



USC BOWL GAME SUMMARIES

1923 Rose Bowl USC 14, Penn State 3

In the first Rose Bowl game played in the present Rose Bowl stadium, USC, a substitute Western entry for California, which had declined the invitation, defeated Penn State, 14-3. USC's first touchdown was set up by Harold Galloway, who caught a pass while flat on his back at the two-yard line. Penn State arrived at the game 45 minutes late after being caught in a traffic jam, and the game concluded in moonlight as sportswriters had to strike matches to complete their stories.

USC	0	7	7	0	-- 14
Penn State	3	0	0	0	-- 3

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Campbell, Baker. PAT, Hawkins (2).

Penn State--Field Goal, Palm.
Attendance: 43,000 Date: Jan. 1

1924 Christmas Festival USC 20, Missouri 7

Played on Christmas Day in the Coliseum, USC posted one of its biggest wins in its early history, 20-7 over Missouri. The Trojans stopped the Tigers early, then dominated the latter part of the contest, with Hayden Pythian, Wallace Newman and Henry Lefebvre starring.

Missouri	0	0	0	7	-- 7
USC	0	0	20	0	-- 20

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Lefebvre, Badgro, Pythian. PAT, Hawkins (2).

Missouri--Touchdown, Walsh. PAT, Unknown.
Attendance: 47,000 Date: Dec. 25

1930 Rose Bowl USC 47, Pittsburgh 14

Quarterbacks 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 end Harry Edelson. USC built a 26-0 halftime lead in coasting to the triumph.

USC	13	13	14	7	-- 47
Pittsburgh	0	0	7	7	-- 14

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Edelson (2), Duffield (2), Pinckert, Saunders, Wilcox. PAT, Shaver (2), Baker (2), Duffield.
Pittsburgh--Touchdowns, Walinchus, Collins. PAT, Parkinson (2).

Attendance: 72,000 Date: Jan. 1

1932 Rose Bowl USC 21, Tulane 12

Erny Pinckert ran for touchdowns of 25 and 30 yards to lead USC's Thundering Herd to a 21-0 halftime lead, and the Trojans held off Bernie Bierman's Tulane team in the second half for a 21-12 victory. Six USC players on that team were named All-American during their college careers.

USC	0	7	14	0	-- 21
Tulane	0	0	6	6	-- 12

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Sparling, Pinckert (2). PAT, Baker (3).

Tulane--Touchdowns, Haynes, Glover.
Attendance: 75,562 Date: Jan. 1

1933 Rose Bowl USC 35, Pittsburgh 0

Quarterback Cotton Warburton scored two touchdowns as USC wore down a lighter Pittsburgh team for a 35-0 win. Warburton, a 145-pounder who went on to become one of the Trojans' greatest backs, broke the game open in the second half.

USC	7	0	7	21	-- 35
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Palmer, Griffith, Warburton (2), Barber. PAT, Smith (4), Lady.

Attendance: 78,874 Date: Jan. 2

1939 Rose Bowl USC 7, Duke 3

A fourth-string quarterback, Doyle Nave, who had played only 28 1/2 minutes all year, came off the bench to fire four straight passes to second team end Al Krueger, the last a 19-yard touchdown aerial, in the last two minutes to edge Duke, 7-3. Those were the only points scored on previously undefeated Duke all season.

USC	0	0	0	7	-- 7
Duke	0	0	0	3	-- 3

Scoring: USC--Touchdown, Krueger. PAT, Gaspar. Duke--Field Goal, Ruffa.

Attendance: 89,452 Date: Jan. 2

1940 Rose Bowl USC 14, Tennessee 0

USC overpowered Tennessee, which hadn't been scored upon in 15 consecutive games, 14-0, to hand the Volunteers their first loss in 24 games and to give Trojan coach Howard Jones, who died in the summer of 1941, a perfect 5-0 record in the Rose Bowl. USC's final touchdown was scored on a pass from Amby Schindler to Al Krueger, who had caught the winning TD pass in 1939.

USC	0	7	0	7	-- 14
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: USC--Touchdown, Schindler, Krueger. PAT, Jones, Gaspar.

Attendance: 92,200 Date: Jan. 1

1944 Rose Bowl USC 29, Washington 0

In the only Rose Bowl game which was not intersectional (because of wartime travel restrictions), USC raced past Washington, 29-0. Quarterback Jim Hardy led the Trojans, throwing three touchdown passes. Washington entered the game as a strong favorite.

USC	0	7	13	9	-- 29
Washington	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, G. Callanan (2), G. Gray (2). PAT, Jamison (3). Safety, Planck blocked Austin's punt which was recovered in end zone by Washington.

Attendance: 68,000 Date: Jan. 1

1945 Rose Bowl USC 25, Tennessee 0

Quarterback Jim Hardy passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third as USC defeated Tennessee, 25-0. Hardy thus in two games threw for five touchdowns and scored a sixth. Tennessee fielded a predominantly freshman team.

USC	6	6	0	13	-- 25
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, J. Callanan, Salata, J. Hardy, MacLachlan. PAT, West.

Attendance: 91,000 Date: Jan. 1

1946 Rose Bowl Alabama 34, USC 14

Harry Gilmer, known more as a passer, ran for 113 yards while Alabama's defense choked off USC to give the Crimson Tide a 34-14 victory. Alabama allowed USC just six yards of rushing and 35 passing. It was USC's first loss in the Rose Bowl following eight victories.

Alabama	7	13	7	7	-- 34
USC	0	0	0	14	-- 14

Scoring: Alabama--Touchdowns, Self (2), Gilmer, Tew, Hodges. PAT, Morrow (4).
USC--Touchdowns, Adelman, Clark. PAT, Lillywhite (2).

Attendance: 93,000 **Date:** Jan. 1

1948 Rose Bowl Michigan 49, USC 0

Michigan, under Coach Fritz Crisler gunning for the national championship, defeated USC, 49-0, to duplicate its 1902 triumph over Stanford. Halfback Robert Chappuis ran for 91 yards, passed for 188, and made six key plays which set up or scored five touchdowns.

Michigan	7	14	7	21	-- 49
USC	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: Michigan--Touchdowns, Weisenburger (3), C. Elliott, Yerges, Derricotte, Rifenburg. PAT, Brieske (7).

Attendance: 93,000 **Date:** Jan. 1

1953 Rose Bowl USC 7, Wisconsin 0

Substitute quarterback Rudy Bukich threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Al "Hoagy" Carmichael in the third quarter which held up for a 7-0 USC triumph over Wisconsin to give the Pacific Coast its first victory over the Big Ten since the two conferences began their agreement in 1947. Jess Hill, the Trojan coach who played on the 1929 USC team, became the first man to have played on and coached winning Rose Bowl teams.

USC	0	0	7	0	-- 7
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: USC--Touchdown, Carmichael. PAT, Tsagalakis.
Attendance: 101,500 **Date:** Jan. 1

1955 Rose Bowl Ohio State 20, USC 7

Woody Hayes made his first trek to the Rose Bowl as a coach and his national champion Ohio State team defeated USC, 20-7, in the mud and rain. Dave Leggett quarterbacked the Buckeyes to three touchdowns and USC's Aramis Dandoy returned a punt 86 yards for a touchdown. UCLA was PCC champion, but was barred from returning by the conference's "no-repeat" rule.

Ohio State	0	14	0	6	-- 20
USC	0	7	0	0	-- 7

Scoring: Ohio State--Touchdowns, Leggett, Watkins, Harkrader. PAT, Weed, Watkins.
USC--Touchdown, Dandoy. PAT, Tsagalakis.

Attendance: 89,191 **Date:** Jan. 1

1963 Rose Bowl USC 42, Wisconsin 37

John McKay made his debut in the Rose Bowl as USC coach and saw his undefeated national champion Trojans outscore Wisconsin, 42-37. USC, with Pete Beathard throwing four touchdown passes, ran up a 42-14 lead. Then Wisconsin's Ron VanderKelen got hot, bringing the Badgers to within five points when time ran out. VanderKelen completed 33 of 48 passes for 401 yards, and 11 Rose Bowl records were broken.

USC	7	14	14	7	-- 42
Wisconsin	7	0	7	23	-- 37

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Bedsole (2), Butcher, Wilson, Heller, F. Hill. PAT, Lupo (6).
Wisconsin--Touchdowns, Kurek, VanderKelen, Holland, Korner, Richter. PAT, Korner (5).
Safety, USC bad center snap downed in end zone by USC.

Attendance: 98,698 **Date:** Jan. 1

1967 Rose Bowl Purdue 14, USC 13

A two-point conversion attempt by USC with less than three minutes remaining was foiled and Purdue emerged a 14-13 victor. After Troy Winslow flipped a 19-yard touchdown pass to Rod Sherman, Boilermaker back George Catavolos intercepted the conversion pass. Perry Williams scored both Purdue touchdowns on short bursts.

Purdue	0	7	7	0	-- 14
USC	0	7	0	6	-- 13

Scoring: Purdue--Touchdowns, P. Williams (2). PAT, Griese (2).

USC--Touchdowns, McCall, Sherman. PAT, Rossovich.

Attendance: 100,807 **Date:** Jan. 2

1968 Rose Bowl USC 14, Indiana 3

O.J. Simpson ran for 128 yards and scored both USC touchdowns on short blasts as the Trojans defeated Indiana, 14-3, to wrap up the national football title. USC started the game without five regulars and lost two more during the game, but had enough depth to prevail.

USC	7	0	7	0	-- 14
Indiana	0	3	0	0	-- 3

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Simpson (2). PAT, Aldridge (2).
Indiana--Field Goal, Kornowa.

Attendance: 102,946 **Date:** Jan. 1

1969 Rose Bowl Ohio State 27, USC 16

Rex Kern quarterbacked national champion Ohio State to a 27-16 defeat of USC, overcoming a 10-0 deficit and heroics by Trojan O.J. Simpson. Simpson, the Heisman Trophy winner, rushed for 171 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown scamper. But five USC turnovers and Ohio State's power proved too much.

Ohio State	0	10	3	14	-- 27
USC	0	10	0	6	-- 16

Scoring: Ohio State--Touchdowns, Otis, Hayden, Gillian.
Field Goals, Roman (2). PAT, Roman (2).

USC--Touchdowns, Simpson, Dickerson. PAT, Ayala. Field Goal, Ayala.

Attendance: 102,063 **Date:** Jan. 1

1970 Rose Bowl USC 10, Michigan 3

A record fourth straight 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.

USC	3	0	7	0	-- 10
Michigan	0	3	0	0	-- 3

Scoring: USC--Touchdown, Chandler. PAT, Ayala. Field Goal, Ayala.

Michigan--Field Goal, Gillian.
Attendance: 103,878 **Date:** Jan. 1

1973 Rose Bowl USC 42, Ohio State 17

Fullback Sam Cunningham, known primarily for his superb blocking, dived for four touchdowns, a modern era Rose Bowl record, as USC defeated Ohio State, 42-17, to win the national title. USC broke away after a 7-7 halftime tie as Anthony Davis ran for 157 yards and Mike Rae threw for 229.

USC	7	0	21	14	-- 42
Ohio State	0	7	3	7	-- 17

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Swann, Cunningham (4), Davis. PAT, Rae (6).

Ohio State--Touchdowns, Keith, Bledsoe. PAT, Conway (2). Field Goal, Conway.

Attendance: 106,869 **Date:** Jan. 1

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1974 Rose Bowl Ohio State 42, USC 21

The 1974 game was a reverse of the 1973 contest as Ohio State, held to a 14-14 tie at halftime, exploded in the second half for a 42-21 win over USC. Freshman fullback Pete Johnson scored three touchdowns and Archie Griffin ran for 149 yards. But the Player of the Game was OSU quarterback Cornelius Greene, who completed six of eight passes for 129 yards and scrambled effectively.

Ohio State	7	7	13	15	-- 42
USC	3	11	7	0	-- 21

Scoring: **Ohio State--Touchdowns, Johnson (3), Greene, Elia, Griffin. PAT, Conway (4). Greene (2-pointer). USC--Touchdowns, McKay, Davis. PAT, Limahelu, McKay (2-pointer). Field Goals, Limahelu (2).**

Attendance: **105,267** **Date: Jan. 1**

1975 Rose Bowl USC 18, Ohio State 17

Rhodes scholar Pat Haden threw a 38-yard touchdown pass late in the game to John McKay, the coach's son, then fired a two-point conversion pass to Shelton Diggs to give USC a narrow 18-17 win over Ohio State and the national title. Haden threw for 181 yards and two touchdowns to offset the loss of Anthony Davis, who suffered a rib injury.

USC	3	0	0	15	-- 18
Ohio State	0	7	0	10	-- 17

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, Obradovich, McKay. PAT, Limahelu, Diggs (2-pointer). Field Goal, Limahelu. Ohio State--Touchdowns, Henson, Greene. PAT, Klaban (2). Field Goal, Klaban.**

Attendance: **106,721** **Date: Jan. 1**

1975 Liberty Bowl USC 20, Texas A&M 0

In coach John McKay's final game at USC, his Trojans shook off a four-game losing streak and surprised favored Texas A&M in Memphis, 20-0. USC's defense came up with many big plays, while the offense was able to move against the nationally-ranked Aggie defense. Vince Evans threw a 65-yard bomb to Randy Simmrin to set up one touchdown and Liberty Bowl MVP Ricky Bell ran 76 yards with a screen pass for another TD.

USC	3	17	0	0	-- 20
Texas A&M	0	0	0	0	-- 0

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, Tatupu, Bell. PAT, Walker (2). Field Goal, Walker.**

Attendance: **52,129** **Date: Dec. 22**

1977 Rose Bowl USC 14, Michigan 6

After an opening game loss, USC won its 11th-straight game by grinding out a 14-6 win over Michigan. Michigan's Rob Lytle opened the scoring with a one-yard plunge, but Trojan quarterback Vince Evans got that back with a one-yard rollout. Freshman tailback Charles White, filling in for the injured Ricky Bell, rushed for 122 yards, including a seven-yard scoring jaunt that closed out the scoring for USC. John Robinson became only the second rookie coach from the Pac-8 to capture a Rose Bowl.

Michigan	0	6	0	0	-- 6
USC	0	7	0	7	-- 14

Scoring: **Michigan--Touchdown, Lytle. USC--Touchdowns, Evans, White. PAT, Walker (2).**

Attendance: **106,182** **Date: Jan. 1**

1977 Bluebonnet Bowl USC 47, Texas A&M 28

In a wild game in Houston's Astrodome, USC beat Texas A&M, 47-28. Down 14-0 in the first quarter, the Trojans scored the next 34 points and coasted to victory. Both teams combined for 1,139 yards of total offense, including 620 by USC. Dwight Ford raced 94 yards for a score, a USC record, while Rob Hertel threw four touchdown passes (including two to Calvin Sweeney).

USC	7	13	14	13	-- 47
Texas A&M	14	0	0	14	-- 28

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, Sweeney (2), White, Simmrin, Ford, Tatupu. PAT, Jordan (3), Burns (2-pointer). Field Goals, Jordan (2).**

Texas A&M--Touchdowns, Woodard (2), Moseley, Armstrong. PAT, Franklin (4).

Attendance: **52,842** **Date: Dec. 31**

1979 Rose Bowl USC 17, Michigan 10

In a tough defensive struggle, the Pac-10 ran its victory string to five in a row as USC outlasted Michigan 17-10. Trojan tailback 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 quarterback 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.

USC	7	10	0	0	-- 17
Michigan	0	3	7	0	-- 10

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, Brenner, White. PAT, Jordan (2). Field Goal, Jordan. Michigan--Touchdown, R. Smith. PAT, Willner. Field Goal, Willner.**

Attendance: **105,629** **Date: Jan. 1**

1980 Rose Bowl USC 17, Ohio State 16

USC's Heisman Trophy winning tailback Charles White stole the show as he led the Trojans to a come-from-behind win in one of the most exciting games in Rose Bowl history. White, named Player of the Game for the second straight year, rushed for a Rose Bowl record 247 yards, including a one-yard touchdown dive with 1:32 remaining in the game that gave USC the win. The Trojans jumped out to an early 10-0 lead, but Ohio State came back to take a 16-10 lead in the fourth quarter. Then White took over. With 5:21 remaining in the game, the Trojans got the ball on their own 17-yard line. USC marched 83 yards in eight plays, all on the ground. On the winning drive, White carried six times for 71 yards.

USC	3	7	0	7	-- 17
Ohio State	0	10	3	3	-- 16

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, K. Williams, White. PAT, Hipp (2). Field Goal, Hipp. Ohio State--Touchdown, G. Williams. PAT, Janakievski. Field Goals, Janakievski (3).**

Attendance: **105,526** **Date: Jan. 1**

1982 Fiesta Bowl Penn State 26, USC 10

Penn State's fine defense and key Trojan miscues led to USC's first non-Rose Bowl post-season defeat, 26-10. Marcus Allen, who was held to 85 yards, fumbled away the ball on USC's first possession and the Lions' Curt Warner, who gained 145 yards, went in to score several plays later. USC's only touchdown came on a 20-yard interception by Chip Banks.

Penn State	7	10	9	0	-- 26
USC	7	0	3	0	-- 10

Scoring: **Penn State--Touchdowns, Warner (2), Garrity. PAT, Franco (3). Field Goal, Franco. Safety, Paffenroth blocked punt out of end zone. USC--Touchdown, Banks. PAT, Jordan. Field Goal, Jordan.**

Attendance: **71,053** **Date: Jan. 1**

**1985 Rose Bowl
USC 20, Ohio State 17**

USC's defense prevailed over Ohio State's potent offense featuring Heisman Trophy runnerup Keith Byars, 20-17. Interceptions set up USC's two touchdowns and the Trojan defense also stopped two key Buckeye drives--one early in the contest that got to the four-yard line and one late in the game which ended up at the 38. For USC, Tim Green threw touchdown passes to Joe Cormier and Timmie Ware while Steve Jordan kicked two 51-yard field goals. Most of Ohio State's points were provided by Rich Spangler, who hit three field goals.

Ohio State	3	3	3	8	-- 17
USC	10	7	3	0	-- 20

Scoring: **Ohio State--Touchdown, Carter. PAT, Tomczak (2-pointer). Field Goals, Spangler (3).**
USC--Touchdowns, Cormier, Ware. PAT, Jordan (2). Field Goals, Jordan (2).
Attendance: **102,594** **Date: Jan. 1**

**1985 Aloha Bowl
Alabama 24, USC 3**

The nation's top two bowl teams (USC with the most wins and Alabama with the most appearances) faced off in balmy Honolulu. The score was tied at halftime, 3-3, but the Crimson Tide rolled in the second half to win, 24-3. USC managed only 197 total yards (just 61 rushing) and 10 first downs. On the other hand, Alabama had 317 total yards, 205 coming on the ground. Mike Shula, Al Bell, Gene Jelks, Cornelius Bennett and Jon Hand starred for the Crimson Tide.

USC	0	3	0	0	-- 3
Alabama	3	0	7	14	-- 24

Scoring: **USC--Field Goal, Shafer.**
Alabama--Touchdowns, Turner, Whitehurst, Bell. PAT, Tiffin (3). Field Goal, Tiffin.
Attendance: **35,183** **Date: Dec. 28**

**1987 Florida Citrus Bowl
Auburn 16, USC 7**

In Ted Tollner's final game as USC's head coach, his Trojan defense held down a high-powered Auburn offense (led by Brent Fullwood, the nation's top runner). But Troy's offense was ineffective and the Tigers won, 16-7, in chilly Orlando. Outside linebacker Marcus Cotton provided USC with its only score on a spectacular 24-yard scoring interception return early in the game. Two long second-quarter drives by Auburn, plus a safety late in the game, gave Auburn its only points. USC made it interesting at the end after Louis Brock blocked a Tiger punt, but the Trojans couldn't score on fourth-and-inches at the goal line. Fullwood had 152 yards rushing and one TD for Auburn, which had just 290 total yards on the day.

Auburn	0	14	0	2	-- 16
USC	7	0	0	0	-- 7

Scoring: **Auburn--Touchdowns, Reeves, Fullwood. PAT, Knapp (2). Safety, Peete called for intentionally grounding in end zone.**
USC--Touchdown, Cotton. PAT, Shafer.
Attendance: **51,113** **Date: Jan. 1**

**1988 Rose Bowl
Michigan State 20, USC 17**

For just the fifth time ever, teams that had played each other earlier in the season (Michigan State had beaten USC in the 1988 season opener, 27-13) faced off in the Rose Bowl. The Spartans prevailed again, this time 20-17, breaking a six-game Big Ten losing streak in Pasadena. Despite getting more total yards (410 to 276) and first downs (21 to 11) than Michigan State, the Trojans were hurt by five turnovers, including a lost fumble on a mishandled snap on the Spartan 30 with 1:37 to play as Troy was marching downfield on an impressive drive. USC trailed 14-3 at halftime, but two touchdowns passes from quarterback Rodney Peete to split end Ken Henry eventually evened the score at 17-17 midway through the last quarter. On the next series, Michigan State moved into its winning field goal position with the help of a spectacular 36-yard jump pass from quarterback Bobby McAllister to split end Andre Rison. USC had to play Michigan State for the second time that season without star Trojan tailback Steven Webster (he sat out the opener with a sprained ankle and tore knee ligaments in the regular season finale against UCLA).

USC	3	0	7	7	-- 17
Michigan State	7	7	0	6	-- 20

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, Henry (2). PAT, Rodriguez (2). Field Goal, Rodriguez.**
Michigan State--Touchdowns, White (2). PAT, Langeloh (2). Field Goals, Langeloh (2).
Attendance: **103,847** **Date: Jan. 1**

**1989 Rose Bowl
Michigan 22, USC 14**

In a "teacher-versus-pupil" matchup (USC coach Larry Smith served under Wolverine coach Bo Schembechler at both Miami of Ohio and Michigan), the teacher got the better of it as Michigan came back from a 14-3 halftime deficit to win 22-14. It was a disappointing way for USC to conclude its 100th anniversary of football. After falling behind 3-0 on a Mike Gillette field goal, USC charged back as quarterback Rodney Peete ran for a pair of short touchdowns (1 and 4 yards) in the second quarter. But it was all Michigan in the second half, as the Wolverines amassed 230 of their 352 total yards then. They scored 3 times on long drives, the first on a 6-yard Demetrius Brown-to-Chris Calloway aerial that capped a 67-yard drive to open the third quarter. Then Rose Bowl MVP Leroy Hoard scored twice for Michigan on 1-yard runs in the final period, coming off of 92 and 70-yard drives. Hoard had 142 yards rushing (the first time anyone broke the century rushing mark against the Trojans all year), including a key 61-yard run to set up the Wolverines' final score. USC, which managed a season-low 296 total yards, didn't help its cause with 5 turnovers, 11 penalties and numerous missed tackles. The win was only Schembechler's second in 9 tries in Pasadena.

Michigan	3	0	6	13	-- 22
USC	0	14	0	0	-- 14

Scoring: **Michigan--Touchdowns, Calloway, Hoard (2). PAT, Gillette. Field Goal, Gillette.**
USC--Touchdowns, Peete (2). PAT, Rodriguez (2).
Attendance: **101,688** **Date: Jan. 2**

**1990 Rose Bowl
USC 17, Michigan 10**

After losing the previous 2 Rose Bowls, USC beat Michigan, 17-10, in 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 an assistant under Schembechler at Miami of Ohio and Michigan. Trojan tailback Ricky Ervins, the Rose Bowl MVP, scored the game-winning TD on a 14-yard run with 1:10 to play. Ervins, who lives 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 defensive guard Dan Owens blocked a punt. Six plays later, quarterback Todd Marinovich, who was 22-of-31 passing for 178 yards, scored on a 1-yard run. Kickers 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 then matched field goals prior to halftime. Michigan tied the score on a 2-yard run by tailback Allen Jefferson in the third quarter and the game looked like it would end deadlocked. But, 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 tailback Leroy Hoard became the first player to run for 100-plus yards against USC all season (he had 108 yards on 17 carries).

USC	0	10	0	7	-- 17
Michigan	0	3	7	0	-- 10

Scoring: **USC--Touchdowns, Marinovich, Ervins. PAT, Rodriguez (2). Field Goal, Rodriguez.**
Michigan--Touchdown, Jefferson. PAT, Carlson. Field Goal, Carlson.
Attendance: **103,450** **Date: Jan. 1**

**1990 John Hancock Bowl
Michigan State 17, USC 16**

Playing in its eighth different bowl, USC lost to Michigan State, 17-16, in the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Tex., on New Year's Eve day. It was the 900th game in Trojan gridiron history. USC dominated the stats, getting more total yards (336-215), plays (76-52), first downs (21-12) and possession time (35:45-24:15). Troy limited the powerful Spartan rushing attack (which averaged 253.9 yards a game to rank 10th nationally) to an MSU season-low 84 yards. Big Ten rushing champ tailback Tico Duckett got just 18 yards. But Troy had 4 costly turnovers (including 2 in MSU's end zone) and converted only 5 of 14 first downs. USC scored first when quarterback Todd Marinovich hit flanker Gary Wellman with a 7-yard TD pass late in the opening quarter. Marinovich was 18-of-30 for 174 yards, but threw 3 interceptions (including 1 in the end zone) and also fumbled the ball on fourth-and-goal at the Spartan 1-yard line in the middle of the second quarter (which

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MSU recovered in the end zone). Michigan State marched 80 yards to a TD after that fumble recovery, with tailback Hyland Hickson scoring on an 18-yard run to tie the score at 7-7 at halftime. After placekicker Quin Rodriguez hit a 20-yard field goal on USC's opening possession of the second half (which ended on the MSU 3-yard line), the Spartans countered with a 21-yard TD pass from quarterback Dan Enos to flanker Courtney Hawkins (the first TD reception by a MSU wide receiver all year), who was the game's MVP with 6 catches for a season-high 106 yards, and a career-long 52-yard field goal by John Langeloh. Rodriguez capped USC's next series with a career-long 54-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter. Then, down 17-13, cornerback Stephon Pace intercepted an Enos pass to give USC the ball near midfield. But the Trojans could get no closer than the MSU 17 before backup quarterback Shane Foley's errant pitch stalled the drive and USC had to settle for another Rodriguez field goal, this one 43 yards with 5:54 to play. Troy, however, could never get the ball back. Tailback Mazio Royster had a game-high 125 yards on 32 carries, only the second player to break the century rushing mark against Michigan State in 1990. USC rushed for 156 yards versus an MSU defense which was ranked 17th nationally against the run (allowing just 113.2 yards a game). Trojan outside linebacker Craig Hartsuyker, who had 2 quarterback sacks and forced a fumble, was named the game's Most Valuable Lineman.

USC	7	0	3	6	-- 16
Michigan State	0	7	10	0	-- 17

Scoring: USC--Touchdown, Wellman. PAT, Rodriguez. Field Goals, Rodriguez (3). Michigan State--Touchdowns, Hickson, Hawkins. PAT, Langeloh (2). Field Goal, Langeloh.

Attendance: 50,562 **Date:** Dec. 31

1992 Freedom Bowl Fresno State 24, USC 7

USC, making its 35th bowl appearance, was stunned by unranked, 8-point underdog Fresno State, 24-7, in the ninth Freedom Bowl in Anaheim Stadium. It was the first meeting ever between the Trojans and Bulldogs. Fresno State dominated, particularly in the second half. FSU, with the nation's No. 1 scoring offense (40.5) and No. 2 total offense (482.9), held the ball 15-plus minutes more (37:32-22:28), had 322 more total yards (405-183), 10 more first downs (24-14) and 34 more plays (84-50). USC's 183 total yards were its fewest since getting 163 at Washington in 1990 and its 95 passing yards were its fewest since getting 74 at Oregon in 1991. The Trojans had 4 turnovers (FSU had none) and converted just 1-of-9 third downs. The first half, played in a steady rain, ended in a 7-7 tie. It was the fewest points FSU had scored in a half all season (and it was the first time the Bulldogs were shut out in the first quarter in 1992). USC tailback Deon Strother opened the scoring with a 1-yard plunge early in the second quarter, but FSU answered when fullback Lorenzo Neal ran for a 1-yard TD. While attempting to catch a pass on the last play of the half, USC flanker Curtis Conway sprained his right knee and missed the second half (it was the first time in 23 games that he didn't catch a pass). After a 43-yard field goal by placekicker Derek Mahoney in the third quarter, FSU scored twice late in the game on runs by tailbacks Anthony Daigle (2 yards) and Ron Rivers (5 yards). Rivers had a game-high 104 yards on 19 carries, while Freedom Bowl MVP Neal had 75 yards on 19 tries. Bulldog quarterback Trent Dilfer was 13-of-28 for 164 yards. Tailback Estrus Crayton, USC's game MVP, led Troy with 79 yards on 19 attempts. Defensively, safety Jason Sehorn had a game-high 10 tackles, while inside linebacker Brian Williams added 9 stops, cornerback Jerald Henry had 8, and cornerback Jason Oliver had 7 along with a blocked field goal.

Fresno State	0	7	3	14	-- 24
USC	0	7	0	0	-- 7

Scoring: Fresno State--Touchdowns, Neal, Daigle, Rivers. PAT, Mahoney (3). Field Goal, Mahoney. USC--Touchdown, Strother. PAT, Ford.

Attendance: 50,745 **Date:** Dec. 29

1993 Freedom Bowl USC 28, Utah 21

USC, exorcising the demons of Anaheim Stadium, scored 28 points in the first 17 minutes of the game and then held off a furious Utah second-half rally to win Freedom Bowl X, 28-21, before 43,150 fans and a national Raycom television audience. The Trojans, making their 36th bowl appearance, were playing in Anaheim Stadium for the third time in 14 games, but had yet to win there (losing in the 1992 Freedom Bowl to Fresno State and the 1993 season-opening Disneyland Pigskin Classic to North Carolina). It was the first USC-Utah meeting in 45 years. USC, a 17-point favorite, scored easily on its first 4 possessions. In the first quarter, quarterback Rob Johnson hit All-American wide receiver Johnnie Morton on TD throws of 31 and 9 yards, and tailback David Dotson dove over from 2 yards out. Then, Johnson connected with tight end Johnny McWilliams on a 5-yard scoring toss just 1:26 into the second quarter. But after that, USC's offense-hampered by an ineffective running game (the Trojans ran for just 91 yards)--stalled. Utah, playing in just its fourth bowl game, came alive after halftime, scoring on 3 of its first 5 possessions: a 59-yard TD pass from quarterback Mike McCoy to slotback Henry Lusk, a 34-yard run by fullback Jamal Anderson and a 1-yard run by tailback Keith Williams. But USC got the ball with 3:19 to play and

held it until just 8 seconds remained, when McCoy's desperation pass was intercepted by cornerback John Herpin (Herpin's second pick of the game). Morton was named the game's MVP as he caught a Freedom Bowl-record 10 passes for 147 yards and the 2 scores (to tie a Freedom Bowl TD catch mark) despite playing weakened with the flu (7 of his catches for 121 yards and both TDs were in the first half). Johnson, who also had come down with a slight case of the flu, completed a Freedom Bowl-record 30 passes in 44 attempts for 345 yards and the 3 TD aerials (in the first half, he was 17-of-25 for 255 with the 3 TDs). Morton became the Pac-10's No. 2 career receiver with 201 grabs, while Johnson set USC's season pass completion percentage mark (68.6%). USC tailback Shawn Walters ran for a game-high 70 yards on 19 carries, while fullback Deon Strother added 50 rushing yards on 9 attempts and caught 6 passes for 63 yards. USC wide receiver Ken Grace, who had 4 catches for 48 yards, returned a punt 31 yards, a Freedom Bowl mark. USC generated 436 yards of total offense on 82 plays and held the ball 32:14. Utah threatened 3 times inside the USC 30-yard line in the opening half, but USC's defense held each time, including an impressive goal line stand and an interception in the end zone by cornerback Jason Sehorn. Utah came into the game averaging 484.6 total yards (fifth in the U.S.), 324.3 passing yards (seventh in the U.S.) and 30.8 points, but was limited to 350 total yards (286 through the air). McCoy, who was second nationally in total offense (330.8), was 23-of-40 for 286 yards, 1 TD and 3 interceptions (at the half, he was 10-of-20 for 81 yards with 2 picks). Lusk had 6 catches for 140 yards and the TD, while Anderson ran for 67 yards and the TD on 16 carries and caught 7 passes for 61 yards. Outside linebacker Brian Williams and safety Mike Salmon topped USC in tackles with 9 each (both had 2 for losses). USC coach John Robinson, who has led USC to at least 8 wins in each of his 8 seasons there, upped his bowl record to 5-1.

Utah	0	0	13	8	-- 21
USC	20	8	0	0	-- 28

Scoring: Utah--Touchdowns, He. Lusk, Anderson, Williams. PAT, Yergerson, Anderson (2-pointer). USC--Touchdowns, Morton (2), Dotson, McWilliams. PAT, Ford (2), Banta (2-pointer).

Attendance: 37,203 **Date:** Dec. 30

1995 Cotton Bowl USC 55, Texas Tech 14

USC (ranked 20th by UPI, 21st by AP and 22nd by USA Today/CNN) made quite an impression in its first visit to the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic, smashing Texas Tech, 55-14, in a record-filled performance before a sellout crowd of 70,218 and an NBC-TV national audience. It was USC's 24th bowl victory, its 37th bowl appearance (in 10 different bowls), its 17th win in the last 19 games against Southwest Conference opponents, its third win in 3 tries over Texas Tech, and coach John Robinson's sixth bowl win in 7 trips (giving Robinson at least 8 wins in each of his 9 seasons at Troy). After 59 years, it was also the last Cotton Bowl where an SWC team served as host. Texas Tech was making only its second visit to the Cotton Bowl (the first was in 1939). The game was over quickly, as it was 28-0 after the first quarter and 34-0 at halftime. USC led 48-0 before Texas Tech scored against the Trojan reserves late in the third quarter. USC set Cotton Bowl records for most points in a game, most points in a quarter (USC's most since also scoring 28 in the second quarter against California in 1978) 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). It was the most points scored against Texas Tech since Miami had 61 in 1986. Troy's first 3 scores came in a 1:16 span. After tailback 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, quarterback Rob Johnson hit fullback Terry Barnum for a 19-yard score. Three plays later, cornerback John Herpin, another Texas native, intercepted a Zebbie Lethridge 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 named the game's Outstanding Defensive Player. USC's next 3 TDs came on aerials to wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson of 12, 22 and 86 yards (the 86-yarder was 1 yard shy of the longest pass in Cotton Bowl and USC history), the first 2 from Rob Johnson and the third from quarterback Brad Otton. Keyshawn Johnson, selected as the game's Outstanding Offensive Player, had 8 catches overall for a Cotton Bowl-record 222 yards (just 7 yards shy of the Trojan single game record). 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 second most yards in Cotton Bowl history). The other Trojan scores came on a late 2-yard Otton pass to tight end Jeff Diltz and second quarter field goals by placekicker Cole Ford of 39 and a career-best 42 yards. Ford's 7 PAT kicks was a Cotton Bowl record. Walters ran for a game-best 82 yards on 14 carries. Otton was 8-of-14 for 146 yards. USC thoroughly dominated the statistics, more than doubling Texas Tech in total yardage (578-260) and possession time (40:02-19:58) while also having more first downs (21-14) and plays (80-63). USC, which averaged 7.2 yards per play, set Cotton Bowl records for total yards, passing yards (a USC record 435) and completions (24). USC did this against a Texas Tech defense which entered the game third nationally in pass efficiency defense (88.6), 10th in scoring defense (17.4) and 22nd in total defense (311.0). The Red Raiders had held 5 foes to single digits in scoring and had given up just 47 points in their previous 5 games. Inside linebacker Jeff Kopp led USC in tackles with 7, while safety Sammy Knight added 6. Texas Tech, which punted USC 10 times, advanced into USC territory on just 4 of its 16 possessions.

USC	28	6	14	7	-- 55
Texas Tech	0	0	7	7	-- 14

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, K. Johnson (3), Herpin, Walters, Barnum, Diltz. PAT, Ford (7). Field Goals, Ford (2). Texas Tech--Touchdowns, Lethridge, Mitchell. PAT, Davis (2).
Attendance: 70,218 **Date:** Jan. 2

**1996 Rose Bowl
 USC 41, Northwestern 32**

Behind the stellar play of wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson and quarterback Brad Otton, USC (ranked 15th by UPI and 17th by USA Today/CNN and AP) put an end to No. 3-ranked Northwestern's Cinderella season with an exciting 41-32 Rose Bowl win before a sellout crowd of 100,102 and a national ABC-TV audience. It was the 50th anniversary of the Pac-10/Big Ten agreement in the Rose Bowl. It was USC's 20th victory in its unprecedented 28th trip to Pasadena (but its first since the 1990 game) and Troy's first win over a Top 3 team since defeating Michigan in that 1990 Rose Bowl, while Northwestern--having its first winning season since 1971 (the Wildcats came in with a 10-1 record)--was playing in only its second-ever bowl (its first since winning the 1949 Rose Bowl). It also gave USC coach John Robinson a 4-0 Rose Bowl record (and 7-1 in all bowls). The Trojans jumped off to a quick start, driving 83 yards with the opening kickoff while using a no-huddle offense as running back LaVale Woods scored on a 1-yard plunge. But Northwestern answered on its first possession, as running back Darnell Autry ran 3 yards for a TD to cap a 68-yard drive. USC then scored 17 unanswered second quarter points: a scrambling 21-yard TD pass from Otton to running back Terry Barnum, a 30-yard field goal by placekicker Adam Abrams and, on Northwestern's next possession, cornerback Daylon McCutcheon's 53-yard fumble return after safety Sammy Knight knocked the ball loose from Wildcat wide receiver Brian Musso. Northwestern got a 29-yard field goal from placekicker Brian Gowins with 2 seconds to go in the half following a Trojan fumble, but Troy led 24-10 at intermission (it was USC's most first half points since scoring 34 against Texas Tech in the 1995 Cotton Bowl). The Wildcats then scored on their first 4 possessions of the second half: another Gowins field goal (this one from 28 yards), a 9-yard Autry run (after Northwestern recovered a surprise on-side kick), a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Steve Schnur (which followed a 56-yard Trojan scoring strike from Otton to Johnson), and a 2-yard Autry run early in the fourth quarter that gave Northwestern its first lead of the day, 32-31. But USC came right back, getting a 46-yard Abrams field goal (the longest by a Trojan since Quin Rodriguez hit a 54-yarder against Michigan State in the 1990 John Hancock Bowl). Safety Jesse Davis then sealed the victory for USC with an interception which led to a 5-yard TD by running back Delon Washington. Johnson, who served as a Trojan ballboy at the 1985 Rose Bowl, was named the Rose Bowl MVP, as he grabbed 12 passes (all for first downs) for a Rose Bowl record 216 yards (his 17th 100-yard outing in his career and the eighth of 1995). Otton played the entire game for the first time in the 1995 season, hitting 29-of-44 passes for 391 yards (all career highs) with 2 TDs and no interceptions; the yardage was 1 yard shy of Rob Johnson's USC record and was the third most in Rose Bowl history. Autry had his 13th consecutive 100-yard rushing game, getting 110 yards on 32 carries with the 3 TDs, while Schnur was 23-of-39 for a career-best 336 yards (including 7 completions for 145 yards to wide receiver D'Wayne Bates). Northwestern outgained USC in total yards, 475-520, and limited Troy to just 29 rushing yards (its fewest since getting 7 yards against UCLA in 1993), but the Wildcats' uncharacteristic 2 turnovers led to 14 Trojan points, proving costly to a team which was third nationally in turnover margin (1.82). The Wildcats also had a TD pass called back because of a penalty late in the game and missed 2 field goals, including a 49-yard attempt that hit the upright with 35 seconds to go. USC, on the other hand, had 11 penalties (including 9 in the second half). Trojan cornerback Brian Kelly had a game-high 11 tackles (along with 2 deflections), while Knight and linebacker Scott Fields added 7 stops each.

USC	7	17	7	10	-- 41
Northwestern	7	3	16	6	-- 32

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, L. Woods, Barnum, McCutcheon, K. Johnson, Washington. PAT, Abrams (5). Field Goals, Abrams (2). Northwestern--Touchdowns, D. Autry (3), Schnur. PAT, Gowins (2). Field Goals, Gowins (2).
Attendance: 100,102 **Date:** Jan. 1

**1998 Sun Bowl
 TCU 28, USC 19**

In a stunning upset, 16-point underdog TCU—which barely qualified for post-season play with a 6-5 record—used a potent option attack and a stingy run defense to beat USC, 28-19, in the 65th Norwest Sun Bowl before 46,612 fans and a national CBS-TV audience. The Horned Frogs' option offense gained 314 yards on the ground (the most against the Trojans since Notre Dame had 330 in 1992) and their defense limited Troy to a USC and Sun Bowl record low -23 rushing yards. It was TCU's first bowl win since 1957. TCU, which scored touchdowns on its first 3 possessions of the opening half on runs of 3 and 60 yards by TB Basil Mitchell and 7 yards by QB Patrick Batteaux, led 21-3 at intermission. USC's only first-half

points came on a 35-yard field goal by PK Adam Abrams late in the second quarter. The Horned Frogs opened up a 25-point lead on their initial drive of the second half as Batteaux scored on a 3-yard run. USC battled back by scoring on its first 3 drives of the second half, first on a 23-yard pass from QB Carson Palmer to WR Billy Miller, then on a 1-yard run by TB Petros Papadakis and a 46-yard Abrams field goal early in the fourth quarter (Abrams was the game's Special Teams MVP). The Trojans got the ball back twice more, but those drives resulted in a loss of 30 yards as Palmer was sacked 3 times. Mitchell, the game's MVP rushed for 185 yards on 19 carries (including 114 in the first half) for a 9.7 average per carry. Batteaux added 94 yards on 28 tries while executing the option to perfection (he also completed 4-of-5 passes for 51 yards). TCU stayed mainly on the ground, as 61 of its 67 plays were runs (the most rushes against USC since Penn State had 66 in 1993). The Horned Frogs threw for only 51 yards (the fewest allowed by USC since Oregon State had 29 in 1995). TCU amassed 365 total yards, converted 10-of-16 third downs (including 7-of-9 in the first half) and held the ball 35:51. USC managed just 257 total yards and 12 first downs on only 49 plays. Troy converted just 1-of-11 third downs (that came in the first quarter). Palmer was 17-of-28 for a career-best 280 yards, but was sacked 6 times (all in the second half). WR R. Jay Soward had a game-best 6 catches for 64 yards, WR Larry Parker added 4 for 104 yards and Miller had 3 for 67 yards. LB Chris Claiborne had a game-best 13 tackles and S Grant Pearsall added 11 stops.

USC	0	3	13	3	-- 19
TCU	14	7	7	0	-- 28

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Miller, Papadakis. PAT, Abrams. Field Goals, Abrams (2). TCU--Touchdowns, Mitchell (2), Batteaux (2). PAT, Kaylakie (4).
Attendance: 46,612 **Date:** Dec. 31

**2001 Las Vegas Bowl
 Utah 10, USC 6**

Behind a time-consuming, powerful running attack and a dominating defense, Utah beat USC, 10-6, in the 10th Segal Sports Las Vegas Bowl before 22,385 fans and a national ABC-TV audience. The outcome—the Trojans' fifth loss of 2001 by 5 or less points—snapped USC's 4-game winning streak and Utah's 2-game losing skid. It also ended the Utes' 6-game losing streak to USC (Utah last beat Troy in 1916). The defensive struggle produced the lowest scoring Las Vegas Bowl ever. But that figured, as both squads were highly-ranked nationally in scoring defense (USC was 11th at 17.9 and Utah was 13th at 18.6). Utah, which entered the game ranked in the Top 25 nationally in all 4 defensive categories, limited the Trojans to just 151 total yards, including only 1 yard rushing. It was USC's fewest total yards since getting 124 against Washington in 1996 and its fewest rushing yards since having -20 at Arizona in 1999. USC had just 12 first downs, converted only 2-of-12 third downs and was sacked 4 times (including twice by ROV Sheldon Deckart, who had a team-high 6 tackles). USC punted on 8 of its 11 possessions (including on its first 4 drives and its final 4), went 3-and-out 5 times and penetrated Utah territory only 4 times (getting inside the 30 just once). At halftime, USC had just 15 total yards (with -53 on the ground) and 3 first downs. On offense, Utah—which was 12th nationally in rushing offense at 218.9—controlled the clock (holding the ball 16 minutes more than USC, 38:01 to 21:59) by running 54 times for 222 of its 358 total yards. The Utes ran off 75 plays (USC had just 51). HB Adam Tate ran for a game-best 103 yards on 23 carries, while fellow HB Dameon Hunter (a 1,000-yard runner in 2001) rushed for 94 yards on 17 tries and was named Utah's game MVP. Utah QB Lance Rice was 12-of-21 for 136 yards while hitting some timely passes, including a game-best 4 to WR Josh Lyman (for 41 yards) and 3 to TE Michael Richardson (for 35 yards). Utah scored on its second possession of the game as Tate ran for a 3-yard TD to cap a 7-play, 48-yard drive late in the first quarter. Then, after USC PK David Davis—the Pac-10's most accurate field goal kicker in 2001—missed a 47-yarder (breaking his string of 12 consecutive successful field goals), the Utes drove 61 yards in 12 plays to set up PK Ryan Kaneshiro's 26-yard field goal with 29 seconds to play in the half. USC came alive to start the second half, taking the opening kickoff and driving 80 yards in 12 plays, finishing with a 2-yard scoring run by FB Sunny Byrd (but Davis missed the PAT). But despite getting a pair of turnovers—CB Kris Richard recovered a fumble and LB John Cousins intercepted a pass—on Utah's next 2 possessions, the Trojans couldn't get any closer than the Ute 40-yard line the rest of the way. Trojan QB Carson Palmer was 15-of-26 for 150 yards, while WRs Kareem Kelly (33 yards) and Devin Pitts (32 yards) each had 3 receptions. Trojan All-American safety Troy Polamalu—picked as USC's game MVP—had a Las Vegas Bowl record and career-high 20 tackles (with a game record 12 solo), including 3 for losses, while S DeShaun Hill (14 stops and a forced fumble) and LB Frank Strong (12 tackles, including 4 for losses) also posted career bests in tackles. It was USC's first game in the state of Nevada and its sixth contest on Christmas Day (but its first since 1934). The crowd was the smallest ever to see USC in a bowl and the fewest at a Trojan game since 20,938 showed up at Oregon State in 1997.

Utah	7	3	0	0	-- 10
USC	0	0	6	0	-- 6

Scoring: Utah--Touchdown, Tate. PAT, Kaneshiro. Field Goal, Kaneshiro. USC--Touchdown, Byrd.
Attendance: 22,385 **Date:** Dec. 25

BOWL GAME SUMMARIES

2003 Orange Bowl USC 38, Iowa 17

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 Iowa, 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 11-win season since 1979) and it snapped Big Ten co-champ Iowa'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 the 2002 season. And 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 facing an Iowa 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 held out with a sore hamstring—kept in check a Hawkeye offense that was sixth nationally in scoring (38.9). At the start, it looked like Iowa 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 Iowa 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). 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 Iowa added a touchdown against USC's reserves on an 18-yard pass from QB Brad Banks to WR Maurice Brown. 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 Banks—the 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 12 tries, while Iowa 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 receptions (81), receiving yards (1,265) and receiving TDs (14). Brown had 6 catches for 63 yards for Iowa. LBs Mike Pollard and Matt Grootegoed each had a team-best 6 tackles for USC, while S Jason Leach had an interception and fumble recovery while filling in for Polamalu. Iowa hurt itself with 13 penalties and turned the ball over twice.

Iowa	10	0	0	7	-- 17
USC	7	3	14	14	-- 38

Scoring: Iowa--Touchdowns, Jones, Brown. PAT, Kaeding (2). Field Goal, Kaeding.
USC--Touchdowns, Fargas (2), M. Williams, McCullough, Byrd. PAT, Killeen (5). Field Goal, Killeen.

Attendance: 75,971 **Date:** Jan. 2

2004 Rose Bowl USC 28, Michigan 14

QB Matt Leinart threw 3 touchdowns and caught another and the relentless Trojan defense recorded a season-high 9 sacks as No. 1 USC dominated No. 4 Michigan, 28-14, in the 90th Rose Bowl before a soldout crowd of 93,849 and an ABC-TV national audience. The victory (USC's 21st Rose Bowl win) virtually guaranteed Troy the AP national championship, 25 years after its last national crown, and gave USC its first 12-win season since 1978. And it snapped Michigan's 6-game winning streak. The Trojans built a 21-0 lead before Michigan scored late in the third quarter. After DT Shaun Cody blocked a Wolverine field goal attempt early in the game, USC scored 4 plays into its first possession when WR Keary Colbert made an over-the-shoulder fingertip grab of Leinart's 25-yard aerial. Then, late in the first half following LB Lofa Tatupu's interception (he grabbed a ball that bounced off of SE Braylon Edwards' foot and returned it 26 yards to the Michigan 3), TB LenDale White took a Leinart toss 6 yards for another TD. Then, on the opening drive of the second half, Colbert made a spectacular one-handed grab of a 47-yard Leinart bomb (despite being interfered with) to up Troy's cushion. However, Michigan answered on its next series with a scoring drive that took nearly 8 minutes, capped by QB John Navarre's 5-yard pass to TE Tim Massaquoi. But USC responded right back, scoring on a tricky 15-yard reverse pass from WR Mike Williams to an unguarded Leinart. Wolverine TB Chris Perry ran 2 yards for a TD early in final quarter, but Michigan had the ball for only 4:12 in that quarter and never threatened again. Leinart was named the Rose Bowl MVP as he connected on 23-of-34 passes for 327 yards with the 3 scores (and no interceptions), along with his TD catch. Colbert, who became USC's career reception

leader (with 207 catches), had 6 catches for a career-best 149 yards. Williams added a team-best 8 catches for 88 yards. White's TD was his 14th of the year, tying the USC freshman season record, while TB Reggie Bush—who had 41 yards rushing, 42 receiving and 49 on returns—set the USC freshman season all-purpose yardage mark (1,331 yards). Tatupu had a team-high 12 tackles, CB Will Poole added 10 stops (including 2 sacks) with 5 deflections and DE Kenechi Udeze had 3 sacks. USC's 9 sacks were its most since getting 13 against Oregon in 1992. Although Michigan held the ball 34:26 and had more plays (84 to 60) and first downs (25 to 19), the Trojans accumulated 410 total yards to UM's 320 (only 49 rushing). Michigan came into the game having allowed just 15 sacks and 5 TD passes all season. Navarre was 27-of-46 for 271 yards, Perry ran for 85 yards on 23 tries and Edwards had a game-high 10 receptions for 107 yards. USC set school overall attendance (946,482) and average (72,368) records.

USC	7	7	14	0	-- 28
Michigan	0	0	7	7	-- 14

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, Colbert (2), White, Leinart. PAT, Killeen (4).
Michigan--Touchdowns, Massaquoi, Perry. PAT, Rivas (2).

Attendance: 93,849 **Date:** Jan. 1

2005 Orange Bowl USC 55, Oklahoma 19

Top-ranked USC won its 11th national championship—and second consecutive—in overwhelming fashion by thumping No. 2 Oklahoma, 55-19, in the BCS Championship Game in the 2005 Orange Bowl before a sold-out crowd of 77,912 in Miami's Pro Player Stadium and a national prime time ABC-TV audience. USC became just the second team ever to hold the AP No. 1 ranking from the pre-season through the bowl (Florida State did it in 1999). The Trojans also became the 10th team to win consecutive AP national championships. It was Troy's 22nd victory in a row, including a school-record 13 in 2004. USC's 55 points tied its most ever in a bowl (and were the most ever allowed in a bowl by Oklahoma). It was a school-record eighth time in the season that USC won by 30-plus points. USC scored 38 of its points off of OU turnovers. QB Matt Leinart, the game's MVP, threw an Orange Bowl record (and USC record-tying) 5 touchdowns, including 3 to WR Steve Smith (tying both an Orange Bowl and USC record). PK Ryan Killeen set the USC career scoring record (with 329 points). Oklahoma looked impressive early, driving 92 yards for the game's first score midway through the opening quarter on a 5-yard pass from QB Jason White to WR Travis Wilson. But USC countered on the ensuing possession to start a 28-point scoring run, as TE Dominique Byrd made a spectacular one-handed TD grab of a 33-yard Leinart aerial. Then, late in the quarter, USC S Josh Pinkard recovered a botched OU punt return and TB LenDale White ran for a 6-yard TD on the next play. S Jason Leach intercepted White's desperation heave on Oklahoma's next series and Leinart soon after hit WR Dwayne Jarrett on a 54-yard scoring bomb. White was picked off again on OU's next drive, this time by CB Eric Wright, and 3 plays later Leinart hit Smith for a 5-yard score with 9:17 to go in the half. After Oklahoma responded with a 29-yard field goal by PK Garrett Hartley, USC took just 4 plays to score again, this time on Smith's impressive one-armed reception of a 33-yard Leinart pass. When Oklahoma fumbled the ball away on its following possession (LB Matt Grootegoed had the recovery), Killeen nailed a 44-yard field goal with 3 seconds to go to put USC up 38-10 at halftime. USC scored on its first 2 drives of the second half: a 4-yard Leinart-to-Smith pass and a 42-yard Killeen field goal. The Trojans capped a 27-point scoring outburst when White ran for an 8-yard TD just 5 plays after Grootegoed intercepted White early in the fourth quarter. The Sooners scored twice late in the game against mostly Trojan reserves, getting a safety when Leinart fell on a fumbled snap in the end zone and then on White's 9-yard pass to Wilson. USC piled up 525 total yards (averaging 8.3 yards per play) to the Sooners' 372, even though OU ran off 13 more plays (76 to 63) and held the ball for 35:06. But USC didn't turn the ball over, while Oklahoma had 5 giveaways. For USC, Leinart was 18-of-35 for 332 yards, White ran for 118 yards on 15 carries, Smith had 7 catches for 113 yards, Jarrett had 5 receptions for 115 yards and TB Reggie Bush had 149 all-purpose yards (75 yards on 6 rushes, 36 yards on 2 kickoff returns, 31 yards on 2 catches and a 7-yard punt return). LB Lofa Tatupu had a game-best 12 tackles, S Darnell Bing added 10 stops and Leach and Grootegoed each had 7. OU's White was 24-of-36 for 244 yards, but threw 3 interceptions, Wilson caught 7 passes for 59 yards and TB Adrian Peterson ran for 82 yards on 25 tries. It marked the first time that a pair of Heisman Trophy winners (Leinart and White) faced each other in a game (in fact, 4 of the 2004 Heisman finalists played in the game, including Bush and Peterson).

Oklahoma	7	3	0	9	-- 19
USC	14	24	10	7	-- 55

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, S. Smith (3), White (2), Byrd, Jarrett. PAT, Killeen (7). Field Goal, Killeen (2).
Oklahoma--Touchdowns, Wilson (2). PAT, Hartley. Field Goal, Hartley. Safety, Team.

Attendance: 77,912 **Date:** Jan. 4

**2006 Rose Bowl
Texas 41, USC 38**

QB Vince Young ran for a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes—including an 8-yard scrambling game-winner on fourth-and-5 with 19 seconds to go—to help No. 2 Texas overcome a 12-point deficit and upend top-ranked USC, 41-38, in the BCS Championship Game in the 2006 Rose Bowl before a sold-out crowd of 93,986 and a national prime time ABC-TV audience. The win was Texas's 20th in a row and snapped USC's 34-game winning streak, denying the Trojans an unprecedented third consecutive national championship (it was also Troy's first loss after 16 straight non-conference wins and 16 consecutive victories over AP Top 25 teams). Young, the 2005 Heisman Trophy runnerup and Rose Bowl Offensive MVP, accounted for 467 yards of total offense, including 200 rushing (the most by a runner against USC since Oregon State's Ken Simonton had 234 in 2000) with 3 TDs and 267 through the air on 30-of-40 passing. After USC took a 38-26 lead with 6:42 to play on QB Matt Leinart's 22-yard scoring pass to WR Dwayne Jarrett (Jarrett's USC season record-tying 16th touchdown reception), Young marched the Longhorns down the field in 8 plays as he scrambled for a 17-yard TD with 4:03 to play. Then, after USC failed to convert a fourth-and-2 run at midfield on the ensuing possession, Texas took over with 2:09 remaining and took 11 plays to score the clincher. After USC opened the game's scoring on a 4-yard run by TB LenDale White following LB Kaluka Maiava's recovery of a fumbled Texas punt return, the Longhorns scored the next 16 points on 3 straight possessions. First, PK David Pino hit a 46-yard field goal after Texas recovered a USC fumble at the UT 19-yard line, then TB Selvin Young took a lateral from Young and went the remaining 12 yards for a score (coming after Texas intercepted a Trojan pass in the end zone), but Pino's PAT missed. Then, TB Ramonce Taylor raced 30 yards for a TD. USC responded as PK Mario Danelo nailed a career-long 43-yard field goal with 2 seconds to go in the half. The teams scored 53 points in the second half (the most points in a half ever at the Rose Bowl), when there were 4 lead changes. After White ran 3 yards for a TD early in the half to give Troy a 17-16 edge, Young answered with a 14-yard scoring run, but the Trojans came right back on White's 12-yard TD rumble late in the third quarter. After Pino missed a field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter, USC drove 80 yards, culminating in TB Reggie Bush's 26-yard scoring run. Texas narrowed the gap to 31-26 on its next series as Pino hit a 34-yard field goal with 8:46 to play, but USC responded on the ensuing drive with the Leinart-to-Jarrett TD for what appeared to be a comfortable lead before Young took over. The teams produced a Rose Bowl-record 1,130 yards of combined total offense (the 9 combined rushing TDs and 60 combined first downs were also Rose Bowl marks). USC had a Rose Bowl-record 574 total yards (including 365 passing) and averaged 7.0 yards per play. Its 38 points were the most by a losing team in the Rose Bowl. Texas had 556 total yards (the most against USC since California's 601 in 1991), including 289 rushing (the most allowed by USC since Kansas State had 340 in 2001), while averaging 7.3 yards per play (8.0 rushing). UT's 30 first downs were the most against the Trojans since UCLA had a USC opponent record-tying 32 in 1970. White ran for 124 yards and 20 carries with the 3 touchdowns (setting USC and Pac-10 records for season and career rushing and overall TDs), Leinart was 29-of-40 for 365 yards (he was 16-of-19 for 218 yards in the second half) and at one point connected on a Rose Bowl-record 11 consecutive passes, Bush had 279 all-purpose yards (82 on 13 carries, 95 on a season-best 6 receptions and 102 on 5 kickoff returns) and Jarrett had 10 catches for 121 yards. Bush and White set an NCAA record for career touchdowns by teammates (99). S Darnell Bing led USC with 9 tackles, CB Josh Pinkard added 7 stops and LB Oscar Lua had 6. USC limited Texas to just 3-of-11 third down conversions. Texas TE David Thomas had 10 catches for 88 yards, while WR Limas Sweed added 8 receptions for 65 yards. S Michael Huff, the 2005 Thorpe Award winner and Rose Bowl Defensive MVP, had a game-best 12 tackles with a fumble recovery. The game marked the first time that a team fielded a pair of already-named Heisman winners (Leinart and Bush). It also was USC's first loss to Texas in 5 meetings, its first defeat in 6 bowl appearances when ranked No. 1 and its first post-season loss to a Big 12 team in 6 bowl trips. USC set a school record for overall season attendance (1,037,565), the first time it was over the million mark, and overall season attendance average (79,813). The game was viewed on ABC-TV by 35.6 million fans, making it the highest-rated college football game since the 1987 Fiesta Bowl.

Texas	0	16	7	18	-- 41
USC	7	3	14	14	-- 38

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, White (3), Bush, Jarrett. PAT, Danelo (5). Field Goal, Danelo.
Texas--Touchdowns, V. Young (3), S. Young, Taylor. PAT, Pino (3), V. Young (2-pointer). Field Goal, Pino (2).
Attendance: 93,926 **Date:** Jan. 4

**2007 Rose Bowl
USC 32, Michigan 18**

No. 8 USC used a second half offensive explosion behind 4 touchdown passes from QB John David Booty and a game-long stifling defense to dominate No. 3 Michigan, 32-18, in the 2007 Rose Bowl in front of a sold-out crowd of 93,852 and a national ABC-TV audience. It was USC's most points and biggest victory margin ever over the Wolverines. It gave Troy 5 consecutive 11-win seasons. The win exorcised the close losses Troy had in its previous 2 visits to the Pasadena stadium (to Texas in the 2006 BCS Championship Game and to UCLA at the end of the 2006 regular season). It took 30 minutes for USC—making

an unprecedented fifth straight BCS bowl appearance—to shake off the disappointment of the UCLA upset that knocked the Trojans out of the BCS Championship Game. And by game's end, USC's victory quashed any talk that Michigan should have been playing in the BCS Championship Game instead of the Rose Bowl. The teams traded field goals (a 26-yarder by Trojan PK Mario Danelo late in the first quarter and a 41-yarder by PK Garrett Rivas on Michigan's ensuing possession early in the second quarter) in a mundane first half that saw USC collect just 122 total yards (20 rushing) to the Wolverines' 76 (minus 9 on the ground). But after DE Lawrence Jackson intercepted a screen pass by QB Chad Henne near midfield on Michigan's first possession of the second half, USC took just 4 plays to get into the end zone as Booty hit WR Chris McFoy for a 2-yard score. Sensing Michigan's staunchness against the run (the Wolverines led the nation in rush defense at 43.0 and allowed USC just a season-low 48 rushing yards) but its susceptibility to the pass, Booty's first toss of that series was the start of 27 passes in the Trojans' next 29 plays, as they scored on 5 consecutive drives. Late in the third quarter, Booty hit WR Dwayne Jarrett—the game's Offensive MVP with 11 catches (giving him USC's career receptions record) for 205 yards, both personal bests—on a quick slant and Jarrett broke free for a 22-yard TD (Danelo missed the PAT). In his Rose Bowl career, Jarrett's 21 receptions, 326 yards and 3 TD catches were all Rose Bowl records. Then, on Michigan's following possession, LB Brian Cushing sacked QB Chad Henne and forced a fumble that Jackson recovered, leading to a 26-yard Danelo field goal with 48 seconds to go in the quarter. The Wolverines responded, however, as Henne hit WR Adrian Arrington on an 11-yard scoring pass and TB Mike Hart ran for a 2-point conversion to pull the Wolverines within a score, 19-11, early in the final quarter. But the Trojans continued their aerial assault, with Booty lofting a season-long 62-yard pass over a pair of Michigan defenders for Jarrett's second TD of the game (Danelo's PAT kick missed again). Next, WR Steve Smith—who caught 7 passes for 108 yards to go over the 1,000-yard receiving barrier for the season—got into the act by catching a 7-yard TD pass from Booty on USC's 4-play, 85-yard drive with less than 7 minutes to go. The Wolverines added a late touchdown on a 41-yard Henne pass to WR Steve Breaston. Booty completed 27-of-45 passes en route to his 4 TDs (all career bests, with the 4 TDs tying a Rose Bowl mark) and his 391 passing yards were the most surrendered by Michigan since the Michigan State's 400 in 1999. USC's 439 yards of total offense far surpassed what Michigan had been allowing (254.1, sixth in the nation). The Trojan defense posted 6 sacks against a UM squad that had allowed just 18 all season and limited the Wolverines to just 12 rushing yards (they had averaged 189.2 rushing yards in 2006). Michigan TB Mike Hart, who had run for at least 90 yards in every game of 2006, was limited to 47 yards on 17 carries. Henne completed 26-of-41 passes for 309 yards, but 14 of those completions and 185 of the yards came in the fourth quarter when the game was virtually decided. Breaston had 7 grabs for 115 yards, while WR Mario Manningham (79 yards) and TE Tyler Ecker (78 yards) each had 6 receptions. USC LB Keith Rivers had a game-best 9 tackles, while 4 of Cushing's 7 tackles were for losses (including 2.5 sacks) and he forced a fumble to help him earn the game's Defensive MVP trophy. USC played before a school-record 11th sellout crowd of the season.

USC	3	0	16	13	-- 32
Michigan	0	3	0	15	-- 18

Scoring: USC--Touchdowns, McFoy, Jarrett (2), Smith. PAT, Danelo (3). Field Goal, Danelo (2).
Michigan--Touchdowns, Arrington, Breaston. PAT, Rivas, Hart (2-pointer). Field Goal, Rivas.
Attendance: 93,852 **Date:** Jan. 1



FINAL TOP 10 POLLS

ASSOCIATED PRESS (1936-Present)

1936	1943	1950	1956	1962	1969
1. Minnesota	1. Notre Dame	1. Oklahoma	1. Oklahoma	1. USC	1. Texas
2. LSU	2. Iowa Pre-Flight	2. Army	2. Tennessee	2. Wisconsin	2. Penn State
3. Pittsburgh	3. Michigan	3. Texas	3. Iowa	3. Mississippi	3. USC
4. Alabama	4. Navy	4. Tennessee	4. Georgia Tech	4. Texas	4. Ohio State
5. Washington	5. Purdue	5. California	5. Texas A&M	5. Alabama	5. Notre Dame
6. Santa Clara	6. Great Lakes	6. Princeton	6. Miami (Fla.)	6. Arkansas	6. Missouri
7. Northwestern	7. Duke	7. Kentucky	7. Michigan	7. LSU	7. Arkansas
8. Notre Dame	8. Del Monte	8. Michigan State	8. Syracuse	8. Oklahoma	8. Mississippi
9. Nebraska	9. Northwestern	9. Michigan	9. Michigan State	9. Penn State	9. Michigan
10. Pennsylvania	10. March Field	10. Clemson	10. Oregon State	10. Minnesota	10. LSU
			18. USC		
1937	1944	1951	1957	1963	1970
1. Pittsburgh	1. Army	1. Tennessee	1. Auburn	1. Texas	1. Nebraska
2. California	2. Ohio State	2. Michigan State	2. Ohio State	2. Navy	2. Notre Dame
3. Fordham	3. Randolph Field	3. Maryland	3. Michigan State	3. Illinois	3. Texas
4. Alabama	4. Navy	4. Illinois	4. Oklahoma	4. Pittsburgh	4. Tennessee
5. Minnesota	5. Bainbridge	5. Georgia Tech	5. Navy	5. Auburn	5. Ohio State
6. Villanova	6. Iowa Pre-Flight	6. Princeton	6. Iowa	6. Nebraska	6. Arizona State
7. Dartmouth	7. USC	7. Stanford	7. Mississippi	7. Mississippi	7. LSU
8. LSU	8. Michigan	8. Wisconsin	8. Rice	8. Alabama	8. Stanford
9. Notre Dame	9. Notre Dame	9. Baylor	9. Texas A&M	9. Michigan State	9. Michigan
10. Santa Clara	10. 4th AAF	10. Oklahoma	10. Notre Dame	10. Oklahoma	10. Auburn
					15. USC
1938	1945	1952	1958	1964	1971
1. TCU	1. Army	1. Michigan State	1. LSU	1. Alabama	1. Nebraska
2. Tennessee	2. Alabama	2. Georgia Tech	2. Iowa	2. Arkansas	2. Oklahoma
3. Duke	3. Navy	3. Notre Dame	3. Army	3. Notre Dame	3. Colorado
4. Oklahoma	4. Indiana	4. Oklahoma	4. Auburn	4. Michigan	4. Alabama
5. Notre Dame	5. Oklahoma State	5. USC	5. Oklahoma	5. Texas	5. Penn State
6. Carnegie Tech	6. Michigan	6. UCLA	6. Air Force	6. Nebraska	6. Michigan
7. USC	7. St. Mary's	7. Mississippi	7. Wisconsin	7. LSU	7. Georgia
8. Pittsburgh	8. Pennsylvania	8. Tennessee	8. Ohio State	8. Oregon State	8. Arizona State
9. Holy Cross	9. Notre Dame	9. Alabama	9. Syracuse	9. Ohio State	9. Tennessee
10. Minnesota	10. Texas	10. Texas	10. TCU	10. USC	10. Stanford
					20. USC
1939	1946	1953	1959	1965	1972
1. Texas A&M	1. Notre Dame	1. Maryland	1. Syracuse	1. Alabama	1. USC
2. Tennessee	2. Army	2. Notre Dame	2. Mississippi	2. Michigan State	2. Oklahoma
3. USC	3. Georgia	3. Michigan State	3. LSU	3. Arkansas	3. Texas
4. Cornell	4. UCLA	4. Oklahoma	4. Texas	4. UCLA	4. Nebraska
5. Tulane	5. Illinois	5. UCLA	5. Georgia	5. Nebraska	5. Auburn
6. Missouri	6. Michigan	6. Rice	6. Wisconsin	6. Missouri	6. Tennessee
7. UCLA	7. Tennessee	7. Illinois	7. TCU	7. Tennessee	7. LSU
8. Duke	8. LSU	8. Georgia Tech	8. Washington	8. LSU	8. Michigan
9. Iowa	9. North Carolina	9. Iowa	9. Arkansas	9. Notre Dame	9. Alabama
10. Duquesne	10. Rice	10. West Virginia	10. Alabama	10. USC	10. Tennessee
					10. Ohio State
					10. Penn State
1940	1947	1954	1960	1966	1973
1. Minnesota	1. Notre Dame	1. Ohio State	1. Minnesota	1. Notre Dame	1. Notre Dame
2. Stanford	2. Michigan	2. UCLA	2. Mississippi	2. Michigan State	2. Ohio State
3. Michigan	3. SMU	3. Oklahoma	3. LSU	3. Alabama	3. Oklahoma
4. Tennessee	4. Penn State	4. Notre Dame	4. Texas	4. Georgia	4. Nebraska
5. Boston College	5. Texas	5. Navy	5. Iowa	5. UCLA	5. Purdue
6. Texas A&M	6. Alabama	6. Mississippi	6. Georgia	6. Nebraska	6. Missouri
7. Northwestern	7. Pennsylvania	7. Army	6. Wisconsin	7. Tennessee	7. Tennessee
8. Nebraska	8. USC	8. Maryland	7. TCU	8. LSU	8. Michigan
9. Mississippi State	9. North Carolina	8. Washington	8. Washington	9. Notre Dame	9. Alabama
10. Washington	10. Georgia Tech	9. Arkansas	9. Arkansas	10. USC	10. Tennessee
		10. West Virginia	10. Alabama		10. Ohio State
			14. USC		10. Penn State
1941	1948	1955	1961	1967	1974
1. Minnesota	1. Michigan	1. Oklahoma	1. Alabama	1. USC	1. Oklahoma
2. Duke	2. Notre Dame	2. Michigan State	2. Ohio State	2. Tennessee	2. USC
3. Notre Dame	3. North Carolina	3. Maryland	3. Texas	3. Oklahoma	3. Michigan
4. Texas	4. California	4. UCLA	4. LSU	4. Indiana	4. Ohio State
5. Michigan	5. Oklahoma	5. Ohio State	5. Missouri	5. Notre Dame	4. Ohio State
6. Fordham	6. Army	6. TCU	6. Washington	6. Oregon State	5. Alabama
7. Missouri	7. Northwestern	7. Georgia Tech	7. Arkansas	7. Alabama	6. Notre Dame
8. Duquesne	8. Georgia	8. Auburn	8. Ohio State	8. Georgia Tech	7. Penn State
9. Texas A&M	9. Oregon	9. Notre Dame	9. Alabama	9. Miami (Fla.)	8. Michigan
10. Navy	10. SMU	10. Arkansas	10. Duke	10. SMU	7. Nebraska
					8. USC
					9. Arizona State
					10. Houston
1942	1949	1956	1962	1968	1974
1. Ohio State	1. Notre Dame	1. Oklahoma	1. Ohio State	1. Ohio State	1. Oklahoma
2. Georgia	2. Oklahoma	2. Michigan State	2. Penn State	2. Penn State	2. USC
3. Wisconsin	3. California	3. Maryland	3. Texas	3. Texas	3. Michigan
4. Tulsa	4. Army	4. UCLA	4. LSU	4. USC	4. Ohio State
5. Georgia Tech	5. Rice	5. Ohio State	5. Mississippi	5. Notre Dame	5. Alabama
6. Notre Dame	6. Ohio State	6. TCU	6. Minnesota	6. Notre Dame	6. Notre Dame
7. Tennessee	7. Michigan	7. Georgia Tech	7. Colorado	7. Kansas	7. Penn State
8. Boston College	8. Minnesota	8. Auburn	8. Michigan State	8. Georgia	8. Auburn
9. Michigan	9. LSU	9. Notre Dame	9. Arkansas	9. Missouri	9. Nebraska
10. Alabama	10. Pacific	13. USC	10. Utah State	10. Purdue	10. Miami (O.)

- 1975**
- Oklahoma
 - Arizona State
 - Alabama
 - Ohio State
 - UCLA
 - Texas
 - Arkansas
 - Michigan
 - Nebraska
 - Penn State
 - USC**

- 1976**
- Pittsburgh
 - USC**
 - Michigan
 - Houston
 - Oklahoma
 - Ohio State
 - Texas A&M
 - Maryland
 - Nebraska
 - Georgia

- 1977**
- Notre Dame
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 - Penn State
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 - Nebraska
 - Penn State
 - Notre Dame
 - North Carolina
 - USC**

- 1981**
- Clemson
 - Texas
 - Penn State
 - Pittsburgh
 - SMU
 - Georgia
 - Alabama
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - North Carolina
 - Washington
 - USC**

- 1982**
- Penn State
 - SMU
 - Nebraska
 - Georgia
 - UCLA
 - Arizona State
 - Washington
 - Clemson
 - Arkansas
 - Pittsburgh
 - USC**

- 1983**
- Miami (Fla.)
 - Nebraska
 - Auburn
 - Georgia
 - Texas
 - Florida
 - Brigham Young
 - Michigan
 - Ohio State
 - Illinois

- 1984**
- Brigham Young
 - Washington
 - Florida
 - Nebraska
 - Boston College
 - Oklahoma
 - Oklahoma State
 - SMU
 - UCLA
 - USC**

- 1985**
- Oklahoma
 - Michigan
 - Penn State
 - Tennessee
 - Florida
 - Texas A&M
 - UCLA
 - Air Force
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Iowa

- 1986**
- Penn State
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Oklahoma
 - Arizona State
 - Nebraska
 - Auburn
 - Ohio State
 - Michigan
 - Alabama
 - LSU

- 1987**
- Miami (Fla.)
 - Florida State
 - Oklahoma
 - Syracuse
 - LSU
 - Nebraska
 - Auburn
 - Michigan State
 - UCLA
 - Texas A&M
 - USC**

- 1988**
- Notre Dame
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Florida State
 - Michigan
 - West Virginia
 - UCLA
 - USC**
 - Auburn
 - Clemson
 - Nebraska

- 1989**
- Miami (Fla.)
 - Notre Dame
 - Florida State
 - Colorado
 - Tennessee
 - Auburn
 - Michigan
 - USC**
 - Alabama
 - Illinois

- 1990**
- Colorado
 - Georgia Tech
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Florida State
 - Washington
 - Notre Dame
 - Michigan
 - Tennessee
 - Clemson
 - Houston
 - USC**

- 1991**
- Miami (Fla.)
 - Washington
 - Penn State
 - Florida State
 - Alabama
 - Michigan
 - Florida
 - California
 - East Carolina
 - Iowa

- 1992**
- Alabama
 - Florida State
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Notre Dame
 - Michigan
 - Syracuse
 - Texas A&M
 - Georgia
 - Stanford
 - Florida

- 1993**
- Florida State
 - Notre Dame
 - Nebraska
 - Auburn
 - Florida
 - Wisconsin
 - West Virginia
 - Penn State
 - Texas A&M
 - Arizona

- 1994**
- Nebraska
 - Penn State
 - Colorado
 - Florida State
 - Alabama
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Florida
 - Texas A&M
 - Auburn
 - Utah
 - USC**

- 1995**
- Nebraska
 - Florida
 - Tennessee
 - Florida State
 - Colorado
 - Ohio State
 - Kansas State
 - Northwestern
 - Kansas
 - Virginia Tech
 - USC**

- 1996**
- Florida
 - Ohio State
 - Florida State
 - Arizona State
 - BYU
 - Nebraska
 - Penn State
 - Colorado
 - Tennessee
 - North Carolina

- 1997**
- Michigan
 - Nebraska
 - Florida State
 - Florida
 - UCLA
 - North Carolina
 - Tennessee
 - Kansas State
 - Washington St.
 - Georgia

- 1998**
- Tennessee
 - Ohio State
 - Florida State
 - Arizona
 - Florida
 - Wisconsin
 - Tulane
 - UCLA
 - Georgia Tech
 - Kansas State

- 1999**
- Florida State
 - Virginia Tech
 - Nebraska
 - Wisconsin
 - Michigan
 - Kansas State
 - Michigan State
 - Alabama
 - Tennessee
 - Marshall

- 2000**
- Oklahoma
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Washington
 - Oregon State
 - Florida State
 - Virginia Tech
 - Oregon
 - Nebraska
 - Kansas State
 - Florida

- 2001**
- Miami (Fla.)
 - Oregon
 - Florida
 - Tennessee
 - Texas
 - Oklahoma
 - LSU
 - Nebraska
 - Colorado
 - Washington St.

- 2002**
- Ohio State
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Georgia
 - USC**
 - Oklahoma
 - Texas
 - Kansas State
 - Iowa
 - Michigan
 - Washington St.

- 2003**
- USC**
 - LSU
 - Oklahoma
 - Ohio State
 - Miami (Fla.)
 - Michigan
 - Georgia
 - Iowa
 - Washington St.
 - Miami (Ohio)

- 2004**
- USC**
 - Auburn
 - Oklahoma
 - Utah
 - Texas
 - Louisville
 - Georgia
 - Iowa
 - California
 - Virginia Tech

- 2005**
- Texas
 - USC**
 - Penn State
 - Ohio State
 - West Virginia
 - LSU
 - Virginia Tech
 - Alabama
 - Notre Dame
 - Georgia

- 2006**
- Florida
 - Ohio State
 - LSU
 - USC**
 - Boise State
 - Louisville
 - Wisconsin
 - Michigan
 - Auburn
 - West Virginia

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (1950-95)

1950	1957	1964	1971	1978	1985
1. Oklahoma	1. Ohio State	1. Alabama	1. Nebraska	1. USC	1. Oklahoma
2. Texas	2. Auburn	2. Arkansas	2. Alabama	2. Alabama	2. Michigan
3. Tennessee	3. Michigan State	3. Notre Dame	3. Oklahoma	3. Oklahoma	3. Penn State
4. California	4. Oklahoma	4. Michigan	4. Michigan	4. Penn State	4. Tennessee
5. Army	5. Iowa	5. Texas	5. Auburn	5. Michigan	5. Air Force
6. Michigan	6. Navy	6. Nebraska	6. Arizona State	6. Notre Dame	6. UCLA
7. Kentucky	7. Rice	7. LSU	7. Colorado	7. Clemson	7. Texas A&M
8. Princeton	8. Mississippi	8. Oregon State	8. Georgia	8. Nebraska	8. Miami (Fla.)
9. Michigan State	9. Notre Dame	9. Ohio State	9. Tennessee	9. Texas	9. Iowa
10. Ohio State	10. Texas A&M	10. USC	10. LSU	10. Arkansas	10. Nebraska
1951	1958	1965	1972	1979	1986
1. Tennessee	1. LSU	1. Michigan State	1. USC	1. Alabama	1. Penn State
2. Michigan State	2. Iowa	2. Arkansas	2. Oklahoma	2. USC	2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Illinois	3. Army	3. Nebraska	3. Ohio State	3. Oklahoma	3. Oklahoma
4. Maryland	4. Auburn	4. Alabama	4. Alabama	4. Ohio State	4. Nebraska
5. Georgia Tech	5. Oklahoma	5. UCLA	5. Texas	5. Houston	5. Arizona State
6. Princeton	6. Wisconsin	6. Missouri	6. Michigan	6. Pittsburgh	6. Ohio State
7. Stanford	7. Ohio State	7. Tennessee	7. Auburn	7. Nebraska	7. Michigan
8. Wisconsin	8. Air Force	8. Notre Dame	8. Penn State	8. Florida State	8. Auburn
9. Baylor	9. TCU	9. USC	9. Nebraska	9. Arkansas	9. Alabama
10. TCU	10. Syracuse	10. Texas Tech	10. LSU	10. Purdue	10. Arizona
1952	1959	1966	1973	1980	1987
1. Michigan State	1. Syracuse	1. Notre Dame	1. Alabama	1. Georgia	1. Miami (Fla.)
2. Georgia Tech	2. Mississippi	2. Michigan State	2. Oklahoma	2. Pittsburgh	2. Florida State
3. Notre Dame	3. LSU	3. Alabama	3. Ohio State	3. Oklahoma	3. Oklahoma
4. Oklahoma	4. Texas	4. Georgia	4. Notre Dame	4. Michigan	4. Syracuse
5. USC	5. Georgia	5. UCLA	5. Penn State	5. Florida State	5. LSU
6. UCLA	6. Wisconsin	6. Purdue	6. Michigan	6. Alabama	6. Nebraska
7. Mississippi	7. Washington	7. Nebraska	7. USC	7. Nebraska	7. Auburn
8. Tennessee	8. TCU	8. Georgia Tech	8. Texas	8. Penn State	8. Michigan State
9. Alabama	9. Arkansas	9. SMU	9. UCLA	9. North Carolina	9. Texas A&M
10. Wisconsin	10. Penn State	10. Miami (Fla.)	10. Arizona State	10. Notre Dame	10. Clemson
	12. USC	18. USC		12. USC	17. USC
1953	1960	1967	1974	1981	1988
1. Maryland	1. Minnesota	1. USC	1. Alabama	1. Clemson	1. Notre Dame
2. Notre Dame	2. Iowa	2. Tennessee	2. Ohio State	2. Pittsburgh	2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Michigan State	3. Mississippi	3. Oklahoma	3. Notre Dame	3. Penn State	3. Florida State
4. UCLA	4. Missouri	4. Notre Dame	4. Michigan	4. Texas	4. Michigan
5. Oklahoma	5. Washington	5. Wyoming	5. Auburn	5. Georgia	5. West Virginia
6. Rice	6. Navy	6. Indiana	6. Penn State	6. Alabama	6. UCLA
7. Illinois	7. Arkansas	7. Alabama	7. Nebraska	7. Washington	7. Auburn
8. Texas	8. Ohio State	8. Oregon State	8. Nebraska	8. North Carolina	8. Clemson
9. Georgia Tech	9. Kansas	9. Purdue	9. N.C. State	9. Nebraska	9. USC
10. Iowa	10. Alabama	10. UCLA	10. Miami (Ohio)	10. Michigan	10. Nebraska
1954	1961	1968	1975	1982	1989
1. UCLA	1. Alabama	1. Ohio State	1. Oklahoma	1. Penn State	1. Miami (Fla.)
2. Ohio State	2. Ohio State	2. USC	2. Arizona State	2. SMU	2. Florida State
3. Oklahoma	3. LSU	3. Penn State	3. Alabama	3. Nebraska	3. Notre Dame
4. Notre Dame	4. Texas	4. Georgia	4. Ohio State	4. Georgia	4. Colorado
5. Navy	5. Mississippi	5. Texas	5. UCLA	5. Arkansas	5. Tennessee
6. Mississippi	6. Minnesota	6. Kansas	6. Arkansas	6. Texas	6. Auburn
7. Army	7. Colorado	7. Tennessee	7. Texas	7. UCLA	7. Alabama
8. Arkansas	8. Arkansas	8. Notre Dame	8. Michigan	8. Arizona State	8. Michigan
9. Miami (Fla.)	9. Arkansas State	9. Arkansas	9. Nebraska	9. Washington	9. USC
10. Wisconsin	10. Utah State	10. Oklahoma	10. Penn State	10. Nebraska	10. Illinois
11. USC			19. USC	13. USC	
1955	1962	1969	1976	1983	1990
1. Oklahoma	1. USC	1. Texas	1. Pittsburgh	1. Miami (Fla.)	1. Georgia Tech
2. Michigan State	2. Wisconsin	2. Penn State	2. Arizona State	2. Nebraska	2. Colorado
3. Maryland	3. Mississippi	3. Arkansas	3. Alabama	3. Auburn	3. Miami (Fla.)
4. UCLA	4. Texas	4. USC	4. Houston	4. Georgia	4. Florida State
5. TCU	5. Alabama	5. Ohio State	5. Ohio State	5. Arkansas	5. Washington
6. Ohio State	6. Arkansas	6. Missouri	6. Oklahoma	6. Texas	6. Notre Dame
7. Georgia Tech	7. Oklahoma	7. LSU	7. Nebraska	6. Florida	7. Tennessee
8. Notre Dame	8. LSU	8. Michigan	8. Texas A&M	7. Brigham Young	8. Michigan
9. Mississippi	9. Penn State	9. Notre Dame	9. Alabama	8. Washington	9. Clemson
10. Auburn	10. Minnesota	10. UCLA	10. Georgia	9. Arkansas	10. Penn State
12. USC			19. USC	10. Florida State	22. USC
1956	1963	1970	1977	1984	1991
1. Oklahoma	1. Texas	1. Texas	1. Notre Dame	1. Brigham Young	1. Washington
2. Tennessee	2. Navy	2. Ohio State	2. Alabama	2. Washington	2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Iowa	3. Pittsburgh	3. Nebraska	3. Arkansas	3. Nebraska	3. Penn State
4. Georgia Tech	4. Illinois	4. Tennessee	4. Houston	4. Boston College	4. Florida State
5. Texas A&M	5. Nebraska	5. Notre Dame	5. Ohio State	5. Oklahoma State	5. Alabama
6. Miami (Fla.)	6. Auburn	6. LSU	6. Oklahoma	6. Oklahoma	6. Michigan
7. Michigan	7. Mississippi	7. Michigan	7. Pittsburgh	7. Florida	7. Florida
8. Syracuse	8. Oklahoma	8. Arizona State	8. Michigan	8. Ohio State	8. Michigan
9. Minnesota	9. Alabama	9. Auburn	9. Washington	9. SMU	8. California
10. Michigan State	10. Michigan State	10. Stanford	10. Nebraska	9. USC	9. East Carolina
15. USC	16. USC	19. USC	12. USC	10. UCLA	10. Iowa

USA TODAY/HALL OF FAME (1993-96)

- 1992**
 1. Alabama
 2. Florida State
 3. Miami (Fla.)
 4. Notre Dame
 5. Michigan
 6. Syracuse
 7. Texas A&M
 8. Georgia
 9. Stanford
 10. Florida

- 1993**
 1. Florida State
 2. Notre Dame
 3. Nebraska
 4. Florida
 5. Wisconsin
 6. Texas A&M
 7. Penn State
 8. West Virginia
 9. Ohio State
 10. Arizona
 25. **USC**

- 1994**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Penn State
 3. Colorado
 4. Florida State
 5. Alabama
 6. Miami (Fla.)
 7. Florida
 8. Utah
 9. Michigan
 10. Ohio State
 13. **USC**

- 1995**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Florida
 3. Tennessee
 4. Colorado
 5. Florida State
 6. Ohio State
 7. Kansas State
 8. Northwestern
 9. Virginia Tech
 10. Kansas
 11. **USC**

1996
 Discontinued

- 1993**
 1. Florida State
 2. Notre Dame
 3. Nebraska
 4. Florida
 5. Wisconsin
 6. Penn State
 7. West Virginia
 8. Arizona
 9. Texas A&M
 10. Ohio State
 25. **USC**

- 1994**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Penn State
 3. Alabama
 4. Colorado
 5. Florida State
 6. Miami (Fla.)
 7. Florida
 8. Utah
 9. Oregon
 10. Ohio State
 14. **USC**

- 1995**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Florida
 3. Tennessee
 4. Florida State
 5. Colorado
 6. Northwestern
 7. Ohio State
 8. Kansas State
 9. Virginia Tech
 10. Kansas
 11. **USC**

- 1996**
 1. Florida
 2. Ohio State
 3. Florida State
 4. Arizona State
 5. BYU
 6. Nebraska
 7. Penn State
 8. Colorado
 9. Tennessee
 10. North Carolina

1997
 Discontinued

USA TODAY (1982-Present)

FORMERLY USA TODAY/CABLE NEWS NETWORK AND USA TODAY/ESPN

- 1982**
 1. Penn State
 2. SMU
 3. Nebraska
 4. Georgia
 5. UCLA
 6. Arizona State
 7. Pittsburgh
 8. Arkansas
 9. Clemson
 10. Washington
 14. **USC**

- 1983**
 1. Miami (Fla.)
 2. Auburn
 3. Nebraska
 4. Georgia
 5. Texas
 6. Brigham Young
 7. Michigan
 8. Ohio State
 9. Florida
 10. Clemson

- 1984**
 1. Brigham Young
 2. Washington
 3. Florida
 4. Nebraska
 5. Oklahoma
 6. Boston College
 7. Oklahoma State
 8. SMU
 9. Maryland
 10. South Carolina
 11. **USC**

- 1985**
 1. Oklahoma
 2. Penn State
 3. Michigan
 4. Tennessee
 5. Florida
 6. Miami (Fla.)
 7. Air Force
 8. Texas A&M
 9. UCLA
 10. Iowa

- 1986**
 1. Penn State
 2. Miami (Fla.)
 3. Oklahoma
 4. Nebraska
 5. Arizona State
 6. Ohio State
 7. Auburn
 8. Michigan
 9. Alabama
 10. LSU

- 1987**
 1. Miami (Fla.)
 2. Florida State
 3. Oklahoma
 4. Syracuse
 5. Nebraska
 6. LSU
 7. Auburn
 8. Michigan State
 9. Texas A&M
 10. UCLA
 17. **USC**

- 1988**
 1. Notre Dame
 2. Miami (Fla.)
 3. Florida State
 4. UCLA
 5. Michigan
 6. West Virginia
 7. **USC**
 8. Nebraska
 9. Auburn
 10. Clemson

- 1989**
 1. Miami (Fla.)
 2. Notre Dame
 3. Florida State
 4. Colorado
 5. Tennessee
 6. Auburn
 7. **USC**
 8. Michigan
 9. Alabama
 10. Illinois

- 1990**
 1. Colorado
 2. Georgia Tech
 3. Miami (Fla.)
 4. Florida State
 5. Washington
 6. Notre Dame
 7. Tennessee
 8. Michigan
 9. Clemson
 10. Texas
 22. **USC**

- 1991**
 1. Washington
 2. Miami (Fla.)
 3. Penn State
 4. Florida State
 5. Alabama
 6. Michigan
 7. California
 8. Florida
 9. East Carolina
 10. Iowa

- 1992**
 1. Alabama
 2. Florida State
 3. Miami (Fla.)
 4. Notre Dame
 5. Michigan
 6. Texas A&M
 7. Syracuse
 8. Georgia
 9. Stanford
 10. Washington

- 1993**
 1. Florida State
 2. Notre Dame
 3. Nebraska
 4. Florida
 5. Wisconsin
 6. West Virginia
 7. Penn State
 8. Texas A&M
 9. Arizona
 10. Ohio State
 25. **USC**

- 1994**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Penn State
 3. Colorado
 4. Alabama
 5. Florida State
 6. Miami (Fla.)
 7. Florida
 8. Utah
 9. Ohio State
 10. Brigham Young
 15. **USC**

- 1995**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Tennessee
 3. Florida
 4. Colorado
 5. Florida State
 6. Kansas State
 7. Northwestern
 8. Ohio State
 9. Virginia Tech
 10. Kansas
 11. **USC**

- 1996**
 1. Florida
 2. Ohio State
 3. Florida State
 4. Arizona State
 5. BYU
 6. Nebraska
 7. Penn State
 8. Colorado
 9. Tennessee
 10. North Carolina

- 1997**
 1. Nebraska
 2. Michigan
 3. Florida State
 4. North Carolina
 5. UCLA
 6. Florida
 7. Kansas State
 8. Tennessee
 9. Washington St.
 10. Georgia

- 1998**
 1. Tennessee
 2. Ohio State
 3. Florida State
 4. Arizona
 5. Wisconsin
 6. Florida
 7. Tulane
 8. UCLA
 9. Kansas State
 10. Air Force

- 1999**
 1. Florida State
 2. Nebraska
 3. Virginia Tech
 4. Wisconsin
 5. Michigan
 6. Kansas State
 7. Michigan State
 8. Alabama
 9. Tennessee
 10. Marshall

- 2000**
 1. Oklahoma
 2. Miami (Fla.)
 3. Washington
 4. Florida State
 5. Oregon State
 6. Virginia Tech
 7. Nebraska
 8. Kansas State
 9. Oregon
 10. Michigan

- 2001**
 1. Miami (Fla.)
 2. Oregon
 3. Florida
 4. Tennessee
 5. Texas
 6. Oklahoma
 7. Nebraska
 8. LSU
 9. Colorado
 10. Maryland

- 2002**
 1. Ohio State
 2. Miami (Fla.)
 3. Georgia
 4. **USC**
 5. Oklahoma
 6. Kansas State
 7. Texas
 8. Iowa
 9. Michigan
 10. Washington St.

- 2003**
 1. LSU
 2. **USC**
 3. Oklahoma
 4. Ohio State
 5. Miami (Fla.)
 6. Georgia
 7. Michigan
 8. Iowa
 9. Washington St.
 10. Florida State

- 2004**
 1. **USC**
 2. Auburn
 3. Oklahoma
 4. Texas
 5. Utah
 6. Georgia
 7. Louisville
 8. Iowa
 9. California
 10. Virginia Tech

- 2005**
 1. Texas
 2. **USC**
 3. Penn State
 4. Ohio State
 5. LSU
 6. West Virginia
 7. Virginia Tech
 8. Alabama
 9. TCU
 10. Georgia

- 2006**
 1. Florida
 2. Ohio State
 3. LSU
 4. **USC**
 5. Wisconsin
 6. Boise State
 7. Louisville
 8. Auburn
 9. Michigan
 10. West Virginia

No. 1 vs. No. 2 MATCHUPS, DEFEATING No. 1, THE SPOILERS

No. 1 vs. No. 2 Matchups

(AP Poll — Begun in 1936)

NO.	YEAR	TEAMS	WINNER	SCORE
1.	1943	Notre Dame (1) vs. Iowa Pre-Flight (2)	Notre Dame	14-13
2.	1943	Notre Dame (1) vs. Michigan (2)	Notre Dame	35-12
3.	1944	Army (1) vs. Navy (2)	Army	23-7
4.	1945	Army (1) vs. Notre Dame (2)	Army	48-0
5.	1945	Army (1) vs. Navy (2)	Army	32-13
6.	1946	Army (1) vs. Notre Dame (2)	Tie	0-0
7.	1962	USC (1) vs. Wisconsin (2) — Rose Bowl	USC	42-37
8.	1963	Oklahoma (1) vs. Texas (2)	Texas	28-7
9.	1963	Texas (1) vs. Navy (2) — Cotton Bowl	Texas	28-6
10.	1966	Notre Dame (1) vs. Michigan St. (2)	Tie	10-10
11.	1968	Purdue (1) vs. Notre Dame (2)	Purdue	37-22
12.	1968	Ohio State (1) vs. USC (2) — Rose Bowl	Ohio State	27-16
13.	1969	Texas (1) vs. Arkansas (2)	Texas	15-14
14.	1971	Nebraska (1) vs. Oklahoma (2)	Nebraska	35-31
15.	1971	Nebraska (1) vs. Alabama (2) — Orange Bowl	Nebraska	38-6
16.	1978	Penn State (1) vs. Alabama (2) — Sugar Bowl	Alabama	14-7
17.	1981	USC (1) vs. Oklahoma (2)	USC	28-24
18.	1982	Georgia (1) vs. Penn State (2) — Sugar Bowl	Penn State	27-23
19.	1985	Iowa (1) vs. Michigan (2)	Iowa	12-10
20.	1986	Oklahoma (1) vs. Miami, Fla. (2)	Miami	28-16
21.	1986	Miami, Fla. (1) vs. Penn State (2) — Fiesta Bowl	Penn State	14-10
22.	1987	Nebraska (1) vs. Oklahoma (2)	Oklahoma	17-7
23.	1987	Oklahoma (1) vs. Miami, Fla. (2) — Orange Bowl	Miami	20-14
24.	1988	Notre Dame (1) vs. USC (2)	Notre Dame	27-10
25.	1989	Notre Dame (1) vs. Michigan (2)	Notre Dame	24-19
26.	1991	Florida State (1) vs. Miami, Fla. (2)	Miami	17-16
27.	1992	Miami, Fla (1) vs. Alabama (2) — Sugar Bowl	Alabama	34-13
28.	1993	Florida State (1) vs. Notre Dame (2)	Notre Dame	31-24
29.	1993	Florida State (1) vs. Nebraska (2) — Orange Bowl	Florida State	18-16
30.	1995	Nebraska (1) vs. Florida (2) — Fiesta Bowl	Nebraska	62-24
31.	1996	Florida (1) vs. Florida State (2)	Florida State	24-21
32.	1998	Tennessee (1) vs. Florida State (2) — Fiesta Bowl (BCS Champ. Game)	Tennessee	23-16
33.	1999	Florida State (1) vs. Virginia Tech (2) — Sugar Bowl	Florida State	46-29
34.	2002	Miami, Fla. (1) vs. Ohio State (2) — Fiesta Bowl (BCS Champ. Game)	Ohio State	31-24
35.	2004	USC (1) vs. Oklahoma (2) — Orange Bowl (BCS Champ. Game)	USC	55-19
36.	2005	USC (1) vs. Texas (2) — Rose Bowl (BCS Champ. Game)	Texas	41-38
37.	2006	Ohio State (1) vs. Texas (2)	Ohio State	24-7
38.	2006	Ohio State (1) vs. Michigan (2)	Ohio State	42-39
39.	2006	Ohio State (1) vs. Florida (2) — BCS Championship Game	Florida	41-14

There have been 39 matchups between the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the Associated Press poll (22 times during the regular season, 17 times in bowls). The No. 1 team has won 23 times, the No. 2 team has won 14 times, and there have been 2 ties. USC is 3-3 in such matchups, winning 3 of the 4 times it was No. 1 and losing both times it was No. 2. The AP poll began in 1936.

Defeating No. 1

This is a list of USC games in which a No. 1-ranked team was defeated or tied. From AP rankings. Asterisk (*) is home team. (N) is neutral site. In parentheses following winning or tying team is its rank in previous week's poll (NR is not ranked), its won-loss record entering game, and its score. Next is the defeated or tied No. 1 team, its score, and its rank in poll the following week.

WHEN USC BEAT A No. 1 TEAM:

12-2-38	*USC (8, 7-2) 13, Notre Dame 0 (5)
10-20-51	USC (11, 4-1) 21, *California 14 (9)
11-28-64	*USC (NR, 6-3) 20, Notre Dame 17 (3)
11-18-67	*USC (4, 8-1) 21, UCLA 20 (4)
9-23-78	(N) USC (7, 2-0) 24, Alabama 14 (3)
1-1-80	(1980 Rose Bowl) USC (3, 10-0-1) 17, Ohio State 16 (4)
11-10-84	*USC (12, 7-1) 16, Washington 7 (5)
(NOTE: USC's 7 wins over a No. 1 team is second only to Notre Dame's 8.)	

WHEN No. 1 USC LOST OR WAS TIED:

9-28-63	Oklahoma (3, 1-0-0) 17, *USC 12 (8)
11-11-67	*Oregon State (NR, 5-2-1) 3, USC 0 (4)
9-29-73	(Tie) Oklahoma (8, 1-0) 7, *USC 7 (4)
10-8-77	Alabama (#7, 3-1) 21, *USC 20 (6)
10-13-79	(Tie) Stanford (NR, 3-2) 21, *USC 21 (4)
10-10-81	Arizona (NR, 2-2) 13, *USC 10 (7)
1-4-06	(2006 Rose Bowl) Texas (2, 12-0) 41, USC 38 (2)

The Spoilers

Below is a list of USC "spoilers" of teams that lost perfect (undefeated, untied) records in the final game of the season (since 1937). Asterisk (*) is home team. Note: USC lost perfect records 3 times in its season finale (1910 in a 9-9 tie with Pomona to finish 7-0-1, 1907 with a 16-6 loss to Los Angeles High to finish 5-1 and 2005 in a 41-38 loss to Texas in the Rose Bowl to finish 12-1).

DATE	SPOILER	VICTIM	SCORE
12-3-38	USC*	Notre Dame	13-0
1-2-39	USC	Duke (Rose Bowl)	7-3
1-1-40	USC	Tennessee (Rose Bowl)	14-0
1-1-44	USC	Washington (Rose Bowl)	29-0
12-2-48	USC*	Notre Dame	tie 14-14
11-22-52	USC	*UCLA	14-12
11-28-64	USC*	Notre Dame	20-17
1-1-80	USC	Ohio State (Rose Bowl)	17-16
1-4-05	USC	Oklahoma (Orange Bowl)	55-19

USC IN THE POLLS

USC Football National Championships

Here is a list of USC's college football championships as selected by every recognized authority. USC is considered to have won 11 national championships (1928-31-32-39-62-67-72-74-78-2003-04). There were six other years (1929-33-76-79-2002-05) in which the Trojans were named a national champion by at least one legitimate poll.

YEAR	RECORD	COACH	SELECTOR+
*1928	9-0-1	Howard Jones	Dick (Rissman)
1929	10-2	Howard Jones	Thes
*1931	10-1	Howard Jones	Dick (Rockne), Dunk, Ann, Helms, Thes, Wms, FBR, NCF, Pol, Bill, Mas
*1932	10-0	Howard Jones	Ann, Dunk, Thes, Helms, Wms, Davis (Co), FBR, NCF, Pol, Bill, Mas
1933	10-1-1	Howard Jones	Wms
*1939	8-0-2	Howard Jones	Dick (Rockne)
*1962	11-0	John McKay	AP, UPI, FWA, Helms, HF, Dunk, Wms, Berry (Co), DeV, FBN, FBR, NCF, Pol, Sag, Mas
*1967	10-1	John McKay	AP, UPI, FWA, Helms, HF, Berry, Bill, DeV, FBN, FBR, Mat, NCF, Sag
*1972#	12-0	John McKay	AP, UPI, FWA, HF, Helms, Dunk, Lit, Berry, Bill, DeV, FACT, FBN, FBR, Mat, NCF, Pol, Sag, Mas
*1974	10-1-1	John McKay	UPI, FWA, HF, Helms (Co), NCF (Co)
1976	11-1	John Robinson	Dunk, Berry, Bill, DeV, FBR, Mat
*1978	12-1	John Robinson	UPI, Helms (Tri), Berry, FACT (Tri), FBN, TSN, NCF (Co), Mas
1979	11-0-1	John Robinson	FBR
2002	11-2	Pete Carroll	Sag, Mat, Dunk
*2003	12-1	Pete Carroll	AP, FWA, TSN, Mat, NYT, Eck
*2004	13-0	Pete Carroll	AH, AP, BCS, Berry, Bill, Coll, DeV, Dunk, Eck, FACT, FBN, FWA, HF, Mas, Mat, NYT, Sag, TSN, USA, Wol
2005	12-1	Pete Carroll	Har

* Recognized national championships.

The 1972 USC team was the first team to ever receive a unanimous first-place vote by both AP and UPI.

+ Selectors:

Ann--Illustrated Football Annual (1930-60). A rating system by Williams F. Board published in the highly-regarded fan magazine Illustrated Football Annual (1932-42) and Football News (1942-44, 1951-60). Predated national champions from 1919-29.

AH--Anderson & Hester (1997-current). A mathematical rating system developed by Jeff Anderson and Chris Hester, published weekly in the Seattle Times since 1993.

AP--Associated Press (1936-current). Poll of sportswriters and broadcasters which began in 1936. The Dr. Henry L. Williams Trophy was awarded beginning in 1941. That was retired in 1947, then the Father O'Donnell Trophy was awarded beginning in 1948. That was retired in 1956 and beginning in 1957, the award was known as the AP Trophy. Since 1983, the award has been known as the Paul "Bear" Bryant Trophy.

BCS--Bowl Championship Series (1999-current). A ranking system that includes polls and computer rankings to match the top two teams in the national championship game.

Berry--Berryman (QPRS) (1940-current). A mathematical rating system based on a quality point rating formula developed by Clyde P. Berryman.

Bill--Billingsley Report (1970-current). A mathematically based power rating system developed by Richard Billingsley. Predated national champions from 1869-1970.

Coll--Colley Matrix (1992-current). A mathematically-based power rating developed by Wes Colley of Virginia, published in the Atlanta Constitution-Journal.

Davis--Parke H. Davis Ratings (1889-1933). Chosen by Davis, a former player at Princeton and former coach at Wisconsin, Amherst and Lafayette. First published in the 1934 Spalding's Football Guide.

DeV--DeVold System (1945-current). A mathematical rating system developed by Harry DeVold, a former football player at Cornell. The rating have appeared in The Football News since 1962. Predated national champions from 1939-44.

Dick--Dickinson System (1924-40). Based on point formula devised by Illinois economics professor Frank G. Dickinson. The system was the basis for the awarding of the Rissman Trophy to the top-rated team in the Dickinson System. It was retired in 1930, then the Knute Rockne Trophy was awarded beginning in 1931 until it was retired in 1940.

Dunk--Dunkel System (1929-current). A power index rating system devised by Dick Dunkel Sr (1929-71), Dick Dunkel Jr. (1972-1995) and John Duck (1996-current).

Eck--Eck Ratings System (1987-current). A mathematical point system developed by Steve Eck.

FACT--Foundation for the Analysis of Competitions and Tournaments (1968-current). A computerized mathematical ranking system developed by David Rothman.

FBN--Football News (1958-2002). A weekly poll of Football News' staff writers.

FBR--College Football Researchers Association (1982-92). Founded by Anthony Cusher and Robert Kirlin, it determined its champion by a Top 10 vote of membership on a point system. Predated national champions from 1919-81, conducted on a poll by Harry Carson Frye.

FWA--Football Writers Association of America (1954-current). Chosen by five-man committee representing membership. Award called the Grantland Rice Trophy.

Har--Harris Interactive (2005-current). Chosen by a panel of media and former players, coaches and administrators.

Helms--First Interstate Bank Athletic Foundation (1883-1982). Originally called Helms Athletic Foundation, then changed to Citizen Savings Athletic Foundation before new name adopted in 1982.

HF--National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame (1959-current). Chosen by a committee representing membership. Award called the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Trophy. Merged with UPI in 1991 and with USA Today in 1993.

Lit--Litkenhous System (1934-84). A rating method developed by Frank and Edward (a professor of chemical engineering at Vanderbilt) Litkenhous.

Mas--Massey College Football Ratings (1995-current). A mathematical rating system developed by Kenneth Massey, which takes into account homefield advantage.

Mat--Matthews Grid Ratings (1966-current). A mathematical rating system developed by college mathematics professor Herman Matthews.

NCF--National Championship Foundation (1980-2000). An annual report established by Mike Riter. Predated national champions from 1869-1979.

NYT--New York Times (1979-2004). A mathematical rating system introduced by this major newspaper.

Pol--Poling System (1935-84). A mathematical rating system developed by Richard Poling, a former football player at Ohio Wesleyan. Ratings were published annually in the Football Review Supplement and various newspapers. Predated national champions from 1924-34.

Sag--Sagarin Ratings (1956-current). A mathematical rating system developed by Jeff Sagarin, a 1970 MIT mathematics graduate. It runs annually in USA Today.

Thes--The Football Thesaurus (1927-58). A system devised by Deke Houlgate and syndicated in newspapers, plus published in Illustrated Football and the Football Thesaurus (1946-58).

TSN--The Sporting News (1975-current). Voted on annually by the staff of The Sporting News.

UPI--United Press International (1950-1995). Originally a poll of college coaches, in 1991 voters comprised of college football enthusiasts. In 1992, National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame co-sponsored poll, with voters consisting of 100 NFF members (athletic administrators, journalists, ex-players, and ex-coaches) and award called the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Trophy. Beginning in 1993, voters were 16 bowl representatives.

USA--USA Today/Cable News Network and ESPN (1982-96; 1997-current). A weekly poll of sportswriters introduced in 1982 in USA Today and on CNN. Took over the coaches' poll in 1991. USA Today also formed a coalition with the National Football Foundation in 1993 to name the McArthur Bowl national champion. Combined with ESPN in 1997 through 2004.

Wol--Wolfe (1992-current). A mathematically based power rating matrix developed by Peter Wolfe and Ross Baker.

Wms--Williamson System (1931-1963). A power rating system by Paul Williamson, a geologist and Sugar Bowl committee member.

(NOTE: The national champion was selected before bowl games as follows: AP, 1936-64 and 1966-67; UPI, 1950-73; FWA, 1954; HF, 1959-70. In all other latter-day polls, champions were selected after bowl games.)

USC in AP Rankings

Since the AP poll began in 1936, the weekly rankings have been published 878 times (not including pre-season polls). USC has been ranked in the poll 636 times (72.4% of the time). Here's the list of the 10 most frequently ranked teams:

1.	Michigan	741
2.	Ohio State	716
3.	Notre Dame	703
4.	Oklahoma	642
5.	USC	636
6.	Nebraska	632
7.	Texas	621
8.	Alabama	605
9.	Tennessee	546
10.	Penn State	536

In those 878 AP polls, USC has held the No. 1 ranking 77 times. The 10 teams ranked No. 1 most often are (not including pre-season polls):

1.	Notre Dame	89
2.	Oklahoma	86
3.	Ohio State	81
4.	USC	77
5.	Nebraska	65
6.	Miami (Fla.)	62
7.	Florida St.	53
8.	Texas	43
9.	Michigan	32
10.	Alabama	29

USC has the longest streak of consecutive weekly AP No. 1 appearances (not including pre-season polls), with a national record 33 (from Dec. 8, 2003 to Dec. 4, 2005). The Trojans also had an earlier streak of 17 (from Sept. 12, 1972 to Sept. 25, 1973). Here's the list of the 10 teams with the longest streaks of top-ranked appearances:

1.	USC	33
2.	Miami, Fla.	20
3.	Notre Dame	19
4.	USC	17
5.	Florida State	16
6.	Army	15
	Nebraska	15
8.	Oklahoma	14
	Nebraska	14
	Ohio State	14

In 2004, USC became only the second team ever to be ranked No. 1 in the AP in the AP pre-season poll and hold that top ranking the entire season (Florida State did it in 1999). Four other teams--Notre Dame in 1943, Army in 1945, Nebraska in 1971 and USC in 1972--were No. 1 in every regular season ranking, but either did not start off No. 1 in the pre-season poll (Nebraska and USC) or there was no pre-season poll (Notre Dame and Army).

USC's back-to-back AP national championships in 2003 and 2004 marked the 10th time that a team won consecutive AP national titles. The others: Minnesota (1940-41), Army (1944-45), Notre Dame (1946-47), Oklahoma (1955-56), Alabama (1964-65), Nebraska (1970-71), Oklahoma (1974-75), Alabama (1978-79) and Nebraska (1994-95).

USC'S Best Football Season Records

UNBEATEN, UNTIED

1888	2-0
1889	2-0
1894	1-0
1920	6-0
1932	10-0
1962	11-0
1972	12-0
2004	13-0

UNBEATEN

1906	2-0-2
1910	7-0-1
1928	9-0-1
1939	8-0-2
1944	8-0-2
1969	10-0-1
1979	11-0-1

ONE LOSS

1893	3-1
1897	5-1
1898	5-1-1
1900	1-1-1
1904	6-1
1907	5-1
1908	3-1-1
1909	3-1-2
1919	4-1
1921	10-1
1922	10-1
1927	8-1-1
1931	10-1
1933	10-1-1
1952	10-1
1967	10-1
1968	9-1-1
1974	10-1-1
1976	11-1
1978	12-1
2003	12-1
2005	12-1

Top 10 Winningest Division I Schools

BY WINNING PERCENTAGE

(entering the 2007 season)

SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	
1. Michigan	860-282-36	.745	
2. Notre Dame	821-269-42	.744	
3. Texas	810-313-33	.715	
4. Ohio State	787-300-53	.714	
	Oklahoma	768-292-53	.714
6. Alabama	780-308-43	.709	
7. Nebraska	803-326-40	.704	
8. USC	743-300-54	.702	
9. Tennessee	760-315-52	.697	
10. Penn State	780-343-41	.688	

BY VICTORIES

(entering the 2007 season)

SCHOOL	WINS	YEARS	
1. Michigan	860	127	
2. Notre Dame	821	118	
3. Texas	810	114	
4. Nebraska	803	117	
5. Ohio State	787	117	
6. Alabama	780	112	
	Penn State	780	120
8. Oklahoma	768	112	
9. Tennessee	760	110	
10. USC	743	114	

Milestone USC Victories

WIN #	YEAR	OPPONENT	SCORE
1	1888	Alliance AC	16-0
50	1908	Occidental	14-0
100	1922	Alumni	20-0
200	1933	Loyola	18-0
250	1942	Montana	38-0
300	1950	Notre Dame	9-7
400	1966	Wisconsin	38-3
500	1977	Washington State	41-7
600	1989	Washington	24-16
700	2003	Stanford	44-21