 190, Jr.*) AND	@VelusJr • @iam_vjj	Sociology
	7	Stephen Carr (6-0, 210, Jr.) <b>OR</b>	@yt_deon • @yt_deon	Communication
	<u>23</u> 13	Kenan Christon (5-10, 185, Fr.)	@KChriston_Jr • @kenan_christon	Business Administration
			@donisgotfans • @donisgotfans	Communication
	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, So.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
PR	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, So.) <b>OR</b>	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
	<u>21</u>	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 190, Jr.*)	@tswag03 • @tvaughns_21	Communication

Players connected with "OR" are considered equal

# PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS Briton ALLEN BRIT-un Brad AOKI ah-OE-key Matt BAYLE BAIL DAY-zjahn STEEV-un De'jon BENTON Stephen CARR Jac CASASANTE JACK cass-uh-SOHN-tay CAWLK Chris CAULK Kenan CHRISTON KEY-nun KRIS-tun Dominic DAVIS DOM-in-ick Justin DEDICH DEED-itch Liam DOUGLASS LEE-um Ben EASINGTON EEZ-ing-tun **Hunter ECHOLS** ECK-olz Chris EDMONDSON ED-mun-sun Peter ESPARZA uh-SPAR-zuh Juliano FALANIKO jew-lee-AH-no fah-lah-NEE-coe Josh FALO FALL-oe Nick FIGUEROA fia-uh-ROE-uh pa-la-EE-ae nah-OE-tay-OE-tay RAY-lun GOE-forth Palaie GAOTEOTE IV Ralen GOFORTH Olaijah GRIFFIN uh-LIE-jhuh Richard HAGESTAD HAG-uh-stad DOOR-ee-un YOU-it **Dorian HEWITT** Matthew HOCUM HOE-come tal-uh-NOE-uh who-FAWN-quh Talanoa HUFANGA Jordan IOSEFA ee-oe-SEF-uh Liam JIMMONS LEE-um Damon JOHNSON DAY-mun Quincy JOUNTTI Erik KROMMENHOEK KWIN-see JON-tee krome-mun-HOKE Jacob LICHTENSTEIN LICK-tun-steen AJ MAGEO mun-YAY-oe muh-HO-nee Sean MAHONEY cow-LAWN-uh muh-COW-luh Kaulana MAKAULA Vavae MALEPEAI vah-VYE mah-lay-PAY-eye Brvce MATTHEWS BRICE Kana'i MAUGA kuh-NYE-ee MOW-auh ab-DOOL-muh-LEEK/moo-NEER muh-CLAYN Abdul-Malik/Munir McCLAIN Bru McCOY **BREW** Chase McGRATH muh-GRATH Jalen McKENZIE JAY-lin muh-KEN-zee Brett NEILON NEE-lawn

Brandon PERDUE purr-DEW PEE-lee Brandon PILI Isaiah POLA-MAO eye-ZAY-uh POE-luh MOW (as in Cow) C.J.POLLARD PAUL-urd Gino QUINONES GEE-noe cue-NOE-nez Ethan RAE RAY Christian RECTOR RECK-tur rod-REE-quz Jason RODRIGUEZ Bernard SCHIRMER SHER-mur Michael SHAHIDI shaw-HEE-dee Kedon SLOVIS KEED-un SLOW-vis Alex STADTHAUS STAD-house Amon-Ra ST. BROWN AW-mun-raw SAYNT BROWN Markese STEPP mar-KEESE Stanley TA'UFO'OU Caleb TREMBLAY tau-FOE-oh KAY-lub TREM-blay Jay TUFELE too-FAY-lay Maninoa TUFONO man-ee-NÓ-uh too-FOE-no Solomon TULIAUPUPU SAUL-uh-mun too-lee-ow-POO-poo Marlon TUIPULOTU TOO-ee-poo-LOE-too Tyler VAUGHNS VONS Alijah VERA-TUCKER uh-LIE-jhuh VARE-uh TUK-ur Scott VOIGT VOYT VORE-heez Andrew VORHEES Jayden WILLIAMS JAY-din Eli'jah WINSTON uh-LIE-jhuh Mark ZUVICH ZOO-vitch

COACHES/STAFF ARE-see **Brett ARCE** Aaron AUSMUS **OSS-muss** Keary COLBERT CARE-ee Joe DeFOREST duh-FORE-ust DAY-ghee DREV-noe Seth DOEGE Tim DREVNO Graham HARRELL HAIR-ull Clav HELTON **HELL-tun** HOW Shawn HOWE cow-HA-ah-HA-ah Chad KAUHA'AHA'A Steve MURILLO mer-RILL-oe

Johnny NANSEN NAN-sun
Clancy PENDERGAST PEN-dur-gassed
Viane TALAMAIVAO vee-ON-ee tal-uh-MY-vow
Lenny VANDERMADE VAN-dur-maid

Lenny VANDERMADE VAN-dur-r



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Adonis OTEY

<sup>\*</sup>Used redshirt year

<sup>#</sup>Entered game week with an injury or uncertain status

Players listed above underlined numbers are in primary playing rotation

# **2019 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL**

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	NAME	POS.	HGT.				EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	Fr./Fr.		Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
36	AOKI, Brad	WR	5-9	170	4/24/00	Fr.*/So.		Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
49 79	BAYLE, Matt	ILB	6-0 6-3	215	2/27/97 2/21/01	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Marino, CA (St. Francis)
75 76	BENTON, De'jon BRADLEY, Clayton	DL OT	6-5	285 295	10/7/96	Fr./Fr. Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
76 49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-5 6-1	299 195	12/23/97	Jr.*/Sr.	3 V 2 V	Orange, CA (Servite) 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	ТВ	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	QВ	6-3	210	2/2/00	So./So.	1V	Irvine, CA (Mater Dei)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	WR-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)
44	DRAKE, Jack	CB	5-10	190	10/28/98	So.*/Jr.		Danville, CA (De La Salle)
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	Cibolo, TX (Clemens)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	ILB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	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 15	FINK, Matt	QΒ	6-3 c 1	200	12/13/97	Jr.*/Sr. Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
15 81	FITTS, Thomas	PK WR	6-1 6-2	185 210	9/24/96	Fr./Fr.	SQ 	Dallas, TX (Episcopal School of Dallas)
1	FORD, Kyle GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	1/20/01 5/11/99	So./So.	1V	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran) Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	215	1/9/00	50./30. 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)
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)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10 c. c	210	9/28/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
84 97	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE DL	6-5 6-5	260 280	11/12/98 11/6/98	Jr./Jr. So.*/Jr.	2V 1V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista) Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
86	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-4	200 190	7/7/00	Fr./Fr.		San Antonio, TX (D'Connor)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	205	7/7/00 7/24/01	Fr./Fr.		Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OG-OT	6-6	320	9/23/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/
00	LOI LZ, Baillian	00 01	0 0	JLU	J/LJ/JJ	JU. /JI.	50	Los Angeles Harbor JC)
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	ТВ	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.	SÒ	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)



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40	NAME	POS. PK	<u>HGT.</u> 6-0	190	9/13/98	<u>CI.(ATH/AC)</u> So.*/Jr.	2V	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
	McGRATH, Chase							Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OT S	6-5	300	7/10/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan		5-11	195	2/18/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
54	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	Fr./Fr.	TR	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL C	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)
37	NEWELL, Justin	CB	6-0	175	10/6/96	Jr.*/Sr.		West Orange, NJ (West Orange/Union County CC)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	OLB	6-1	210	1/23/01	Fr./Fr.		Corona, CA (Centennial)
13 27	OTEY, Adonis	CB S	6-1 6-4	180 205	3/12/01	Fr./Fr.		Columbia, TN (Blackman)
۲/	PERDUE, Brandon	3	0-4	200	9/4/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Simi Valley, CA (Daks Christian/Pierce JC/
01	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	New Mexico Military Inst.) Anchorage, AK (Westview (DR))
91 c		WR	6-4 6-4	220	4/2/33 10/5/97	Sr./Sr.	3V	
6	PITTMAN JR., Michael						3 v 1V	Woodland Hills, CA (Oaks Christian)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	So.*/Jr.		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.	 2\/	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	ILB-S	6-2	225	4/19/00	So./So.	10	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	ÒВ	5-11	170	9/25/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	La Jolla, CA (La Jolla)
47	SHAHIDI, Michael	Р	6-0	180	3/3/01	Fr./Fr.		Westlake Village, CA (Westlake)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QВ	6-2	200	4/11/01	Fr./Fr.		Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	200	12/13/99	So./So.	10	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	So./So.	17	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.	17	San Diego, CA (Helix)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Jr.*/Sr.	10	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)
14	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)
*Us	ed 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'AHA'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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NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.		CI.(ATH/AC)		HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
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	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	170	3/10/99	So./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
4	SCULLY, Trevor	QВ	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 (Daks Christian)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	205	10/25/99	Fr.*/So.	17	San Diego, CA (Helix)
7	CARR, Stephen	ТВ	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 c 1	195	10/24/99	So./So.	1V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB CB	6-1 5-11	190 190	9/27/00	Fr./Fr.	TR 2V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
9 9	JOHNSON, Greg SLOVIS, Kedon	QB	6-2	200	1/12/99 4/11/01	So.*/Jr. Fr./Fr.		Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins) Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
10	HOUSTON JR., John	ILB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Carson, CA (Serra)
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	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Fr./Fr.		East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
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.	17	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	WR-CB		195	12/8/96	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
18	DANIELS, JT	QВ	6-3	210	2/2/00	So./So.	1V	Irvine, CA (Mater Dei)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB-S	6-2	225	4/19/00	So./So.	1V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
19	FINK, Matt	QΒ	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	ТВ	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.	 1) /	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	240	1/8/00	So./So.	10	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	210	9/28/97	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
27 27	HOCUM, Matthew	WR S	5-10 6-4	175 205	12/30/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Milwaukee, WI (Waukesha/Marquette) Simi Valley, CA (Daks Christian/Pierce JC/
۲/	PERDUE, Brandon	3	6-4	205	9/4/96	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	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)
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.	17	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
36	AOKI, Brad	WR	5-9	170	4/24/00	Fr.*/So.		Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
36	ROSÉ, Will	Р	6-1	175	4/30/01	Fr./Fr.		Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	ТВ	5-10	210	4/23/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
37	NEWELL, Justin	CB	6-0	175	10/6/96	Jr.*/Sr.		West Orange, NJ (West Orange/Union County CC)
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	Cibolo, 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, Juliano	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)
44	DRAKE, Jack	CB	5-10	190	10/28/98	So.*/Jr.		Danville, CA (De La Salle)
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)



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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)
47	SHAHIDI, Michael	P	6-0	180	3/3/01	Fr./Fr.		Westlake Village, CA (Westlake)
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.	JĊ	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.	TŔ	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	С	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)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OG-OT	6-6	320	9/23/99	So.*/Jr.	JC	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/
								Los Angeles Harbor JC)
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	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (DR))
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)
*Us	ed 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'AHA'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)



# **2019 GAME-BY-GAME STATS**

# INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS (USC game highs in bold face)

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St. Brown   St.														
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Daniels   Java   Java	Fink					32- <b>19</b> -3								
Processions														
Pittman   Carr   Carr	Daniels													
Pitten		<b>215</b> -1												
Pitten	Receiving NO	-YNS-TN												
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Houston		5-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	9-0.5-0-0		<b>8</b> -2-1-0	8-2.5-0-1	<b>9</b> -0-1-0	<b>9</b> -0.5-0-0		<b>5</b> -0-0-0	7-0-0-0
Hufanga		<b>10</b> -1-0-0	<b>10</b> -0-1-0	<b>14</b> -1.5-0-0		6-0-1-0	3-0-0-0			4-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	<b>18</b> -2-1-0
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Mauga		4-1-0-0		2-0.5-0-0		2-0-0-0	<b>13</b> -2-0-0	8-1-0-0	7-1.5-0-0	<b>9</b> -0-0-0	<b>5</b> -0-0-0	6-1-2-0
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D. Jackson		3-1.5-0-0		8-1-0-0	5-0-0-0		3-0.5-0-0			6-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	2-1-0-0
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Griffin	5-0-1-0	4-0-4-0	4-0-0-0	4-0-1-0		3-0.5-0-0		5-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-2-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0
Steele	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	5-0-0-1	5-0-1-0	3-0-0-0		3-1-0-0	3-0-0-00		6-0-0-0
G. Johnson	2-0-0-0		2-0-0-0	6-1-0-1	1-0-1-0	5-0-1-0		2-0-0-0	0-0-1-0		2-0-0-0	4-0-0-0
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Pili	1-0.5-0-0		0-0-2-0	1-0-1-0		2-0-0-0		2-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	6-0.5-0-0
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Figueroa	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0		1-0-0-0		1-0-0-0	1-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-1		
Hewett							1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0		1-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	
Winston								2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0
McMillan							2-0-0-0		2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0		
J. Williams					1-0-0-0		4-0-0-0					1-0-0-0
M. Williams					1-1-0-0		1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-1-0			
Goforth		1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0				3-0-0-0				1-0-0-0	
Jountti	2-0-0-0				1-0-0-0		1-0-0-0				1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Makaula						1-0-0-0	3-0-1-0				2-0-1-0	
Allen	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0							1-0-0-0		1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Murphy	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-1*-0								
Stadthaus	1-0-0-0						2-0-0-0		1-0-0-0			
V. Jones		2-0-0-0					1-0-0-0					
Vaughns			1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0				1-0-0-0				
Pittman	1-0-0-0				1-0-0-0					1-0-0-0		
Benton							1-0-0-0		1-0-0-0			
Tufono							2-0-0-0					
D. Johnson					2-0-0-0		0-0-0-1					
Neilon					1-0-0-0				1-0-0-0			
AM. McClain							1-1-0-0			1-1-0-0		
Brown					1-0-0-0							
Scott									1-0-0-0			
Otey							1-0-0-0					
Gilbert							1-0-0-0					
Team												1-1-0-0
McKenzie									1-0-0-0			
Falo				1-0-0-0								
A. Jackson		0-0-1*-0										
*Includes 1 blo	cked field	goal										

# **USC TEAM STATISTICS**

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	lowa
First Downs	25	23	22	16	18	25	16	30	31	23	18	34	
Rush	11	7	9	2	8	11	8	8	6	4	5	9	
Pass	12	15	13	12	9	14	8	19	16	17	12	22	
Penalty	2	1	0	2	1	0	Ö	3	9	2	1	3	
Rush Attempts		29	45	22	33	35	36	26	25	28	27	32	
Yds Gain	203	130	189	55	230	201	220	151	111	89	91	168	
Yds Lost	28	15	18	42	18	30	19	39	20	19	35	40	
Net Yards	175	115	171	13	212	171	201	112	91	70	56	128	
Net Yds Pass	272	377	281	368	163	255	247	406	264	477	406	515	
Pass Att	42	33	34	32	32	35	30	44	57	45	35	47	
Pass Com	31	28	24	23	19	24	21	30	32	33	29	37	
Had Int	2	0	3	1	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	
Tot Off Plays	78	61	79	54	65	70	66	70	82	73	62	79	
Tot Net Yards	447	492	452	381	375	426	448	518	355	547	462	643	
Avg/Play	5.7	8.1	5.7	7.1	5.8	6.1	6.8	7.4	4.6	7.5	7.5	8.1	
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	
Penalties-Yds	4-35	8-93	5-44	11-117	8-80	2-44	10-100	5-50	8-92	11-93	8-75	7-57	
Punts-Yds	3-111	2-84	4-154	4-169	6-246	5-211	6-266	4-184	3-109	5-181	3-151	3-122	
Avg/Punt	37.0	42.0	38.5	42.2	41.0	42.2	44.3	46.0	36.3	36.2	50.3	40.7	
Punt Ret-Yds	1-3	1-14	1-4	0-0	2-6	2-16	3-19	2-2	1-5	3-26	2-20	2-(-3)	
KO Ret-Yds	5-168	4-79	6-113	6-135	4-78	3-68	2-25	1-24	4-87	0-0	3-28	1-20	
Int-Yards	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-11	0-0	1-14	2-0	2-56	1-0	
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Poss Time	28:01	26:31	32:32	21:48	31:09	28:36	29:58	25:53	31:13	31:34	31:52	28:36	
3rd Down Con	6-13	5-9	6-17	5-10	4-13	5-12	7-15	6-12	9-16	6-14	7-13	4-10	
4th Down Con	0-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	
Sacks By-Yds	3-18	3-15	3-23	2-13	2-5	1-1	7-37	1-12	2-16	1-5	5-27	3-29	

# Game-By-Game Starters

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	lowa
Offense													
WR	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	Pittman	
WR		St. Brown			St. Brown						St. Brown	St. Brown	
WR		Vaughns				Vaughns				Vaughns	London	Vaughns	
LT	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	A. Jacks'n		_	
LG		VTucker							VTucker		VTucker	VTucker	
C		Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Dedich	Dedich	
RG						McKenzie					McKenzie	McKenzie	
RT			Richmond		Richmond	Richmond		McKenzie		Richmond		Richmond	
TE	London*		Krom'hoek		London*		Krom'hoek			Krom'hoek		London**	
OB	Daniels		Slovis	Slovis	Fink	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	
TB		Malepeai		Malepeai	Malepeai	Malepeai	Carr		V. Jones**		Christon	Christon	
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Defense													
DE	Rector	Rector	Murphy	Rector	Rector	Rector	Echols	Echols	Rector	Rector	Rector	Rector	
DT	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	Tufele	
NT	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	Pili	Tuipulotu	Tuipulotu	
DE		D. Jackson		D. Jackson	D. Jackson		D. Jackson		Tremblay	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	D. Jackson	
SLB	G. Johnson <sup>3</sup>		G. Johnson*				M. Williams*	,	G.Johnson*	Winston	G.Johnson*	G.Johnson*	
MLB	Houston		Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	
WLB			Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Gaoteote	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	
CB		Griffin	Griffin	Griffin	Steele	Griffin	Hewett	Griffin	Griffin	Griffin	Steele	Steele	
FS					Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao				C.Williams	Pola-Mao	Pola-Mao	
SS	Hufanga		Hufanga	Hufanga	C. Williams	Hufanga	Hufanga	C. Williams	C.Williams	Hufanga	Hufanga	Hufanga	
CB	_	TStuart	_	Steele		_	Steele		TStuart	Steele	TStuart	Steele	
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## **OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS**

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	BYU	Utah	Wash.	No. Dame	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	Ariz. St.	California	UCLA	lowa
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First Downs	22	23	21	27	16	25	22	25	30	18	21	27	
Rush	13	4	8	12	8	17	10	11	9	3	11	10	
Pass	9	13	13	9	7	7	11	13	14	12	6	15	
Penalty	0	6	0	6	1	1	1	1	7	3	4	2	
Rush Attempts	40	30	40	49	35	48	37	34	34	21	29	39	
Yds Gain	232	123	163	273	210	320	180	210	162	62	166	192	
Yds Lost	26	25	32	26	17	12	52	14	23	15	31	35	
Net Yards	206	98	131	247	193	308	138	196	139	47	135	157	
Net Yds Pass	256	237	299	210	373	165	247	324	266	292	128	383	
Pass Att	39	36	34	30	26	32	38	43	29	44	32	49	
Pass Com	19	22	21	22	16	17	23	27	23	28	15	30	
Had Int	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	
Tot Off Plays	79	66	74	79	61	80	75	77	63	65	61	88	
Tot Net Yards	462	335	430	457	373	473	385	520	405	339	263	540	
Avg/Play	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.1	6.8	6.4	5.2	4.3	6.1	
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	0-0	
Penalties-Yds	6-51	7-60	5-39	16-120	7-44	5-45	5-31	13-109	12-157	9-82	3-11	10-73	
Punts-Yds	5-234	1-46	4-193	2-70	6-266	3-121	7-250	6-254	2-95	6-292	6-217	5-216	
Avg/Punt	46.8	46.0	48.2	35.0	44.3	40.3	35.7	42.3	47.5	48.7	36.2	43.2	
Punt Ret-Yds	0-0	1-15	0-0	0-0	3-26	0-0	2-(-1)	1-(-1)	0-0	0-0	1-19	0-0	
KO Ret-Yds	3-74	5-138	1-17	1-15	2-49	3-48	7-168	1-33	3-144	5-192	2-40	2-42	
Int-Yards	2-0	0-0	3-10	1-29	3-18	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-102	1-1	0-0	0-0	
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	
Poss Time	31:59	33:29	42:38	38:12	28:51	31:24	30:02	34:07	28:47	28:26	28:08	31:24	
3rd Down Con	5-16	4-11	7-16	5-13	3-12	9-17	5-16	5-14	6-9	7-14	3-10	5-17	
4th Down Con	2-2	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-4	
Sacks By-Yds	1-14	1-4	2-13	1-7	1-12	4-26	2-14	2-17	3-12	1-5	3-22	3-21	

#### GAME 1 - August 31, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 31, Fresno State 23 Att: 57,329

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TB Vavae Malepeai ran for a career-best 134 yards, WR Tyler Vaughns caught 11 passes for a career-high 150 yards, WR Velus Jones Jr. returned a kickoff 100 for a touchdown and S Isaiah Pola-Mao made a late interception in the end zone to help USC hold off Fresno State, 31-23, in the season opener for both teams before 57,329 fans in the renovated Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It was just the 11th time USC played in August. It was USC's 12th straight victorious season opener in the Coliseum.

USC snapped Fresno State's streak of 25 consecutive games without allowing 30 points.

The victory was costly as USC starting QB **JT Daniels**, who was 25-of-34 for 215 yards and a TD in the game (including a blazing 15-of-17 for 114 yards and the score in the first quarter), was lost for the season with a knee injury late in the first half

USC got off to a quick start, scoring on its first 2 possessions, with TB **Stephen Carr** taking an 8-yard Daniels pass for a TD and then running 14 yards for another TD. After the teams traded field goals (a 45-yarder by Fresno State PK Cesar Silva and a 38-yarder by Trojan PK **Chase McGrath**), the Bulldogs made it a one touchdown game at halftime on QB Jorge Reyna's 34-yard pass to WR Derrion Grim midway through the second guarter.

Fresno State closed to 17-13 on Silva's 46-yard field goal midway through the third quarter, but Jones took the ensuing kickoff all the way back for a touchdown (just the sixth time a Trojan has returned a kickoff 100 yards for a TD). Late in the quarter, USC added to its lead on Malepeai's 2-yard TD run.

Fresno State closed to within 8 points in the fourth quarter after Silva's 28-yard field goal and Reyna's 8-yard pass to WR Chris Coleman. The Bulldogs then drove to USC's 15-yard line with just under 2 minutes to play, but Pola-Mao picked off Reyna's pass in the end zone.

The statistics were close, as Fresno State had 462 total yards (256 passing) and USC had 447 total yards (272 passing). USC limited the Bulldogs to 5-of-16 on third down conversions and had 3 sacks.

Carr ran for 56 yards and added 43 receiving yards. First-year freshman QB **Kedon Slovis** replaced Daniels and hit 6-of-8 passes for 57 yards. ILB **John Houston Jr.** had a team-best 13 tackles, while OLBs **Hunter Echols** and **Juliano Falaniko** each recovered a fumble. DE **Drake Jackson**, who had 3 tackles (1.5 for losses) and 2 deflections, became the first Trojan true freshman to start an opener on the defensive line since Everson Griffen in 2007.

For Fresno State, Reyna threw for 256 yards on 19-of-31 passing and ran for another 88 yards on 20 carries. DE Mykal Walker had 15 tackles.

It was the first collegiate game played in a Coliseum that had undergone a  $\$315\mbox{-million}$  renovation.

#### SCORING First Quarter

USC -- Carr 8-yard pass from Daniels (McGrath kick)

USC -- Carr 14-yad run (McGrath kick)

FS -- Silva 45-yard field goal

#### Second Quarter

USC -- McGrath 38-yard field goal

FS -- Grim 34-yard pass from Reyna (Silva kick)
Third Quarter

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FS -- Silva 46-yard field goal
USC -- V. Jones 100-yard kickoff return (McGrath kick)

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

Fourth Quarter

FS -- Silva 28-yard field goal

FS -- Coleman 8-yard pass from Reyna (Silva kick)

USC	STATISTICS	FRESNO STATE
25	First Downs	22
175	Net Yards Rushing	206
272	Net Yards Passing	256
42	Passes Attempted	39
31	Passes Completed	19
2	Had Intercepted	1
78	Total Plays	79
447	Total Yards	462
3/37.0	Punts/Avg	5/42.2
2/2	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
4/35	Penalties/Yards	6/51
28:01	Time of Possession	31:59

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Malepeai (USC) 23-134; Reyna (FS) 20-88; Carr (USC) 6-56; Rivers (FS) 14-53; Cropper (FS) 4-39.

PASSING - Daniels (USC) 25-34-215; Reyna (FS) 19-39-256; Slovis (USC) 6-8-57. RECEIVING - Vaughns (USC) 11-150; Carr (USC) 6-43; Pittman (USC) 6-28; St. Brown (USC) 5-38; Pope (FS) 4-41; Rivers (FS) 4-23; Coleman (FS) 3-71; Hokit (FS) 3-24; Rice (FS) 3-11; Grim (FS) 2-86; Malepeai (USC) 2-8.

#### GAME 2 – September 7, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 45, Stanford 20 Att: 62.109

Stanford	7	13	0	0	 20
USC	3	21	7	14	 45

True freshman QB **Kedon Slovis** completed nearly 85% of his passes while throwing for 377 yards and 3 TDs and USC scored the game's final 35 points to give the Trojans a convincing 45-20 victory over No. 23 Stanford in the Pac-12's season opener in front of 62,109 fans in the Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It was USC's most points against Stanford since getting 48 in a triple overtime loss in 2011 and it was the most points surrendered by the Cardinal since Oregon had 45 in 2014.

Slovis, filling in for QB **JT Daniels**, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Fresno State opener, completed 28-of-33 passes (84.8%) with no interceptions. He threw for more yards, TDs and completions and had a higher completion percentage than any other USC true freshman signalcaller did in their debuts (Daniels, Matt Barkley, Carson Palmer and Rob Johnson). It was the second most yards by a USC true freshman in any game, behind Barkley's 380 at Notre Dame in 2009, and the most yards by any USC quarterback since Sam Darnold's 297 against Texas in 2017.

After USC PK **Chase McGrath** hit a 23-yard field goal on the game's opening drive, Stanford scored on its first 4 possessions to build 17-3 and then 20-10 leads. QB Davis Mills, who like Slovis was stepping in for a starter injured in the opener (QB K.J. Costello), threw a 15-yard TD pass to WR Connor Wedington, then RB Cameron Scarlett ran 3 yards for a score at the top of the second quarter and, after the Cardinal recovered a USC fumble on the ensuing kickoff, PK Jet Toner nailed a 32-yard field goal. The Trojans responded as WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** hauled in a 39-yard Slovis scoring aerial on the next drive, but the Cardinal countered with a 37-yard Toner field goal midway through the second quarter.

USC's defense then buckled down and shut out Stanford the rest of the way. TB **Stephen Carr** raced around the left side for a 25-yard TD (the second of 6 TDs USC scored on 7 possessions) and Slovis hit St. Brown on a 7-yard score with 31 seconds left in the half to give Troy a 24-20 halftime lead.

TB Vavae Malepeai then had 4- and 6-yard scoring runs (the first after OT Austin Jackson blocked a Toner field goal late in the third quarter and the second after CB Greg Johnson's interception early in the fourth quarter). WR Tyler Vaughns grabbed a 16-yard TD pass from Slovis late in the game.

St. Brown had a game-high 8 receptions for 97 yards, WR Michael Pittman Jr. added 6 grabs for 82 yards and Vaughns had 5 for 106 yards. S Talanoa Hufanga had a game-best 10 tackles and CB Olaijah Griffin had 4 pass breakups.

USC had 492 total yards, averaging 8.1 yards per play (320 of those yards, including 249 passing, came in the first half). The Trojans limited Stanford to just 98 of its 335 total yards on the ground. The Cardinal converted only 4-of-11 third downs (and 0-of 2 fourth downs) and Mills was sacked 3 times. USC made 10 tackles for loss.

Mills was 22-of-36 for 237 yards, Scarlett ran for 82 yards on 17 carries, TE Colby Parkinson had 7 catches for 89 yards and Wedington had 5 for 67 yards.

#### SCORING First Quarter

USC -- McGrath 23-yard field goal

STAN -- Wedington 15-yard pass from Mills (Toner kick)

Second Quarter

STAN -- Scarlett 3-yard run (Toner kick)

STAN -- Toner 32-yard field goal

USC -- St. Brown 39-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

STAN --Toner 37-yard field goal

USC -- Carr 25-yard run (McGrath kick)

USC -- St. Brown 7-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Malepeai 4-yard run (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter USC -- Malepeai 6-yard run (McGrath kick)

USC -- Vaughns 16-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
23	First Downs	23
115	Net Yards Rushing	98
377	Net Yards Passing	237
33	Passes Attempted	36
28	Passes Completed	22
0	Had Intercepted	1
61	Total Plays	66
492	Total Yards	335
2/42.0	Punts/Avg	1/46.0
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
8/93	Penalties/Yards	7/60
26:31	Time of Possession	33:29

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Scarlett (STAN) 17-82; Malepeai (USC) 12-42; Stepp (USC) 3-33; Carr (USC) 6-33.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 28-33-377; Mills (STAN) 22-36-237.

RECEIVING – St. Brown (USC) 8-97; Parkinson (STAN) 7-89; Pittman (USC) 6-82; Vaughns (USC) 5-106; Edington (STAN) 5-67; London (USC) 3-62.



#### GAME 3 - September 14, Provo, Utah BYU 30, USC 27 (1 Overtime) Att: 62,546

USC 10 0 10 BYU 10 10 3 30

PK Jake Oldroyd kicked a 43-yard field goal at the start of overtime and then BYU intercepted a third down pass on No. 24 USC's ensuing possession to preserve the Cougars' 30-27 victory over the Trojans on a hot (upper 80s) afternoon in Provo in front of 62,546 fans and a national ABC audience.

It was USC's 11th overtime game ever (with just 4 wins), and its first since a victory over Texas in 2017, while BYU was playing (and winning) its second OT contest in as many weeks. It was USC's first road game of 2019.

USC PK Chase McGrath tied the game with 1:43 to play on a career-long 52-vard field goal. After Oldroyd's overtime field goal, CB Dayan Ghanwoloku intercepted a tipped pass by QB Kedon Slovis to give BYU the victory.

The game stayed tight all day. After Slovis hit WR **Michael Pittman Jr.** for an 8-yard touchdown on the game's opening possession, Slovis threw picks on USC's next 2 drives and BYU converted both, first with a 1-yard TD run by Ghanwoloku (who lined up in the backfield) and then on Oldroyd's 23-yard field goal. But USC countered right back on McGrath's 27-yard field goal at the top of the second quarter.

BYU responded on its next series, with a 30-yard TD toss from QB Zach Wilson to WR Dax Milne, only to see USC answer on TB Vavae Malepeai's 5-yard scoring run late in the half to tie it at 17-17.

After a scoreless third quarter, Pittman hauled in an over-the-shoulder 30yard Slovis TD pass, only to see the Cougars get points on their next 2 possessions: Oldroyd's 32-yard field goal and then Wilson's 16-yard TD run with 5:41 to play to move ahead 27-24.

USC had 452 total yards (including 171 rushing) to BYU's 430 (299 passing), but the Cougars held the ball for 42:28 and had no turnovers.

Slovis was 24-of-34 for 281 yards, Malepeai ran for 96 yards on 23 carries and Pittman had a career-high 9 receptions for 95 yards. S Talanoa Hufanga had 10 tackles, ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV added 9 tackles and ILB John Houston Jr. and S Isaiah Pola-Mao each had 8 stops.

For BYU, Wilson was 29-of-33 for 280 yards, RB Ty'son Williams had 99 yards on 19 rushes and ILB Kavika Fonua had 13 tackles.

#### SCORING

#### First Quarter

USC -- Pittman 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

BYU -- Ghanwoloku 1-yard run (Oldroyd kick)

BYU -- Oldroyd 23-yard field goal

#### Second Quarter

USC -- McGrath -- 27-yard field goal BYU -- Milne 30-yard pass from Wilson (Oldroyd kick)

USC -- Malepeai 5-yard run (McGrath kick)

#### Fourth Quarter USC -- Pittman 30-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

BYU -- Oldroyd 32-yard field goal

BYU -- Wilson 16-yard run (Oldroyd kick)

USC -- McGrath 52-yard field goal

First Overtime

BYU -- Oldroyd 43-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	BYU
22	First Downs	21
171	Net Yards Rushing	131
281	Net Yards Passing	299
34	Passes Attempted	34
24	Passes Completed	21
3	Had Intercepted	0
79	Total Plays	74
452	Total Yards	430
4/38.5	Punts/Avg	4/48.2
3/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
5/44	Penalties/Yards	5/39
32:32	Time of Possession	42:28

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Williams (BYU) 19-99; Malepeai (USC) 23-96; Stepp (USC) 9-53; Carr (USC) 9-22.

PAŚŚING - Slovis (USC) 24-34-281; Wilson (BYU) 20-33-280; Hall (BYU) 1-1-19. RECEIVING - Pittman (USC) 9-95; Vaughns (USC) 7-65; Romney (BYU) 3-54; Simon (BYU) 3-48; Hifo (BYU) 3-30; Carr (USC) 3-20; Malepeai (USC) 3-28.

#### GAME 4 - September 20, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 30, Utah 23 Att: 55,719

Utah 7 23 USC 14 0 30

QB Matt Fink, who came off the bench when starting QB Kedon Slovis was knocked out of the game after the second play, threw for 351 yards with 3 TDs and WR Michael Pittman Jr. caught 10 throws for 232 yards and a long score to lead USC to a 30-23 victory over No. 10 Utah on a Friday night before 55,719 fans in the Coliseum and an FS1 national audience.

It was Utah's ninth straight loss in the Coliseum. USC scored more points than the Utes had allowed in their first 3 games combined.

USC prevailed despite Utah dominating the statistics. The Utes had more yards (457 to 381), plays (79 to 54), first downs (27 to 16) and possession time (38:12 to 21:48, USC's fewest since 20:31 against Stanford in 2015). The Trojans managed only 13 rushing yards to Utah's 247, but Troy averaged 7.1 yards per play and threw for 368 yards. Utah converted just 5-of-13 first downs. There were 27 penalties in the game, 16 by Utah for 120 yards.

Fink guided USC to touchdowns on its first 2 possessions, first finding WR Tyler Vaughns on a 29-yard pass and then, after Utah countered with a 17-yard scoring run by RB Devonta'e Henry-Cole, hitting WR Amon-Ra St. Brown for a 31yard TD.

Utah got a 38-yard field goal by PK Jadon Redding in the middle of the second quarter after recovering a USC fumble (DL **Connor Murphy** had blocked an earlier Redding field goal try). Late in the half, CB Greg Johnson forced and recovered a Ute fumble at the Trojan 2-yard line.

Early in the second half, Pittman hauled in a 77-yard TD pass from Slovis, USC longest scoring pass since Cody Kessler hit Adoree' Jackson on an 83-yarder in 2015 at Notre Dame. Late in the third quarter, Utah turned an interception into a touchdown, as OB Tyler Huntley found TE Cole Fotheringham for a 2-yard score.

Utah got to the USC 1-yard line early in the fourth quarter but came away with a 24-yard Redding field goal. After P Ben Griffith's pinned the Utes at their 6-yard line on their next drive, DL Drake Jackson forced Huntley into intentional grounding in the end zone for a sack and safety. USC converted the ensuing possession into a 4-yard TD run by TB Markese Stepp, then held Utah to a 38-yard Redding field goal late in the game before running out the clock.

Fink, who considered transferring from USC in the spring of 2019 and began the 2019 season as the No. 3 quarterback, completed 21-of-30 aerials. Pittman's receiving yardage was the fifth most ever by a Trojan and the most since Marqise Lee's school-record 345 yards at Arizona in 2012. Fink's and Pittman's numbers were career highs. St. Brown had 5 grabs for 68 yards and Vaughns 4 for 49.

S Talanoa Hufanga and ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV each had a game-best 14 tackles, with Hufanga getting 1.5 for losses.

Huntley was 22-of-30 for 210 yards passing for Utah and he added 60 yards on 18 carries. RB Devin Brumfield ran for 63 yards on 10 carries and caught 4 passes for 28 yards.

A special Friday edition of FOX's college football studio pre-game show-featuring ex-Trojans Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush--aired from the Coliseum field. Earlier in the day, new USC president Dr. Carol L. Folt was inaugurated.

#### SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- Vaughns 29-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)

UTAH-- Henry-Cole 17-yard run (Redding kick)

USC -- St. Brown 31-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

UTAH -- Redding 38-yard field goal

**Third Quarter** 

USC -- Pittman 77-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)

UTAH -- Fotheringham 2-yard pass from Huntley (Redding kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Safety, D. Jackson forced intentional grounding in end zone

USC -- Stepp 4-yard run (McGrath kick)

UTAH -- Redding 38-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
16	First Downs	27
13	Net Yards Rushing	247
368	Net Yards Passing	210
32	Passes Attempted	30
23	Passes Completed	22
1	Had Intercepted	0
54	Total Plays	79
381	Total Yards	457
4/42.2	Punts/Avq	2/35.0
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
11/117	Penalties/Yards	16/1220
21:48	Time of Possession	38:12

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Brumfield (UTAH) 10-63; Huntley (UTAH) 18-60; Malepeai (USC) 111-39; Henry-Cole (UTAH) 4-31; Dixon (UTAH) 4-30; Vickers (UTAH) 4-26; Moss (UTAH) 6-20.

PASSING - Fink (USC) 21-30-351; Huntley (UTAH) 22-30-210; Slovis (USC) 2-2-17. RECEIVING - Pittman (USC) 10-232; St. Brown (USC) 5-68; Vaughns (USC) 4-49; Brumfield (UTAH) 4-28; Vickers (Utah) 3-38; Thompson (UTAH) 3-28; Fotheringham (UTAH) 3-23; Covey (UTAH) 3-7.



## GAME 5 - September 28, Seattle, Washington Washington 28, USC 14

Att: 66,975

USC	0	7	7	0	 14
Washington	14	3	11	0	 28

TB Salvon Ahmed ran for 153 yards, including an 89-yard touchdown, and Washington picked off a pair of USC passes at the goal line as the No. 17 Huskies posted a 28-14 victory over the No. 21 Trojans on a chilly day in front of 66,975 fans in Husky Stadium and a national FOX audience.

USC started its third quarterback of 2019, as QB Matt Fink filled in for QB Kedon Slovis (concussion from the previous game) and went 19-of-23 for 163 yards in his first career start but he threw 3 interceptions.

Washington jumped out to a 14-0 start with TDs late in the first quarter, the first on a 1-vard run by TB Richard Newton and then, after a Fink midfield pick, WR Andre Baccellia jumped on a Ahmed fumble in the end zone for another score.

USC got on the board late in the half on a 3-yard Fink scoring run, but the Huskies responded by adding a 28-yard field goal by PK Peyton Henry at the halftime gun to build a 17-7 edge.

UW came out at the top of the second half and got another Henry field goal, this time from 35 yards. Then late in the third quarter, 2 plays after Fink's short pass was intercepted by DB Elijah Molden in the end zone, Ahmed jetted untouched up the middle for his 89-yard TD, the Huskies' longest scoring run since 1994. USC countered on its next drive, with Fink finding WR Michael Pittman Jr. for a 44-yard TD with 2:10 to go in the third guarter. That would be the game's last points, despite USC threatening on its final 2 possessions (only to fail to score on downs on a first-and goal from the UW 7 and then getting to the UW 27 before Molden's second goal line pick of Fink).

The statistics were even, as USC had 375 total yards (212 rushing) on 65 plays to Washington's 373 total yards. But UW won the turnover battle (3 to 1) and scored all 4 times it got in the red zone.

TB Stephen Carr led USC on the ground with 94 yards on 7 carries (including a 60-yard burst), while TB Markese Stepp added 62 yards on 10 carries. WR Amon-Ra St. Brown had a team-best 5 catches for 31 yards, Pittman added 4 for 64 yards and WR Tyler Vaughns had 4 for 44 yards. ILB John Houston Jr. had a game-high 10 tackles, while ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV added 9 stops.

Washington QB Jacob Eason hit 16-of-26 passes for 180 yards, including 6 for 68 yards to WR Aaron Fuller.

It was USC's first time playing UW since 2016 because of the Pac-12 scheduling rotation.

# **SCORING**

First Ouarter

WASH -- Newton 1-yard run (Henry kick)

WASH -- Baccellia fumble recovery in end zone (Henry kick)

#### Second Quarter

USC -- Fink 3-yard run (McGrath kick) WASH -- Henry 28-yard field goal

Third Quarter

WASH -- Henry 35-yard field goal

WASH -- Ahmed 89-yard run [McClatcher pass from Eason]

USC -- Pittman 44-yard pass from Fink (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	WASHINGTON
18	First Downs	16
212	Net Yards Rushing	193
163	Net Yards Passing	180
32	Passes Attempted	26
19	Passes Completed	16
3	Had Intercepted	0
65	Total Plays	61
375	Total Yards	373
6/41.0	Punts/Avg	6/44.3
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
8/80	Penalties/Yards	7/44
31:09	Time of Possession	28:51

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Ahmed (WASH) 17-153; Carr (USC) 7-94; Stepp (USC) 10-62; Malepeai

PASSING - Eason (WASH) 16-26-180; Fink (USC) 19-32-163.

RECEIVING - Fuller (WASH) 6-68; St. Brown (USC) 5-31; Pittman (USC) 4-64; Bryant (WASH) 4-49; Vaughns (USC) 4-44; Otton (WASH) 2-43; Baccellia (WASH) 2-13; Krommenhoek (USC) 2-10; Malepeai (USC) 2-8.

#### GAME 6 - October 12, South Bend, Indiana Notre Dame 30, USC 27 Att: 77,622

USC 10 3 27 Notre Dame 0 17 3 10 30

Despite a 24-point second half by the Trojans, USC came up just short in its comeback attempt at No. 9 Notre Dame, falling 30-27 on a chilly (mid-40s) evening in front of a sold-out crowd of 77,622 fans and a national NBC audience.

It was USC's fourth straight defeat in South Bend, its longest streak since dropping 7 consecutive there from 1983 to 1995.

The Trojans, who trailed 20-3 just after halftime, scored on all 4 of their second half possessions. After Notre Dame PK Jonathan Doerer opened the second half with a 52-yard field goal to extend the Irish's unanswered scoring run to 20 points, USC stormed back. First, PK Chase McGrath nailed a 27-yard field goal, then WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** made a snazzy one-handed 38-yard TD catch on a pass from QB Kedon Slovis late in the third quarter. Doerer added a 43-yard field goal at the top of the fourth quarter, but USC answered with Slovis' 5-yard TD toss to WR Tyler Vaughns to bring Troy to within 23-20. The teams then traded touchdowns, first with Irish QB Ian Book scrambling for an 8-yard score, then USC getting a 2-yard rushing score from TB Markese Stepp with 1:04 to play. But ND recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock.

USC got on the board first with a 40-yard McGrath field goal late in the first quarter. But Notre Dame then drove 97 yards midway through the second quarter, culminating with a 10-yard Book scoring pass to TE Cole Kmet. On ND's next possession, WR Braden Lenzy took an end-around handoff and raced 51 yards for a score and then the Irish closed the half with Doerer's 45-yard field goal with 15 seconds to go. Notre Dame nearly doubled USC's total offense output in the first half, 289 to 146.

In the game, USC put up 426 total yards and equalled a season-high with 25 first downs. The Trojans had no turnovers for the first time in 2019 and were penalized just twice (a season low). Notre Dame had 473 total yards (including . 308 rushing) on 80 plays (a USC opponent high in 2019) and 25 first downs, plus it had no turnovers, converted 9-of-17 third downs and posted 4 sacks.

Slovis, who missed USC's previous game with a concussion, was 24-of-35  $\,$ passing for 255 yards, including going 14-of-18 in the second half for 181 yards and both TD passes. Stepp rushed for a career-high 82 yards on 10 carries and St. Brown had 8 catches for 112 yards while TE Erik Krommenhoek had a careerhigh 5 receptions for 37 yards. ILB John Houston Jr. led USC with 8 tackles (2 for losses), S Isaiah Pola-Mao added 7 stops and DL Drake Jackson had 2.5 tackles for loss among his 5 tackles.

For ND, RB Tony Fields Jr. gained 176 yards on 25 carries, Book was 17-of-32 for 165 passing yards and also ran for 49 yards on 12 carries and Kmet had 6 catches for 61 vards.

#### SCORING

First Quarter

#### USC -- McGrath 40-yard field goal Second Quarter

ND -- Kmet 10-yard pass from Book (Doerer kick)

ND -- Lenzy 51-yard run (Doerer kick)

ND -- Doerer 45-yard field goal

Third Quarter

ND -- Doerer 52-yard field goal

USC -- McGrath 27-yard field goal

USC -- St. Brown 38-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Fourth Quarter

ND -- Doerer 43-yard field goal

USC -- Vaughns 5-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

ND -- Book 8-yard run (Doerer kick)

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

USC	STATISTICS	NOTRE DAME
25	First Downs	25
171	Net Yards Rushing	308
255	Net Yards Passing	165
35	Passes Attempted	32
24	Passes Completed	17
0	Had Intercepted	0
70	Total Plays	80
426	Total Yards	473
5/42.2	Punts/Avq	3/40.3
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
2/44	Penalties/Yards	5/45
28:36	Time of Possession	31:24

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Jones Jr. (ND) 25-176; Stepp (USC) 10-82; Lenzy (ND) 1-51; Book (ND) 12-49; Malepeai (USC) 8-46; Carr (USC) 9-44, Smith (ND) 5-32.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 24-35-255; Book (ND) 17-32-165.

RECEIVING - St. Brown (USC) 8-112; Kmet (ND) 6-61; Finke (ND) 5-45;

Krommenhoek (USC) 5-37; Vaughns (USC) 4-47; Pittman (USC) 4-29; Claypool (ND) 3-47.



#### GAME 7 - October 19, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 41, Arizona 14 Att: 53.826

Arizona	0	0	0	14	 14
USC	10	7	10	14	 41

TB **Kenan Christon** came off the bench to run for a pair of long touchdown in his Trojan debut, QB **Kedon Slovis** threw a pair of TDs, ILB **Kana'i Mauga** led a defense that shut down Arizona's potent offense and PK Chase McGrath nailed a pair of field goals as USC overcame a rash of in-game injuries and posted a dominant 41-14 victory over the Wildcats in front of a Homecoming crowd of 53,826 fans in the Coliseum and a national Pac-12 Network audience.

It was USC's seventh consecutive win over Arizona.

USC, which came into the game down 5 starters and then lost 6 key players during the contest, was up 34-0 before Arizona scored twice in the final quarter against Troy's backups.

USC piled up 448 total yards and held Arizona, which was averaging 509.3 total yards, to just 385 (218 of those came in the fourth quarter). The Trojans had 7 sacks (their most since getting 7 in 2013 versus Hawaii), forced 3 turnovers and limited UA to 5-of-16 on third downs (2-of-8 in the second half). Arizona QB Khalil Tate, who was averaging 301.0 yards of total offense, had just 24 yards of total offense before being replaced in the third quarter.

After USC recovered a fumbled Arizona punt return, McGrath opened the scoring with a 31-yard field goal midway through the first guarter. Mauga then forced a fumble that ILB John Houston Jr. recovered and Slovis soon after hit WR Michael Pittman Jr. on a 9-yard scoring pass. TB Markese Stepp's 12-yard TD run capped an 87-yard drive late in the first half, giving USC a 17-0 lead at intermission.

After Mauga's interception of UA QB Grant Gunnell's first pass of the game, McGrath added a 38-yard field goal midway into the third quarter. Two series later, Slovis threw a 5-yard TD toss to WR Tyler Vaughns late in the quarter.

With Stepp and fellow TB Stephen Carr knocked out with injuries, Christon-the reigning California prep 100- and 200-meter champion--jetted 55 yards untouched for a score at the top of the fourth quarter. After Gunnell hit WR Brian Casteel for a 56-yard TD on Arizona's ensuing possession, Christon countered on the next series with a 30-yard touchdown run. Gunnell and Casteel then connected in the game's final minute on a 27-yard scoring pass.

Christon ran for 103 yards on 8 carries, Slovis was 19-of-28 for 232 yards and Vaughns had 7 receptions for 73 yards. Mauga had 13 tackles (2 for losses) and Houston add 8 stops (2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks).

For UA, Tate was 7-of-11 passing for 51 yards, but was sacked 6 times and ended up with -27 yards on 9 rushes. Gunnell was 16-of-26 for 196 yards, Casteel caught 5 passes for 105 yards and RB J.J. Taylor had 80 yards on 16 carries.

Besides Stepp and Carr, S Talanoa Hufanga, DL Drake Jackson, WR Munir McClain and OLB Abdul-Malik McClain also left the game with injuries.

## SCORING

First Quarter USC -- McGrath 31-yard field goal

USC -- Pittman 19-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Stepp 12-yard run (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- McGrath 38-yard field goal

USC -- Vaughns 5-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Fourth Ouarter

USC -- Christon 55-yard run (McGrath kick)

ARIZ -- Casteel 56-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)

USC -- Christon 30-yard run (McGrath kick)

ARIZ -- Casteel 27-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
16	First Downs	22
201	Net Yards Rushing	138
247	Net Yards Passing	247
30	Passes Attempted	38
21	Passes Completed	23
0	Had Intercepted	1
66	Total Plays	75
448	Total Yards	385
6/44.3	Punts/Avg	7/35.7
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
10/100	Penalties/Yards	5/31
29:58	Time of Possession	30:02

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Christon (USC) 8-103; Taylor (ARIZ) 16-80; Stepp (USC) 13-66; Tilford (ARIZ) 7-61; Carr (USC) 7-33.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 19-28-232; Gunnell (ARIZ) 16-26-196; Tate (ARIZ) 7-11-51; Fink (USC) 2-2-15; Joiner (ARIZ) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING - Vaughns 7-73; Casteel (ARIZ) 5-105; Pittman (USC) 4-69; London (USC) 4-52; Wiley [ARIZ] 4-27; Taylor (ARIZ) 4-13; St. Brown (USC) 3-27.

#### GAME 8 - October 25, Boulder, Colorado USC 35, Colorado 31 Att: 48,913

USC	7	7	7	14	 35
Colorado	3	14	14	0	 31

WR Michael Pittman Jr. caught a pair of late touchdown passes from QB Kedon Slovis--including a 37-yard game winner with 2:15 to play--to help USC overcome a 10-point fourth quarter deficit and capture its first road win of 2019, 35-31 at Colorado, on a chilly (mid-40s) Friday night in front of 48,913 fans and an ESPN2 audience.

The win kept USC undefeated (14-0) against the Buffaloes. It was Troy's second Friday game of 2019, the first time that has occurred in the regular season

USC played without its top 3 running backs and 4 defensive starters, all out with injuries. The offense went primarily with a 5-wideout formation.

USC scored on the game's opening drive, as WR Amon-Ra St. Brown lined up in the backfield and took a handoff 37 yards for a score. Colorado then scored the next 17 points, first on a 22-yard field goal by PK James Stefanou, then on a pair of 7-yard TD passes from QB Steven Montez to WR K.D. Nixon (the first coming after Slovis was intercepted in Buffalo territory and the second late in the first half). But USC got it to 17-14 at halftime on Slovis' 3-yard scoring pass to TB Kenan Christon.

Two plays into the second half, Colorado WR Laviska Shenault took a Montez pass 71 yards for a TD, but USC countered right back with a 21-yard Slovis touchdown pass to WR Tyler Vaughns. The Buffs responded on the ensuing possession, with Montez scoring on a 17-yard run to make it 31-21 midway into the third quarter.

But Colorado would not get inside USC's 40 on its final 5 possessions and managed just 45 total yards in the fourth quarter (and went 1-of-5 on third downs).

Slovis hit Pittman on a 44-yard scoring bomb early in the fourth quarter and then directed the Trojans on the 12-play, 89-yard game-winning drive.

Slovis was 30-of-44 for 406 yards and 4 TDs overall (all career highs) with an interception, including going 9-of-13 for 148 yards and the 2 TDs in the fourth quarter. Pittman had 7 catches for 156 yards (4 for 104 in the final period), Vaughns had 8 receptions for 104 yards, St. Brown had 5 catches for 55 yards and ran for 50 yards on 3 tries and Christon had a game-best 76 yards on 14 rushes. Pittman and Vaughns were the first Trojan duo to both get 100 receiving yards in a game since Deontay Burnett had 139 and Vaughns had 119 against Ohio State in the 2018 Cotton Bowl.

ILB John Houston Jr. had a game-high 9 tackles with a deflection, while ILB Kana'i Mauga added 8 stops (1 for loss).

Both teams' offenses were productive, with USC getting a season-best 518 total yards to Colorado's 520, a Trojan opponent season high (the Buffs ran for 196 yards). USC's 30 first downs were its most since getting 30 against Arizona in 2017. Colorado had 25 first downs and held the ball 34:07, but had 13 penalties for 109 yards and converted just 5-of-14 third downs.

Montez completed 27-of-43 passes for 324 yards and ran for 45 yards on 7 carries, Shenault had 9 catches for 172 yards and Buff TB Alex Fontenot gained 57 yards on 16 rushes.

#### SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- St. Brown 37-yard run (McGrath kick)

COLO -- Stefanou 22-yard field goal

Second Ouarter

COLO -- Nixon 7-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)

COLO -- Nixon 7-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)

USC -- Christon 3-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick) Third Quarter

COLO -- Sheanault 71-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)

USC -- Vaughns 21-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

COLO -- Montez 17-yard run (Stefanou kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Pittman 44-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick) USC -- Pittman 37-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

STATISTICS USC COLORADO 30 First Downs 25 112 Net Yards Rushing 196 406 Net Yards Passing 324 43 44 Passes Attempted 30 Passes Completed 27 Had Intercepted 0 1 70 Total Plays 77 518 520 Total Yards 4/46.0 Punts/Avg 6/42.3 2/0 Fumbles-Lost 0/0

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Christon (USC) 14-76; Fontenot (COLO) 16-57; St. Brown (USC) 3-50;

Penalties/Yards

Time of Possession

Montez (COLO) 7-45; Mangham (COLO) 7-38.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 30-44-406; Montez (COLO) 27-43-324.

RECEIVING - Shenault (COLO) 9-172; Vaughns (USC) 8-104; Pittman (USC) 7-156; London (USC) 7-85; Brown (COLO) 5-67; St. Brown (USC) 5-55; Fontenot (COLO) 5-29; Nixon (COLO) 3-20.



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#### GAME 9 - November 2, Los Angeles Coliseum Oregon 56, USC 24 Att: 63,011

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OB Justin Herbert threw 3 touchdown passes to WR Juwan Johnson and No. 7 Oregon scored 28 points following USC turnovers as the Ducks gave the Trojans their first home loss of 2019 and knocked Troy out of first place in the Pac-12 South, 56-24, in front of a Trojan Family Weekend crowd of 63,011 in the Coliseum and a FOX audience.

It was USC's largest margin of defeat at home since a 34-point loss against Stanford in 2009. It also was the most points USC had surrendered since Arizona State tallied 62 in 2013 in Tempe and the most at home since Oregon's 62 in 2012. It was Oregon's eighth straight win in 2019.

USC jumped out to a 10-0 first quarter lead after QB **Kedon Slovis'** 8-yard TD pass to WR **Drake London** and PK **Chase McGrath's** 24-yard field goal following S Isaiah Pola-Mao's interception of Herbert (only the second pick Herbert had thrown in 2019)

But the Ducks then scored the next 8 times they had the ball and never punted after the first quarter. After getting an interception, Herbert scrambled 10 yards to get Oregon on the board midway through the second quarter. Then after USC drove to the Oregon 3-yard line, Slovis lost a fumble and the Ducks drove 95 yards to take the lead, capped by a 2-yard TD run by WR Jaylon Redd. S Brady Breeze intercepted Slovis 2 plays later and returned it 32 yards for a score late in the half. But USC quickly countered on Slovis' 13-yard TD pass to WR Michael Pittman Jr. with 20 seconds to go in the half, only to have CB Mykael Wright return the ensuing kickoff 100 yards to give the Ducks a 28-17 lead at halftime. Oregon's 28 second quarter points tied a USC opponent record for most points in a quarter.

On Oregon's first 3 possessions of the second half, Herbert threw touchdown passes to Johnson of 15, 11 and 37 yards (the second TD came after a fourth down interception) to extend the Ducks' lead to 49-17 early in the fourth quarter. Backup QB Tyler Shough came on for Oregon and hit WR Mycah Pittman (Michael's brother) for a 35-yard TD. USC tacked on a late score on WR Kyle Ford's first career catch, a 20-yarder from Slovis.

Despite the lopsided score, the statistics were close. Oregon had 405 total yards on just 63 plays, while USC had 355 total yards on 82 plays. Troy converted 9-of-16 third downs, Oregon was 6-of-9. USC's 31 first downs were its most since getting 33 against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. Both teams were heavily penalized (Oregon had 12 for 157 yards and USC 8 for 92 yards).

Slovis completed a career-high 32 passes on a USC game record 57

attempts (he threw 42 passes in the first half) for 264 yards. WR Tyler Vaughns (75 yards) and Pittman (37 yards) each had 8 receptions for USC, while WR Amon-Ra St. Brown had 7 grabs for 61 yards and London added 4 catches for 51 yards. TB Kenan Christon ran for 79 yards on 15 carries. ILB John Houston Jr. had a gamebest 9 tackles, while ILB **Kana'i Mauga** had 7 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with a sack)

For Oregon, Herbert was 21-of-26 for 225 yards, Johnson had 7 catches for 106 yards and RB Travis Dye rushed for 75 yards on 12 tries.

It was USC's first time playing Oregon since 2016 because of the Pac-12 scheduling rotation.

#### SCORING

#### First Quarter

USC -- London 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC -- McGrath 24-yard field goal

Second Quarter

ORE -- Herbert 10-yard run (Lewis kick)

ORE -- Redd 2-yard run (Lewis kick)

ORE -- Breeze 32-yard interception return (Lewis kick)

USC -- Pittman 13-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

ORE -- Wright 100-yard kickoff return (Lewis kick)

Third Quarter

ORE -- Johnson 15-yard pass from Herbert (Lewis kick)

ORE -- Johnson 11-yard pass from Herbert (Lewis kick)

Fourth Quarter

ORE -- Johnson 37-yard pass from Herbert (Lewis kick) ORE -- Pittman 35-yard pass from Shough (Lewis kick)

USC -- Ford 20-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON
31	First Downs	30
91	Net Yards Rushing	139
264	Net Yards Passing	266
57	Passes Attempted	29
32	Passes Completed	23
3	Had Intercepted	1
82	Total Plays	63
355	Total Yards	405
3/36.3	Punts/Avg	2/47.5
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
8/92	Penalties/Yards	12/157
3113	Time of Possession	28.47

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Christon (USC) 15-79; Dye (ORE) 12-75; Felix (ORE) 10-43.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 32-57-264; Herbert (ORE) 21-26-225; Shough (ORE) 2-3-41.

RECEIVING - Vaughns (USC) 8-75; Pittman (USC) 8-37; Johnson (ORE) 7-106; St. Brown (USC) 7-61; London (USC) 4-51; Redd (ORE) 4-31; Pittman (ORE) 3-36.

#### GAME 10 - November 9, Tempe, Arizona USC 31, Arizona State 26 Att: 54,191

USC	28	0	3	0	 31
Arizona State	7	6	7	6	 26

QB Kedon Slovis threw 4 first quarter touchdowns to help USC build a 28-7 lead and then the Trojans hung on for a 31-26 victory at Arizona State--not sealed until DL Christian Rector's last minute interception--on a warm (85 degrees) day in front of a sold-out crowd of 54,191 fans and an ABC audience.

The victory made the Trojans bowl eligible after missing out in 2018.

USC scored on its first 4 possessions of the game via Slovis passes to WR Drake London (8 yards), TB Kenan Christon (8 and 58 yards) and, with 3 seconds left in the opening quarter, WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (95 yards, the longest USC completion since a school record 97-yarder from Matt Koffler to R. Jay Soward in 1996 at Illinois). Slovis, who grew up near the ASU campus, was 15-of-17 for 297 yards in the first quarter. USC had 315 total yards on 26 plays in the opening quarter, while the Sun Devils had just 1 yard on 9 plays.

Arizona State managed a TD in the middle of USC's first quarter scores, a 5-yard pass from freshman QB Joey Yellen (making his first start) to WR Kyle Williams following a 97-yard ASU kickoff return by WR Brandon Aiyuk

The Sun Devils added a 62-yard Yellen TD pass to WR Frank Darby late in the first half (the PAT kick missed) to close to 28-13 at halftime.

ASÚ scored on the opening series of the second half on a 2-yard Yellen toss to Aiyuk. USC countered late in the third quarter on PK Chase McGrath's 41-yard field goal on a drive where QB Matt Fink filled in for a cramping Slovis.

ASU added another Yellen-to-Darby TD pass, this one for 15 yards, midway through the fourth quarter (the 2-point conversion attempt failed) to close within 5 points of the Trojans. The Sun Devils got the ball back twice more in the game, driving to the USC 32 on their second possession before Rector tipped Yellen's pass at the line and dove to haul it in with 25 seconds to play.

USC piled up a season-high 547 total yards (385 in the first half) to ASU's Most of the yards came through the air (477 by USC, 292 by ASU).

Slovis finished with a career-high 432 yards on 29-of-39 passing. Christon had 144 all-purpose yards (he ran for a game-best 62 yards on 20 carries and caught 4 passes for 82 yards). WR Michael Pittman Jr. had a career-high 13 receptions for 146 yards and St. Brown added 8 catches for a career-best 173 vards

ILBs John Houston Jr. and Kana'i Mauga each had a game-high 9 tackles. S Isaiah Pola-Mao had an interception and DL Nick Figueroa recovered a fumble. USC was missing 3 defensive starters to injury (DL Marlon Tuipulotu, ILB Palaie Gaoteote, CB Greg Johnson).

Yellen was 28-of-44 for 292 yards with the 4 TDs, Williams had 8 catches for 60 yards, RB Eno Benjamin ran for 52 yards on 20 carries and caught 7 passes for 48 yards and Aiyuk had 5 receptions for 51 yards and added 169 yards on 3 kickoff returns.

It was USC's first day game in Tempe since 2005.

#### **SCORING**

### First Quarter

USC -- London 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick) USC -- Christon 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick) ASU -- Williams 5-yard pass from Yellen (Zendejas kick) USC -- Christon 58-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC -- St. Brown 95-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter

ASU -- Darby 62-yard pass from Yellen (Zendejas kick missed)

Third Quarter

ASU -- Aiyuk 2-yard pass from Yellen (Zendejas kick)

USC -- McGrath 41-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter ASU -- Darby 15-yard pass from Yellen (Yellen pass failed)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA STATE
23	First Downs	18
70	Net Yards Rushing	47
477	Net Yards Passing	292
45	Passes Attempted	44
33	Passes Completed	28
1	Had Intercepted	2
73	Total Plays	65
547	Total Yards	339
5/36.2	Punts/Avq	6/48.7
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
11/93	Penalties/Yards	9/82
31:34	Time of Possession	28:2

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Christon (USC) 20-62; Benjamin (ASU) 20-52

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 29-39-432; Yellen (ASU) 28-44-292; Fink (USC) 4-6-45. RECEIVING - Pittman (USC) 13-146; St. Brown (USC) 8-173; Williams (ASU) 8-60; Benjamin (ASU) 7-48; Aiyuk (ASU) 5-51; Christon (USC) 4-82; Vaughns (USC) 4-39; Hudson (ASU) 3-36; London (USC) 3-30.

#### GAME 11 - November 16, Berkeley, California USC 41, California 17 Att: 46,397

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Behind QB Kedon Slovis' 4 touchdown passes, USC scored 31 unanswered points to dominate California, 41-17, under the lights on the road in front of 46,397 fans and a national FS1 audience.

The victory kept USC undefeated against the Golden Bears in the Bay Area since 2003.

After Cal scored on a 5-yard run by RB DeShawn Collins on the opening series, USC contered with Slovis' 18-yard TD pass to WR Amon-Ra St. Brown on the ensuing drive. USC tacked on a 41-yard field goal by PK Chase McGrath late in the first quarter, but Cal answered on its next possession with a 37-yard field goal by PK Greg Thomas midway through the second quarter. USC took a 17-10 lead into halftime after Slovis connected with WR Michael Pittman Jr. on a 33-yard scoring strike late in the half.

USC scored on its first 4 possessions of the second half to forge a 41-10 lead. First, Slovis hit WR Drake London on an 8-yard TD, then McGrath nailed a 32-yard field goal. After CB Greg Johnson's interception, TB Stephen Carr ran for a 2-yard score late in the third quarter and then Slovis found TE Josh Falo for a 5-yard TD early in the fourth quarter.

Collins ran for a 34-yard touchdown against USC's backups midway through the final period to finish the scoring.

Slovis completed 83% of his passes (29-of-35), Pittman had 11 grabs for 180 yards, London added 6 receptions for 111 yards and St. Brown had 5 catches for 85 yards. TB Keenan Christon led USC's runners with 44 yards on 9 carries. ILBs John Houston Jr. and Kana'i Mauga each had a team-best 5 tackles. S Isaiah Pola-Mao added an interception.

USC piled up 462 total yards, averaging 7.5 yards per play, to Cal's 263 yards and the Trojans converted 7-of-13 third downs to Cal's 3-of-10. USC posted 5 sacks.

For Cal, Collins rushed for 103 yards on 15 tries. QB Chase Garbers, who had missed the previous 4 games with a throwing shoulder injury, returned to the starting lineup but injured his other shoulder early in the second quarter (he completed 4-of-10 passes for 33 yards). He was replaced by QB Devon Modster, who was 11-of-22 for 95 yards but threw the 2 picks. WR Jordan Duncan had 5 catches for 53 yards.

It was the smallest crowd for a USC-Cal game in Berkeley since 2001.

# SCORING

First Ouarter

CAL -- Collins 5-yard run (Thomas kick) USC -- St. Brown 18-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC -- McGrath 41-yard field goal

Second Quarter

CAL -- Thomas 37-yard field goal USC -- Pittman 33-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- London 8-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC -- McGrath 32-yard field goal

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

Fourth Ouarter

USC -- Falo 5-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

CAL -- Collins 34-yard run (Thomas kick)

USC	STATISTICS	CALIFORNIA
18	First Downs	21
56	Net Yards Rushing	135
406	Net Yards Passing	128
35	Passes Attempted	32
29	Passes Completed	15
0	Had Intercepted	2
62	Total Plays	61
462	Total Yards	263
3/50.3	Punts/Avg	6/36.2
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/75	Penalties/Yards	3/11
31:52	Time of Possession	28:08

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Collins (CAL) 15-103; Christon (USC) 9-44; Brown (CAL) 2-29; Carr (USC) 9-19; Jountti (USC) 3-14.

PAŚSING - Slovis (USĆ) 29-35-406; Modseter (CAL) 11-22-95; Garbers (USC) 4-10-33

RECEIVING - Pittman (USC) 11-180; London (CAL) 6-111; St. Brown (USC) 5-85; Duncan (CAL) 5-53; Dancy (CAL) 3-19; Tonges (CAL) 2-23; V. Jones (USC) 2-12; Polk (CAL) 2-12; Remigio (CAL) 2-11; Falo (USC) 2-5; Carr (USC) 2-2.

#### GAME 12 - November 23, Los Angeles Coliseum **USC 52, UCLA 35** Att: 64,156

UCLA	7	7	14	7	 35
USC	10	14	14	14	 52

QB Kedon Slovis threw for a school single game record 515 yards and 4 Trojans each had 100-plus receiving yards for the first time in school history as USC dominated UCLA, 52-35, in front of 64,156 fans in the Coliseum and a national ABC audience.

It was USC's most points against the Bruins since 2005 and it tied the 1990 game for the most combined points in a regulation game in the series.

USC piled up 643 total yards and 34 first downs, both figures its most since the 2015 Idaho game (737 and 35).

Slovis completed 78.7% of his passes, hitting a USC game record-tying 37 completions on 47 attempts with 4 touchdowns. His passing yardage was the most by any player from either school in the USC-UCLA series.

USC's 100-yard receiving quartet was WRs Michael Pittman Jr. (104 yards on 13 receptions), Drake London (142 on 8), Amon-Ra St. Brown (128 on 8) and Tyler Vaughns (106 on 6). Since 1996, no school has had more in a game. Pittman's ortal text blide on experienced has the school has had more in a game. catch total tied a career high and London's catches and yards set personal bests.

TB Stephen Carr ran for a game-best 87 yards on 11 carries, with a TD. TB Vavae Malepeai, who had missed the past 5 games with a knee injury, returned

and ran for 60 yards and 2 TDs on 10 caries.

S Talanoa Hufanga posted a career-best 18 tackles (2 for losses, with a sack), the most by a Trojan since Troy Polamalu's 20 against Utah in the 2001 Vegas Bowl (Polamalu was in attendance being honored for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame). S Isaiah Pola-Mao had a career-high 12 stops. CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart had an interception.

UCLA scored on the game's opening possession on a 9-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson to Felton. USC took the lead with PK Chase McGrath's 31yard field goal midway through the first quarter and then Malepeai's 1-yard run late in the quarter following Pola-Mao's pick. The Bruins countered with Thompson-Robinson's 3-yard scoring run early in the second quarter.

USC then scored 4 unanswered TDs to build a 38-14 lead: 1- and 4-yard Slovis passes to Pittman (the second late in the half), a 32-yard Slovis pass to Pittman (the second half and an 8-yard Malepeai run, But UCLA scored

London early in the second half and an 8-yard Malepeai run. But UCLA scored back-to-back TDs (Thompson-Robinson passes of 53 yards to Asiasi and 7 yards to WR Chase Cota) to pull within 10 points, 38-28, late in the third quarter.

Slovis then connected on a 49-yard scoring aerial to Vaughns at the top of the fourth quarter but UCLA responded with a 1-yard TD run by Kelley to pull within 10 again. However, USC extended the lead on its ensuing possession, capped by Carr's 2-yard scoring run.

UCLA had 540 total yards, but converted just 5-of-17 third downs. QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson was 26-of-44 passing for 367 yards and ran for 64 yards on 16 tries. WR Kyle Philips had 12 receptions for 123 yards, RB Demetric Felton added 6 catches for 50 yards and TE Devin Asiasi had 5 for 141 yards. RB Joshua Kelley, who ran for 289 yards against USC in the 2018 game and was averaging 104.3 rushing yards in 2019, was limited to 49 yards on 15 carries. S Stephan Blaylock had 11 tackles and CB Darnay Holmes added 10 stops.

It was the final USC-UCLA home game for 50-year Trojan Marching Band director Art Bartner and the last USC game for 15-year Traveler rider Hector Aguilar.

#### **SCORING** First Quarter

UCLA -- Felton 9-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson (Molson kick)

USC -- McGrath 31-yard field goal

USC -- Malepeai 1-yard run (McGrath kick)

Second Quarter
UCLA -- Thompson-Robinson 3-yard run (Molson kick)

USC -- Pittman 1-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick USC -- Pittman 4-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick) Third Quarter

USC -- London 32-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC -- Malepeai 8-yard run (McGrath kick)

UCLA -- Asiasi 53-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson (Molson kick) UCLA -- Cota 7-yard pass from Thompson-Robinson (Molson kick)

Fourth Ouarter USC -- Vaughns 49-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

UCLA -- Kelley 1-yard run (Molson kick)

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

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
34	First Downs	27
128	Net Yards Rushing	157
515	Net Yards Passing	383
47	Passes Attempted	49
37	Passes Completed	30
0	Had Intercepted	1
79	Total Plays	88
643	Total Yards	540
3/40.7	Punts/Avq	5/43.2
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
7/57	Penalties/Yards	10/73
27:58	Time of Possession	31:24

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Carr (USC) 11-87; Thompson-Robinson (UCLA) 16-64; Malepeai (USC) 10-60; Kelley (UCLA) 15-45; Allen (UCLA) 4-39.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 37-47-515; Thompson-Robinson (UCLA) 26-44-367; Burton (UCLA) 4-5-16.

RECEIVING - Pittman (USC) 13-104; Philips (UCLA) 12-123; London (USC) 8-142; St. Brown (USC) 8-128; Vaughns (USC) 66-106; Felton (UCLA) 6-50; Asiasi (UCLA) 13-141; Sete (USC) 4) 3-244. Wilson (USC) 40. 5-141; Cotà (UCLA) 3-24; Wilson (UCLA) 2-26.





# 2019 USC Football USC Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 23, 2019) All games



Team Statistics	USC	OPP
SCORING	398	333
Points Per Game	33.2	27.8
Points Off Turnovers	44	79
FIRST DOWNS	281	277
Rushing	88	116
Passing	169	129
Penalty	24	32
RUSHING YARDAGE	1533	1998
Yards gained rushing	1856	2293
Yards lost rushing	323	295
Rushing Attempts	376	433
Average Per Rush	4.1	4.6
Average Per Game	127.8 17	166.5
TDs Rushing PASSING YARDAGE	4031	16 2987
Comp-Att-Int	331-466-14	263-432-9
Average Per Pass	8.7	6.9
Average Per Catch	12.2	11.4
Average Per Game	335.9	248.9
TDs Passing	33	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	5564	4985
Total Plays	842	865
Average Per Play	6.6	5.8
Average Per Game	463.7	415.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	39-825	34-960
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	20-112	8-58
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-81	14-163
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.2	28.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.6	7.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.0	11.6
FUMBLES-LOST	19-9	12-7
PENALTIES-Yards	87-856	98-822
Average Per Game	71.3	68.5
PUNTS-Yards	48-1988	53-2254
Average Per Punt	41.4	42.5
Net punt average	39.0	39.3
KICKOFFS-Yards	75-4370	69-4153
Average Per Kick	58.3	60.2
Net kick average TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	36.5 29:04	39.2 30:56
3RD-DOWN Conversions	70/155	64/164
3rd-Down Pct	45%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/10	9/18
4th-Down Pct	60%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	33-201	24-167
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	51	40
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	13-15	18-25
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(42-50) 84%	(38-45) 84%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(31-50) 62%	(26-45) 58%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(51-51) 100%	(37-38) 97%
ATTENDANCE	356150	356644
Games/Avg Per Game	6/59358	6/59441
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	Total
USC	116	83	96	103	0	398
Opponents	65	108	73	84	3	333



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Malepeai, Vavae	7	97	478	12	466	4.8	6	26	66.6
Christon, Kenan	6	68	399	26	373	5.5	2	55	62.2
Carr, Stephen	9	67	412	40	372	5.6	4	60	41.3
Stepp, Markese	6	48	313	6	307	6.4	3	35	51.2
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	7	63	3	60	8.6	1	37	5.0
Jountti, Quincy	12	13	40	2	38	2.9	0	6	3.2
Davis, Dominic	9	2	15	0	15	7.5	0	11	1.7
Fink, Matt	7	10	23	19	4	0.4	1	8	0.6
Daniels, JT	1	3	8	14	-6	-2.0	0	5	-6.0
Slovis, Kedon	11	43	87	135	-48	-1.1	0	9	-4.4
TEAM	10	18	18	66	-48	-2.7	0	16	-4.8
Total	12	376	1856	323	1533	4.1	17	60	127.8
Opponents	12	433	2293	295	1998	4.6	16	89	166.5

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Slovis, Kedon	11	167.60	260-362-9	71.8	3242	28	95	294.7
Fink, Matt	7	142.02	46-70-4	65.7	574	4	77	82.0
Daniels, JT	1	130.47	25-34-1	73.5	215	1	28	215.0
Total	12	161.05	331-466-14	71.0	4031	33	95	335.9
Opponents	12	131.60	263-432-9	60.9	2987	22	71	248.9

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pittman, Michael	12	95	1222	12.9	11	77	101.8
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	68	879	12.9	6	95	73.2
Vaughns, Tyler	12	68	858	12.6	6	49	71.5
London, Drake	12	35	533	15.2	4	46	44.4
Carr, Stephen	9	19	137	7.2	1	21	15.2
Krommenhoek, Erik	12	11	122	11.1	0	60	10.2
Malepeai, Vavae	7	11	59	5.4	0	11	8.4
Christon, Kenan	6	9	113	12.6	3	58	18.8
Jones, Velus	11	6	35	5.8	0	8	3.2
Falo, Josh	10	4	23	5.8	1	12	2.3
McClain, Munir	5	3	19	6.3	0	9	3.8
Ford, Kyle	3	1	20	20.0	1	20	6.7
Williams, Devon	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Total	12	331	4031	12.2	33	95	335.9
Opponents	12	263	2987	11.4	22	71	248.9

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	66	5.5	0	24
Vaughns, Tyler	7	46	6.6	0	14
Pittman, Michael	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	20	112	5.6	0	24
Opponents	8	58	7.2	0	19
	no.		avg	td	lg
	-			-	24
		32	16.0	0	32
		11			11
Taylor-Stuart, Isaac		0	0.0	0	0
Rector, Christian		0	0.0	0	0
Total	_	81	9.0	0	32
Opponents	14	163	11.6	1	45
Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
				•	100
					33
•	1				0
Christon, Kenan	1	20			20
		0			0
Vaughns, Tyler	1		10.0		10
McKenzie, Jalen	1	4	4.0		4
Total	39	825		1	100
Opponents	34	960	28.2	1	100
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Opponents	1	3	3.0	U	3
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				PAT					
Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
McGrath, Chase	-	13-15	51-51	-	-	-	-	-	90
Pittman, Michael	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Vaughns, Tyler	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Malepeai, Vavae	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Christon, Kenan	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Carr, Stephen	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
London, Drake	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Stepp, Markese	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jones, Velus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ford, Kyle	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Falo, Josh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fink, Matt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson, Drake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	51	13-15	51-51	-	-	-	-	1	398
Opponents	40	18-25	37-38	-	1	1-2	-	-	333

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Slovis, Kedon	11	405	-48	3242	3194	290.4
Fink, Matt	7	80	4	574	578	82.6
Malepeai, Vavae	7	97	466	0	466	66.6
Christon, Kenan	6	68	373	0	373	62.2
Carr, Stephen	9	67	372	0	372	41.3
Stepp, Markese	6	48	307	0	307	51.2
Daniels, JT	1	37	-6	215	209	209.0
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	12	7	60	0	60	5.0
Jountti, Quincy	12	13	38	0	38	3.2
Davis, Dominic	9	2	15	0	15	1.7
TEAM	10	18	-48	0	-48	-4.8
Total	12	842	1533	4031	5564	463.7
Opponents	12	865	1998	2987	4985	415.4
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Field Goals	fg pc	t. 01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg bl
McGrath, Chase	13-15 86.	7 0-0	4-4	5-5	3-5	1-1	52
FG Sequence	USC			Орро	nents		
Fresno State	(38)			(45),(	46),(28	)	
Stanford	(23)			(32),(	37),39,	47	
BYU	(27),(52)			(23),4	4,(32),	(43)	
Utah	-			41,(3	8),(24),	(38)	
Washington	-			(28),(	35)		
Notre Dame	(40),(27)			(45),(	52),(43	)	
Arizona	(31),(38)			56,50			
Colorado	40			(22)			
Oregon	(24)			-			
Arizona State	(41)			-			
California	(41),(32)			(37)			
UCLA	(31),45			54			

no	vde	ava	la	th	fc	i٥n	50±	hlk
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48	1988	41.4	55	3	26	21	8	0
48	1988	41.4	55	3	26	21	8	0
53	2254	42.5	63	3	19	25	12	0
no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	reti	ו ו	net y	ydln
59	3441	58.3	19	0				
16	929	58.1	8	1				
75	4370	58.3	27	1	28.2	2 36	3.5	28
69	4153	60.2	25	3	21.2	2 39	9.2	25
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Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



# 2019 USC Football USC Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 23, 2019) All games



All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Pittman, Michael	12	0	1222	0	0	0	1222	101.8
St. Brown, Amon	12	60	879	66	0	0	1005	83.8
Vaughns, Tyler	12	0	858	46	10	0	914	76.2
Jones, Velus	11	0	35	0	685	0	720	65.5
Carr, Stephen	9	372	137	0	106	0	615	68.3
London, Drake	12	0	533	0	0	0	533	44.4
Malepeai, Vavae	7	466	59	0	0	0	525	75.0
Christon, Kenan	6	373	113	0	20	0	506	84.3
Stepp, Markese	6	307	0	0	0	0	307	51.2
Krommenhoek,	12	0	122	0	0	0	122	10.2
Pola-Mao, Isaiah	12	0	0	0	0	38	38	3.2
Jountti, Quincy	12	38	0	0	0	0	38	3.2
Johnson, Greg	10	0	0	0	0	32	32	3.2
Falo, Josh	10	0	23	0	0	0	23	2.3
Ford, Kyle	3	0	20	0	0	0	20	6.7
McClain, Munir	5	0	19	0	0	0	19	3.8
Davis, Dominic	9	15	0	0	0	0	15	1.7
Mauga, Kana'i	12	0	0	0	0	11	11	0.9
Williams, Devon	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
McKenzie, Jalen	12	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.3
Fink, Matt	7	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.6
Daniels, JT	1	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-6.0
Slovis, Kedon	11	-48	0	0	0	0	-48	-4.4
TEAM	10	-48	0	0	0	0	-48	-4.8
Total	12	1533	4031	112	825	81	6582	548.5
Opponents	12	1998	2987	58	960	163	6166	513.8



# 2019 USC Football USC Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 23, 2019) All games



				To	ickles		Sacks	Pass o	defense		Fumbles		blkd	
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	а	tot	ffl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup (	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Houston, John	12	63	37	100	6.5-13	2.5-8		3		1-0			
15	Hufanga, Talanoa	9	50	26	76	5.5-29	2.5-21		3			1		•
21	Pola-Mao, Isaiah	12	41	27	68	4.5-24	1.5-13	4-38	2					
26	Mauga, Kana'i	12	30	27	57	7.0-25	3.0-20	1-11	2			1		
1	Gaoteote, Palaie	7	29	21	50	2.0-3								
51	Tuipulotu, Marlon	11	22	22	44	6.0-19	2.0-10		3			1		
99	Jackson, Drake	10	24	17	41	11.5-60	5.5-44		3			1		1
78	Tufele, Jay	12	19	20	39	6.5-28	4.5-22		1	1				
6	Taylor-Stuart, Isaac	11	27	9	36	1.0-1		1-0	4					
2	Griffin, Olaijah	10	21	13	34	0.5-1			9					
8	Steele, Chris	11	23	10	33	1.0-1			4		1-0			
9	Johnson, Greg	10	22	8	30	1.0-4		2-32	4	1	1-0	1		•
7	Williams, Chase	11	20	9	29	1.0-2								
91	Pili, Brandon	12	9	8	17	5.0-18	1.5-12		3	1		1		•
96	Tremblay, Caleb	11	10	6	16	3.0-21	2.0-18			1				
89	Rector, Christian	9	9	7	16	2.0-2	1.0-1	1-0	1	1				
28	Pollard, C.J.	11	10	5	15	1.0-1								
41	Falaniko, Juliano	10	6	6	12	1.5-3	0.5-1				1-0			
31	Echols, Hunter	9	5	4	9	1.5-10	1.5-10		1	1	1-0			
50	Figueroa, Nick	12	4	5	9	1.0-4	1.0-4		1		1-0			
22	Hewett, Dorian	9	7	2	9				1					
34	Winston, Eli'jah	6	2	6	8	1.0-2								
30	McMillan, Jordan	5	5	1	6									
14	Williams, Jayden	11	4	2	6									
24	Williams, Max	4	5	1	6	1.0-3	1.0-3		1			1		
19	Goforth, Ralen	11	2	4	6									
2G	Jountti, Quincy	12	2	4	6									
23	Makaula, Kaulana	4	3	3	6				2					
25	Allen, Briton	10	1	4	5									
90	Murphy, Connor	12	3	1	4	1.0-3	1.0-3						1	
38	Stadthaus, Alex	11	4		4									
0A	Jones, Velus	11	2	1	3									
2A	Vaughns, Tyler	12	2	1	3									
OF	Pittman, Michael	12	3		3									
79	Benton, De'jon	3		2	2									
45	Tufono, Maninoa	1	2		2									
59	Johnson, Damon	12	1	1	2						1-0			
62	Neilon, Brett	10	2		2									
42	McClain, Abdul-Malik	5	2		2	2.0-11	2.0-11							
4X	Brown, Michael	5	1		1									
18	Scott, Raymond	4		1	1									
13	Otey, Adonis	3	1		1									
52	Gilbert, Spencer	2	1		1									
TM	TEAM	10	1		1	1.0-1								
70	McKenzie, Jalen	12	1		1									
83	Falo, Josh	10		1	1									
73	Jackson, Austin	12			•	,							1	
	Total	12	501	322	823	75-289	33-201	9-81	48	6	7-0	7	2	1
	Opponents	12	471	388	859	63-283	24-167	14-163	45	12	9-3	14		



# 2019 USC Football USC Team Game-by-Game (as of Nov 23, 2019) All games



## TEAM STATISTICS

		Rushing Receiving						Pas	sing		- 1	Kid	k Reti	urns	- 1	Pu	nt Retu	urns	- 1	tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/31/19	FRESNO STATE	36	175	2	27	31	272	1	41	31-42-2	272	1	41	5	168	1 '	100	1	3	0	3	447
09/07/19	STANFORD	28	115	3	25	28	377	3	45	28-33-0	377	3	45	4	79	0	25	1	14	0	14	492
09/14/19	at BYU	45	171	1	16	24	281	2	60	24-34-3	281	2	60	6	113	0	24	1	4	0	4	452
09/20/19	UTAH	22	13	1	10	23	368	3	77	23-32-1	368	3	77	6	135	0	33	0	0	0	0	381
09/28/19	at Washington	33	212	1	60	19	163	1	44	19-32-3	163	1	44	4	78	0	31	2	6	0	6	375
10/12/19	at Notre Dame	38	189	1	25	24	255	2	38	24-35-0	255	2	38	3	68	0	25	2	16	0	10	444
10/19/19	ARIZONA	36	201	3	55	21	247	2	54	21-30-0	247	2	54	2	25	0	15	3	19	0	10	448
10/25/19	at Colorado	26	112	1	37	30	406	4	44	30-44-1	406	4	44	1	24	0	24	2	2	0	4	518
11/02/19	OREGON	25	91	0	16	32	264	3	20	32-57-3	264	3	20	4	87	0	26	1	5	0	5	355
11/09/19	at Arizona State	28	70	0	11	33	477	4	95	33-45-1	477	4	95	0	0	0	0	3	26	0	24	547
11/16/19	at California	27	56	1	23	29	406	4	50	29-35-0	406	4	50	3	28	0	24	2	20	0	13	462
11/23/19	UCLA	32	128	3	46	37	515	4	49	37-47-0	515	4	49	1	20	0	20	2	-3	0	0	643
USC		376	1533	17	60	331	4031	33	95	331-466-14	4031	33	95	39	825	1 .	100	20	112	0	24	5564
		433	1998	16	89	263	2987	22	71	263-432-9	2987	22	71	34	960	1 '	100	8	58	0	19	4985

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.1 • Avg/catch: 12.2 • Pass effic: 161.05 • KR avg: 21.2 • PR avg: 5.6 • All purpose avg/game: 548.5 • Total offense avg/gm: 463.7

			Ta	ckles	1	Sacks	Fun	nble	Pass I	Defens	e	blkd	PAT A	ttempt	s		off	
Date	Opponent	ua	а	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/1	FRESNO STATE	41	30	71	4.0-22	3.0-18	1	2-0	1-0	0	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
09/07/1	STANFORD	39	28	67	10.0-27	3.0-15	0	0-0	1-0	0	6	1	6-6	0	0	0	7	45
09/14/1	at BYU	45	24	69	7.0-31	3.0-23	1	0-0	0-0	1	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	27
09/20/1	UTAH	44	48	92	6.0-26	2.0-13	1	1-0	0-0	0	4	1	4-4	0	0	1	0	30
09/28/1	at Washington	43	20	63	4.0-9	2.0-5	1	1-0	0-0	0	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
10/12/1	at Notre Dame	46	20	66	6.0-12	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	27
10/19/1	ARIZONA	45	34	79	11.0-45	7.0-37	1	2-0	1-11	0	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	13	41
10/25/1	at Colorado	47	18	65	3.0-14	1.0-12	0	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
11/02/1	OREGON	38	26	64	7.0-26	2.0-16	0	0-0	1-14	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	3	24
11/09/1	at Arizona State	40	16	56	4.0-11	1.0-5	2	1-0	2-0	0	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
11/16/1	at California	29	20	49	5.0-27	5.0-27	0	0-0	2-56	1	2	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	41
11/23/1	UCLA	44	38	82	8.0-39	3.0-29	0	0-0	1-0	1	5	0	7-7	0	0	0	7	52
USC		501	322	823	75.0-289	33.0-201	7	7-0	9-81	6	48	2	51-51	0	0	1	44	398
		471	388	859	63.0-283	24.0-167	14	9-3	14-163	12	45	0	37-38	0	1	0	79	333

					Pun	iting				1	Field	Goals	- 1		Ki	ckoffs		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/31/1	FRESNO STATE	3	111	37.0	38	0	0	3	0	0	1-1	38	0	6	382	63.7	3	0
09/07/1	STANFORD	2	84	42.0	51	0	0	1	1	0	1-1	23	0	8	498	62.2	3	0
09/14/1	at BYU	4	154	38.5	47	0	0	4	0	3	2-2	52	0	6	381	63.5	5	0
09/20/1	UTAH	4	169	42.2	50	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	5	326	65.2	4	0
09/28/1	at Washington	6	246	41.0	54	0	0	2	1	4	0-0	0	0	3	180	60.0	1	0
10/12/1	at Notre Dame	5	211	42.2	50	0	3	0	1	1	2-2	40	0	5	289	57.8	2	0
10/19/1	ARIZONA	6	266	44.3	55	0	0	2	2	3	2-2	38	0	8	510	63.8	1	0
10/25/1	at Colorado	4	184	46.0	49	0	0	2	0	1	0-1	0	0	6	389	64.8	5	0
11/02/1	OREGON	3	109	36.3	43	0	0	3	0	3	1-1	24	0	5	319	63.8	2	0
11/09/1	at Arizona State	5	181	36.2	46	0	0	2	0	3	1-1	41	0	6	316	52.7	0	1
11/16/1	at California	3	151	50.3	54	0	0	1	2	1	2-2	41	0	8	346	43.2	0	0
11/23/1	UCLA	3	122	40.7	42	0	0	3	0	0	1-2	31	0	9	434	48.2	1	0
USC		48	1988	41.4	55	0	3	26	8	21	13-15	52	0	75	4370	58.3	27	1
		53	2254	42.5	63	0	3	19	12	25	18-25	52	0	69	4153	60.2	25	3



## 2019 USC Football USC Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Nov 23, 2019) All games



## **OPPONENT STATISTICS**

			Rushin	g		ı	Receivir	ıg		Pas	sing			Kid	k Retu	urns		Pu	nt Retu	ırns		tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/31/19	FRESNO STATE	40	206	0	27	19	256	2	52	19-39-1	256	2	52	3	74	0	35	0	0	0	0	462
09/07/19	STANFORD	30	98	1	44	26 21 299 1 35 30 22 210 1 38				22-36-1	237	1	25	5	138	0	60	1	15	0	15	335
09/14/19	at BYU	40	131	2	26	21 299 1 35 22 210 1 38				21-34-0	299	1	35	1	17	0	17	0	0	0	0	430
09/20/19	UTAH	49	247	1	30	22	210	1	38	22-30-0	210	1	38	1	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	457
09/28/19	at Washington	35	193	3	89	16	180	0	36	16-26-0	180	0	36	2	49	0	27	3	26	0	12	373
10/12/19	at Notre Dame	45	311	2	51	17	165	1	26	17-32-0	165	1	26	2	48	0	32	0	0	0	0	476
10/19/19	ARIZONA	37	138	0	21	23	247	2	56	23-38-1	247	2	56	7	168	0	32	2	-1	0	2	385
10/25/19	at Colorado	34	196	1	27	27	324	3	71	27-43-0	324	3	71	1	33	0	33	1	-1	0	0	520
11/02/19	OREGON	34	139	2	16	23	266	4	37	23-29-1	266	4	37	3	144	1 1	100	0	0	0	0	405
11/09/19	at Arizona State	21	47	0	9	28	292	4	62	28-44-2	292	4	62	5	192	0	97	0	0	0	0	339
11/16/19	at California	29	135	2	34	15	128	0	14	15-32-2	128	0	14	2	40	0	22	1	19	0	19	263
11/23/19	UCLA	39	157	2	26	30	383	3	53	30-49-1	383	3	53	2	42	0	26	0	0	0	0	540
Opponents	<u> </u>	433	1998	16	89	263	2987	22	71	263-432-9	2987	22	71	34	960	11	100	8	58	0	19	4985
		376	1533	17	60	331	4031	33	95	331-466-14	4031	33	95	39	825	11	100	20	112	0	24	5564

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.6 • Avg/catch: 11.4 • Pass effic: 131.60 • KR avg: 28.2 • PR avg: 7.2 • All purpose avg/game: 513.8 • Total offense avg/gm: 415.4

		Ta	ckles	1	Sacks	Fun	nble	Pass I	Defens	e	blkd	PAT A	ttempt	s		off	
Date Opponent	ua	а	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/1 FRESNO STATE	44	38	82	3.0-20	1.0-14	2	2-0	2-0	0	7	0	2-2	0	0	0	6	23
09/07/1 STANFORD	36	34	70	5.0-10	1.0-4	1	1-0	0-0	0	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
09/14/1 at BYU	57	22	79	5.0-21	2.0-13	2	0-0	3-10	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	10	30
09/20/1 UTAH	32	20	52	4.0-27	1.0-7	1	1-0	1-29	0	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	23
09/28/1 at Washington	39	32	71	5.0-18	1.0-12	0	0-0	3-18	0	3	0	2-2	0	1	0	15	28
10/12/1 at Notre Dame	38	38	76	7.0-32	4.0-26	1	0-0	0-0	7	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	30
10/19/1 ARIZONA	40	30	70	3.0-15	2.0-14	1	1-0	0-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
10/25/1 at Colorado	40	14	54	6.0-28	2.0-17	2	0-0	1-3	4	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	31
11/02/1 OREGON	37	36	73	7.0-26	3.0-12	1	1-3	3-102	0	6	0	8-8	0	0	0	28	56
11/09/1 at Arizona State	40	36	76	5.0-17	1.0-5	1	1-0	1-1	0	5	0	2-3	0	0	0	0	26
11/16/1 at California	29	46	75	7.0-34	3.0-22	1	1-0	0-0	1	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
11/23/1 UCLA	39	42	81	6.0-35	3.0-21	1	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
Opponents	471	388	859	63.0-283	24.0-167	14	9-3	14-163	12	45	0	37-38	0	1	0	79	333
• •	501	322	823	75.0-289	33.0-201	7	7-0	9-81	6	48	2	51-51	0	0	1	44	398

				Pur	iting					Field	Goals			Ki	ckoffs		
Date Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long b	lkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/31/1 FRESNO STATE	5	234	46.8	60	0	1	1	2	1	3-3	46	0	6	330	55.0	0	<u> </u>
09/07/1 STANFORD	1	46	46.0	46	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	37	0	5	316	63.2	1	0
09/14/1 at BYU	4	193	48.2	56	0	1	2	2	2	3-4	43	0	6	371	61.8	0	0
09/20/1 UTAH	2	70	35.0	37	0	0	2	0	2	3-4	38	0	7	446	63.7	1	0
09/28/1 at Washington	6	266	44.3	56	0	0	2	1	3	2-2	35	0	5	291	58.2	1	0
10/12/1 at Notre Dame	3	121	40.3	46	0	1	0	0	0	3-3	52	0	7	434	62.0	4	0
10/19/1 ARIZONA	7	250	35.7	53	0	0	1	1	3	0-2	0	0	3	141	47.0	1	0
10/25/1 at Colorado	6	254	42.3	60	0	0	3	1	5	1-1	22	0	6	390	65.0	5	0
11/02/1 OREGON	2	95	47.5	51	0	0	1	1	1	0-0	0	0	9	580	64.4	4	1
11/09/1 at Arizona State	6	292	48.7	63	0	0	1	3	5	0-0	0	0	5	293	58.6	3	1
11/16/1 at California	6	217	36.2	40	0	0	4	0	0	1-1	37	0	4	175	43.8	0	0
11/23/1 UCLA	5	216	43.2	51	0	0	2	1	3	0-1	0	0	6	386	64.3	5	0
Opponents	53	2254	42.5	63	0	3	19	12	25	18-25	52	0	69	4153	60.2	25	3
	48	1988	41.4	55	0	3	26	8	21	13-15	52	0	75	4370	58.3	27	1



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
08/31/19	fresno state	W	31-23	1-0	0-0	3:41	57329
*09/07/19	#23 STANFORD	W	45-20	2-0	1-0	3:10	62109
09/14/19	at BYU	Lo	27-30	2-1	1-0	3:49	62546
*09/20/19	#10 UTAH	W	30-23	3-1	2-0	3:20	55719
*09/28/19	at #17 Washington	L	14-28	3-2	2-1	3:14	66975
10/12/19	at #9 Notre Dame	L	27-30	3-3	2-1	3:16	77622
*10/19/19	ARIZONA	W	41-14	4-3	3-1	3:17	53826
* 10/25/19	at Colorado	W	35-31	5-3	4-1	3:25	48913
*11/02/19	#7 OREGON	L	24-56	5-4	4-2	3:34	63011
*11/09/19	at Arizona State	W	31-26	6-4	5-2	3:35	54191
*11/16/19	at California	W	41-17	7-4	6-2	3:17	46397
*11/23/19	UCLA	W	52-35	8-4	7-2	3:40	64156