

**2009 USC SENIOR/DRAFT ELIGIBLE FOOTBALL PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES**

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**(71) CHARLES BROWN—Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 285, Sr./Sr., Chino Hills, CA (Diamond Ranch HS)**

**2009:** Brown started for his second season at left offensive tackle as a senior in 2009 and played exceptionally well while starting all 13 games. He won the **2009 Pac-10 Morris Trophy**. He made the **2009 ESPN.com All-American first team, Sporting News All-American first team, CollegeFootballNews.com All-American third team, All-Pac-10 first team, ESPN.com All-Pac-10 first team, Sporting News All-Pac-10 first team, CollegeFootballNews.com All-Pac-10 first team, Rivals.com All-Pac-10 second team and Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 second team**. He was a **Senior Bowl invitee**.

**2008:** Brown started all season at left offensive tackle and did a commendable job as a junior in 2008. He made **2008 All-Pac-10 honorable mention**.

**2007:** Brown appeared in 9 games (all but Arizona, Oregon, California, Arizona State) as a backup offensive tackle and on special teams as a sophomore in 2007. He even started the Idaho opener at right tackle. He sprained his ankle prior to the Arizona game and sat out that contest.

**2006:** Brown was a backup left offensive tackle and played on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2006. He appeared in all 13 games in 2006, including 4 games when he saw brief action at tackle (Arkansas, Stanford, Oregon, UCLA).

**2005:** Brown redshirted as a freshman tight end in 2005, his first year at USC. He was switched to offensive tackle from tight end in the middle of the 2005 season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was a **2004 Super Prep All-American, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Tom Lemming All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best of the Rest, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, All-CIF Division VIII and Los Angeles Times All-San Gabriel Valley Lineman of the Year** selection as a senior two-way lineman and tight end at Diamond Ranch High in Pomona (Calif.). He had 15 receptions and 2 touchdowns in 2004.

He was an **All-League second teamer** as a 2003 junior and an **All-League first teamer** as a 2002 sophomore.

**PERSONAL:** He's a social science psychology major at USC.

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: **"Charles is capable of being a big-time left tackle."**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
<b>2007 (So.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CAREER.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**(52) LUTHUR BROWN—Linebacker, 6-2, 235, Sr./Sr., Lakewood, CA (Lakewood HS)**

**2009:** After a year's layoff, Brown began 2009 as a backup strongside linebacker and key special teams player as a senior (although he was able to play any linebacker position). But he sprained his back in midseason and sat out USC's last 8 games. Overall in 2009 while appearing in 4 games (Ohio State, Washington, Washington State, California), he had 9 tackles. He had 1 tackle at Ohio State, 3 against both Washington and Washington State and 2 at California. He missed some of 2009 spring practice after dislocating his right shoulder.

**2008:** Brown did not see action in 2008 as a junior linebacker. He was bothered all season with a nagging back injury.

**2007:** Brown was a backup linebacker and key special teams player as a sophomore in 2007. Overall in 2007 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 25 tackles, including 0.5 for a loss. He had 6 tackles against Arizona and Notre Dame, 4 versus Idaho (with 0.5 for a loss of 1 yard), 3 against Washington State and California, 2 at Nebraska and 1 at Arizona State. He missed some of 2007 spring practice with a left shoulder sprain.

**2006:** Brown was a backup middle linebacker and played on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2006. Overall in 2006 while appearing in 11 games (he strained his left hamstring at Washington State and sat out the Washington and Arizona State games), he made 5 tackles. He missed most of 2006 spring drills while recuperating from 2005 back surgery.

**2005:** Brown redshirted as a freshman linebacker in 2005, his first year at USC. He was sidelined all season with a strained back that required mid-season surgery.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He made the **2004 Parade All-American, EA Sports All-American first team, Super Prep Elite 50, Prep Star Top 100 Dream Team, Student Sports Top 100, Rivals 100, Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Tom Lemming All-American, Scout.com All-American second team, Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year, Super Prep All-Farwest, Super Prep All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Southern Section first team, All-CIF Division I Defensive Player of the Year, Los Angeles Times All-Star Back of the Year, Los Angeles Times All-Southeast/South Coast Back of the Year and All-Moore League Defensive MVP** squads as a senior linebacker and running back at Lakewood (Calif.) High. He had 83 tackles, 3 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and 2 interceptions in 2004.

As a junior in 2003, he was a **Student Sports Junior All-American, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team, Los Angeles Times All-Southeast/South Coast and Long Beach Press-Telegram Dream Team first team** pick. He had 88 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, 3 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and 2 interceptions in 2003.

He also played baseball at Lakewood.

**PERSONAL:** He's a public policy, management and planning major at USC. He spent his elementary school years living in a small town in Mississippi.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2006 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	25	0.5/1	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	9	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	39	0.5/1	0	0

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH LUTHUR BROWN**

**2009**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ohio State	1	0/0	0	0
Washington	3	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	3	0/0	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	9	0/0	0	0

**2007**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Idaho	4	0.5/1	0	0
Nebraska	2	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona	6	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	6	0/0	0	0
California	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	25	0.5/1	0	0

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arkansas	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Michigan (RB)	1	0/0	0	0
2006 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	0	0

**(53) JEFF BYERS—Offensive Guard—Center, 6-3, 290, Sr./Sr., Fort Collins, CO (Loveland HS)**

**2009:** The veteran, versatile and cerebral Byers—who completed work on his M.B.A. in the 2009 fall semester—started for his third season on the offensive line. He started 7 games (Ohio State, Washington, Washington State, California, Notre Dame, Arizona, Boston College) at left offensive guard and 6 times (San Jose State, Oregon State, Oregon, Arizona State, Stanford, UCLA) at center. He earned **2009 CBSSports.com All-American second team, Rivals.com All-American second team, Scout.com All-American second team, Phil Steele's All-American second team, AP All-American third team, SI.com All-American honorable mention, All-Pac-10 first team, ESPN.com All-Pac-10 first team, Sporting News All-Pac-10 first team, CollegeFootballNews.com All-Pac-10 first team, Rivals.com All-Pac-10 first team, Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 first team, USC Offensive Lineman of the Year Award and USC Co-Lifter of the Year Award.** He was an **East-West Shrine Game invitee.** He was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA because he missed 2005 and 2006 with injuries.

**2008:** Byers started for his second season at left offensive guard as a senior in 2008 and did a solid job. He also played a limited amount at center. He made the **2008 Phil Steele's All-American third team, Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 first team, All-Pac-10 second team, ESPN.com All-Bowl Team and USC's Chris Carlisle Courage Award.** He missed part of 2008 fall camp while recovering from Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which he contracted during a summer visit to his Colorado home. He had hernia surgery prior to 2008 spring practice.

**2007:** Byers, a one-time starter who missed most of the previous 2 seasons with injuries, ably re-assumed his starting role in his 2007 junior season, with 12 starts at left offensive guard and also the Washington State game at center. He made the **2007 Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 third team.**

**2006:** After missing the 2005 season with a hip injury, Byers appeared ready to re-assume his starting job at left offensive guard as a sophomore in 2006. After seeing action as a backup in the opener at Arkansas, he suffered a back sprain prior to the Nebraska game and was sidelined the rest of the season. Because of the early-season injury, he was allowed to redshirt. He missed some of 2006 spring drills while recuperating.

**2005:** Byers was set to see plenty of action on the offensive line as a sophomore in 2005 as a left guard, either as a starter or key backup. But he had arthroscopic surgery to remove torn cartilage in his right hip prior to 2005 spring practice and missed most of spring drills while recuperating, which forced him to redshirt in 2005.

**2004:** As a first-year freshman in 2004, Byers started 4 late-season games (Oregon State, Arizona, Notre Dame and UCLA) at left offensive guard for an injured John Drake and performed well. He served as a backup there and at center in USC's other 9 contests. He made the **2004 The Sporting News Freshman All-American second team and The Sporting News Freshman All-Pac-10 first team.**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Among his 2003 honors were **Gatorade National Player of the Year, EA Sports National Player of the Year, Army of One Award (for effort on the field, class and community), Arena Football League Ironman of the Year (as nation's best two-way player), USA Today All-USA first team, Parade All-American MVP, Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, EA Sports All-American, Insiders.com All-American, Super Prep Elite 50, Prep Star Top 100 Dream Team, Tom Lemming Top 100, Super Prep All-Midlands, Prep-Star All-Midlands, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Orange County Register Feb 15 first team and Gatorade Colorado Player of the Year** as a senior center and linebacker at Loveland (Colo.) High. He had 34 pancake blocks on offense in one game in 2003 and never allowed a sack in his career. On defense in 2003, he had 203 tackles, 56 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, 14 forced fumbles and 3 fumble recoveries (with a TD). Loveland won its second consecutive Class 4A state championship in 2003.

As a junior in 2002, he won **All-State honorable mention, All-Area and All-Conference** honors while posting 138 tackles, 29 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks on defense.

He also competed in basketball and track at Loveland.

**PERSONAL:** He has a B average (3.27 GPA) at USC. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration in the summer of 2007 and his master's degree in business in December of 2009. He was a **semifinalist for the 2009 William V. Campbell Trophy (nation's top scholar-athlete)** and made the **2009 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society.** He was **1 of 10 finalists for the 2008 Lowe's Senior Class Award (given to the top college football senior student-athlete)** and was a **quarterfinalist for the Draddy Trophy (nation's top senior football scholar-athlete).** He made the **2007 Pac-10 All-Academic second team, 2008 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention and 2009 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention.**

**JEFF BYERS ON:** His drive: **"I pride myself on being a fighter, on being a finisher and a competitor...I just feel like you can always get better. Never let yourself settle for where you are now. That motivates me."**

Choosing USC: **"I knew when I came here that USC has the most talented players in the country. I get my eyes opened every day."**

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: **"The attitude he brings, the work ethic he brings are perfect. He has very high expectations for himself. He won't settle for anything but the best. He's got all the ingredients to be a great player. We like his athleticism, his intensity and the intangibles that he brings. His downfield blocking sets the tone for the style of play that we like. He flies to his blocks better than anyone we've ever had, making use of his legs and his guts to finish plays. He creates such an attitude about the way we play."**

Former USC All-American linebacker Rey Maualuga: **"He's always saying, 'I'm not that big, I'm not that fast, I can't play at the next level.' Then you'll see a long run and he's the first offensive lineman down the field. He's got a motor. You can't coach that."**

USC offensive line coach Pat Ruel: **“Even when he does something wrong, I have a hard time getting on him because I don’t have my MBA!”**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2009 (Sr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

**(38) JORDAN CONGDON—Placekicker, 5-9, 175, Sr./Sr., San Diego, CA (St. Augustine HS/Nebraska)**

**2009:** Congdon, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2009, did an effective and accurate job in his first—and only—year as USC's placekicker as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in all 13 games, he was 41-of-41 on PATs and 12-of-16 on field goals. He was a **semifinalist for the 2009 Groza Award**.

He hit all 7 of his PATs against San Jose State, then nailed a 21-yard field goal and a PAT at Ohio State (his 44-yard field goal attempt hit the crossbar). He made a pair of field goals (42 and 25 yards) and a PAT at Washington, then hit 3 PATs (but missed a 43-yard field goal) against Washington State. He connected on all 3 field goals (28, 25 and 23 yards) and all 3 PATs he attempted at California, hit a pair of field goals (24 and 37 yards) and all 4 of his PATs at Notre Dame and hit all 6 of his PATs at Oregon State. He hit a pair of field goals (28 and 39 yards) and both of his PATs (he also kicked off once) at Oregon. He hit both PATs but missed a 47-yard field goal at Arizona State, made all 3 of his PATs against Stanford and all 4 of his PATs against UCLA, then hit a 37-yard field goal and both PATs against Arizona. He hit all 3 of his PATs and made 1-of-2 field goals (a 38-yarder) against Boston College.

**2008:** Congdon did not see any action at USC in 2008.

**2007:** A former 2-year starting kicker at Nebraska, Congdon sat out his 2007 junior season at USC because of NCAA transfer rules.

**NEBRASKA:** As a 2006 sophomore at Nebraska, Congdon hit 5-of-7 field goals (with a long of 40 yards) and 55-of-56 PATs. He also handled most of the kickoff duties and even averaged 34.0 yards on 2 punts in 2006. He kicked a 38-yard field goal and a PAT in Nebraska's 28-10 loss at USC in 2006. He was a **2006 Academic All-Big 12 first team** honoree.

As a freshman in 2005, he earned **Freshman All-American first team (from Football Writers, Rivals.com and ESPN.com), Freshman All-Big 12 first team (from The Sporting News) and All-Big 12 second team (from AP)** honors while hitting 19-of-23 field goals (with a long of 41 yards) and 31-of-32 PATs. His 19 field goals were a school record. He was tied for 16<sup>th</sup> nationally in field goals (1.58, second in the Big 12) and his .826 field goal percentage was tops nationally among freshman kickers in 2005. He had 4 field goals against Maine in his collegiate debut and 3 against both Baylor and Colorado. He hit a game-winning 40-yard field goal with 1:05 to play against Kansas State. At one point, he hit 11 consecutive field goals and 31 consecutive PATs in 2005. He also did some kicking off in 2005.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He made **2004 prep All-American and All-CIF San Diego Section** as a senior at St. Augustine High in San Diego (Calif.), as he hit 11-of-13 field goals (including 4 of 40-plus yards, with a long of 53 yards), had touchbacks on 85% of his kickoffs and averaged 42.7 yards on his punts.

As a junior in 2003, he made the **All-State Underclass** team while hitting 7-of-10 field goals and 44-of-45 PATs.

He also made the **All-State Underclass** team as a sophomore in 2002 when he hit 15-of-18 field goals and 57-of-58 PATs...In his career at St. Augustine, he scored 261 points. St. Augustine was the CIF San Diego Division III finalist in 2002 and 2003.

He also played soccer at St. Augustine.

**PERSONAL:** He is an American studies and ethnicity major at USC with a B+ average (3.36 GPA). He made **2009 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention**. He is very involved in community service projects, including helping build homes for the needy in Mexico and hosting football camps for local inner-city youth.

	FGA	FGM	LG	PAT ATT	PAT
2005 (Fr.)#...	23	19	41	32	31
2005 (So.)#...	7	5	40	56	55
2009 (Sr.)...	16	12	42	41	41
#At Nebraska					

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH JORDAN CONGDON**

**2009**

	FG-FGA	MADE	MISS	PAT-PAT ATT
San Jose St.*	0-0	--	--	7-7
Ohio State*	1-2	21	44 SH	1-1
Washington*	2-2	42, 25	--	1-1
Wash. St.*	0-1	--	43 SH	3-3
California*	3-3	28, 25, 23	--	3-3
Notre Dame*	2-2	24, 37	--	4-4
Oregon St.*	0-0	--	--	6-6
Oregon*	2-2	28, 39	--	2-2
Arizona St.*	0-1	--	47 SH	2-2
Stanford*	0-0	--	--	3-3
UCLA*	0-0	--	--	4-4
Arizona*	1-1	37	--	2-2
Bost. Col. (EB)*	1-2	38	35 SH	3-3
2009 (Sr.)...	12-16	--	--	41-41

\*Starter

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Oregon	1	0 (0)
2009 (Sr.)...	1	0 (0)

**(38) ROBERT ERICKSON—Safety, 5-11, 190, Jr.\*/Sr., Ojai, CA (Nordhoff HS)**

**2009:** Erickson, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2009, was a reserve safety as a junior in 2009. He appeared briefly in 1 game (San Jose State), but did not make a tackle.

**2008:** Erickson had 1 tackle as a sophomore in 2008 while appearing in 1 game (Washington).

**2007:** As a 2007 redshirt freshman, Erickson saw action in 1 game but did not make a tackle.

**2006:** He did not play football at USC as a freshman in 2006.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He prepped at Nordhoff High in Ojai (Calif.), where as a senior in 2005 he completed 42-of-101 passes (41.6%) for 543 yards with 4 TDs and 6 interceptions and ran for 244 yards on 50 carries (4.9 avg.) with 5 TDs on offense and had 51 tackles, 5 interceptions, 5 deflections and 3 fumble recoveries on defense.

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>2008 (So.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH ROBERT ERICKSON**

**2008**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (So.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**(57) NICK GARRATT—Linebacker, 6-1, 235, Sr./Sr., South Lake Tahoe (South Tahoe HS)**

**2009:** Garratt was a backup linebacker and special team performer as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in 8 games (all but Ohio State, Washington, California, Notre Dame, Oregon State), he made 3 tackles, including 0.5 for a loss. He had 1 tackle (0.5 for a loss) against Washington State and 1 tackle versus both Arizona State and Boston College.

**2008:** Garratt, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2008, was a backup linebacker and played on special teams as a junior in 2008. Overall in 2008 while appearing in 12 games (all but Ohio State), he made 5 tackles, including 0.5 for a loss.

**2007:** Garratt appeared in 5 games (Idaho, Washington State, Washington, Notre Dame and Illinois) on special teams as a sophomore walk-on linebacker in 2007, but did not make a tackle.

**2006:** Garratt appeared in 4 games (Stanford, Oregon, California and Michigan) as a reserve linebacker and on special teams as a redshirt freshman walk-on in 2006. Overall, he made 1 tackle (versus Michigan).

**2005:** Garratt redshirted as a reserve freshman walk-on linebacker in 2005, his first year at USC.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He prepped at South Tahoe High in South Lake Tahoe (Calif.).

**PERSONAL:** He's a history major at USC with a B- average (2.96 GPA).

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>2006 (Fr.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.5/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CAREER.....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH NICK GARRATT**

**2009**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Wash. St.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arizona St.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bost. Col. (EB)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2008**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Stanford</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Penn St. (RB)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2006**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Michigan (RB)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2006 (Fr.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**(45) ADAM GOODMAN—Fullback, 6-1, 240, Sr./Sr., Huntington Beach, CA (Edison HS/Saddleback CC)**

**2009:** A prototypical blocking fullback, Goodman saw limited action as a backup there, but played often on special teams as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in 9 games (all but San Jose State, California, Notre Dame, Oregon State), he made 1 tackle (against Washington State). He sprained his left shoulder at California and was sidelined for 2 games (Notre Dame, Oregon State).

**2008:** Goodman, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the spring of 2008, was the backup fullback and a key special teams player as a junior in 2008. Overall while appearing in all 13 games, he had 1 carry for 1 yard (1.0 avg.), 2 receptions for 8 yards (4.0 avg.) yards and a 13-yard kickoff return (versus Notre Dame on a short kickoff), plus made 3 tackles (2 versus Ohio State). He tore cartilage in his knee prior to the Notre Dame game and had arthroscopic surgery on it after the UCLA contest.

**2007:** Goodman, who transferred to USC as a walk-on in the fall of 2007 from a junior college, saw action in 7 games (all but Washington, Arizona, Oregon, California, Arizona State and UCLA) as a sophomore backup fullback and on special teams. Overall in 2007, he made 1 tackle (against Illinois).

**JUNIOR COLLEGE:** He played tight end for 2 seasons (2005-06) at Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo (Calif.). As a freshman in 2005, he earned **All-Mission Conference second team** honors while catching 9 passes for 104 yards (11.6 avg.) with 1 TD in 10 games. Then, in 2006, he had 3 receptions in the first 2 games, including an 86-yard touchdown (the longest scoring catch by a tight end in school history), before tearing ligaments in his knee and sitting out the rest of the season (he was allowed to redshirt because of the early-season injury).

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He prepped at Edison High in Huntington Beach (Calif.). Current Trojan Martin Coleman also prepped at Edison.

**PERSONAL:** He's a public policy, management and planning major at USC with a B average (3.00 GPA). He was named **2008 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention and 2009 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention**. He was married in the spring of 2007 to his wife, Jessica, the daughter of former USC (1982-84) and NFL tight end Mark Boyer. Their son, Elijah, was born in June of 2009.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008 (Jr.)...	1	1	1.0	0	1	2	8	4.0	0	8
	TAC	LS/YDS		DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007 (So.)...	1	0/0		0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Jr.)...	3	0/0		0	0	1	13	13.0	0	13
2009 (Sr.)...	1	0/0		0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	5	0/0		0	0	1	13	13.0	0	13

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH ADAM GOODMAN**

**2009**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

**2008**

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Arizona St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	1	1.0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	8	8.0	0	8
2008 (Jr.)...	1	1	1.0	0	1	2	8	4.0	0	8
	TAC	LS/YDS		DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	1	0/0		0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State	2	0/0		0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0/0		0	0	1	13	13.0	0	13
2008 (Jr.)...	3	0/0		0	0	1	13	13.0	0	13

**2007**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Illinois (RB)	1	0/0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

**(14) GARRETT GREEN—Quarterback-Wide Receiver, 6-2, 210, Sr./Sr., Chatsworth, CA (Notre Dame HS)**

**2009:** The versatile Green, who has also played wide receiver and safety in his Trojan career, was a reserve quarterback as a senior in 2009, but his main role was playing on most special teams. He also was the holder on placekicks. He made the **2009 All-Pac-10 second team (as a special teams player) and won USC's Special Teams Player of the Year Award and Trojan Football Alumni Club Award.** Overall in 2009 while appearing in 12 games (all but Arizona), he did not throw a pass but he made 12 tackles. He had 2 tackles against San Jose State, 1 each against Washington State, California and Notre Dame, 3 against Oregon State and 4 versus Stanford. He tore ligaments in his right knee against UCLA and missed the Arizona game, but returned to hold on placekicks against Boston College.

**2008:** Green served as a backup quarterback (he was moved back to the position from wide receiver in 2008 fall camp) and key special teams player as a junior in 2008. He also was the backup holder on placekicks. Overall in 2008 while appearing in all 13 games, he had a 3-yard carry (versus Arizona State) and made 7 tackles (including 3 versus Washington), but did not throw a pass. From the quarterback position, he took 1 snap at Virginia, had a 3-yard run against Arizona State and played a series at Washington State.

**2007:** One of USC's most versatile players, Green served as a backup wide receiver and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2007. He also was available at quarterback. He appeared in all 13 games in 2007, but did not catch a pass or make a tackle. He did throw a 34-yard TD pass off a lateral against Illinois. He was **USC's Co-Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award** winner.

**2006:** Green began 2006, his first year at USC, as a freshman backup quarterback, but was moved to safety early in the season (he also continued to work some at quarterback late in the season). Overall in 2006 while appearing in 10 games (all but Arkansas and Nebraska), he had 1 tackle (against Oregon). He played mainly on special teams, as his only action at safety was briefly against Stanford and Oregon.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was a **2005 Prep Star All-American, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-Western, Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Southern Section first team, All-CIF Division III Offensive MVP and Los Angeles Daily News All-Area second team** selection as a senior quarterback and defensive back at Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks (Calif.). He hit 88-of-141 passes (62.4%) for 1,527 yards and 14 TDs and also rushed for 945 yards on 92 carries (10.3 avg.) with 8 scores in 2005 despite missing 3 early games with a thumb injury.

As a junior in 2004, he made **Student Sports Junior All-American, Cal-Hi Sports All-State third team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team, All-CIF Southern Section second team, All-CIF Division III, Los Angeles Times All-San Fernando Valley MVP, Los Angeles Daily News All-Area first team and All-League.** He was 112-of-168 passing (66.7%) for 1,850 yards with 15 TDs and just 3 interceptions and added 900 rushing yards on 94 carries (9.6 avg.) with 9 TDs in 2004 as Notre Dame won its second consecutive CIF Division III title.

He was named to the **2003 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomore, All-CIF Division III and All-League** squads as a sophomore.

He made **All-League** as a freshman in 2002. He was 38-2 as a starting quarterback (including 36 consecutive wins). Current Trojans Shane Horton and Wes Horton also prepped at Notre Dame.

He also ran track at Notre Dame, with bests of 14.44 in the 110-meter high hurdles and 38.18 in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

**PERSONAL:** He received his bachelor's degree in business administration in the spring of 2009 and is working on his master's degree in business and real estate development. He has a B+ average (3.50 GPA). He was named to the **2008 Pac-10 All-Academic second team and 2009 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention.** His cousin is former Purdue and USC quarterback Brandon Hance.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG			
2007 (So.)...	1	1	0	1.000	34	1	34			
	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	
2006 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	
2008 (Jr.)...	7	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3	
2009 (Sr.)...	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	
CAREER.....	20	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3	

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH GARRETT GREEN**

**2009**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
San Jose St.	2	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon St.	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford	4	0/0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	12	0/0	0	0

2008

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	0	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3
Washington	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Jr.)...	7	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3

2007

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Illinois (RB)	1	1	0	1.000	34	1	34
2007 (So.)...	1	1	0	1.000	34	1	34

2006

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
2006 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

**(93) EVERSON GRIFFEN—Defensive End, 6-3, 280, Jr./Jr., Avondale, AZ (Agua Fria HS)**

**2009:** The quick Griffen started 12 games at defensive end as a junior in 2009. He made the **2009 All-Pac-10 second team, Sporting News All-Pac-10 first team, Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 first team and Rivals.com All-Pac-10 second team.** Overall in 2009 while appearing in 12 games (all but Arizona State), he had 45 tackles, including 9.5 for losses (with a team-best 8 sacks), plus he had 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery and 1 deflection. He missed the Arizona State game with a sprained toe. He was sidelined early in the Boston College game with a sprained ankle.

He had 1 tackle against San Jose State, 6 tackles (with a sack) at Ohio State, 3 tackles (with a sack) against both Washington and Washington State and 4 tackles, including 1.5 for losses (with a sack), at California. Three of his 5 tackles at Notre Dame were sacks. He added 6 tackles (including 2 for losses, with a sack), plus 1 fumble recovery (to set up a USC TD) and a forced fumble, against Oregon State. He had 7 tackles at Oregon, 2 stops versus Stanford, 3 tackles and a deflection against UCLA, 4 tackles against Arizona and 1 stop against Boston College.

**2008:** Griffen was USC's pass rush specialist as a backup defensive end as a sophomore in 2008. Overall while appearing in 12 games in 2008 (all but Washington State) and starting the first 3 games (Virginia, Ohio State and Oregon State), he had 18 tackles, including 6 for losses of 43 yards (with 4.5 sacks for minus 39 yards). He had 3 tackles against Oregon State and California and 2 versus Virginia, Ohio State, Oregon and Stanford (1.5 for losses). He missed the Washington State game because he was sick.

**2007:** Griffen had an impressive showing as a first-year freshman backup defensive end in 2007, playing primarily in pass rushing situations. Overall in 2007 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 21 tackles, including 5.5 for losses of 30 yards (all were sacks), 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and 2 deflections. He even started 2 games (the Idaho opener and then Arizona State). He became the first USC true freshman to start an opener on the defensive line since Tim Ryan in 1986 against Illinois and the first true freshman to start on the defensive line since Shaun Cody did so in 2001 against Utah. He was named to the **2007 The Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, Football Writers Freshman All-American first team, Rivals.com Freshman All-American first team, Scout.com Freshman All-American first team and Collegefootballnews.com Freshman All-American second team,** plus was **The Sporting News Pac-10 Defensive Freshman of the Year and was an All-Pac-10 honorable mention pick.**

He had 2 tackles at Nebraska, 1 stop against Washington State, a sack and forced fumble against Arizona, a tackle and deflection at Notre Dame and 2 stops at Oregon. He then had 3.5 sacks among his 6 tackles (with a forced fumble) against Oregon State (it was the most sacks by a Trojan since Tim Ryan had 4 against UCLA in 1989) to earn **Rivals.com National Freshman of the Week** honors. He had a tackle at California, then 6 tackles (with a sack) and a fumble recovery to set up a USC touchdown at Arizona State. He added a tackle and deflection against Illinois.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** His 2006 honors included **Super Prep Player of the Year, Scout.com Player of the Year, Parade All-American, EA Sports All-American first team, Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Scout.com All-American, Lemming All-American, Super Prep Elite 50, Prep Star 100, Rivals.com 100, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Scout.com All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100 and Gatorade Arizona Player of the Year** as a senior at Agua Fria High in Avondale (Ariz.). He had 77 tackles, 16 sacks and a fumble recovery as a defensive end and ran for 1,251 yards on 159 carries (7.9 avg.) with 20 TDs and had 6 receptions with 2 TDs as a running back in 2006.

As a junior in 2005, he had 70 tackles, 6 sacks and 3 fumble recoveries, plus ran for 794 yards on 132 carries (6.1 avg.) with 10 TDs and had 168 receiving yards.

**PERSONAL:** He's a public policy, management and planning major at USC. His cousin is former Arizona State tailback Keegan Herring.

**EVERSON GRIFFEN ON:** His ability: **"Quickness is my strength. I can knock away offensive linemen's hands before they put them on me."**

Making sacks: **"I don't know how to explain it, because it's the greatest feeling in the world. When you're coming off the edge and the quarterback doesn't see you, it's like a free shot to heaven."**

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: **"He's now playing the best that he's ever played. He's utilizing his great speed and explosiveness. He looks to be a real factor...He's fast, really fast at getting to the quarterback."**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
<b>2007 (Fr.)...</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5.5/30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2008 (So.)...</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6/43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>9.5/54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CAREER.....</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>21/127</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

GAME-BY-GAME WITH EVERSON GRIFFEN

2009

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
San Jose St.*	1	0/0	0	0
Ohio State*	6	1/4	0	0
Washington*	3	1/11	0	0
Wash. St.*	3	1/5	0	0
California*	4	1.5/6	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	3/15	0	0
Oregon St.*	6	2/13	0	1
Oregon*	7	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	1	0
Arizona*	4	0/0	0	0
Bost. Col. (EB)*	1	0/0	0	0
2009 (Jr.)...	45	9.5/54	1	1

2008

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Virginia*	2	0/0	0	0
Ohio State*	2	1/1	0	0
Oregon St.*	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon	2	1/12	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0.5/4	0	0
Arizona	1	1/9	0	0
California	3	1/13	0	0
Stanford	2	1.5/4	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)	1	0/0	0	0
2008 (So.)...	18	6/43	0	0

2007

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Nebraska	2	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	1/5	0	0
Notre Dame	1	9/0	1	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0
Oregon St.	6	3.5/18	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	6	1/7	0	1
Illinois (RB)	1	0/0	1	0
2007 (Fr.)...	21	5.5/30	2	1

\*Starter

**(26) WILL HARRIS—Safety, 6-1, 210, Sr./Sr., Covina, CA (Charter Oak HS)**

**2009:** The veteran Harris, a part-time starter in 2008, started all of 2009 at strong safety as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 69 tackles, including 3.5 for losses, plus a team-best 4 interceptions (returned for 62 yards, with a touchdown), 4 deflections, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble. He made **2009 All-Pac-10 honorable mention and Rivals.com All-Pac-10 second team** and won the **USC Co-Lifter of the Year Award**. He missed the last half of 2009 spring practice to concentrate on his academics.

He had 2 tackles against San Jose State, 3 stops at Ohio State, 6 tackles and a deflection at Washington, 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against Washington State, 3 tackles and a deflection at California, 3 tackles at Notre Dame, and 7 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection against Oregon State. He had 10 tackles (1 for a loss) and recovered a fumble (to set up a USC TD) at Oregon, then had 5 tackles, 2 interceptions (he returned the first 55 yards for a TD and the second was on a Hail Mary pass in the end zone on the game's final play) and a deflection to earn **Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week** honors at Arizona State. He had a game-high 12 tackles against Stanford, 4 tackles, an interception (it led to a USC TD) and a forced fumble versus UCLA, 5 stops and an interception against Arizona and 5 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against Boston College.

**2008:** Harris served as a backup strong safety and key special teams player as a junior in 2008 and even stepped in as a starter when Kevin Ellison was injured, performing admirably. Overall in 2008 while appearing in all 13 games (starting against Washington, California, Stanford, Notre Dame and Penn State), he had 38 tackles, including 4.5 for losses of 17 yards, plus 3 deflections, a fumble recovery and 2 interceptions that he returned for 28 yards (14.0 avg.). As the starter, he had 6 tackles (2.5 for losses) and a deflection versus Washington, 5 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections against California, 6 tackles (0.5 for a loss) at Stanford, 1 stop against Notre Dame and 6 tackles (with 0.5 sack), a fumble recovery (to set up a USC TD) and an interception against Penn State. As a backup, he had 5 tackles at Oregon State, 4 versus Arizona State and 2 each against Oregon and Washington State (plus the interception, which set up a USC TD).

**2007:** Harris, whose early career at USC had been hampered by injuries, was a backup strong safety and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2007. Overall in 2007 while appearing in 10 games (all but Idaho, Oregon and California), he had 5 tackles. He had 2 at Arizona State and 1 each versus Nebraska, Washington State and Oregon State. He missed the Idaho opener after suffering a sprained left ankle in 2007 fall camp.

**2006:** Harris was set to serve as a backup free safety as a sophomore in 2006, but missed the 2006 campaign after tearing ligaments in his right knee while playing pickup basketball in May of 2006, which required surgery. He missed some of 2006 spring drills while recuperating from a 2005 knee injury.

**2005:** Harris, originally a safety, was moved to cornerback early in his 2005 first-year freshman season and saw limited action there as a reserve and on special teams, but his season was plagued by injuries. He missed USC's first 6 games because of an ankle sprain suffered in 2005 fall camp, then he sprained his right knee against Stanford and was sidelined the rest of the season. Overall in 2005 while appearing in 3 games (Washington, Washington State and Stanford), he made 1 tackle (versus Washington State).

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He made **2004 Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Tom Lemming All-American, Prep Star Top 100 Dream Team, Student Sports Top 100, Rivals 100, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Southern Section second team, All-CIF Division VI, Los Angeles Times All-Star, Los Angeles Times All-San Gabriel Valley Player of the Year and All-Miramonte League MVP** as a senior defensive back, wide receiver and quarterback at Charter Oak High in Covina (Calif.). He had 108 tackles, 6 interceptions (2 for TDs), 3 fumble recoveries and 3 forced fumbles on defense, while on offense he had 63 receptions for 640 yards (10.2 avg.) with 11 TDs, ran for 372 yards on 23 carries (16.2 avg.) with 4 scores and completed 5 passes for 100 yards and 2 TDs.

As a junior in 2003, he was a **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team, All-Valley and All-League first team** choice while getting 64 tackles, 7 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery, plus catching 22 passes for 400 yards (18.2 avg.) with 6 TDs.

He made **All-League** as a sophomore in 2002.

He also played basketball at Charter Oak, earning All-CIF and All-League MVP honors.

**PERSONAL:** He's an American studies and ethnicity major at USC.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
<b>2005 (Fr.)...</b>	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>2007 (So.)...</b>	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	38	4.5/17	3	1	2	28	14.0	0	28
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	69	3.5/5	4	1	4	62	15.5	1	55
<b>CAREER.....</b>	113	8/22	7	2	6	90	15.0	1	55

GAME-BY-GAME WITH WILL HARRIS

2009

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	6	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	4	1/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	3	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	7	1/1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	10	1/1	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	0/0	1	0	2	55	27.5	1	55
Stanford*	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3
Arizona*	5	0/0	0	0	1	4	4.0	0	4
Bost. Col. (EB)*	5	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	69	3.5/4	4	1	4	62	15.5	1	55

2008

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Oregon St.	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	2	0/0	0	0	1	28	28.0	0	28
Washington*	6	2.5/11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	5	1/1	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	6	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)	6	0.5/4	0	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Jr.)...	38	4.5/17	3	1	2	28	14.0	0	28

\*Starter

2007

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Nebraska	1	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon St.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	5	0/0	0	0

2005

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
2005 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

**(87) THOMAS HERRING—Tight End, 6-6, 330, Sr./Sr., Los Angeles, CA (Fremont HS)**

**2009:** Herring was set to serve as a reserve tight end as a senior in 2009 after being moved from offensive guard in spring practice of 2009, but an injury sidelined him all season. He missed 2009 spring drills while recovering from a torn Achilles tendon.

**2008:** Herring served as a reserve offensive right guard and played on special teams as a junior in 2008. He appeared briefly in 10 games (all but Arizona, Notre Dame and Penn State). He sprained his knee prior to the Arizona game and was sidelined for that contest. He tore his Achilles tendon prior to the Penn State game and had surgery.

**2007:** Herring was switched to offensive guard from offensive tackle in the spring of 2007 and was available at either position as a sophomore in 2007. He appeared in USC's first 7 games as a backup and on special teams, but he dislocated his kneecap prior to the Oregon game and was sidelined the rest of the season.

**2006:** Herring served as a backup right offensive tackle as a redshirt freshman in 2006, but only saw brief action in 1 game (Michigan).

**2005:** Herring redshirted as a freshman offensive tackle in 2005, his first year at USC. He was sidelined all season after suffering torn ligaments in his knee in the summer of 2005.

**2004:** Herring originally signed with USC in 2004, but did not qualify for admission, so he sat out the 2004 season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was named a **2003 Parade All-American, Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Insiders.com All-American, Prep Star Top 100 Dream Team, Tom Lemming Top 100, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-L.A. City first team, Los Angeles Times All-Star, Los Angeles Times All-Central City Lineman of the Year** selection as a senior two-way tackle and tight end at Fremont High in Los Angeles (Calif.).

As a junior in 2002, he made the **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team, All-L.A. City, Los Angeles Times All-Central City and All-League** squads as he had 17 receptions (including a 65-yard TD) on offense and 50 tackles with 8 sacks on defense.

He also played basketball at Fremont.

He spent his 2000 freshman season at Monrovia (Calif.) High.

**PERSONAL:** He's a sociology major at USC.

**(76) NICK HOWELL—Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 290, Sr.\*/Sr., Fresno, CA (Bullard HS)**

**2009:** The versatile and experienced Howell, who has worked at every offensive line position, served as a backup at right offensive guard as a senior in 2009, but played primarily on special teams. Overall in 2009, he appeared in 9 games (all but San Jose State, Ohio State, Washington, Oregon State). He sprained his left ankle in 2009 fall camp and that sidelined him for the San Jose State game.

**2008:** Howell started 6 games (Washington State, Arizona, Washington, California, Stanford and Notre Dame) at right offensive tackle as a junior in 2008. He appeared in USC's first 5 games (Virginia, Ohio State, Oregon State, Oregon and Arizona State) and the season-ending Penn State contest as a backup. He also played on some special teams. He sprained his right ankle versus Notre Dame and missed the UCLA game.

**2007:** Howell, who served as a backup at offensive guard and center as a sophomore in 2007, missed USC's first 6 games while recovering from a sports hernia suffered in 2007 fall camp. He played briefly at Notre Dame in his only action in 2007.

**2006:** Howell served as a backup center as a redshirt freshman in 2006 (he also was available to play offensive tackle). He appeared in all 13 games in 2006, primarily on special teams. He saw brief action at center in 4 contests (Arkansas, Stanford, Oregon, Michigan).

**2005:** Howell redshirted as a freshman offensive tackle in 2005, his first year at USC.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He earned **2004 Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Tom Lemming All-West, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, Fresno Bee All-Star and All-League** notice as a senior two-way lineman at Bullard High in Fresno (Calif.).

He also played volleyball at Bullard. Current Trojan Anthony McCoy also prepped at Bullard.

**PERSONAL:** He's an American studies and ethnicity major at USC. His father, Pat Howell, was an All-American offensive guard at USC in 1978 when the Trojans won the national championship and he then played in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons (1979-83) and Houston Oilers (1983-85).

**NICK HOWELL ON:** His father: **"There is a lot to live up to, but I try not to think about it. I am playing my own position and having my own career...He gives me a lot of guidance so we talk almost every night about what's going on, what I am going up against and what I need to do to stay focused. Some of the best advice he has given me is to finish, work hard and the more work I do the more it may pay off."**

**(13) STAFON JOHNSON—Tailback, 5-11, 210, Sr./Sr., Bellflower, CA (Dorsey HS)**

**CAREER:** He has 1,552 career rushing yards (32<sup>nd</sup> on USC's career list) and 5 career 100-yard games. He has 19 career rushing touchdowns.

**2009:** The consistent and productive Johnson, a dependable runner who is especially effective running up the middle, began his 2009 senior season as a main contributor in the tailback rotation. But prior to USC's fifth game (at California), he suffered a serious throat injury in a freak weightlifting accident (he crushed his larynx). He underwent extensive surgery that required a tracheotomy, plus a feeding tube down his throat and then a stomach feeding bag, and he was hospitalized several weeks. The injury sidelined him the rest of the season, but he made a near-miraculous recovery to the point where he can speak and swallow again (the tracheotomy tube and stomach feeding bag were removed), and he is training to play football again. His plight drew national attention and support and his recovery proved inspirational to many.

Overall in 2009 while appearing in USC's first 4 games (he started at Ohio State), he ran for 157 yards on 32 carries (4.9 avg.) with 5 TDs, had a 2-yard reception and returned 3 kickoffs for 39 yards (13.0 avg.). He was often used in short-yardage and goal line situations. He won **USC's Most Inspirational Player Award**. He was a **Senior Bowl invitee**.

He rushed for 27 yards (with 2 short TDs) on 6 carries against San Jose State. At Ohio State, he added 50 yards on 11 rushes and 2 short TDs (including the game-winner with 1:05 to play) plus he had a 16-yard kickoff return and a 2-yard catch. He gained 64 yards on 10 carries and returned 2 kickoffs for 23 yards at Washington. He had 16 yards on 5 carries (with a 6-yard score) against Washington State.

**2008:** Johnson was a key component in USC's primary tailback rotation and also was the team's top punt returner as a junior in 2008. Overall in 2008 while appearing in all 13 games (he started versus Penn State), he rushed for 705 yards (tops on USC) on 138 carries (5.1 avg.) with 9 TDs, plus he had 7 receptions for 48 yards (6.9 avg.) and 33 punt returns for 305 yards (9.2 avg.).

He had 29 yards on 9 rushes with a 2-yard TD at Virginia, then added 23 yards on 4 carries versus Ohio State and 48 yards on 7 carries at Oregon State. He had 43 yards on 7 rushes, with an amazing 22-yard zig-zagging TD run (he also had 19 yards on 3 punt returns), against Oregon. He then had 17 yards on 9 carries with a TD (along with 7 yards on 2 punt returns) versus Arizona State, followed by 112 yards on 11 rushes at Washington State (he also returned 5 punts for 52 yards). He had 184 all-purpose yards at Arizona (83 on 19 rushes with a TD, 88 on 3 punt returns, including a 54-yarder to set up a field goal, and 13 on 3 receptions) and he also made a key block on a blitzing Wildcat on the Trojans' decisive scoring pass play. He added 113 all-purpose yards (40 on 8 rushes with a 1-yard TD, 21 on 2 receptions and 52 on 4 punt returns) against Washington, then ran for 60 yards on 14 carries and had 4 punt returns for 23 yards against California. He ran for a game-high 115 yards on 14 carries with 2 TDs (7 and 3 yards) at Stanford and had 2 punt returns for 1 yard. He had 26 yards on 5 attempts, caught a 9-yard pass and returned 4 punts for 18 yards against Notre Dame, then added 47 yards on 16 carries (with a 2-yard TD) and returned 5 punts for 43 yards at UCLA. He had a team-best 63 yards on 15 carries versus Penn State, and also had a 5-yard reception and 2-yard punt return.

**2007:** Johnson showed great promise as an often-used backup tailback as a sophomore in 2007. Overall in 2007 while appearing in 11 games (all but Stanford and Arizona), he ran for 673 yards (second on USC) on 98 carries (6.9 avg.) with 5 touchdowns and caught 4 passes for 15 yards (3.8 avg.). He bruised his left foot against Washington and missed the Stanford and Arizona games. He had surgery on a dislocating left shoulder prior to 2007 spring practice and was sidelined for spring drills.

He had 64 yards on 12 carries with a pair of short TD runs and also had a 7-yard catch against Idaho. He ran for a career-best 144 yards on just 11 carries (with a 7-yard TD)—the most rushing yards by a Trojan since Reggie Bush had 260 versus UCLA in 2005—at Nebraska to earn **Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. He added 48 yards on 9 carries against Washington State. At Washington, he had a game-high 122 yards on 14 carries with an 8-yard TD and also caught a 5-yard pass. After a 2-game layoff because of injury, he returned for the Notre Dame game and had 47 yards on 8 attempts, then had 9 yards on 3 carries and a 9-yard reception at Oregon. He added 37 yards on 6 carries against Oregon State and 9 yards on 7 carries (including a 3-yard TD run for the game's decisive points) at California. He rushed for 16 yards on 4 carries at Arizona State, then added 73 yards on 15 carries against UCLA. He ran for 104 yards on 9 carries against Illinois.

**2006:** Johnson was a reserve tailback as a freshman in 2006, his first year at USC. Overall in 2006 while appearing briefly in 3 games (Washington State, Stanford, Oregon), he ran for 17 yards on 3 carries (5.7 avg.), with all the yards coming at Stanford.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was named a **2005 Parade All-American, Super Prep Elite 50, Prep Star Dream Team, ESPN 150, Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, USA Today All-USA second team, EA Sports All-American second team, U.S. Army All-American Game participant, Super Prep All-Farwest Offensive MVP, Prep Star All-Western, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Orange County Register Feb 15 first team, Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-L.A. City Co-MVP and Los Angeles Times All-Star** honoree as a senior running back and defensive back at Dorsey High in Los Angeles (Calif.). He ran for 2,197 yards on 247 carries (8.9 avg.) with 22 TDs in 2005.

As a junior in 2004, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State third team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team, All-L.A. City MVP, Los Angeles Times All-Star and Los Angeles Times All-Central City MVP**. He rushed for 1,879 yards (8.6 avg.) with 18 TDs and posted 25 tackles and 3 interceptions in 2004.

He was a **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass third team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomore, All-L.A. City and Los Angeles Times All-Central City** selection as a sophomore in 2003 when he ran for 1,701 yards and 18 TDs.

In his 4-year career, he set the L.A. City rushing record with 5,777 yards and 58 TDs.

He also ran track (with a best of 10.7 in the 100 meters) at Dorsey, where his father, Stan Johnson, was a long-time assistant track coach.

**PERSONAL:** He's a sociology major at USC. His cousin is current Trojan Travon Patterson. He has a 1-year-old son, Stafon Jr.

**STAFON JOHNSON ON:** His ability: "I can get you with power or speed, or a mixture of both. Vision is my biggest asset. Whatever you want, I can get it for you."

USC's tailback depth: "Having so many people just as good as you makes the competition be at a high level and it helps you work hard every day. When you don't have that, you have a tendency to lie back because you know you have the position. Here, during the time you slack off, another guy can step in. You always have that in the back of your mind and it helps you as a player."

His limited playing time as a freshman in 2006: "I just didn't give my best in 2006. I just knew I was better than that...Unfortunately, I didn't come into camp and do as much as I could. I just wasn't being consistent, wasn't living up to expectations day in and day out. That's what got me in the predicament I was in. In college, you have to come prepared every day...It was very humbling. I just had to keep pressing forward, taking care of things I could take care of. You can't take care of playing time unless you make sure you do everything you can do...One thing I was brought up on was never giving up. Just make sure you push it every day and eventually things will come to pass. You just don't give up, because the time you give up might be the time things open up. You keep pressing forward...This is my town, my city, my friends. I wasn't going to leave them. Whatever I did, I wanted to do it here...That whole year of maturity and growing up helped me a lot. Being that I didn't play, it brought me back down to reality to the point where I had to know what to do. I had to look at myself in the mirror and look at what I did wrong that stopped me from doing the things I wanted to do. I knew I was capable of doing some things, it was just whether I could do them on a consistent basis."

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: "He's a very good all-around football player. He's got a lot of natural instincts to him. He can do a lot of stuff. And he's way more confident now and is working more consistently...He's really effective in traffic...He's really difficult to tackle, he's got great sense and great balance and he runs tough. And he hangs onto the ball really well."

USC running backs coach Todd McNair: "He has grown up a tremendous amount. A lot of people would have run after what happened to him in 2006. They would have been embarrassed being in their hometown. But it says a lot about Stafon's character. He saw the bullet, looked at it in the eye and attacked it. And it's paid off for him."

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2006 (Fr.)...	3	17	5.7	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	98	673	6.9	5	63	4	15	3.8	0	9
2008 (Jr.)...	138	705	5.1	9	43	7	48	6.9	0	12
2009 (Sr.)...	32	157	4.9	5	29	1	2	2.0	0	2
CAREER.....	271	1552	5.7	19	63	12	65	5.4	0	12

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2008 (Jr.)...	33	305	9.2	0	54	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	39	13.0	0	0
CAREER.....	33	305	9.2	0	54	3	39	13.0	0	0

#### GAME-BY-GAME WITH STAFON JOHNSON

##### 2009

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.	6	27	4.5	2	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State*	11	50	4.5	2	29	1	2	2.0	0	2
Washington	10	64	6.4	0	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	5	16	3.2	1	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	32	157	4.9	5	29	1	2	2.0	0	2

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ohio State*	1	16	16.0	0	16
Washington	2	23	11.5	0	16
2009 (Sr.)...	3	39	13.0	0	0

\*Starter

## 2008

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	9	28	3.1	1	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State	4	23	5.8	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.	7	48	6.9	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	7	43	6.1	1	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	9	17	1.9	1	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	11	112	10.2	0	41	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	19	83	4.4	1	9	3	13	4.3	0	5
Washington	8	40	5.0	1	18	2	21	10.5	0	12
California	14	60	4.3	0	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	14	115	8.2	2	43	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	5	26	5.2	1	12	1	9	9.0	0	9
UCLA	16	47	2.9	1	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)*	15	63	4.2	0	13	1	5	5.0	0	5
2008 (Jr.)...	138	705	5.1	9	43	7	48	6.9	0	12

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Oregon	3	19	6.3	0	18
Arizona St.	2	7	3.5	0	4
Wash. St.	5	52	26.0	0	20
Arizona	3	88	29.3	0	54
Washington	4	52	13.0	0	25
California	4	23	5.8	0	10
Stanford	2	1	0.5	0	1
Notre Dame	4	18	4.5	0	10
UCLA	5	43	8.6	0	16
Penn St. (RB)*	1	2	2.0	0	2
2008 (Jr.)...	33	305	9.2	0	54

## 2007

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho	12	64	5.3	2	16	1	7	7.0	0	7
Nebraska	11	144	13.1	1	32	1	-6	-6.0	0	-6
Wash. St.	9	48	5.3	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	14	122	8.7	1	45	1	5	5.0	0	5
Notre Dame	8	47	5.9	0	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	3	9	3.0	0	6	1	9	9.0	0	9
Oregon St.	6	37	6.2	0	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	7	9	1.3	1	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	4	16	4.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	15	73	4.9	0	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Illinois (RB)	9	104	11.6	0	63	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	98	673	6.9	5	63	4	15	3.8	0	9

## 2006

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Stanford	3	17	5.7	0	8
2006 (Fr.)...	3	17	5.7	0	8

**(2) TAYLOR MAYS—Safety, 6-3, 235, Sr./Sr., Seattle, WA (O’Dea HS)**

**CAREER:** In his career, Mays had 276 tackles and 5 interceptions.

**2009:** The hard-hitting, athletically-gifted (4.25 in the 40, 41-inch vertical, 425-pound bench press) Mays, a 3-time All-American first teamer, started for his fourth season as free safety as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while starting 12 games (he missed the Washington game because of a sprained right knee suffered at Ohio State), he had a team-best 96 tackles along with 1 interception, 1 fumble recovery and 3 deflections. He was just the fifth defensive back (and the first since Troy Polamalu in 2001) to lead USC in tackles in a season since records were kept in 1954. His 96 tackles were the most by a Trojan since linebacker Lofa Tatupu’s 104 in 2004.

He made the **2009 Walter Camp All-American first team and CollegeFootballNews.com All-American first team**, becoming just the fourth Trojan to be a 3-time All-American first teamer (joining linebacker Richard Wood in 1972-74, quarterback Matt Leinart in 2003-05 and offensive tackle Sam Baker in 2005-07). He was a **semifinalist for the 2009 Thorpe Award, Bednarik Award and Lott Trophy**. He also made the **2009 AP All-American second team, Sporting News All-American second team, Rivals.com All-American third team, SI.com All-American honorable mention and Pro Football Weekly All-American honorable mention**. He made the **2009 All-Pac-10 first team (for the second consecutive year), ESPN.com All-Pac-10 first team, Sporting News All-Pac-10 first team, CollegeFootballNews.com All-Pac-10 first team, Phil Steele’s All-Pac-10 first team and Rivals.com All-Pac-10 second team**. He won **USC’s Co-Lifter of the Year Award and Jack Oakie “Rise and Shine” Award (biggest hit)**. He was a **Senior Bowl invitee**.

He had 6 tackles against San Jose State, then led USC with 8 tackles at Ohio State (despite spraining his knee in the first half) to earn **U.S. Army All-American Bowl College Player of the Week** honors. He had 4 tackles against Washington State, then he led USC with 10 tackles at California and intercepted a pass in the end zone on the Bears’ opening drive (leading to a USC TD) to earn **Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week and Lott Trophy IMPACT Player of the Week** honors. He had a team-high 10 tackles at Notre Dame, 11 tackles against Oregon State, 8 tackles at Oregon and 5 tackles at Arizona State. He had 11 tackles, a fumble recovery (to set up a USC TD) and a deflection against Stanford, then had 9 tackles against UCLA, 9 tackles and 2 deflections against Arizona and 5 tackles against Boston College.

**2008:** Mays started for his third season at free safety as a junior in 2008 and had a highly-decorated season. Overall in 2008 while starting all 13 games, he had 53 tackles, including 2 for losses of 7 yards, and a team-high 9 deflections. He was named a **2008 consensus All-American first teamer (AP, Football Writers, Walter Camp, Sporting News, ESPN.com, SI.com, CBSSports.com, Phil Steele’s, Pro Football Weekly, Collegefootballnews.com) and All-American second teamer (Rivals.com), was among 3 finalists for the 2008 Thorpe Award, made the 2008 All-Pac-10 first team and both Collegefootballnews.com and Phil Steele’s All-Pac-10 first teams, and won USC’s Bob Chandler Award**. He had arthroscopic surgery on his ankle prior to 2008 spring practice. He was named to the **2008 Playboy Pre-Season All-American team**.

He had a game-high 6 tackles (1.5 for losses) and a deflection at Virginia, added 8 stops against Ohio State and 6 tackles against both Oregon State and Oregon. He then had 2 tackles against Arizona State, 2 stops (0.5 for a loss at Washington State, 4 tackles at Arizona and 3 tackles and a deflection against Washington. He had 5 tackles and 4 deflections versus California to earn **Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week** honors. He added 5 tackles at Stanford, 2 stops against Notre Dame and a tackle and deflection at UCLA. He added 4 tackles and a deflection versus Penn State.

**2007:** After a decorated freshman season in 2006, Mays returned for his second season as the starting free safety as a sophomore in 2007 and continued his stellar play. Overall in 2007 while starting all 13 games, he had 65 tackles (third on USC), 1 interception, 6 deflections, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble. He was named a **2007 The Sporting News All-American first team, SI.com All-American second team, AP All-American third team, Jewish Sports Review All-American, Collegefootballnews.com Sophomore All-American second team, All-Pac-10 honorable mention and Rivals.com All-Pac-10 first team pick**.

He had 5 tackles versus Idaho, 6 stops and a deflection at Nebraska, 3 tackles against Washington State and 2 tackles at Washington. He added 2 tackles, 2 deflections and an interception (to set up an USC TD) against Stanford. He had 4 tackles and forced a fumble against Arizona, then had 5 stops at Notre Dame, a career-best 12 tackles at Oregon, 6 tackles against Oregon State and 10 tackles and 3 deflections (both team highs) at California. He had 4 tackles at Arizona State and 3 stops and a fumble recovery against UCLA. He had 3 tackles against Illinois.

**2006:** Just a first-year freshman, Mays took over the free safety job in 2006 after Josh Pinkard suffered a season-ending injury in the opener and he ended up starting USC’s final 12 games. Overall in 2006 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 62 tackles, a team-best 3 interceptions that he returned 40 yards (13.3 avg.) and 3 deflections. He made the **2006 The Sporting News All-American second team, Collegefootballnews.com Defensive Freshman of the Year, The Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, Rivals.com Freshman All-American first team, Scout.com Freshman All-American first team and Rivals.com All-Pac-10 second team** and was named **Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year, The Sporting News Pac-10 Defensive Freshman of the Year and Rivals.com Pac-10 Freshman of the Year**.

After getting 2 tackles at Arkansas, he had 5 tackles against Nebraska while starting for the first time at free safety. He then had 3 tackles at Arizona, 4 tackles, a deflection and an interception near the goal line on the game’s last play at Washington State, 8 stops with a deflection against Washington and a tackle versus Arizona State. He made a game-best 11 tackles (with a deflection) at Oregon State, added 4 stops at Stanford, had 4 tackles and returned an interception 38 yards against Oregon and 6 tackles and an interception against California. He had 7 tackles against Notre Dame, 3 at UCLA and 4 versus Michigan.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was named a **2005 Parade All-American** (he was the defensive back MVP), **USA Today All-USA first team**, **EA Sports All-American first team**, **Super Prep Elite 50**, **Prep Star Dream Team**, **ESPN 150**, **Super Prep All-American**, **Prep Star All-American**, **U.S. Army All-American Game participant**, **Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year**, **Super Prep All-Farwest**, **Prep Star All-Western**, **Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team**, **Orange County Register Fab 15 first team**, **Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100**, **Tacoma News Tribune Northwest Nugget**, **Gatorade Washington Player of the Year**, **All-State first team** and **All-Metro League Mountain Division Offensive MVP and Defensive Co-MVP** pick as a senior defensive back, wide receiver and quarterback at O'Dea High in Seattle, Wash. He had 166 tackles, 5 interceptions returned for 98 yards (19.6 avg.) and 5 deflections in 2005, plus caught 36 passes for 765 yards (21.3 avg.) with 15 TDs and rushed for 3 more scores.

As a junior in 2004, he made **Student Sports Junior All-American** while posting 89 tackles, 5 interceptions and 5 deflections, catching 25 passes for 614 yards (20.6 avg.) with 7 TDs and returning 12 punts for 392 yards (32.7 avg.) with 3 TDs.

He also ran track (best of 10.88 in the 100 meters) at O'Dea, where he was a 2-time (2004-05) state 3A champion in the 100 and 200 meters.

**PERSONAL:** He's a sociology major at USC. His father, Stafford Mays, was a defensive lineman at Washington in 1978 and 1979 who then played in the NFL with the St. Louis Cardinals (1980-86) and Minnesota Vikings (1987-88 when current USC head coach Pete Carroll was an assistant coach there).

**TAYLOR MAYS ON:** His game: **"I'm able to cover a lot of ground. I'm able to get to the ball no matter where it is on the field. I've developed a great understanding of what the offense likes to do, so I'm able to react before the play has even happened."**

Playing safety at USC: **"This is a great system for a safety, because I can be a hybrid linebacker/cornerback. And because the coaches really give us the freedom to attack and go make plays."**

His decision to return to USC in 2009: **"I felt like I had more to prove in college football and I wanted one more chance to win a national championship...There are a lot more things I want to accomplish as a player, a student and a person, things that I've dreamed about for a long time and that are big goals to me. Returning to USC will help me be the best player I can be and put me in the best position possible for the next level. It came down to whether I felt I was ready physically and mentally. I feel there are some more things in my game that I can improve upon, things that would help me take the next step. I didn't want to sell myself short. Plus, I want to be here for my teammates and provide an example to them as a leader and a player. I love the camaraderie here and the atmosphere. USC is a special place. From all the players I've talked to in the NFL, they say it's a whole different world up there. They enjoyed college more than the NFL. I want to enjoy my last year of fun before it turns into a business. I'm also on track to graduate this fall and I know that's a big deal to my parents...I realized how much I like college. I won't be able to do these things once I'm in the NFL. College is fun for me...I knew my decision would cost me a million dollars right now, but I thought it would be best for me. I think in 10 or 20 years, I'll look back and think I made the right decision."**

The advice he received from his father: **"He retired in 1989, so it wasn't like I ran around NFL practice fields when I was young. But he gave me a lot of insight. He could tell me about things because he went through them."**

His bar mitzvah: **"I don't think at the time I really understood what it meant. Now, looking back on it, I feel like I have come a long way in regards to maturity and becoming an adult. I think it helped me do that."**

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: **"He's a high achiever, driven, all of the positive things. He wants to be great and he's willing to do what it takes to be great. He doesn't just talk about it, he does it...We were obviously delighted to learn of Taylor's decision to return for the 2009 season. He and his family did a lot of research and made an educated decision. He embodies all the virtues of staying. He wanted to do this not only to improve as a player, but he came back for his team, for his school and for the fans. We're looking forward to Taylor having another outstanding season in 2009 and furthering his standing as a player and a person. He's one of the most gifted safeties to ever play at USC and he wanted to come back and do it one more time...Teams do not go deep on us because of him. He doesn't give up the deep ball. That might not mean he's making a flashy tackle, but he influences the game quite a bit. Every team we play respects him and what he's doing for us."**

Former USC safety Kevin Ellison: **"He's a great athlete, but people don't give him enough credit for how smart he is about football. He studies the game. He works hard. He wants to be great. He's going to do his job. You can count on Taylor to take care of his responsibility."**

USC strength and conditioning coach Chris Carlisle: **"Have I ever seen anyone that big move that fast? Maybe when I walked by the cheetah cage at the wildlife park."**

Arizona State head coach Dennis Erickson: **"Taylor Mays is the best safety in football. He's very physical."**

UCLA head coach Rick Neuheisel: **"Taylor is the unblocked tackler. Because of their defense's structure, it's hard to get a body on him. So he comes down and becomes that extra guy at the point of attack who makes a lot of plays around the line of scrimmage. His impact is more felt in the run game. Taylor is more of a downhill player, although he plays centerfield very well. He can do both, which makes him unique. He's Steve Atwater but he can also play centerfield."**

Ted Miller, ESPN.com: **"Mays means no explosion plays in the opponents' passing game. He does not get beat deep. He means any receiver going over the middle is paddling his kayak toward Niagara Falls."**

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2006 (Fr.)...	62	0/0	3	0	3	40	13.3	0	38
2007 (So.)...	65	0/0	6	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Jr.)...	53	2/7	9	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	96	0/0	3	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	276	2/7	21	2	5	40	8.0	0	38

### GAME-BY-GAME WITH TAYLOR MAYS

#### 2009

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	10	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	10	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	11	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	11	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	9	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	9	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Col. (EB)*	5	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	96	0/0	3	1	1	0	0.0	0	0

#### 2008

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Virginia*	6	1.5/3	1	0
Ohio State*	7	0/0	0	0
Oregon St.*	6	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	6	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	1	0
Wash. St.*	2	0.5/4	0	0
Arizona*	4	0/0	0	0
Washington*	3	0/0	1	0
California*	5	0/0	4	0
Stanford*	5	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	1	0/0	1	0
Penn St. (RB)*	4	0/0	1	0
2008 (Jr.)...	53	2/7	9	0

#### 2007

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Nebraska*	6	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	2	0/0	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	10	0/0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Illinois (RB)*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007 (So.)...	65	0/0	6	1	1	0	0.0	0	0

## 2006

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Arkansas	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Nebraska*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	4	0/0	1	0	1	2	2.0	0	2
Washington*	8	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	11	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	4	0/0	0	0	1	38	38.0	0	38
California*	6	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	7	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Michigan (RB)*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006 (Fr.)...	62	0/0	3	0	3	40	13.3	0	38

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**(86) ANTHONY McCoy—Tight End, 6-5, 250, Sr./Sr., Fresno, CA (Bullard HS)**

**2009:** McCoy, an effective blocker and a pass catching threat, started for his second season at tight end as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in 10 games (all but Oregon and Arizona State, both of which he missed after spraining his right ankle against Oregon State, and Boston College, when he was academically ineligible), he caught 22 passes for 457 yards (20.8 avg.) with 1 TD and made 1 tackle. He started 9 games (all but Oregon, Arizona State, Stanford, Boston College). Only 4 receivers among the nation's top 100 pass catchers had a better per catch average than his 20.8. He was a **semifinalist for the 2009 Mackey Award and made All-Pac-10 honorable mention, Rivals.com All-Pac-10 second team and Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 second team.** He was a **Senior Bowl invitee.**

He had 3 catches for 64 yards against San Jose State, then 2 catches for 45 yards at Ohio State, including a key 26-yarder during USC's late game-winning drive. He had an 11-yard catch at Washington, a 40-yarder against Washington State and 2 receptions for 37 yards at California (he added a tackle). He set the USC single game record for receiving yards by a tight end when he had 153 on a team-best 5 catches at Notre Dame to earn **John Mackey National Tight End of the Week honors and USC's Player of the Game versus Notre Dame Award.** He had 2 receptions for 25 yards (including an 8-yard TD) against Oregon State. Upon his return from injury, he had a 7-yard catch against Stanford, caught 3 passes for 61 yards against UCLA and had 2 receptions for 14 yards against Arizona.

**2008:** McCoy started all season at tight end as a junior in 2008. Overall in 2008 while appearing in 13 games, he had 22 receptions for 256 yards (111.6 avg.) with a TD. He made **2008 All-Pac-10 honorable mention.**

He had 2 catches for 21 yards at Virginia, then had a 5-yard reception at Oregon State. He added a 10-yard catch against Arizona State, then caught a 21-yard TD pass at Washington State, making a nice spin move and escaping 2 tacklers to score. He caught 2 passes for 22 yards at Arizona and also picked up a fumble late in the fourth quarter deep in USC territory and advanced it 23 yards. He caught 4 passes for 53 yards versus California, had 2 receptions for 26 yards against Notre Dame and had 4 catches for 50 yards at UCLA. He made 5 catches for 48 yards versus Penn State.

**2007:** McCoy was a backup tight end and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2007. Overall in 2007 while appearing in all 13 games, he caught 2 passes for 18 yards (9.0 avg.) with a touchdown. He had a 2-yard TD reception at Nebraska and hauled in a 16-yard pass against Washington State. He sat out most of 2007 spring practice with an ankle sprain.

**2006:** McCoy saw brief action in 3 early games (Arkansas, Arizona, Arizona State) and then against Michigan in the Rose Bowl as a backup tight end as a freshman in 2006, his first year at USC, but did not catch a pass. He strained his hamstring prior to the Oregon State game and was sidelined for the rest of the regular season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He made **2005 Super Prep All-American, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-Western, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention, Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team and Fresno Bee All-Area first team** as a senior wide receiver, tight end and defensive lineman at Bullard High in Fresno (Calif.). He had 70 receptions for 1,210 yards (17.3 avg.) and 15 TDs and made 65 tackles, 14 sacks, 13 tackles for loss and 15 deflections in 2005.

As a junior in 2004, he was a **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass second team and All-League honoree** while catching 54 passes for 850 yards (15.7 avg.) with 7 TDs and getting 10 sacks. Current Trojan Nick Howell also prepped at Bullard.

He also was an All-League basketball player at Bullard.

**PERSONAL:** He's a public policy, management and planning major at USC.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
<b>2007 (So.)...</b>	2	18	9.0	1	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	22	256	11.6	1	26	0	23#	0.0	0	23
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	22	457	20.8	1	60	1	2	2.0	0	2
<b>CAREER.....</b>	46	731	15.9	3	60	1	25	25.0	0	23

#Yards gained with recovered fumble

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ANTHONY McCOY

2009

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	3	64	21.3	0	44
Ohio State*	2	45	22.5	0	26
Washington*	1	11	11.0	0	11
Wash. St.*	1	40	40.0	0	40
California*	2	37	18.5	0	31
Notre Dame*	5	153	30.6	0	60
Oregon St.*	2	25	12.5	1	17
Stanford	1	7	7.0	0	7
UCLA*	3	61	20.3	0	28
Arizona*	2	14	7.0	0	12
2009 (Sr.)...	22	457	20.8	1	60

2008

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia*	2	21	10.5	0	11
Oregon St.*	1	5	5.0	0	5
Arizona St.*	1	10	10.0	0	10
Wash. St.*	1	21	21.0	1	21
Arizona*	2	22	11.0	0	19
California*	4	53	13.3	0	20
Notre Dame*	2	26	13.0	0	17
UCLA*	4	50	12.5	0	20
Penn St. (RB)*	5	48	9.6	0	26
2008 (Jr.)...	22	256	11.6	1	26
*Starter					

2007

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Nebraska	1	2	2.0	1	2
Wash. St.	1	16	16.0	0	16
2007 (So.)...	2	18	9.0	1	16

#### (4) JOE McKNIGHT—Tailback, 6-0, 190, Jr./Jr., River Ridge, LA (John Curtis HS)

**CAREER:** He has 2,213 career rushing yards to rank 14<sup>th</sup> on USC's career list and 7 career 100-yard rushing games. He has 14 career games with at least 100 all-purpose yards. He has 66 career receptions.

**2009:** The exciting, elusive and versatile McKnight was a threat both running and receiving from the tailback position and as a returner as a junior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in 12 games (all but Boston College, when he was held out by USC's NCAA compliance office) and starting all but the Ohio State and Boston College games, he rushed for a team-best 1,014 yards on 164 carries (6.2 avg.) with 8 TDs, caught 22 passes for 146 yards (6.6 avg.), returned 4 punts for 41 yards (10.2 avg.) and 2 kickoffs for 50 yards (25.0 avg.) and had a tackle. With 1,014 yards in 2009 (26<sup>th</sup> on USC's season rushing list), he is USC's 26<sup>th</sup> 1,000-yard rusher in a season. He had 4 games with 100 rushing yards and 6 games with 100 all-purpose yards in 2009. He made **2009 Pro Football Weekly All-American honorable mention, All-Pac-10 honorable mention and Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 third team**. He missed some of 2009 spring practice while recuperating from a 2008 toe injury.

He had 184 all-purpose yards as he ran for 145 yards on 14 carries with 2 TDs (6 yards and then an amazing 54-yard zigzag), caught a 21-yard pass and returned a punt 18 yards against San Jose State. He had 105 all-purpose yards (a game-high 60 on 16 carries and 45 on 2 receptions) at Ohio State and he came up huge on USC's late 86-yard game-winning drive (32 rushing yards, 21 receiving yards and a 2-point conversion catch) to earn **Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. At Washington, he ran for 100 yards on 11 carries with a 7-yard TD and also had 3 catches for 6 yards and returned 2 kickoffs for 50 yards. He added 49 yards on 6 tries (with a 3-yard TD) and caught 2 passes for 9 yards against Washington State. He had a game-best 119 yards on 20 carries with 2 touchdowns (38 and 4 yards) and added 3 catches for 12 yards at California. He had a game-best 79 yards on 19 carries with a short TD, along with an 8-yard reception, at Notre Dame. He added 65 yards on 11 carries against Oregon State, then had 95 yards on 15 carries and also caught 3 passes for 23 yards at Oregon. He had a game-best 78 yards on 15 carries, plus caught 2 passes for 3 yards and returned a punt 10 yards, at Arizona State. He rushed for 142 yards with a 28-yard TD (he also had a 51-yard run) on 16 carries and caught 3 passes for 11 yards against Stanford. He gained 47 yards on 12 rushes (plus a catch for -4 yards and an 11-yard punt return) versus UCLA, then added 35 yards on 9 carries and also had a 12-yard catch and 2-yard punt return against Arizona.

**2008:** McKnight was used in a variety of ways while being a key component in USC's tailback rotation as a sophomore in 2008. He also again spent some time returning punts. Overall in 2008 while appearing in 11 games (all but Washington State and Washington) and starting the Oregon State game, he had 659 yards on 89 carries (7.4 avg.) with 2 TDs, plus he had 21 receptions for 193 yards (9.2 avg.) with 1 TD and 9 punt returns for 53 yards (5.9 avg.). His 7.4 average per carry in 2008 was fourth best in the nation. He had 5 games with at least 100 all-purpose yards and 2 games with 100-plus rushing yards in 2008. He missed the Washington State game with a sprained toe, then reinjured the toe prior to the Washington game and missed that contest. He also had to endure a chipped finger and a hyperextended elbow suffered in 2008 fall camp. He made **2008 All-Pac-10 honorable mention and won USC's Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award**.

He had 112 all-purpose yards (60 on 6 carries, 24 on 4 receptions with a 10-yard TD and 28 on 3 kickoff returns) at Virginia. He rushed for 105 yards on 12 carries and a 5-yard punt return for 110 all-purpose yards against Ohio State. He then ran for 10 yards on 7 carries, caught 3 passes for 29 yards and returned 2 punts for 13 yards at Oregon State. He had 114 all-purpose yards (27 yards on 9 carries, 86 yards on 5 catches and a 1-yard punt return) against Oregon. He had a career-high and game-best 143 yards on 11 rushes (including 68 yards on 4 carries in the fourth quarter and 50 yards on 2 tries in the first quarter) to average 13.0 yards per carry, plus had a 7-yard reception, against Arizona State. After returning from a toe injury, he had 16 yards on 5 carries at Arizona. Then, after again missing a game because of the injured toe, he rushed for 51 yards on 7 carries and caught 3 passes for 25 yards against California. He ran for 72 yards on 8 tries at Stanford. He had a game-best 63 yards on 4 carries (with a 55-yard zig-zagging TD run, a USC season long rush) against Notre Dame, plus caught 3 passes for no yards and returned 2 punts for 6 yards. He had 112 all-purpose yards (a game-best 99 on 15 carries, with a 12-yard TD, plus a 13-yard catch) at UCLA. Against Penn State, he ran for 13 yards on 5 carries and had a 9-yard reception before leaving the game with 4 dislocated toes early in the second quarter.

**2007:** McKnight served as an often-used backup tailback and was USC's top punt returner as a first-year freshman in 2007. Overall in 2007 while appearing in all 13 games (he even started against Illinois), he ran for 540 yards on 94 carries (5.7 avg.) with 3 touchdowns, caught 23 passes for 203 yards (8.8 avg.) with 1 TD and returned 19 punts for 160 yards (8.4 avg.). He was named to the **2007 Rivals.com Freshman All-American second team (as a punt returner) and The Sporting News Pac-10 All-Freshman first team**, as well as being an **All-Pac-10 honorable mention** pick.

He had 26 yards on 6 carries and caught an 8-yard pass against Idaho, then had a 5-yard run at Nebraska. He added 48 rushing yards on 7 carries and also had an 11-yard punt return against Washington State. He had 2 carries for 3 yards and a 4-yard punt return against Stanford. He had 128 all-purpose yards (75 on 13 carries, 49 on 2 punt returns and 4 on 2 receptions) against Arizona (his 45-yard punt return and 59-yard run helped set up a Trojan TD and field goal in the fourth quarter) and won **USC's Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award** (for the year's longest run from scrimmage). He had a game-best 65 yards on 7 carries (with a 51-yard TD burst) and also returned 5 punts for 31 yards at Notre Dame. He had 34 yards on 10 carries and another 30 yards on 4 receptions at Oregon. He had 94 all-purpose yards (34 on 14 carries, 38 on 3 receptions and 22 on 4 kickoff returns) at Oregon State. He had 9 yards on 4 carries and caught a 7-yard pass at California. He had 108 all-purpose yards (71 yards on 5 receptions with a 7-yard TD catch, 30 yards on 7 carries and a 7-yard punt return) at Arizona State. He had a game-high 89 yards on 13 carries (with a 5-yard TD) and

also returned 2 punts for no yards against UCLA. He had 206 all-purpose yards (125 on 10 carries, 45 on 6 receptions and 36 on 3 punt returns) against Illinois, including a 6-yard TD run and a 65-yard scamper with a bobbled lateral.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** His 2006 honors included **Parade All-American Co-MVP, USA Today All-USA first team, EA Sports All-American first team, Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Lemming All-American, Super Prep Elite 50, Prep Star 100, Rivals.com 100, Super Prep All-Southwest, Prep Star All-Southeast, Scout.com All-Southwest and All-State MVP** as a senior at John Curtis High in River Ridge (La.). He had 1,928 all-purpose yards (22.2 avg.) and 30 TDs in 2006, including 711 rushing yards on 46 carries (15.5 avg.) with 14 TDs, 739 receiving yards on 24 catches (30.8 avg.) with 13 TDs, 268 yards on 12 punt returns (22.3 avg.) and a 34.6 average on 5 kickoff returns, plus added 10 tackles, 8 deflections and 1 interception on defense. John Curtis went 14-0 and won its third consecutive state 2A championship in 2006.

As a junior in 2005, he made **EA Sports All-American third team, All-State, All-East Jefferson Parish and All-District, and was MVP of the state championship game**, as he scored 22 touchdowns (9 rushing, 5 receiving, 4 punt returns, 3 interceptions, 1 kickoff return) and averaged 18.0 per play playing part of the year with Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport (La.) because of Hurricane Katrina and then back with John Curtis. He rushed for 502 yards on 36 carries (13.9 avg.), had 497 receiving yards on 20 catches (24.9 avg.), and averaged 38.7 on kickoff returns and 30.0 on punt returns in 2005.

He made **Student Sports Sophomore All-American** as a 2004 sophomore.

He also sprinted for John Curtis' track team, with a best of 10.4 in the 100 meters (he won the state 100 in 2006 and was second in 2007).

**PERSONAL:** His sister, Johanna, was on the basketball (guard) and track (sprints/jumps) teams at Richmond. He has a newborn son, Jaiden.

**JOE McKNIGHT ON:** Being compared to Reggie Bush: **"When I first came in to USC, I felt like I had to live up to the hype. But after a while, I came to my senses...It's not the fans' fault, they just want success for their team. It took me a while to get that out of my head...I mean, it's a lot of pressure. I tried to live up to the expectations."**

His up-and-down 2007 freshman season: **"I had some problems with the playbook and I had some trouble with fumbles. But it started to get more comfortable as the season went along. Now, it's at the stage where I just react. I know the plays."**

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: **"He's so fast, he's so quick, he's so elusive...Joe is the real deal. He's a fantastic football player. He's tough and fast and all the rest. He's really a difference-maker."**

USC tailback Allen Bradford: **"When Joe gets the ball, you know that something's going to happen. You're just waiting to see what it is."**

Bruce Feldman, ESPN The Magazine: **"Let Jan. 1, 2008 (USC's Rose Bowl win over Illinois), go down as the day Joe McKnight officially stopped coping with being The Next Reggie Bush and arrived as the Trojans' latest star. McKnight proved to the whole college football world that he does in fact have it...For years, recruiters have whispered about McKnight's skills, his effortless change of direction, his burst of speed, his preternatural vision."**

Billy Turner, New Orleans Times-Picayune: **"Call it speed. Call it a burst. A wiggle. On punts, he has the ability to make the first guy miss. Then he accelerates in a step. Call it a balance most people do not possess. Or call it an indescribable something."**

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007 (Fr.)...	94	540	5.7	3	65	23	203	8.8	1	32
2008 (So.)...	89	659	7.4	2	55	21	193	9.2	1	32
2009 (Jr.)...	164	1014	6.2	8	54	22	146	6.6	0	24
CAREER.....	347	2213	6.5	13	65	66	542	8.2	2	32

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2007 (Fr.)...	19	160	8.4	0	45	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (So.)...	9	53	5.9	0	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Jr.)...	4	41	10.2	0	18	2	50	25.0	0	26
CAREER.....	32	254	7.9	0	45	2	50	25.0	0	26

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2009 (Jr.)...	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOE McKNIGHT

2009

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	14	145	10.4	2	54	1	21	21.0	0	21
Ohio State	16	60	3.8	0	11	2	45	22.5	0	24
Washington*	11	100	9.1	1	34	3	6	2.0	0	14
Wash. St.*	6	49	8.2	1	21	2	9	4.5	0	6
California*	20	119	6.0	2	38	3	12	4.0	0	9
Notre Dame*	19	79	4.2	1	25	1	8	8.0	0	8
Oregon St.*	11	65	5.9	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	15	95	6.3	0	26	3	23	7.7	0	13
Arizona St.*	15	78	5.2	0	18	2	3	1.5	0	2
Stanford*	16	142	8.9	1	51	3	11	3.7	0	6
UCLA*	12	47	3.9	0	12	1	-4	-4.0	0	-4
Arizona*	9	35	3.9	0	10	1	12	12.0	0	12
2009 (Jr.)...	164	1014	6.2	8	54	22	146	6.6	0	24

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	1	18	18.0	0	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	50	25.0	0	26
Arizona St.*	1	10	10.0	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	1	11	11.0	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	1	2	2.0	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Jr.)...	4	41	10.2	0	18	2	50	25.0	0	26

2008

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	6	60	10.0	0	23	4	24	6.0	1	10
Ohio State	12	105	8.8	0	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	7	10	1.4	0	5	3	29	9.7	0	15
Oregon	8	27	3.3	0	9	5	86	17.2	0	32
Arizona St.	11	143	13.0	0	41	1	7	7.0	0	7
Arizona	5	16	3.2	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	7	51	7.3	0	16	3	25	8.3	0	16
Stanford	8	72	9.0	0	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	4	63	15.8	1	55	3	0	0.0	0	15
UCLA	15	99	6.6	1	13	1	13	13.0	0	13
Penn St. (RB)	5	13	2.6	0	7	1	9	9.0	0	9
2008 (So.)...	89	659	7.4	2	55	21	193	9.0	1	32

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	3	28	9.3	0	17
Ohio State	1	5	5.0	0	5
Oregon St.*	2	13	6.5	0	10
Oregon	1	1	1.0	0	1
Notre Dame	2	6	3.0	0	4
2008 (So.)...	9	53	5.9	0	17

## 2007

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho	6	26	4.3	0	21	1	8	8.0	0	8
Nebraska	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	7	48	6.9	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	2	0	0.0	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	13	75	5.8	0	59	2	4	2.0	0	4
Notre Dame	7	65	9.3	1	51	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	10	34	3.4	0	11	4	30	7.5	0	19
Oregon St.	14	34	2.4	0	13	3	38	12.7	0	23
California	4	9	2.3	0	9	1	7	7.0	0	7
Arizona St.	7	30	4.3	0	12	5	71	14.2	1	32
UCLA	13	89	6.8	1	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
Illinois (RB)*	10	125	12.5	1	65	6	45	7.5	0	20
2007 (Fr.)...	94	540	5.7	3	65	23	203	8.8	1	32

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Wash. St.	1	11	11.0	0	11
Stanford	1	4	4.0	0	4
Arizona	2	49	24.5	0	45
Notre Dame	5	31	6.2	0	20
Oregon St.	4	22	5.5	0	10
Arizona St.	1	7	7.0	0	7
UCLA	2	0	0.0	0	2
Illinois (RB)*	3	36	12.0	0	28
2007 (Fr.)...	19	160	8.4	0	45

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**(56) ALEX PARSONS—Offensive Guard-Center, 6-4, 300, Sr./Sr., Irvine, CA (Woodbridge HS)**

**2009:** The versatile Parsons, who can play any offensive line position, started USC's first 11 games at right offensive guard as a senior in 2009 (and he saw limited backup action in the other 2 games, against Arizona and Boston College). He also played on special teams.

**2008:** Parsons started USC's last 10 games at right offensive guard as a junior in 2008 after serving as a key backup there in the first 3 contests. He also appeared on special teams.

**2007:** As a sophomore in 2007, Parsons was switched from defensive tackle to offensive tackle in 2007 fall camp. He saw action in all 13 games on special teams (primarily on kickoff return) and limited action as a backup on the offensive line (against Idaho, Notre Dame, UCLA and Illinois). He made a tackle against Idaho (following an interception). He had arthroscopic surgery on torn cartilage in his right knee prior to 2007 spring practice.

**2006:** Parsons was a reserve freshman defensive tackle in 2006, his first year at USC. He appeared in all 13 games in 2006, primarily on special teams. He saw limited action at defensive tackle in 2 games (Arkansas, Oregon), but he did not make a tackle. He won **USC's Service Team Defensive Player of the Year Award**.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He made **2005 Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-Western, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention, Orange County Register Fab 15 second team, Tacoma News-Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, CaliFlorida Bowl Defensive MVP, All-CIF Southern Section first team, All-CIF Division VI first team, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team and All-Seaview League first team** as a senior defensive lineman, linebacker, tight end and offensive lineman at Woodbridge High in Irvine (Calif.). He had 104 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and 4 sacks in 2005.

As a junior in 2004, he made **All-Seaview League** while posting 102 tackle, 7 sacks, 4 forced fumbles and 2 interceptions. He played 3 years on the varsity.

**PERSONAL:** He's a sociology major at USC. His brother, B. Jay Parsons, was a defensive end at Kentucky (2004-05).

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>2007 (So.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (Sr.)...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CAREER.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**(36) JOSH PINKARD–Safety-Cornerback, 6-1, 215, Sr./Sr., Oxnard, CA (Hueneme HS)**

**CAREER:** In his career, Pinkard had 167 tackles and 5 interceptions.

**2009:** Pinkard started for his third season in the secondary as a senior in 2009. He was expected to start at strong safety after previously starting at cornerback, but moved back to cornerback late in 2009 fall camp when Shareece Wright became ineligible. He was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA after missing the 2006 and 2007 campaigns with injuries. Overall in 2009 while starting all 12 games he played (he missed the Boston College game with a knee injury), he had 59 tackles, including 1.5 for losses, plus a team-best 3 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 9 deflections, 2 interceptions (returned 43 yards) and a blocked PAT. He suffered a season-ending torn knee ligament against Arizona. He made the **2009 All-Pac-10 second team and Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 third team and won USC's Chris Carlisle Courage Award.** He was an **East-West Shrine Game invitee.**

He had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections against San Jose State, 5 tackles at Ohio State and 3 stops and a deflection at Washington. He returned an interception 43 yards against Washington State. He had 4 tackles at California, 4 tackles, a forced fumble and a deflection at Notre Dame, 4 tackles, 2 deflections and a forced fumble against Oregon State and 6 tackles at Oregon. He had a game-best 7 tackles, a fumble recovery and a blocked PAT at Arizona State, then added 11 tackles (including 0.5 for a loss) against Stanford. He had 6 stops, an interception and forced a fumble that he recovered versus UCLA and 5 tackles and 3 deflections against Arizona.

**2008:** After a nearly 2-year absence because of knee injuries, Pinkard returned to the football field as a senior in 2008 and ended up starting USC's last 11 games at cornerback (he was an often-used backup in the first 2 contests, mainly as a nickel back). He also was available to play safety. Overall in 2008 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 39 tackles, including 1 for a 4-yard loss, plus 3 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries, 2 forced fumbles and an interception. He made **2008 All-Pac-10 honorable mention.**

He had 2 tackles at Virginia and 1 each against Ohio State (with a deflection) and Oregon State. He then had 5 tackles, a deflection and a forced fumble that he recovered (it led to a USC TD) against Oregon. He added a tackle against Arizona State, then had 4 tackles, plus a fumble recovery and a forced fumble (USC recovered it and turned it into a TD), at Washington State. He had 2 tackles at Arizona, a tackle against Washington and 4 tackles and an interception (in the end zone) versus California. He added 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection at Stanford, 3 tackles against Notre Dame and 5 tackles at UCLA.

**2007:** After missing most of the 2006 season with an injury, Pinkard was expected to re-claim his starting free safety job as a junior in 2007, or move to cornerback, where he also has starting experience. But he tore ligaments in his left knee in 2007 fall camp, had surgery and was sidelined all season. He missed most of 2007 spring practice while recuperating from a 2006 knee injury.

**2006:** Pinkard started the 2006 opener at Arkansas at free safety as a junior, but he tore ligaments in his right knee late in that game, had surgery and was sidelined the rest of the year. He was allowed to redshirt because of the early-season injury. He had 6 tackles at Arkansas. He missed some of 2006 spring practice because of a sports hernia (he had surgery on it in April).

**2005:** Pinkard began his 2005 sophomore season as an often-used backup safety, available at both the free and strong safety spots. He played often in extra defensive back situations and even started the Arkansas game at strong safety. But he was moved to cornerback by mid-season and started there in USC's last 6 games (Washington State, Stanford, California, Fresno State, UCLA and Texas). Overall in 2005 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 54 tackles (third on team), including 1.5 for losses of 8 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 4 yards), plus a team-best 7 deflections, 2 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

He had a team-high 10 tackles (1 for a loss) against Washington State in his first start at cornerback. He had 7 tackles and 4 deflections against Fresno State, another 7 tackles with a deflection against Texas, 6 stops and an interception (to set up a USC TD) versus Arkansas (while starting at safety), 5 tackles at Hawaii (with a forced fumble) and Arizona State, and 4 stops at Notre Dame (with a forced fumble) and Washington (in his first extended action at cornerback). His other interception came at Oregon (to set up a USC touchdown). He returned a fumbled interception 21 yards to set up a USC TD versus Stanford. He recovered a fumble against UCLA (to set up a USC touchdown).

**2004:** Pinkard was a reserve safety and played on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2004. Overall in 2004 while appearing in all 13 games, he made 9 tackles (including 2 against both Arizona State and Oklahoma), recovered a fumble (against Oklahoma, setting up a USC TD) and fielded a short kickoff (against California, returning it for 0 yards).

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was a **2003 Super Prep All-American, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, All-CIF Southern Section first team, All-CIF Division IV and Los Angeles Times All-Ventura/North Coast** pick as a senior defensive back and wide receiver at Hueneme High in Oxnard (Calif.). He had 123 tackles, 2 sacks and 4 interceptions on defense and 22 receptions for 200-plus yards with 5 TDs on offense.

As a junior in 2002, he had 90 tackles and 6 interceptions.

He also was on the basketball and track teams at Hueneme.

**PERSONAL:** He's a political science major at USC.

**JOSH PINKARD ON:** Playing safety versus cornerback: **"It's fun. They are two different positions with two different techniques. I would never say I'm more excited to play safety, but I wasn't mad when I was switched back."**

His style: "I have a little speed on me, so I can cover guys. It's not always about the big hit, it's about making the play. You don't always have to go for the big hit, because if you do, that can be the opponent's big play. You just have to come in and make a play and then just keep playing. When a big hit is there, it will come to you."

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: "He's confident, he's real fast and he plays with a lot of range and covers a lot of ground. He's a very good hitter. He has great ability, flexibility and has range."

Former USC All-American safety Darnell Bing: "He makes plays whenever he's in. He makes things happen. He doesn't go out there and freeze. He does more than knock heads. He makes plays, interceptions, the whole nine yards."

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2004 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005 (So.)...	54	1.5/8	7	1	2	0	0.0	0	0
2006 (Jr.)...	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Sr.)...	39	1/4	3	2	1	3	3.0	0	3
2009 (Sr.)...	59	1.5/4	10#	2	2	43	21.5	0	43
CAREER.....	167	4/16	20#	6	5	46	9.2	0	43

#Includes 1 blocked PAT

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2004 (Fr.)...	1	0	0.0	0	0

#### GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOSH PINKARD

##### 2009

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	4	1/3	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	3	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	0	0/0	0	0	1	43	43.0	0	43
California*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	4	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	7	0/0	1#	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	11	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	6	0/0	0	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	5	0/0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	59	1.5/4	9	2	2	43	21.5	0	43

#Includes 1 blocked PAT

##### 2008

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State	1	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	5	0/0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	4	0/0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	4	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3
Stanford*	8	1/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Sr.)...	39	1/4	3	2	1	3	3.0	0	3

## 2006

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arkansas*	6	0/0	0	0
2006 (Jr.)...	6	0/0	0	0

## 2005

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Hawaii	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arkansas*	6	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	5	0.5/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	10	1/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Fresno St.*	7	0/0	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	2	0/0	2	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Texas* (RB)	7	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005 (So.)...	54	1.5/8	7	0	2	0	0.0	0	0

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## 2004

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Colorado St.	1	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon St.	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Oklahoma (OB)	2	0/0	0	1
2004 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	1

**(99) AVERELL SPICER—Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 295, Sr.\*/Sr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)**

**2009:** Spicer was moved from nose tackle to defensive tackle in 2009 spring drills and served as a backup there as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing briefly in 7 games (all but San Jose State, Notre Dame, Oregon, Arizona State, Stanford, Boston College), he had 2 tackles (1 each against California and UCLA). He sprained his ankle in 2009 fall camp and missed the San Jose State game, then was sidelined for the Arizona State and Stanford games with a calf strain. He missed the Boston College game while academically ineligible.

**2008:** Spicer started the first 3 games (Virginia, Ohio State and Oregon State) of 2008 at nose tackle, then served as a backup there the rest of his junior season. Overall in 2008 while appearing in 10 games (all but Oregon, Washington and California), he made 8 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 1 yard. He had 2 tackles each against Ohio State, Oregon State, Arizona and Stanford. He sprained his ankle at Arizona and missed the next 2 games (Washington and California). He missed 2008 spring practice with a bruised knee injury.

**2007:** Spicer was a backup at nose tackle and defensive tackle as a sophomore in 2007. Overall while appearing in 12 games (all but UCLA), he had 9 tackles, including 2 for losses of 10 yards (with 1 sack for minus 9 yards). He had 1 tackle (a sack) against Idaho, Washington and Stanford, then 3 stops at Notre Dame, 1 tackle at Oregon and California and 1 tackle for a loss against Illinois.

**2006:** Spicer was a reserve nose tackle as a redshirt freshman in 2006. Overall while appearing briefly in 7 games (Arkansas, Nebraska, Washington State, Arizona State, Oregon State, Stanford, Oregon) in 2006, he made 3 tackles, including 2 for losses of 5 yards (with a 1-yard sack), and deflected a pass. He had 2 tackles at Stanford (with 1 for a loss of 4 yards) and he had the sack against Oregon.

**2005:** Spicer redshirted as a freshman defensive tackle in 2005, his first year at USC.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Among his 2004 honors were **Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Tom Lemming All-American, Prep Star Top 100 Dream Team, Student Sports Top 100, Rivals 100, USA Today All-USA second team, Scout.com All-American first team, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team and Cal-Hi Sports All-State third team** as a senior defensive lineman and running back at Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) High. He had 82 tackles, 14 sacks, 5 forced fumbles and 5 deflections in 2004 despite missing 2 games with a cracked rib.

As a junior in 2003, he made **Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team and All-Valley first team** while posting 71 tackles, 29 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries. In his career as a 4-year starter, he had 280 tackles and 37 sacks.

He also was on Rancho Cucamonga's track team, with best of 11.2 in the 100 meters, 61-8 in the shot put and 170-0 in the discus throw.

**PERSONAL:** He's a sociology major at USC. He grew up in Florida before moving to California when he was in middle school.

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>2006 (Fr.)...</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2/5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2007 (So.)...</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CAREER.....</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**GAME-BY-GAME WITH AVERELL SPICER**

**2009**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>UCLA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2009 (Sr.)...</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2008**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Ohio State*</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Oregon St.*</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Stanford</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**2007**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	1	1/9	0	0
<b>Washington</b>	1	0/0	0	0
<b>Stanford</b>	1	0/0	0	0
<b>Notre Dame</b>	3	0/0	0	0
<b>Oregon</b>	1	0/0	0	0
<b>California</b>	1	0/0	0	0
<b>Illinois (RB)</b>	1	1/1	0	0
<b>2007 (So.)...</b>	9	2/10	0	0

**2006**

	<b>TAC</b>	<b>LS/YDS</b>	<b>DFL</b>	<b>FR</b>
<b>Stanford</b>	2	1/4	1	0
<b>Oregon</b>	1	1/1	0	0
<b>2006 (Fr.)...</b>	3	2/5	1	0

**(15) KEVIN THOMAS—Cornerback, 6-1, 190, Sr./Sr., Oxnard, CA (Rio Mesa HS)**

**2009:** The experienced Thomas started all season at cornerback as a senior in 2009. Overall in 2009 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 57 tackles, including 2.5 for losses (with 1 sack), plus a team-best 11 deflections. He made the **2009 All-Pac-10 second team and Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 second team**. He was an **East-West Shrine Game invitee**.

He had 4 tackles against San Jose State, 2 tackles and a deflection at Ohio State, 3 tackles and a deflection at Washington, 3 tackles (1.5 for a loss, with a sack) and a deflection against Washington State, 3 tackles at California and 5 tackles and a forced fumble at Notre Dame. He had 11 tackles (1 for a loss), 2 deflections and a forced fumble against Oregon State, then 6 tackles at Oregon, 3 tackles and a deflection at Arizona State and 7 tackles and a deflection against Stanford. He had 6 tackles and 2 deflections versus UCLA, 3 tackles and 2 deflections against Arizona and 1 tackle against Boston College.

**2008:** Thomas, who missed most of the previous 2 seasons with injuries, didn't miss a beat upon his return in 2008 and saw significant playing time at cornerback as a junior. He appeared in all 13 games in 2008, primarily as an often-used backup and as the nickel back, and he even started 2 games (Washington State and Arizona). Overall in 2008, he had 14 tackles, including 2 sacks for minus 15 yards, plus he had 7 deflections and a team-high 3 interceptions (including 1 returned for a TD).

He had a tackle and interception at Virginia, 2 tackles and a deflection versus Ohio State, a deflection at Oregon State and 2 tackles against Oregon. He had 2 tackles (with a sack), 2 deflections and returned an interception 46 yards for a touchdown against Arizona State. He added a tackle and an interception at Arizona. He then had 2 deflections against Washington, 3 tackles with a sack versus California, a tackle at Stanford, 2 stops against Notre Dame, a deflection at UCLA and a tackle versus Penn State.

**2007:** Thomas redshirted as a junior cornerback in 2007 while recuperating from surgery on a sprained left shoulder prior to 2007 spring practice.

**2006:** Thomas was set to be a key contributor at cornerback in 2006 as a sophomore, but injuries limited his availability. He started the opener at Arkansas but sprained his right ankle in that game, which caused him to miss the next 2 games (Nebraska and Arizona). He returned for USC's next 3 games (even starting against Arizona State) but broke his left foot against Arizona State and was sidelined the rest of the season. Overall in 2006 while appearing in 4 games, he had 10 tackles, a fumble recovery and a deflection. He had a tackle and a fumble recovery at Arkansas, then added 2 tackles and a deflection at Washington State, 3 tackles against Washington and 4 tackles versus Arizona State.

**2005:** Thomas saw action as a backup cornerback and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2005. Overall in 2005 while appearing in 9 games (all but Hawaii, Oregon, Arizona State and Arizona), he made 7 tackles and 2 deflections. He missed the Oregon, Arizona State and Arizona games because of mononucleosis. He had 3 tackles at Washington and 2 versus Washington State.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He earned **2004 Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Tom Lemming All-American, Prep Star Top 100 Dream Team, Student Sports Top 100, Rivals 100, Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, All-CIF Division IV, Los Angeles Times All-Star, Los Angeles Times All-Ventura/North Coast Back of the Year and Los Angeles Daily News All-Area first team** honors as a senior defensive back and wide receiver at Rio Mesa High in Oxnard (Calif.). He had 81 tackles and 5 interceptions (1 for a TD) on defense, caught 27 passes for 430 yards (15.9 avg.) with 5 TDs on offense and returned a kickoff for a score in 2004.

As a junior in 2003, he made **All-County and All-League first team** while recording 68 tackles, 3 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery, plus getting 21 catches for 481 yards (22.9 avg.) with 1 TD.

He also ran track at Rio Mesa, with best of 10.84 in the 100 meters and 22.0 in the 200 meters.

**PERSONAL:** He's a social science economics major at USC.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2005 (Fr.)...	7	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006 (So.)...	10	0/0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Jr.)...	15	2/15	7	0	3	53	17.7	1	46
2009 (Sr.)...	57	2.5/15	11	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	89	4.5/30	21	1	3	53	17.7	1	46

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KEVIN THOMAS

2009

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
San Jose St.*	4	0/0	0	0
Ohio State*	2	0/0	1	0
Washington*	3	0/0	1	0
Wash. St.*	3	1.5/11	1	0
California*	3	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	0/0	0	0
Oregon St.*	11	1/4	2	0
Oregon*	6	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	0/0	1	0
Stanford*	7	0/0	1	0
UCLA*	6	0/0	2	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	2	0
Bost. Col. (EB)*	1	0/0	0	0
2009 (Sr.)...	57	2.5/15	11	0

2008

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	1	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State	2	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.	0	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	1/8	2	0	1	46	46.0	1	46
Arizona*	1	0/0	0	0	1	7	7.0	0	7
Washington	0	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	3	1/7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	0	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (Jr.)...	15	2/15	7	0	3	53	17.7	1	46

2006

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arkansas*	1	0/0	0	1
Wash. St.	2	0/0	1	0
Washington	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	0	0
2006 (So.)...	10	0/0	1	1

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2005

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arkansas	1	0/0	0	0
Washington	3	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	2	0/0	0	0
Stanford	0	0/0	1	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
Texas (RB)	0	0/0	1	0
2005 (Fr.)...	7	0/0	2	0

**(18) DAMIAN WILLIAMS—Wide Receiver, 6-1, 195, Jr./Sr., Springdale, AR (Springdale HS/Arkansas)**

**CAREER:** Williams is 11<sup>th</sup> on USC's career pass catching chart (128 receptions). He has 7 career games with 100-plus all-purpose yards.

**2009:** The talented Williams, who runs precise routes and has glue-like hands, started for his second season at wide receiver as a junior in 2009 and had an outstanding year. Overall in 2009 while appearing in 12 games (he sprained his right ankle at Arizona State and missed the Stanford game) and starting 11 times (all but Oregon and Stanford), he had a team-best 70 receptions for 1,010 yards (14.4 avg.) with 6 TDs, plus he gained 16 yards on 2 rushes (8.0 avg.) and led USC in punt returns with 24 for 340 yards (14.2 avg.) with 2 TDs. He also made a tackle. His 70 receptions in 2009 tied him for eighth on USC's season pass catching list. He had 6 games with 100-plus all-purpose yards in 2009. He was ninth nationally in punt returns (14.2, first in Pac-10). His 2 scoring punt returns in 2009 were the most by a Trojan since Reggie Bush had 2 in 2004 and were just 1 shy of the school season record (set by Jim Sears in 1952).

He made **2009 Phil Steele's All-American third team, SI.com All-American honorable mention, CollegeFootballNews.com All-American honorable mention, All-Pac-10 first team (as both a wide receiver and punt returner), ESPN.com All-Pac-10 first team, Rivals.com All-Pac-10 first team (as both a wide receiver and punt returner), Sporting News All-Pac-10 first team, CollegeFootballNews.com All-Pac-10 first team, Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 first team (as both a wide receiver and punt returner), won the College Football Performance National Punt Returner of the Year Award and was named USC's MVP.**

He had 3 catches for 67 yards and returned 2 punts for 10 yards against San Jose State, then had 5 catches for 51 yards at Ohio State and gained 7 yards on a reverse. He had 3 catches for 40 yards and 3 punt returns for 42 yards at Washington. He led USC with 5 catches for 100 yards, including a 57-yard TD, and returned 6 punts for 80 yards (with a 27-yarder early in the game to set up USC's opening TD) against Washington State. He caught 8 passes for 101 yards (both game highs) and also returned a punt 66 yards for a score at California to earn **Pac-10 Special Teams Player of the Week** honors. He had 4 receptions for 108 yards with 2 TDs (20 and 41 yards) at Notre Dame and also gained 9 yards on a lateral. He had 6 grabs for 58 yards and returned a pair of punts for 68 yards (including a 63-yard TD) against Oregon State to earn **Pac-10 Special Teams Player of the Week** honors. He had a game-best 9 receptions for 82 yards (with a 4-yard TD) at Oregon. He had 2 catches for 81 yards at Arizona State, including a spectacular zigzagging 75-yard TD (the longest at USC since a 93-yarder from Carson Palmer to Kareem Kelly in 2001 against Oregon). He had 5 receptions for 82 yards (with a 48-yard TD) and 4 punt returns for 62 yards against UCLA. He had a game-best 8 catches for 51 yards and also returned a punt for no yards against Arizona. He had 12 catches for 189 yards (both career highs) and returned 2 punts for 1 yard against Boston College to earn **Emerald Bowl Offensive MVP** honors (he set up USC's last 2 TDs after hauling in bombs).

**2008:** Williams emerged as USC's leading wide receiver as a sophomore in 2008. Overall in 2008 while appearing in all 13 games and starting 9 times (all but Virginia, Oregon State, California and Stanford), he led USC in receptions and receiving yardage as he caught 58 passes for 869 yards (15.0 avg.) with 9 TDs. His 58 receptions ranked 16<sup>th</sup> on USC's season list. He also ran 4 reverses for 43 yards (10.8 avg.) and returned a punt for minus 1 yard. He sprained his right shoulder at UCLA and missed half of that game. He made **2008 All-Pac-10 honorable mention, Phil Steele's All-Pac-10 second team and College Football News Sophomore All-American honorable mention and won USC's John McKay Award.**

He had 7 receptions for 91 yards (both game highs) at Virginia, then caught 2 third-quarter TDs (24 and 17 yards) and ended up with 4 receptions for 43 yards against Ohio State. He had a game-best 6 catches for 94 yards (with a 29-yard TD) at Oregon State, added 4 grabs for 76 yards (with a 34-yard score) against Oregon and had 23 yards on 2 receptoins against Arizona State. He had a 32-yard grab at Washington State, then had 5 catches for 77 yards and also ran a reverse 6 yards at Arizona. He had 2 catches for 9 yards against Washington, 4 receptions for 67 yards versus California, 4 receptions for 35 yards (with a 5-yard TD) and also a 14-yard run on a reverse at Stanford, 7 catches for 86 yards (both game highs) with a 12-yard TD against Notre Dame and 3 receptions for 68 yards, with a 12-yard TD, at UCLA. He had career bests with 10 receptions for 162 yards (with a 27-yard TD) against Penn State (the most catches and yards by a Trojan since Dwayne Jarrett had 11 for 205 in the 2007 Rose Bowl against Michigan).

**2007:** Williams, a wide receiver who transferred to USC in the spring of 2007 from Arkansas, sat out the 2007 season because of NCAA transfer rules as a sophomore. He tore a ligament in his shoulder during 2007 spring practice and sat out most of spring drills. He had post-spring surgery on both shoulders, which limited him in 2007.

**ARKANSAS:** He started 5 games at flanker for Arkansas as a first-year freshman in 2006. Overall in 2006 while appearing in all 13 games, he caught 19 passes (second on the team) for 235 yards (12.4 avg.) with 2 TDs, plus he had a 5-yard run and made 3 tackles. He had 4 catches for 61 yards (both season highs) in the 2006 opener against USC. He was named to the **2006 The Sporting News Freshman All-American third team, The Sporting News Freshman All-SEC and SEC Coaches Freshman All-SEC** squads.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He prepped at Springdale (Ark.) High, where as a 2005 senior wide receiver, running back and defensive back he earned **Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, EA Sports All-American second team, ESPN 150, Prep Star Dream Team, Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year, Super Prep All-Southwest, Prep Star All-Southeast, Little Rock Touchdown Club State Co-MVP, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette All-State Co-Offensive MVP, Northwest Arkansas Morning News All-State Offensive MVP and Landers Award (top Arkansas prep football student-athlete).** He caught 63 passes for 1,495 yards (23.7 avg.) with 24 TDs, ran for 463 yards on 31 carries (14.9 avg.) with 12 TDs and had 8 kickoff returns for 254 yards (31.8 avg.) with 2 TDs on offense and made 25 tackles and 3 interceptions (1 for a TD) on defense in 2005 despite missing several games with injuries. Springdale went 14-0 in 2005, won the Arkansas state championship and finished No. 2 nationally.

As a 2004 junior, he made **All-State** as he caught 31 passes for 545 yards (17.6 avg.) with 4 TDs, rushed for 137 yards on 19 carries (7.2 avg.) with 2 TDs, returned 2 kickoffs for 116 yards (58.0 avg.) and averaged 13.1 yards on punt returns.

He also played baseball at Springdale, helping his team to the Class 5A-West title as a sophomore. Current Trojan Mitch Mustain also prepped at Springdale High and attended Arkansas.

**PERSONAL:** He's a sociology major at USC. He and Mustain founded a campus Bible study group, Generate USC.

**DAMIAN WILLIAMS ON:** His goal: "I just want to make sure I stay consistent. That's one thing people, especially receivers, struggle with—being consistent. So that's what I want to do."

Having Mitch Mustain as a longtime teammate: "It's always good to just have people from your home state, but with Mitch it's different because we've known each other for so long. It's been great. When I'm having a hard day, he can tell, and I can tell when there's something not right with him. It's really comforting...We have that chemistry. We've been playing together forever. We don't even need to talk about something, you just kind of know."

Playing at USC: "I love it here. They always say when you play football, you want to have fun. I don't know that there is another school that takes it to this level. It doesn't matter what kind of day I'm having, when I get out on the practice field, I have a blast."

Los Angeles: "I'd never seen real traffic jams, except accidents, until I got to Los Angeles. It's crazy."

The Bible study group he and Mustain started: "We're with athletes all the time. But you don't get to see the bigger picture and the bigger issues that everybody has. When people come, they bring their personal lives and leave it at the door and we let God handle it. Everybody comes together."

**WHAT OTHERS SAY:** USC head coach Pete Carroll: "Damian has outstanding downfield ability and his catch-and-run is good. He's got a nice feel for getting open inside...He's got a savvy about him. He understands the game beautifully...He has a natural feel for the position because he does everything well. He's a quick study in everything...He's a lot like (former USC All-American) Steve Smith, who could do everything and learn the whole offense and know everybody's routes. He's a guy you can count on...He's consistently a guy who can find the open spots, get himself in the right place. The quarterbacks trust him and he's going to make good decisions for them...And he doesn't look like it, but he's a physical player."

USC quarterback Mitch Mustain: "He's intelligent, which really helps him. He's able to see things and make things happen...He's willing to put in the time, above and beyond. He comes out and knows every position. That says a lot about his work ethic and the pride he has in his work."

Former USC quarterback Mark Sanchez: "Talk about big-play ability, that's Damian...He deserves every bit of his success because he works harder than anybody. He's in the film room late, he's asking questions and it's paying off for him. USC lucked out in having him come here. He's got soft hands and he's a great person. His personality is infectious."

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2006 (Fr.)#...	19	235	12.4	2	46	1	5	5.0	0	5
2008 (So.)%...	58	869	15.0	9	35	4	43	10.8	0	16
2009 (Jr.)%...	70	1010	14.4	6	75	2	16	8.0	0	9
CAREER%.....	128	1879	14.7	15	75	6	59	9.8	0	16

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2006 (Fr.)#...	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	0/0	0	0
2008 (So.)%...	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1	0	0/0	0	0
2009 (Jr.)%...	24	340	14.2	2	66	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER%.....	25	339	13.6	2	66	4	0/0	0	0

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**GAME-BY-GAME WITH DAMIAN WILLIAMS  
2009%**

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	3	67	22.3	0	33	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State*	5	51	10.2	0	18	1	7	7.0	0	7
Washington*	3	40	13.3	0	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	5	100	20.0	1	57	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	101	12.6	0	20	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	108	27.0	2	41	1	9	9.0	0	9
Oregon St.*	6	58	9.7	0	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	9	82	9.1	1	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	81	40.5	1	75	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	5	82	16.4	1	48	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	8	51	6.4	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Col. (EB)*	12	189	15.8	0	48	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009 (Jr.)...	70	1010	14.4	6	75	2	16	8.0	0	9

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
San Jose St.*	2	10	5.0	0	10
Washington*	3	42	14.0	0	29
Wash. St.*	6	80	13.3	0	27
California*	1	66	66.0	1	66
Notre Dame*	1	4	4.0	0	4
Oregon St.*	2	68	34.0	1	63
Arizona St.*	2	7	3.5	0	5
UCLA*	4	62	15.5	0	24
Arizona*	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Col. (EB)*	2	1	0.5	0	1
2009 (Jr.)...	24	340	14.2	2	66

**2008%**

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Virginia	7	91	13.0	0	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ohio State*	3	49	16.3	2	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon St.	6	94	15.7	1	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	4	76	19.0	1	34	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	23	11.5	1	19	2	23	11.5	0	16
Wash. St.*	1	32	32.0	0	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	5	77	15.4	0	20	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	2	9	4.5	0	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	4	67	16.8	0	30	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	4	35	8.8	1	15	1	14	14.0	0	14
Notre Dame*	7	86	12.3	1	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	68	22.7	1	31	0	0	0.0	0	0
Penn St. (RB)*	10	162	16.2	1	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008 (So.)...	58	869	15.0	9	35	4	43	10.8	0	16

**2006#**

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
USC	4	61	15.3	0	42	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah St.*	2	53	26.5	0	46	0	0	0.0	0	0
Vanderbilt*	3	24	8.0	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
Alabama	1	2	2.0	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
SE Missouri	2	13	6.5	1	9	1	5	5.0	0	5
La. Monroe	1	8	8.0	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
Tennessee*	2	23	11.5	0	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
Miss. St.*	2	37	18.5	1	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Florida	2	14	7.0	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006 (Fr.)#	19	235	12.4	2	46	1	5	5.0	0	5

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