



USC Men's Basketball Release

Game 3 • USC vs. Seton Hall • Puerto Rico Tip-Off • Nov. 20, 2008



University of Southern California Sports Information Office, Heritage Hall 103, L.A., CA 90089-0601 - Phone: (213) 740-8480 - Fax: (213) 740-7584

2008-09 USC Schedule

Exhibition

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
10/26	Cardinal & Gold Game	---, 90-74
11/3	Azusa Pacific	W, 85-64

Regular Season

11/15	UC Irvine	W, 78-55
11/18	New Mexico State	W, 73-60
11/20	^vs. Seton Hall	8:00 p.m.
11/21	^vs. Memphis/Chattanooga	TBA
11/23	^vs. TBA	TBA
11/28	Tennessee-Martin	7:30 p.m.
12/1	San Francisco	7:30 p.m.
12/4	#at Oklahoma	6:00 p.m.
12/15	Pepperdine	7:30 p.m.
12/20	North Dakota State	12:00 p.m.
12/22	Georgia Tech	7:30 p.m.
12/28	Oral Roberts	2:00 p.m.
1/2	at Oregon	1:00 p.m.
1/4	at Oregon State	2:30 p.m.
1/11	UCLA	7:30 p.m.
1/15	Arizona State	7:30 p.m.
1/17	Arizona	5:00 p.m.
1/22	at Washington	8:00 p.m.
1/24	at Washington State	3:00 p.m.
1/29	Stanford	7:30 p.m.
1/31	California	8:30 p.m.
2/4	at UCLA	7:30 p.m.
2/12	at Arizona	8:30 p.m.
2/15	at Arizona State	8:00 p.m.
2/19	Washington State	7:30 p.m.
2/21	Washington	4:00 p.m.
2/26	at California	7:30 p.m.
2/28	at Stanford	TBA
3/5	Oregon	7:30 p.m.
3/7	Oregon State	TBA

^ Puerto Rico Tip-off (Coliseo de PR, San Juan, PR)
Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series

-- Home Games in Bold --
-- All times local to site --

2009 Pac-10 Tournament

3/11	First Round
3/12	Quarter Finals
3/13	Semi Finals
3/14	Finals

2009 NCAA Tournament

3/19-22	First and Second Rounds
3/26-29	Regionals
4/4, 4/6	Final Four, Championship

USC Quick Facts

Location: Los Angeles, Calif.
Enrollment: 33,000 (16,500 undergrads)
Nickname: Trojans
Colors: Cardinal and Gold
Head Coach: Tim Floyd (4th year at USC)
Assistant Coaches: Gib Arnold (4th year at USC), Bob Cantu (8th year at USC), Phil Johnson (4th year at USC)

No. 19/20 USC FACES SETON HALL IN PR TIP-OFF

• Trojans off to 2-0 start for first time since 2000-01 •

SAN JUAN, PR -- The USC Trojans (2-0) face Seton Hall (2-0) on Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. PT at the Coliseo de Puerto Rico in San Juan, PR in the first round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off. USC is 2-0 to start a season for the first time since 2000-01 when it began 8-0. The game will be shown live on ESPNU.

BREAKING DOWN THE PIRATES -- The Pirates are 2-0, having defeated St. Francis (88-61) and Columbia (71-50). Leading SHU in scoring in the first two games is sophomore guard Jeremy Hazell with 22.0 points per game. USC and Seton Hall have split their only two previous meetings, the Trojans winning 79-68 during the 1974 season and the Pirates winning 92-72 in the 1995 season. The winner of this game will play the winner of the Memphis/Chattanooga game on Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. PT, while the losers will square off the same day at 2 p.m. PT.

TROJANS DEFEAT NMSU -- Taj Gibson matched a career high with 22 points to lead USC to a 73-60 win over visiting New Mexico State on Nov. 18 at the Galen Center. Gibson added 10 rebounds and five blocks for his 17th career double-double. USC had a Galen Center-record 10 blocks and held the Aggies to 31.7 percent shooting.

ON DECK: USC's next game will be against either Memphis (2-0) or Chattanooga (0-2). 2007 NCAA runner-up Memphis has wins over Fairfield (90-63) and UMass (80-58) with freshman Tyreke Evans leading the way with 19.0 points per game. The Moc have lost road games at Tennessee (114-75) and at Missouri (103-75) with three players averaging at least 14 points.

THE 2008-09 TROJANS -- USC returns three starters from last year's team which went 21-12, tied for third in the Pac-10 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Leading the way are junior All-Pac-10 forward Taj Gibson, junior guards Daniel Hackett and Dwight Lewis and senior forward Keith Wilkinson. Three other key members returning to health this season after injury-marred 2007-08 seasons are forwards Kasey Cunningham and Mamadou Diarra and guard Marcus Simmons. The other returning players are guards James Dunleavy (redshirted last season), Terence Green and Ryan Wetherell.

NEW ADDITIONS -- The Trojans have added seven new players to the 2008-09 roster which returns 10 players from last season's squad. USC's incoming class, ranked No. 7 by HoopScoop, features consensus top five recruit Demar DeRozan. DeRozan was named by CollegeHoops.net as a preseason All-America honorable mention. Also in this recruiting class is guard Donte Smith, forward Leonard Washington, guard Percy Miller and walk-on J.J. Meyers. Another addition is small forward Marcus Johnson who transferred from UConn last spring and will be eligible after the first semester.

STEPHESON WAIVER PETITION DENIED -- Talented forward Alex Stepheson had his transfer waiver petition denied by the NCAA on Nov. 19 and will not be eligible for competition this season. Stepheson had requested eligibility for USC this season after transferring from North Carolina this fall due to family health concerns.

Seton Hall Probable Starters

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	PPG	RPG
G	20	Eugene Harvey	6-0	165	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	8.0	5.5
G	21	Jeremy Hazell	6-5	185	So.	Harlem, N.Y.	22.0	3.0
G	22	Paul Gause	5-11	188	Sr.	Pittsgrove, N.J.	7.5	5.0
F	23	Robert Mitchell	6-6	180	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	14.5	7.5
C	31	John Garcia	6-9	265	Sr.	Brentwood, N.Y.	11.5	11.0

USC Trojans Probable Starters

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	PPG	RPG
G	13	Daniel Hackett	6-5	215	Jr.	Pesaro, Italy	10.0	4.0
G	21	Dwight Lewis	6-5	215	Jr.	Metairie, La.	17.0	5.5
G/F	10	DeMar DeRozan	6-7	220	Fr.	Compton, Calif.	10.5	4.5
F	22	Taj Gibson	6-9	225	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	19.5	8.0
F	23	Keith Wilksinson	6-10	225	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.	3.5	7.0

* utilized redshirt season

IN TIM WE TRUST -- Tim Floyd has an impressive track record in the collegiate ranks along with his NBA experience. He brings 21 years of head coaching experience at the collegiate and NBA levels and owns a 308-167 record in his 16 seasons as a college head coach at Idaho (1987-88), New Orleans (1989-94), Iowa State (1995-98) and USC (2005-08). He won his 300th career game on Feb. 7, 2008 at Washington. Floyd posted a 63-37 record in his first three seasons as USC's head coach, the most wins by a Trojan coach in his first three seasons. Ten of his first 15 seasons, Floyd has taken his team into the postseason (7 NCAA, 3 NIT). Floyd has helped the development of his student-athletes at each stop, as 13 players in his 15 years have made it to the NBA, including three players that did not even play high school ball.

PINCH-HITTING FOR MARKAS -- USC play-by-play announcer Rory Markas of flagship station 710 ESPN Radio had surgery to remove a blood clot from the side of his head on Nov. 3 and is expected to make a full recovery. While Markas is sidelined, stepping in for the broadcasts of UC Irvine and New Mexico State was Los Angeles Angels' play-by-play announcer Steve Physioc. Former Trojan Isaac Lowenkron of AM 570 KLAC will announce the games in Puerto Rico. Markas will be back to announce his 11th season of USC basketball as soon as he returns to health.

A HISTORY OF WINNING -- The Trojans have compiled a record of 1,440-1,029 in their 103 years of intercollegiate basketball competition. The Trojans have had a .500 or better record in 73 of the first 102 seasons.

TROJANS IN THE RANKINGS -- USC is currently ranked No. 19 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 20 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

TROJAN RETURNS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PAC -- The Trojans are in the middle of the Pac-10 in returning production with 54.5 percent of their scoring (6th) and 70.0 percent of their rebounding (4th) back from the 2007-08 season. USC also enters the season with the conference's leading active career shot blocker in Taj Gibson (153) who also is sixth in career points (807) and third in career rebounds among current Pac-10 players. Daniel Hackett's 97 career assists entering this season are the ninth-highest among returning Pac-10 players.

USC PICKED TO FINISH THIRD IN PAC-10: At the annual Pac-10 Media Day held on Oct. 30, USC was picked to finish third in the Pac-10 Conference in a vote by the league media. UCLA was picked first with 379 votes, followed by Arizona State (325), USC (292), Arizona (241), Washington (217), Washington State (188), Oregon (147), California (143), Stanford (115) and Oregon State (40). USC was picked to finish sixth in 2007-08 and finished tied for third.

2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW -- The Trojans went 21-12 in 2007-08, tied for third in the Pac-10 Conference and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season. Leading the way was All-Pac-10 freshman guard O.J. Mayo who averaged 20.7 points per game and led all players in conference games with a 21.8 average. Not only did USC play in the top conference in the country, but the Trojans also played a rigorous non-conference schedule which included both 2008 NCAA finalists Kansas and Memphis. USC lost by four points at home to eventual NCAA Champion Kansas and by four points in overtime to NCAA runner-up Memphis at the Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden in New York. USC's top five players all averaged 8.6 points or more per game and the team held opponents to 39.4 percent shooting, tops among conference teams and among the best in the country. USC's freshmen and sophomores accounted for 96 percent of the Trojans' scoring, the highest percentage in the nation.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR -- USC's roster includes four players from outside of the country. Guards Daniel Hackett from Italy and Ryan Wetherell from Canada begin their third season with the Trojans, while forward Mamadou Diarra of Mali enters his second and forward Nikola Vucevic from Montenegro begins his first season at USC.

INJURY UPDATES -- None!

USC INFORMATION OUTLETS

TROJANS ON THE WEB

Current and historical USC men's basketball information, as well as news, statistics, features and cybercasts of the USC games can be found at the USC website: www.usctrojans.com.

The Pac-10 Conference web site address is: www.pac-10.org.

TROJANS ON THE RADIO

All of USC's games will be broadcast by ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM). Most games will also be on Sirius Satellite Radio, on various channels.

TROJANS ON TELEVISION

The following are the currently scheduled USC men's basketball contests set to be televised, including 9 regular season games exclusively on Trojans All-Access at USCTrojans.com:

11/15	UC Irvine	USCTrojans
11/18	N.Mexico St.	USCTrojans
11/20	Seton Hall	ESPNU
11/21	Memphis/Chatt.	ESPNU
11/23	TBD	ESPN2/U
11/28	Tennessee-Martin	USCTrojans
12/1	San Francisco	USCTrojans
12/4	at Oklahoma	ESPN2
12/15	Pepperdine	USCTrojans
12/20	N. Dakota State	USCTrojans
12/22	Georgia Tech	FSN
12/28	Oral Roberts	USCTrojans
1/2	at Oregon (delay)	USCTrojans
1/4	at Oregon State	FSNW
1/11	UCLA	FSN
1/15	Arizona St. (delay)	USCTrojans
1/17	Arizona	PrimeTicket
1/22	at Washington	FSN
1/24	at Washington St.	FSNW
1/29	Stanford	PrimeTicket
1/31	California	FSN
2/4	at UCLA	PrimeTicket
2/12	at Arizona	FSN
2/15	at Arizona St.	FSN
2/19	Washington St.	PrimeTicket
2/21	Washington	PrimeTicket

PAC-10 TELECONFERENCES

The Pac-10 media teleconferences will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and go every Tuesday starting Jan. 6, with the final call scheduled for March 10. Media can call the Pac-10 at (925) 932-4411 for the call-in number. Tim Floyd's time slot begins at 11:07 a.m. To listen to the taped replay, media can call (706) 902-3462.

PRONUNCIATION KEY

Mamadou Diarra	MAMA-doo Dee-are-uh
Alex Stepheson	STEVE-is-son
Nikola Vucevic	NEE-kola VOOT-chay-vich

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The Trojans have nine players from California, three from Louisiana and one each from New Mexico, Mali, New York, Italy, Montenegro and Canada.

GIBSON A PRESEASON WOODEN AWARD CANDIDATE -- For the second consecutive season, USC forward Taj Gibson is listed as one of the 50 preseason Wooden Award candidates. Gibson is the first Trojan so listed since 2001 when Sam Clancy and David Bluthenthal were Wooden Award candidates and Clancy was a Naismith candidate. Gibson averaged 10.8 points and 7.8 rebounds as a sophomore, while setting the USC single-season blocked shots record with 83. Gibson is also listed as an Athlon Preseason All-American (HM) and No. 6 on Lindy's list of top centers.

DEROZAN NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM -- USC freshman DeMar DeRozan has been named to the CollegeHoops.net All-Freshman team. DeRozan was a McDonald's All-American and averaged 29.2 points his senior season at Compton High in Compton, Calif. Athlon Sports also named DeRozan to the preseason Pac-10 all-conference third team. DeRozan is also listed as a third-team selection to The Sporting News Preseason All-America team, the No. 9 small forward by Lindy's and the No. 3 freshman by Lindy's.

HACKETT IS MONEY FROM THE LINE -- USC junior Daniel Hackett made .823 percent of his free throws last season (79 of 96) to finish fifth among Pac-10 players from the line. He is 7-for-8 this season and his career free throw percentage of .810 (170 of 210) currently ranks second all-time among Trojan players. Dating back to the game on March 6, 2008 vs. California, Hackett made 18 consecutive free throws before missing his final one against New Mexico State on Nov. 18.

LONG-RANGE LEWIS -- Junior Dwight Lewis entered the season with 51 career three-pointers made, the most on the USC roster. He hit all three he took in the second half vs. UCI and needs 13 three-point baskets this season to crack the Trojans' all-time top 20 in shots made from beyond the arc. He leads all returning Trojans in points scored, three-point baskets made and shots taken in the 2007-08 season. He and Taj Gibson are the Trojans' top returners in points per game, as they both averaged 10.8 last season.

FACING THE BEST -- USC's 2008-09 schedule features a potential 23 games against teams that finished .500 or better in 2007-08, including 14 that won 20 or more games. Also, nine of the teams that USC is set to face were in last year's tournament, including two games each with the five other Pac-10 teams which were in the NCAA Tournament. "We think we have put together a great schedule for the USC fans," said Floyd. "At the same time, as challenging as our schedule was last season with Kansas, Memphis and Oklahoma, if you look at the RPI from a year ago this non-conference slate is even tougher."

DRIVEN BY DEFENSE -- USC has held 38 teams to under 60 points in Tim Floyd's first 102 games as USC's head coach. The Trojans held 20 of their opponents last season to 39.2 percent shooting or less, and have accomplished the feat 54 times in the first 102 games under Floyd that USC has held its opponents to 40 percent shooting or less. USC was outshot from the field in just five of 33 games last season. USC has had a better shooting percentage than its opponent in 61 of the last 72 games.

CARDINAL & GOLD RECAP -- DeMar DeRozan led all scorers with 29 points to lead the Gold team to a 90-74 win over the Cardinal team. Daniel Hackett added 18 and Taj Gibson 16 points for the Gold. Leonard Washington led the Cardinal team with 20 points.

USC DEFEATS APU IN EXHIBITION GAME -- USC defeated NAIA power Azusa Pacific 85-64 in an exhibition game at the Galen Cener on Nov. 3. DeMar DeRozan led the Trojans with 21 points. Only 11 of USC's 18 players suited up for the game.

TROJANS ALL-ACCESS PROVIDES EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE -- USC is offering 11 games this season exclusively on Trojans All-Access, as the only video coverage. Fans can sign up at USCTrojans.com and watch selected games on their computers. Remaining games to be shown exclusively on Trojans All-Access are: Nov. 28 vs. Tennessee-Martin, Dec. 1 vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15 vs. Pepperdine, Dec. 20 vs. North Dakota State, Dec. 28 vs. Oral Roberts, Jan. 2 at Oregon (delayed), Jan. 15 vs. Arizona State (delayed).

USC Record When...			
Score first.....	2-0	Outshoot opponent (%)	2-0
Opponent scores first	0-0	Outshot by opponent (%).....	0-0
Lead at half	2-0	Outrebound opponent.....	2-0
Trail at half	0-0	Outrebounded by opponent	0-0
Tied at half	0-0	Opponent 10 or more offensive rebounds	1-0
Ahead w/ 5:00 left	2-0	More turnovers than opponent	1-0
Trail w/5:00 left	0-0	Less turnovers than opponent	1-0
Tied w/5:00 left	0-0	Same amount of turnovers	0-0
1 Trojan in double figures	0-0	USC scored 90-99 points	0-0
2 Trojans in double figures	0-0	USC scores 80-89 points.....	0-0
3 Trojans in double figures	1-0	USC scores 70-79 points.....	2-0
4 Trojans in double figures	1-0	USC scores 60-69 points.....	0-0
5 Trojans in double figures	0-0	USC scores 50-59 points.....	0-0
FG Pct. above .500.....	1-0	USC scores 40-49 points.....	0-0
FG Pct. below .500	1-0	Opponent scores 40-49 points	0-0
FG Pct. at .500	0-0	Opponent scores 50-59 points	1-0
Opponent FG Pct. above .500.....	0-0	Opponent scores 60-69 points	1-0
Opponent FG Pct. below .500	2-0	Opponent scores 70-79 points	0-0
Opponent FG Pct. at or below .400	2-0	Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-0
		Opponent scored 90-99 points	0-0

THE PLAYERS

- 43 KASEY CUNNINGHAM (R-So.) *Ht. - 6-7 Wt. - 225 Albuquerque, N.M. (Cibola HS)*
- Averaged 22.0 points and 15.0 rebounds with six blocks per game as a senior at Cibola High
 - Led team to a 13-1 record before suffering a season-ending left knee injury...had ACL surgery, missed the rest of the season
 - Has missed most of the last 2 seasons rehabbing from two knee surgeries...played in 9 games, 3 starts last year
- Season Bests:** **Points: 0** **Reb: 1 (11/15 vs. UCI)** **Steals: 1 (11/15 vs. UCI)**
Career Bests: **Points: 7 (11/23/07 vs. Miami-OH)** **Reb: 10 (11/15/07 vs. San Diego)** **Steals: 1 (3x, last 11/15/08 vs. UCI)**
- 10 DEMAR DEROZAN (Fr.) *Ht. - 6-7 Wt. - 220 Compton, Calif. (Compton HS)*
- Was a 2007-08 McDonald's All-American, Best in the West First Team and Parade All-American at Compton High where he averaged 29.2 points, 7.9 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 3.0 steals
 - Ranked the No. 1 recruit by Draft Express, No. 2 by HoopsScoop and No. 3 by Rivals
 - Led USC with 29 points in the Cardinal & Gold scrimmage on Oct. 26 and with 21 in exhibition game vs. APU on Nov. 3
 - * Scored 14 points in the opener vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 15...made 6 of 11 shots, had two steals and three rebounds
- Season Bests:** **Points: 14 (11/15 vs. UCI)** **Reb: 6 (11/18 vs. NMSU)** **3-ptrs: 0**
- 14 MAMADOU DIARRA (R-Fr.) *Ht. - 7-0 Wt. - 230 Bamako, Mali (Stoneridge Prep)*
- Had an injury-plagued first season (hernia surgery on Nov. 5) which limited him to three games and 10 minutes
 - Made one of two FT on Dec. 17, 2007 vs. Delaware State for his first career point; Had a FT and block vs. UCI on 11/15
- Season Bests:** **Points: 1 (11/15 vs. UCI)** **Reb: 0** **Blocks: 1 (11/15 vs. UCI)**
Career Bests: **Points: 1 (3x, last, 11/15/08 vs. UCI)** **Reb: 1 (12/29/07 vs. UC Riverside)** **Blocks: 1 (11/15/08 vs. UCI)**
- 3 JAMES DUNLEAVY (R-Fr.) *Ht. - 6-6 Wt. - 195 Los Angeles, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS)*
- Redshirted last season; Played at Harvard-Westlake High...as a junior helped them to a 27-6 record...hit 21 of 55 3-pointers
 - Brother Mike plays for the Indiana Pacers and his father Mike, Sr. is the L.A. Clippers coach and general manager
- Season Bests:** **Points:** **Reb:** **3-ptrs:**
- 22 TAJ GIBSON (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-9 Wt. - 225 Brooklyn, N.Y. (Stoneridge Prep)*
- Was a third-team All-Pac-10 selection and was a first team All-Pac-10 Defensive Team selection in 2007-08
 - Is one of 50 preseason Wooden Award candidates; Has 16 career double-doubles
 - Averaged 10.8 points and 7.8 rebounds last season; Set the USC single-season shot block record with 83 in 2007-08
 - Had 17 points, six rebounds and five blocks in opener vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 15
 - Tied a career high with 22 points vs. NMSU...also had 10 rebounds and 5 blocks for his 17th career double-double
- Season Bests:** **Points: 22 (11/18 vs. NMSU)** **Reb: 10 (11/18 vs. NMSU)** **Blocks: 5 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU)**
Career Bests: **Points: 22 (2x, last 11/18/08 vs. NMSU)** **Reb: 18 (11/24/06 vs. CSULB)** **Blocks: 7 (1/4/07 at Oregon)**
- 30 TERENCE GREEN (Sr.) *Ht. - 5-11 Wt. - 180 Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Aliso Niguel/Irvine Valley)*
- Transferred to USC for the spring semester of the 2006-07 season; Practiced as a walk-on, but was ineligible for competition
 - Played high school ball at Aliso Niguel High; Helped lead the team to a 28-4 record his senior year
 - Played in seven games last season...made 2 of 3 shots and was 2-for-2 from the free throw line...hit his only 3-pointer
- Season Bests:** **Points:** **Reb:** **3-ptrs:**
Career Bests: **Points: 3 (2/23/08 vs. Oregon St.)** **Reb: 1 (2x, last 12/19/06 vs. Longwood)** **3-ptrs: 1 (2/23/08 vs. Oregon St.)**
- 13 DANIEL HACKETT (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-5 Wt. - 215 Pesaro, Italy (St. John Bosco HS)*
- Originally a 2007 recruit, graduated early by finishing his high school work in the summer of junior year & enrolled at USC
 - Averaged just over 20 points a game at St. John Bosco; Ranked the 6th-best 2007 prospect in California by Rivals.com
 - Battled through injuries last year to average 8.6 points, 3.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists...had a broken jaw & stress fracture in lower back...averaged 11.0 points and 4.0 assists before the back injury
 - Hit .823 percent of his FTs last year to rank 5th in the Pac-10...his .811 career FT percentage is 2nd best in USC history
 - Had 10 points, 3 steals and 5 assists vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 15
 - Scored 10 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 5 assists vs. NMSU on Nov. 18...also had a career-high 3 blocks
- Season Bests:** **Points: 10 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU)** **Reb: 6 (11/18 vs. NMSU)** **Assists: 5 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU)**
Career Bests: **Points: 26 (1/26/08 at Oregon)** **Reb: 10 (11/17/07 at S. Carolina)** **Assists: 10 (2x, last 11/25/07 vs. So. Ill.)**
- 0 MARCUS JOHNSON (Sr.) *Ht. - 6-6 Wt. - 210 Los Angeles, Calif. (Westchester HS/UConn)*
- Transferred to USC from UConn last spring and will be eligible after the first semester
 - In the 2006-07 season at UConn, averaged 5.5 points, 3.0 rebounds and 16.7 minutes per game...started 19 games
 - Played on one exhibition game for UConn last season before transferring and thus lost a season of eligibility
- Season Bests:** **Points:** **Reb:** **Steals:**
Career Bests: **Points: 20 (12/18/05 vs. UNH)** **Reb: 8 (3x, last 12/30/06 at UWV)** **Steals: 5 (12/28/05 vs. Stony Brook)**

THE PLAYERS

- 21 DWIGHT LEWIS (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-5 Wt. - 215 Metairie, La. (James Taylor HS, Tex.)*
- Played his senior season at James Taylor High in Katy, Tex. after being uprooted from Louisiana by hurricane Katrina
 - Scored 21 points per game as a senior in helping lead his team to a 17-10 record; Named first team All-Region
 - As a junior at Archbishop Rummel High in Metairie, La., he averaged 27.5 points, 9.7 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game
 - Averaged 10.8 points & scored double figures in 18 of 33 games in 2007-08...2nd on team in points, shots & 3-point baskets
 - Led USC in the opener vs. UCI on Nov. 15 in points (18) and rebounds (7)...the seven rebounds were a career high
 - Scored 16 points and grabbed 4 rebounds vs. NMSU on Nov. 18
- Season Bests:** **Points:** 18 (11/15 vs. UCI) **Reb:** 7 (11/15 vs. UCI) **3-ptrs:** 3 (11/15 vs. UCI)
Career Bests: **Points:** 24 (1/26/08 at Oregon) **Reb:** 7 (11/15/08 vs. UCI) **3-ptrs:** 3 (2x, last 11/15/08 vs. UCI)
- 34 J.J. MEYERS (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-2 Wt. - 175 Hidden Hills, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS/LMU)*
- Transferred to USC from LMU...suited up for LMU as a freshman, but did not play as a sophomore
 - Helped lead Campbell-Hall to a 32-0 record and state championship in 2005; Made 50 percent of his 3-pointers as a junior
- Season Bests:** **Points:** **Reb:** **3-ptrs:**
- 15 PERCY MILLER (Fr.) *Ht. - 5-11 Wt. - 170 Beverly Hills, Calif. (Beverly Hills HS)*
- Averaged 13.9 points and 5.6 assists his junior season at Beverly Hills High
 - Averaged 8.6 points and 9.0 assists in limited time as a senior due to a hip flexor and bruised right knee
- Season Bests:** **Points:** 0 **Reb:** 1 (11/15 vs. UCI) **3-ptrs:** 0
- 20 MARCUS SIMMONS (So.) *Ht. - 6-6 Wt. - 200 Alexandria, La.. (Peabody HS)*
- Limited to parts of 15 games and 101 minutes as a freshman due to a nagging high ankle sprain; Had surgery on Sept. 16 to remove additional bone growth in his left leg due to complications from the ankle injury last season
 - Averaged 18.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals as a senior at Peabody HS in Alexandria, La....led them to state title
- Season Bests:** **Points:** 2 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU) **Reb:** 1 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU) **Steals:** 0
Career Bests: **Points:** 4 (2/23/08 vs. Oregon St.) **Reb:** 5 (2/23/08 vs. OSU) **Steals:** 2 (3/1/08 at Arizona St.)
- 35 DONTE SMITH (So.) *Ht. - 5-11 Wt. - 180 Pomona, Calif. (Diamond Ranch HS/Mt. SAC)*
- Transferred to USC from Mt. SAC...did not play last season for Mt. SAC so he could play this season
 - Averaged 21.7 points as a freshman at Mt. SAC and was rated the No. 1 JC player by Jerry Mullens Report
 - Averaged 18.4 points, 4.2 assists and 3.2 steals as a senior at Diamond Ranch HS in Pomona, Calif.
 - Had 5 points, 3 rebounds and an assist in the opener vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 15
- Season Bests:** **Points:** 5 (11/15 vs. UCI) **Reb:** 3 (11/15 vs. UCI) **Assists:** 1 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU)
- 1 ALEX STEPHESON (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-9 Wt. - 235 Los Angeles, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS/North Carolina)*
- Transferred to USC from UNC due to family health concerns; Averaged 4.3 points and 4.5 rebounds last season for Tar Heels
 - Appeared in 75 games in his 2 seasons at UNC, making 52.7 percent of his shots; Led UNC in rebounds six times in 2007-08
 - Prepped at Harvard-Westlake in N. Hollywood...averaged 20.4 points and 17.8 rebounds as a senior; 16 G of 20+ rebounds
 - Denied his transfer waiver petition by the NCAA on Nov. 19 and will sit out the 2008-09 season
- Season Bests:** **Points:** **Reb:** **Blocks:**
Career Bests: **Points:** 12 (3/21/08 vs. Mt. St. Mary's) **Reb:** 11 (1/31/08 vs. BC) **Blocks:** 3 (3x, last 3/27/08 vs. Wash. St.)
- 5 NIKOLA VUCEVIC (Fr.) *Ht. - 6-10 Wt. - 220 Bar, Montenegro (Stoneridge Prep)*
- Averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds as a senior at Stoneridge Prep in Simi Valley, Calif...was team captain
 - Awaiting word on his eligibility from the NCAA Clearinghouse; In 2007 voted best young player in Montenegro
 - His father played professionally in Europe for 24 years and his mother played professionally in Bosnia
- Season Bests:** **Points:** **Reb:** **Steals:**

4 LEONARD WASHINGTON (Fr.) *Ht. - 6-7 Wt. - 230 Lake Charles, La. (Marion HS)*

- Averaged 22 points and 13 rebounds his senior season (2006-07) at Mt. Washington Marion HS in Louisiana
- Was an 2-time All-State selection and led his team to state title game in 2006-07 where they lost to Marcus Simmons' team
- Was ranked by HoopScoop as the No. 54 recruit in the 2007 class; Scored 9 points and had 5 rebounds vs. UCI on 11/15
- Had nine points, seven rebound and four steals vs. New Mexico St. on Nov. 18

Season Bests: Points: 9 (2x, last 11/18 vs. NMSU) Reb: 7 (11/18 vs. NMSU) Steals: 4 (11/18 vs. NMSU)

2 RYAN WETHERELL (Jr.) *Ht. - 5-11 Wt. - 175 Calgary, Canada (Sir Winston Churchill HS)*

- Played three years of varsity at Sir Winston Churchill High; Was starting point guard and team MVP as a senior
- Averged 30 points and eight assists as a senior; Helped lead his Junior Trojans club team to the provincial championship three straight years, earning MVP honors each season (2004-06)
- Played in 15 G in each of his first 2 seasons at USC; Matched career highs in points (3) & rebound (2) vs. OSU on 2/23/08

Season Bests: Points: Reb: Assists:
Career Bests: Points: 3 (2x, last 2/23/08 vs. OSU) Reb: 2 (2x, last 2/23/08 vs. OSU) Assists: 2 (2x, last 2/23/08 vs. OSU)

23 KEITH WILKINSON (Sr.) *Ht. - 6-10 Wt. - 225 Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley HS)*

- Scored 20 points per game in leading Capistrano Valley to the CIF Div. IIAA semi-finals, where they lost 57-54 to eventual champion Dominguez; His father, Jerry, played four years in the NFL for the Rams and Browns
- Appeared in 30 games last season, making three starts and averaged 2.5 points and 2.8 rebounds
- Started the opener vs. UCI on Nov. 15 and had two points, six rebounds and three assists
- Started again on Nov. 18 vs. NMSU and had five points and eight rebounds

Season Bests: Points: 5 (11/18 vs. NMSU) Reb: 8 (11/18 vs. NMSU) Blocks: 0
Career Bests: Points: 9 (3/1/07 at Washington) Reb: 11 (2/21/08 vs. Oregon) Blocks: 2 (2/22/07 vs. Stanford)

CHARTING THE TROJANS

STARTING LINEUPS

Nov. 15	UC Irvine	Hackett	Lewis	DeRozan	Gibson	Wilkinson	W
Nov. 18	New Mexico St.	Hackett	Lewis	DeRozan	Gibson	Wilkinson	W
Nov. 20	vs. Seton Hall						
Nov. 21	vs. Memphis/Chattanooga						
Nov. 23	vs. TBA						
Nov. 28	Tennessee-Martin						
Dec. 1	San Francisco						
Dec. 4	at Oklahoma						
Dec. 15	Pepperdine						
Dec. 20	North Dakota St.						
Dec. 22	Georgia Tech						
Dec. 28	Oral Roberts						
Jan. 2	at Oregon						
Jan. 4	at Oregon State						
Jan. 11	UCLA						
Jan. 15	Arizona State						
Jan. 17	Arizona						
Jan. 22	at Washington						
Jan. 24	at Washington State						
Jan. 29	Stanford						
Jan. 31	California						
Feb. 4	at UCLA						
Feb. 12	at Arizona						
Feb. 15	at Arizona State						
Feb. 19	Washington State						
Feb. 21	Washington						
Feb. 26	at California						
Feb. 28	at Stanford						
Mar. 5	Oregon						
Mar. 7	Oregon State						

USC DOUBLE-DOUBLES...
Taj Gibson - Nov. 18 (22 points/10 rebounds)

USC TRIPLE-DOUBLES...

WEARING THE COLORS:

Wearing Red Uniforms - 0-0
Wearing White Uniforms - 2-0
Wearing Yellow Uniforms - 0-0
Wearing Black Uniforms - 0-0

GALEN CENTER RECORDS:

With the curtains open - 1-0
With the curtains closed - 1-0

USC BY DAY/MONTH:

Mondays - 0-0	Nov. - 2-0
Tuesdays - 1-0	Dec. - 0-0
Wednesdays - 0-0	Jan - 0-0
Thursdays - 0-0	Feb. - 0-0
Fridays - 0-0	Mar. - 0-0
Saturdays - 1-0	
Sundays - 0-0	

THE LAST TIME THE TROJANS...

Scored 100 points	103	vs. Stanford on March 7, 2002
Allowed 100 points	108	at Arizona State on Feb. 13, 2003
Had 50 or more rebounds	50	vs. New Mexico State on Nov. 18, 2008
Allowed 50 or more rebounds	50	vs. Arizona on March 11, 2004
Had 25 or more assists	26	at California on Feb. 19, 2005
Had 15 or more steals	16	vs. North Carolina on Dec. 21, 2005
6 or more score in double figures	6	vs. Southern on Dec. 28, 2004
Beat an opponent by 50 or more	52	vs. Bethune-Cookman on Dec. 14, 2006
Beat a ranked opponent	#7	vs. Stanford on March 8, 2008
Beat a top-10 ranked opponent	#7	vs. Stanford on March 8, 2008
Beat a top-5 ranked opponent	#4	at UCLA on Jan. 19, 2008

TEAM COMPARISONS

USC	---	SHU
75.5	Offensive Pts./Game	79.5
57.5	Defensive Pts./Game	55.5
.460	Field Goal Percentage	.444
.345	Field Goal Defense Pct.	.348
.250	3-Point FG Percentage	.382
.333	3-Point FG Defense Pct.	.174
.695	Free Throw Percentage	.724
44.0	Rebounds/Game	42.0
12.0	Assists/Game	16.0
16.0	Turnovers/Game	14.5
11.5	Steals/Game	9.5
8.0	Blocks/Game	2.0

2008•2009 Season Review

game • one

UC Irvine • 55
USC • 78

Nov. 15 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dwight Lewis scored a game-high 18 points to lead USC to a 78-55 win vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 15 at the Galen Center. It was USC's first win in an opener under Tim Floyd, falling at home the three previous seasons, two in overtime. Also reaching double figures in scoring for USC were Taj Gibson (17), DeMar DeRozan (14) and Daniel Hackett (10). USC held the Anteaters to 37.5 percent shooting, while hitting 51.8 percent of its own shots. USC scored the first eight points of the game, but by the 5:16 mark of the first half, the Anteaters had taken a 22-20 lead. Donte Smith then hit a three-pointer to give USC the lead and they finished the first half on a 15-7 run, capped by a buzzer-beating three-pointer from Leonard Washington to go up 35-29 at the break. USC scored the first seven points of the second half and never looked back. The Trojans outrebounded UCI 24-10 in the second half. USC is now 70-33 in openers.

UC IRVINE • 55

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB			F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP							
DeCasas	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	3	0	1	2	0	1	24	
Bland	3-10	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	5	7	0	4	0	0	25	
Atkinson	5-7	0-0	0-0	1-6	7	3	10	0	1	0	1	26	
Rembert	2-9	0-2	2-2	1-2	3	1	6	1	1	0	0	22	
Moore	6-11	1-2	3-3	1-4	5	1	16	3	2	0	1	32	
Eberhard	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Hunter	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	2	3	0	1	18	
Folker	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	8	
Lauer	4-6	3-5	1-2	0-2	2	3	12	1	0	0	0	19	
Wise	1-7	0-2	2-4	0-3	3	0	4	1	2	0	0	22	
Staker	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
TEAM				0-3	3								
Totals	21-56	5-16	8-13	6-22	28	20	55	9	16	0	4	200	

FG% 1st Half: 11-27 (.407) 2nd Half: 10-29 (.345) Game: 21-56 (.375)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-10 (.300) 2nd Half: 2-6 (.333) Game: 5-16 (.313)
FT% 1st Half: 4-4 (1.000) 2nd Half: 4-9 (.444) Game: 8-13 (.615)

USC • 78

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB			F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP							
DeRozan	6-11	0-1	2-2	1-2	3	2	14	1	2	0	2	28	
Gibson	6-10	0-0	5-8	1-5	6	1	17	3	3	5	2	31	
Wilkinson	1-4	0-1	0-0	2-4	6	2	2	3	0	0	0	22	
Hackett	3-4	0-1	4-4	0-2	2	1	10	5	2	0	3	34	
Lewis	6-12	3-5	3-4	1-6	7	4	18	3	0	0	2	28	
Washington	4-5	1-1	0-0	1-4	5	1	9	1	0	0	1	15	
Diarra	0-1	0-0	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Simmons	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	12	
Smith	2-5	1-4	0-1	1-2	3	0	5	1	3	0	0	15	
Cunningham	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	8	
TEAM				3-0	3								
Totals	28-70	7-22	18-32	22-16	38	17	81	9	19	3	7	200	

FG% 1st Half: 10-35 (.286) 2nd Half: 18-35 (.514) Game: 28-70 (.400)
3FG% 1st Half: 2-9 (.222) 2nd Half: 5-13 (.385) Game: 7-22 (.318)
FT% 1st Half: 8-17 (.471) 2nd Half: 10-15 (.667) Game: 18-32 (.563)

UC Irvine 29 26 - 55
USC 35 43 - 78

Officials: Mike Littlewood, Kevin Brill, Scott Harris
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 4,089

game • two

New Mexico St. • 60
USC • 73

Nov. 18 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

Taj Gibson matched a career high with 22 points to lead USC to a 73-60 win over visiting New Mexico State on Nov. 18 at the Galen Center. Gibson added 10 rebounds and five blocks for his 17th career double-double. USC had a Galen Center-record 10 blocks and held the Aggies to 31.7 percent shooting. NMSU managed only 25.7 percent from the floor in the first half, the lowest by an opponent since holding Oregon State to 22.6 percent on Feb. 23, 2008. USC improved to 2-0 to start a season for the first time since the 2000-01 season when it began 8-0. USC outrebounded NMSU 50-35, the Trojans' most rebounds in a game since Dec. 4, 2007 when they had 52 in an overtime game vs. Memphis at Madison Square Garden in New York.

NEW MEXICO STATE • 60

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB			F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP							
Gillenwater	5-14	1-4	4-6	0-5	5	4	15	0	3	1	0	36	
Rahman	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	20	
Young	6-16	3-6	1-2	3-4	7	2	16	0	6	0	1	37	
Laroche	1-4	0-0	1-2	2-1	3	2	3	2	1	0	0	24	
Gibson	3-13	0-5	5-6	1-1	2	4	11	3	2	0	2	33	
Lumpkins	2-6	2-3	0-0	0-2	2	2	6	2	2	0	2	15	
McKines	1-6	0-0	2-2	3-4	7	5	4	1	1	2	0	20	
Castillo	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	13	
Gabriel	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
TEAM				3-4	7								
Totals	20-63	7-20	13-18	12-23	35	22	60	8	16	4	9	200	

FG% 1st Half: 9-35 (.257) 2nd Half: 11-28 (.393) Game: 20-63 (.317)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-8 (.375) 2nd Half: 4-12 (.333) Game: 7-20 (.350)
FT% 1st Half: 3-4 (.750) 2nd Half: 10-14 (.714) Game: 13-18 (.722)

USC • 73

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB			F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP							
DeRozan	2-6	0-2	3-4	1-5	6	2	7	0	5	2	1	34	
Gibson	9-20	0-0	4-7	6-4	10	2	22	0	1	5	1	36	
Wilkinson	2-6	0-1	1-3	4-4	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	21	
Hackett	3-7	1-2	3-4	0-6	6	5	10	5	6	3	2	32	
Lewis	5-11	0-3	6-8	1-3	4	2	16	1	2	0	2	34	
Washington	1-2	0-0	7-8	1-6	7	3	9	0	4	0	4	18	
Diarra	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Simmons	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	
Smith	0-4	0-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	15	
Cunningham	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	
TEAM				6-2	8								
Totals	23-57	1-10	26-36	19-31	50	18	73	7	20	10	12	200	

FG% 1st Half: 12-30 (.400) 2nd Half: 11-27 (.407) Game: 23-57 (.404)
3FG% 1st Half: 0-4 (.000) 2nd Half: 1-6 (.167) Game: 1-10 (.100)
FT% 1st Half: 10-16 (.625) 2nd Half: 16-20 (.800) Game: 26-36 (.722)

New Mexico St. 24 36 - 60
USC 34 39 - 73

Officials: Scott Thornley, Michael Eggers, Glen Mayberry
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 5,618

game • three

Seton Hall • xx
USC • xx

Nov. 20 • Coliseo de Puerto Rico
San Juan, PR

USC Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 18, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
22	Gibson, Taj	2-2	67	33.5	15-30	.500	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	7	9	16	8.0	3	0	3	4	10	3	39	19.5
21	Lewis, Dwight	2-2	62	31.0	11-23	.478	3-8	.375	9-12	.750	2	9	11	5.5	6	0	4	2	0	4	34	17.0
10	DeRozan, DeMar	2-2	62	31.0	8-17	.471	0-3	.000	5-6	.833	2	7	9	4.5	4	0	1	7	2	3	21	10.5
13	Hackett, Daniel	2-2	66	33.0	6-11	.545	1-3	.333	7-8	.875	0	8	8	4.0	6	1	10	8	3	5	20	10.0
04	Washington, Leonard	2-0	33	16.5	5-7	.714	1-1	1.000	7-8	.875	2	10	12	6.0	4	0	1	4	0	5	18	9.0
23	Wilkinson, Keith	2-2	43	21.5	3-10	.300	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	6	8	14	7.0	3	0	3	0	0	0	7	3.5
35	Smith, Donte	2-0	30	15.0	2-9	.222	1-6	.167	2-3	.667	1	2	3	1.5	1	0	2	4	0	2	7	3.5
20	Simmons, Marcus	2-0	18	9.0	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
14	Diarra, Mamadou	2-0	5	2.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.5
15	Miller, Percy	1-0	3	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
43	Cunningham, Kasey	2-0	11	5.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0.0
Total.....		2	400		52-113	.460	6-24	.250	41-59	.695	28	60	88	44.0	34	1	24	32	16	23	151	75.5
Opponents.....		2	400		41-119	.345	12-36	.333	21-31	.677	18	45	63	31.5	42	-	17	32	4	13	115	57.5

TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	151	115	11/15/08	UCI	w 55-78	4089
Points per game	75.5	57.5	11/18/08	NEW MEXICO STATE	w 60-73	5618
Scoring margin	+18.0	-	* = Conference game			
FIELD GOALS-ATT	52-113	41-119				
Field goal pct	.460	.345				
3 POINT FG-ATT	6-24	12-36				
3-point FG pct	.250	.333				
3-pt FG made per game	3.0	6.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	41-59	21-31				
Free throw pct	.695	.677				
F-Throws made per game	20.5	10.5				
REBOUNDS	88	63				
Rebounds per game	44.0	31.5				
Rebounding margin	+12.5	-				
ASSISTS	24	17				
Assists per game	12.0	8.5				
TURNOVERS	32	32				
Turnovers per game	16.0	16.0				
Turnover margin	+0.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.5				
STEALS	23	13				
Steals per game	11.5	6.5				
BLOCKS	16	4				
Blocks per game	8.0	2.0				
ATTENDANCE	9707	0				
Home games-Avg/Game	2-4854	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
USC	69	82	151
Opponents	53	62	115