



# 2014 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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## 2014 SCHEDULE (8-4)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 30	Fresno State	W 52-13
Sept. 6	at Stanford	W 13-10
Sept. 13	at Boston College	L 31-37
Sept. 27	Oregon State	W 35-10
Oct. 4	Arizona State	L 34-38
Oct. 11	at Arizona	W 28-26
Oct. 18	Colorado	W 56-28
Oct. 25	at Utah	L 21-24
Nov. 1	at Washington St.	W 44-17
Nov. 13 (Th.)	California	W 38-30
Nov. 22	at UCLA	L 20-38
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	W 49-14
Dec. 27	Nebraska (Holiday Bowl)	5 p.m. (ESPN)

## PAC-12 STANDINGS

	PAC-12		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
<b>SOUTH</b>				
ARIZ	7	2	10	3
ASU	6	3	9	3
UCLA	6	3	9	3
<b>USC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
UTAH	5	4	8	4
COLO	0	9	2	10
<b>NORTH</b>				
ORE	8	1	12	1
STAN	5	4	7	5
WASH	4	5	8	5
CAL	3	6	5	7
OSU	2	7	5	7
WSU	2	7	3	9

## AP POLL

- Alabama
- Florida State
- Oregon
- Baylor
- Ohio State
- TCU
- Michigan State
- Mississippi State
- Mississippi
- Georgia Tech
- Kansas State
- Kansas State
- Arizona
- Georgia
- UCLA
- Arizona State
- Missouri
- Wisconsin
- Clemson
- Auburn
- Louisville
- Boise State
- LSU
- Utah
- USC**
- Nebraska

## USA TODAY POLL

- Alabama
- Florida State
- Oregon
- Ohio State
- Baylor
- TCU
- Michigan State
- Mississippi State
- Georgia Tech
- Kansas State
- Arizona
- Mississippi
- Georgia
- Missouri
- UCLA
- Arizona State
- Wisconsin
- Clemson
- Auburn
- Louisville
- Boise State
- Nebraska
- LSU
- Oklahoma
- Utah

## USC FOOTBALL

**11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**32 BOWL VICTORIES**  
**163 ALL-AMERICANS**  
**6 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS**  
**462 NFL PLAYERS**  
**22 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

## NO. 24 USC FOOTBALL FACES NO. 25 NEBRASKA IN HOLIDAY BOWL

### FACTS

USC (8-4 overall, 6-3 Pac-12 South for second tie) vs. Nebraska (9-3 overall, 5-3 Big Ten West for second tie), 37<sup>th</sup> National University Holiday Bowl, Saturday, Dec. 27, 5 p.m. PT, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif.

### THEMES

Two of the nation's most storied college football programs—No. 24-ranked USC and No. 25 Nebraska—will face off in the Holiday Bowl for an ESPN prime-time post-Christmas contest. Troy, one of the nation's premier bowl teams, has won two-thirds of its 48 bowl appearances (including 7 of the past 8) and played in 13 different bowls, but this will be the Trojans' first-ever Holiday Bowl visit. Nebraska, which has won half of its 50 bowl appearances, will be making its fourth Holiday Bowl trip, including its third since 2009. These traditional football powers, who between them have won 16 national championships and produced 9 Heisman Trophy winners, will be meeting for just the fifth time ever (USC has never lost), but the first time in a bowl. USC has won its last 12 games against Big Ten teams, including victories in its last 7 bowl meetings versus the conference. This will be only the seventh time that USC has played a game in San Diego, which is just a 2-hour drive from Troy's Los Angeles campus, and the Trojans last visited there in 1992. USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian**, however, is familiar with the Holiday Bowl and the Cornhuskers, having guided his Washington team to a victory over NU in the 2010 Holiday Bowl (several Trojan assistants also have coached in the bowl and one even played in it). USC has had about 70 lettermen in its history hall from San Diego, including Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen and All-American Cotton Warburton, and one famous Trojan alumnus was a noted news anchorman in the city. Both teams enter the game with similar records and both had some close losses (3 of USC's were by a total of 13 points, including 2 on the opponents' final play, while 2 of NU's were by less than a touchdown). For comparison's sake, both USC and Nebraska faced—and handily defeated—Fresno State earlier this season. Nebraska, however, is in transition right now, much like USC was in its bowl game last season, as head coach Bo Pelini was released after the regular season and assistant **Barney Cotton** will be the Cornhuskers' interim head coach in the bowl. Waiting in the NU wings is new head coach **Mike Riley**, the former Oregon State head coach and one-time USC assistant. USC, coming off a dominant win over intersectional rival Notre Dame, features an up-tempo offense that is highly ranked nationally in a number of passing categories and a strong defense that is in the national Top 25 in red zone defense, turnover margin and third down conversion defense. USC has outscored foes by 121 points in the first quarter and has yet to allow an opponent to score on its opening possession this season. QB **Cody Kessler**, a finalist for the Unitas Golden Arm Award and Manning Award who is having the most efficient season ever by a Trojan quarterback, is among the nation's leaders in passing efficiency, completion percentage, TD passes, completions and passing yards while hitting over 70% of his throws with 36 TDs and just 4 interceptions. All-Pac-12 first team TB **Javorius Allen**, a 1,000-yard runner who has 8 100-yard rushing outings this year, leads the league in all-purpose yards and is the only player in the nation with 12 games of 100-plus yards from scrimmage. WR **Nelson Agholor**, also an All-Pac-12 first teamer who has even earned All-American notice, is on the verge of 100 catches this year while ranking in the national Top 11 in receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs (he also has a school-record 4 career scoring punt returns). The young Trojan offensive line, with 3 true freshman starters, is led by All-Pac-12 first team C **Max Tuerk**. USC's defense is headlined by 2-time All-American first team DE **Leonard Williams**, along with ILB **Hayes Pullard**, who will be the first Trojan in 35 years to lead USC in tackles for 3 seasons (he has 369 career stops), and All-Pac-12 first team S-turned-OLB **Su'a Cravens**, a Sophomore All-American first teamer who has 16 tackles for a loss this year (no defensive back in the nation has more) and 6 career picks. USC has had to rely on numerous true freshmen because of depth issues (11 have played significantly, with 8 who have combined for 52 starts), including a quartet of Freshman All-American first teamers in Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** (he has played 3 ways in 7 games this year and is among the nation's leading kickoff returners),

**RADIO-TV**—Live national TV: 5 p.m. (PT), ESPN, Rece Davis, Jesse Palmer, David Pollack, Samantha Ponder.

Live national radio: 5 p.m. (PT), ESPN Radio, Bill Rosinski, David Norrie, Joe Schadt.

Live local radio: 1 p.m. (PT), ESPNLA 710 Radio (KSPN-AM), Pete Arbogast, John Jackson, Jordan Moore, Steve Mason, Harvey Hyde, Shaun Cody, Kelli Tennant (includes 4-hour pre-game and 3-hour post-game shows). Six other stations are included

on the USC radio network: KSPA-AM 1510 in Ontario/San Bernardino County/Inland Empire, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs, KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow, KSHP-AM 1400 in Las Vegas, KALZ-FM 96.7 in Fresno and KRZR-AM 1400 in Visalia. Fans also can hear the live 710 ESPN Radio broadcast on USCTrojans.com and ESPNLA.com, and on the Tuneln Radio app. Fans also can hear the ESPN Radio broadcast on SiriusXM satellite radio (Channel 83).

**USC VS. NEBRASKA (3-0-1)**

1969	W	31-21	A
1970	T	21-21	H
2006	W	28-10	H
2007	W	49-31	A

**USC-NEBRASKA STAT COMPARISON**

	USC	NEB
Rushing Offense	158.2	248.2
Passing Offense	294.6	198.0
Total Offense	452.8	446.2
Scoring Offense	35.1	37.4
Rushing Defense	132.5	176.5
Passing Defense	265.7	196.2
Total Defense	398.2	372.8
Scoring Defense	23.8	24.8
Turnover Margin	+0.9	-0.2

**FUN FACT I**

This will be the 1,201<sup>st</sup> game in USC history, but the first ever played on Dec. 27.

**FUN FACT II**

This will be the first time that USC plays in a current NFL stadium since 2012, when it did so twice, first defeating Syracuse, 42-29, in MetLife Stadium in the inaugural New York's College Classic and then defeating Washington (coached by current USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian**), 24-14, in CenturyLink Field (while Husky Stadium underwent renovations).

**TICKETS**—Tickets for the 2014 National University Holiday Bowl can be purchased by calling TicketMaster at 1-800-745-3000 or by visiting [www.SanDiegoBowlGames.com](http://www.SanDiegoBowlGames.com). Tickets also can be purchased at Qualcomm Stadium, Window B, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**USC ONLINE**—USC's official athletic website is [USCTrojans.com](http://USCTrojans.com) and its official blog is at [USCTrojans.com/blog](http://USCTrojans.com/blog). Live GameTracker stats are available there. USC Athletics also can be followed on Twitter ([Twitter.com/USC\\_Athletics](https://twitter.com/USC_Athletics)), Facebook ([Facebook.com/USCTrojans](https://facebook.com/USCTrojans)), Instagram ([Instagram.com/USC\\_Athletics](https://instagram.com/USC_Athletics)) and YouTube ([YouTube.com/USCAthletics](https://YouTube.com/USCAthletics)). The USC Trojan Text Alert program allows fans to get real-time news about the Trojans (text "Trojans" to 51234). There are also free apps for [USCTrojans.com](http://USCTrojans.com), USC Game Day and Project Trojan. USC's Game Day Central page is at [USCTrojans.com/gameday](http://USCTrojans.com/gameday).

**PAC-12 ONLINE**—The Pac-12's official website is [Pac-12.com](http://Pac-12.com).

OG-now-OT **Toa Lobendahn**, OG **Viane Talamaivao** and WR **JuJu Smith** (51 receptions in 2014). No more than 57 recruited scholarship Trojans have suited up for any game in 2014 because of NCAA-mandated scholarship limitations. Nebraska, which won in overtime at Iowa in its last game, features an offense that is in the national Top 20 in rushing and scoring and a defense that is especially stingy against the pass. I-back **Ameer Abdullah**, a 2014 Doak Walker Award finalist who ran for 200 yards 4 times this season as he became the school's all-time leader in all-purpose yards and is second in rushing yards, is in the national Top 15 in rushing (1,523 yards), rushing TDs (18), all-purpose yards and scoring. Elusive QB **Tommy Armstrong Jr.** directs the offensive attack, throwing for 2,314 yards with 19 TDs and running for 664 yards with another 5 scores. His top targets are WR **Kenny Bell**, the school's career leader in receptions and receiving yards who earned All-Big Ten first team honors this season, soph WR **Jordan Westerkamp** and freshman WR **De'Mornay Pierson-El**, who is third nationally in punt returns while tying for the national lead in scoring punt returns (3). The Cornhusker defense is led by 2-time All-Big Ten first team DE **Randy Gregory**, along with leading tackler LB **Zaire Anderson** and soph S **Nate Gerry**, who is 18<sup>th</sup> nationally in interceptions.

**RANKINGS**

USC is ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the AP poll, but not ranked in the USA Today Amway Coaches poll. Nebraska is 25<sup>th</sup> by AP and 22<sup>nd</sup> by USA Today.

**SERIES**

USC holds a 3-0-1 edge in its series with Nebraska, with all the meetings occurring in the regular season.

In 2007 in the last meeting between the teams, No. 1 USC used a powerful ground attack—behind TB Stafon Johnson's career-high 144 yards on just 11 carries—to dominate at No. 14 Nebraska, 49-31, and help head coach Pete Carroll celebrate his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday in high style. It was the most points Nebraska had surrendered at home since 1945. USC, which averaged just 128.0 rushing yards per game in 2006, ran for 313 yards in the game (its most since getting 403 versus UCLA in 2005 and the most allowed by Nebraska since 2003) and averaged 8.2 yards per carry (a Nebraska opponent record). The Trojans broke off 11 runs of at least 10 yards, including a 50-yarder by FB Stanley Havili on Troy's first play of the game and a 40-yarder by TB C.J. Gable on its second play. Johnson's total was the most by a Trojan since Reggie Bush ran for 260 in that 2005 UCLA game. He was named Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week. USC—coming off a bye—scored on its opening possession as Havili caught a 5-yard scoring pass from QB John David Booty. But Nebraska forged a 10-7 lead after a 1-yard TD run by RB Cody Glenn late in the first quarter and a 37-yard field goal by Alex Henery on NU's next possession midway through the second quarter. However, USC then went on a 35-point scoring spree on its next 5 possessions. First, Havili followed Henery's field goal with a 2-yard scoring run and then Johnson had a 7-yard TD run late in the half. The Trojans intercepted QB Sam Keller on the Cornhuskers' first 2 drives of the second half (by CB Terrell Thomas and DE Kyle Moore) and converted both miscues

into touchdowns: Booty's 2-yard pass to TE Anthony McCoy and a 1-yard run by TB Chauncey Washington. Washington then capped USC's next possession with another 1-yard scoring run. Nebraska took advantage of a Trojan fumble early in the fourth quarter as Glenn had another 1-yard TD run, but USC responded on the ensuing series with TB Allen Bradford's 6-yard touchdown run. The Cornhuskers made the scorer closed when they recorded a pair of late Keller scoring passes to WR Todd Peterson (20 and 18 yards) against USC's reserves. Gable rushed for 69 yards on only 4 carries, Havili added 52 yards on 2 attempts and caught 3 passes for 22 yards and Washington had 43 yards on 12 carries. Booty was 19-of-30 for 144 yards and no interceptions. LB Keith Rivers had a game-high 10 tackles, while LB Kaluka Maiava and CB Cary Harris added 7 stops each. For Nebraska, Keller was 36-of-54 for 389 yards, including 7 completions for 80 yards to WR Maurice Purify. It was the most passing yards USC surrendered since Oregon State had 485 in 2003. RB Marlon Lucky ran for 33 yards on 17 carries and added 6 catches for 41 yards. The Cornhuskers ran for just 31 yards on 28 attempts. Nebraska had more plays (82-68) than USC, but less total yards (457-420). It was USC's first visit to Lincoln since 1969 and the Trojans were the first top-ranked team to play in Memorial Stadium since 1978. ESPN's College GameDay pre-game show was at the stadium.

In 2006 in the Coliseum in the first meeting between the schools since 1970, WR Dwayne Jarrett caught a pair of touchdown passes to become USC's career TD reception leader, QB John David Booty had 3 scoring throws and the Trojan defense allowed just 211 total yards as No. 4 USC beat No. 19 Nebraska, 28-10. Jarrett caught TDs of 12 yards at the end of the first quarter and 5 yards early in the second half, giving him 31 career touchdown grabs to break Mike Williams's mark of 30. After Nebraska PK Jordan Congdon hit a 38-yard field goal late in the first quarter, USC scored the next 21 points as Jarrett's TDs sandwiched a 3-yard Booty scoring pass to WR Steve Smith late in the first half. The Cornhuskers' only other score came on a 1-yard run by QB Zac Taylor early in the fourth quarter, but USC countered with a 7-yard TD run by TB Chauncey Washington. Nebraska entered the game averaging 541.0 total yards, 256.5 rushing yards and 52.5 points. NU's 211 total yards were the fewest allowed by USC since Washington State had 156 in 2004. The Cornhuskers managed just 68 rushing yards (averaging 1.9 yards per carry), 10 first downs (the fewest allowed by USC since Washington had 6 in 2004) and 53 plays. The Trojans had 399 total yards and 26 first downs. Jarrett caught a career high-equaling 11 passes for 136 yards (his 10<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard outing), Booty was 25-of-36 for 257 yards and Smith added 6 receptions for 53 yards. TB Emmanuel Moody ran for a game-best 70 yards on 9 carries as the starter, making it the first time in USC history that a true freshman has started at tailback in consecutive games. Washington added 52 yards on 12 tries. LB Rey Mauluga led the USC defense with a game-high 11 tackles. For Nebraska, LB Kenny Wilson had 46 yards on 19 rushes, Taylor was 8-of-16 for 115 yards and LB Brandon Jackson caught 4 passes for 36 yards.

The No. 5-ranked Trojans won the first meeting, 31-21, in 1969 in Lincoln in the season opener for both teams. USC opened up a 14-0 second quarter lead and expanded it to 28-7 through the third quarter before the unranked Cornhuskers pulled to within a touchdown, 28-21. A 34-yard Ron Ayala field goal provided the final margin. USC HB Mike Berry scored on a 1-yard run and then QB Jimmy Jones hit WR Bob Chandler for a 45-yard score before Nebraska QB Van Brownson scored on a 2-yard run. But USC answered with a 4-yard run by FB Charlie Evans and another 1-yard Berry run. Nebraska came alive in the fourth quarter on a 12-yard run by RB Jeff Kinney and a 2-yard run by QB Jerry Tagge. USC had 335 total yards (182 rushing) to Nebraska's 290 (142 rushing), but the Cornhuskers had 24 first downs to Troy's 18.

No. 3 USC and No. 9 Nebraska played to a 21-21 tie in 1970 under the lights in the Coliseum, but the Cornhuskers rebounded by winning their next 11 games and the national championship. The teams traded scores throughout the game, with USC scoring last with 6:44 to play on a 10-yard run by TB Clarence Davis. Nebraska opened the scoring in the second quarter on a 17-yard pass from QB Dan Schneiss to SE Guy Ingles. USC's Jones then ran 4 yards for a score, but the Cornhuskers responded as HB Johnny Rodgers caught a 15-yard TD pass from Tagge 54 seconds before halftime. Evans had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter, followed on the next series by TB Joe Orduna's 67-yard scoring run for Nebraska. USC had 1 more total yard in the game (366 to 365), but both teams had 5 turnovers.

#### VERSUS BIG TEN

USC is 73-27-3 (.723) against current Big Ten opponents. USC has won its last 12 games against Big Ten foes, as well as 33 of its last 41 games (and 40 of its last 49). USC is 18-9 against the Big Ten in bowls and has won the last 7 bowl meetings. USC's most recent game against a Big Ten foe was a 19-17 season-opening home win over Minnesota. Troy last played a Big Ten opponent in a bowl in the 2009 Rose Bowl (following the 2008 season), a 38-24 victory over Penn State. On the other hand, Nebraska is 89-41-4 (.679) against current Pac-12 members, most recently falling at home to UCLA, 41-21, in 2013. In bowls, the Cornhuskers are 1-4 against the Pac-12 (including 1-2 in the Holiday Bowl), most recently losing to Washington (coached by current USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian**) in the 2010 Holiday Bowl, 19-7.

#### SARK VERSUS NEBRASKA

USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian** was 2-0 against Nebraska as an assistant coach at USC (winning 28-10 at home in 2006 and 49-31 on the road in 2007), then he was 1-2 as head coach at Washington (losing at home in the 2010 regular season, 56-21, then winning a rematch in the 2010 Holiday Bowl, 19-7, then falling on the road in the 2011 51-38).

#### HOLIDAY BOWL FAMILIARITY

Five current USC coaches have previously coached in the Holiday Bowl: **Steve Sarkisian** (2010 with Washington), **Marques Tuiasosopo** (2010 with Washington and 2012 with UCLA), **Johnny Nansen** (2010 with Washington), **Justin Wilcox** (2004 with California) and **Chris Wilson** (2005 with Oklahoma). In that 2010 Holiday Bowl, Washington defeated Nebraska, 19-7. Tuiasosopo also played in the 1999 Holiday Bowl with Washington.

#### SEASON ENDERS

USC is 67-41-11 (.609) in all season finales (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 68-42-11, .607.)

#### IN DECEMBER

USC has a 40-25-7 (.604) all-time record while playing in the month of December (does not include 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 42-25-7, .615).

#### AT NIGHT

USC owns a 155-49-4 (.755) record at night, including 91-25-4 in the Coliseum, 51-18 on the road and 13-4 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 160-50-4, .757 overall, 94-25-4 in the Coliseum, 15-6 at neutral sites; USC had a school-record 32-game winning streak at home at night from 1997 to 2010.)

#### NEBRASKA CONNECTIONS

USC has no players from Nebraska, while the Cornhuskers claim 6 California natives (WR **Christian Bailey** of San Clemente HS, LB **Garrett McKay** of Servite HS and Santa Ana JC, CB **Josh Mitchell** of Corona Roosevelt HS, IB **Terrell Newby** of Chaminade HS, QB **Johnny Stanton** of Santa Margarita HS and OL **Corey Whitaker** of Vista Murrieta HS)...New Nebraska head coach **Mike Riley** was an assistant coach at USC from 1993 to 1996...Nebraska assistant women's diving coach **Natasha (Natalya) Chikina** was a 2-year (1997-98) All-American diver at USC who competed in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics for Kazakhstan and also was a USC assistant diving coach in 1998 and 1999...USC director of athletic development **Scott Wandzilak** was a distance runner at Lincoln's Southeast High and then at Nebraska in 2002 (he also was a student intern in the athletic development office there from 2003 to 2005)...In its history since 1888, USC has had only 4 lettermen from Nebraska: LB **Augusto Alonso** (2011) from Omaha's Creighton Prep, FB **Bill Betz** (1947) from Lincoln HS, RT **Theodore Ossowski** (1943) from Beatrice HS and QB **Bobby Robertson** from Omaha's Central HS...Two former Trojans played at Nebraska before transferring to USC: PK **Jordan Congdon** (2009) and CB **Chris Hale** (1987-88).

#### COMMON OPPONENTS

USC and Nebraska both faced Fresno State in 2014. The Trojans posted a 52-13 season-opening home win over the Bulldogs, while the Cornhuskers won, 55-19, on the road in mid-September.

#### FOOTBALL POWERS

USC and Nebraska have 2 of the top gridiron heritages in the country. USC has won 11 national titles (1928-31-32-39-62-67-72-74-78-2003-04) and Nebraska has 5 (1970-71-94-95-97). Nebraska is fourth in all-time victories among Division I-A schools (873) and USC is ninth (804, not including 14 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty). In career winning percentage, the teams are tied for eighth at .701. USC has appeared in 48 bowls (with 32 wins, not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty), while Nebraska has been in 50 bowls (with 25 wins). Six Trojans have won Heisman Trophies (Mike Garrett, O.J. Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen,

Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart), as have 3 Cornhuskers (Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier and Eric Crouch). USC has had 163 All-American first teamers, while Nebraska claims 96. USC has 31 players in the College Football Hall of Fame and Nebraska has 16. USC has had 77 NFL first rounders to Nebraska's 34 and both schools are represented in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (11 by USC and 3 by Nebraska). Both programs have had legendary coaches (USC's Gloomy Gus Henderson, Howard Jones, John McKay, John Robinson and Pete Carroll, and Nebraska's Dana X. Bible, Bob Devaney, Tom Osborne and Frank Solich).

#### USC IN SAN DIEGO

USC has played just 6 games in San Diego, sporting a 2-3-1 record. The games were against: San Diego YMCA in 1897 (18-0 loss), San Diego High School in 1910 (32-0 win), 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry (U.S. Army) in 1917 (3-0 win), San Diego Navy in 1943 (10-7 loss while ranked fourth) and 1945 (33-6 loss while ranked sixth) and San Diego State in 1992 (a season-opening 31-31 tie in Jack Murphy Stadium in the inaugural Ralphs Holiday Classic). In 1992 in its last visit to San Diego, No. 24 USC—fielding its 100th team—opened up a 21-7 halftime lead, but San Diego State stormed back with a 24-point third quarter to make the game a battle to the wire (only 2 missed field goals in the final minute kept SDSU from upsetting the Trojans). USC QB Rob Johnson was 20-of-33 for 278 yards and 4 TDs (3 to SE Johnnie Morton and 1 to FL Curtis Conway). Trojan PK Cole Ford's 32-yard field goal tied the game with 5:36 to play. Aztec TB Marshall Faulk ran for 220 yards and 3 TDs (including a 59-yarder) on 27 carries. Also, USC has a 5-0 record against San Diego teams in the Coliseum, beating San Diego Navy in 1944 (28-21), 1951 (41-7) and 1952 (20-6) and San Diego State in 1998 (35-6) and 1999 (24-21).

#### SAN DIEGO CONNECTIONS

Three Trojans claim San Diego as their hometowns: PK **Matt Boormeester** (Cathedral Catholic HS), ILB **Nick Schlossberg** (La Jolla Country Day HS) and FB **Brett Sarem** (Cathedral Catholic HS)...USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian** was the quarterbacks coach at San Diego State briefly in January of 2002 before returning to USC to handle a similar duty...USC offensive line coach/running game coordinator **Tim Drevno** was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at the University of San Diego for 4 seasons (2003-06), helping the Toreros be named back-to-back NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major national champions in 2005 and 2006...USC strength and conditioning coach **Ivan Lewis** was on the strength staffs of the San Diego Chargers (2004-2005) and at the University of San Diego (2002-03)...USC head athletic trainer **Russ Romano** is a graduate of San Diego State...S **Su'a Cravens** is a distant cousin of San Diego Chargers linebacker Manti Te'o...OG **Viane Talamaivao's** uncle, Pene Talamaivao, was a defensive tackle with the San Diego Chargers (1999-2000)...Former USC sports information office intern **Will Ferrell** portrayed fictional San Diego television newscaster Ron Burgundy in the movie, "Anchorman"...Current San Diego Chargers CB **Shareece Wright** lettered at USC from 2006 through 2010...Chargers linebackers coach **Joe Barry** played linebacker at USC

(1992-93) and then was a Trojan assistant coach (1995, 2010-11)...Chargers executive vice president/chief executive officer **A.G. Spanos** earned his bachelor's degree at USC...There have been 34 former Trojans who played for the San Diego Chargers: LB **Sam Anno** (1993), LB **Charles Anthony** (1974), LB **Chip Banks** (1987), RB **Ricky Bell** (1982), C **George Belotti** (1961), T **Booker Brown** (1975-77), LB-DE **Keith Browner** (1988), LB **Frank Buncom** (1962-67), LB **Steve Busick** (1987), WR **Curtis Conway** (2000-02), S **Kevin Ellison** (2009), G **Orlando Ferrante** (1961), T-G **James FitzPatrick** (1986-89), RB **Mike Garrett** (1970-73), E **Luther Hayes** (1961), CB-S **Darrel Hopper** (1987), T **Gary Kirner** (1964-69), TE **Bob Klein** (1977-80), LB **David Lewis** (1982), WR **Grant Mattos** (2003), Pro Football Hall of Fame G **Ron Mix** (1961-69), LB **Zeke Moreno** (2001-04), QB **Pat O'Hara** (1992), C **Marc Raab** (1998), LB **Tim Rossovich** (1972-73), QB **Sean Salisbury** (1996), DT **Harry Schmidt** (1961-64), Super Bowl XXIX LB **Junior Seau** (1990-2002), G **Pat Shea** (1962-65), TB **Todd Spencer** (1987), WR **Timmie Ware** (1986-87), LB **Eric Williams** (1984), DT **Greg Wojcik** (1972-73) and CB **Sharece Wright** (2011-current).

#### SAN DIEGO TROJANS

In its history, 69 USC lettermen claim San Diego as their hometown. Twenty-nine of them attended San Diego HS: E **Harold (Hobbs) Adams**, LHB **Gerald Burchard** (1933-35), HB **Cosimo Cutri** (1950-51), QB **Oliver Day** (1937-38), LHB **Coye Dunn** (1936), RE **Oliver Fletcher** (1948), C **Jack Fox** (1926-27), LT **John Fox** (1915-16, 1919), FB **Charles Gallindo** (1925), C **William King Hall** (1933-34), TB-WR **Michael Hayes** (1977, 1979), QB **Rockwell Kemp** (1927-29), QB **Frank (Rabbit) Malette** (1915-17), C **Duane Maley** (1941), RE **Salvador Mena** (1938-40), LE **Dick Reed** (1945), FB **Bert Ritchey** (1928, 1930), RG **Robert H. Sanders** (1934-36), FB **Russell Saunders** (1927-29), T **Albert Scheving** (1925-27), QB **Ambrose Schindler** (1936-39), RT **George Schutte** (1946-48), LG **William Seixas** (1942), LB **Jim Snow** (1966-68), RG **Ben Sohn** (1938-40), RT **C.W. Sprott** (1914), G **Gordon Thompson** (1923), RT **Bob Van Doren** (1950-52) and QB **Irvine (Cotton) Warburton** (1932-34). The other Trojan lettermen from San Diego were: PK **Adam Abrams** (1995-98) of Bishop's HS, OT **Pete Adams** (1970-72) of University HS, TB **Marcus Allen** (1978-81) of Lincoln HS, TB **Dillon Baxter** (2010-11) of Mission Bay HS, CB **Marcel Brown** (1990) of Point Loma HS, ROV **Pat Collins** (1973) of St. Augustine HS, PK **Jordan Congdon** (2009) of St. Augustine HS, S **Rashard Cook** (1995-98) of Morse HS, FB **Humphrey Covington** (1968-69) of Lincoln HS, RT **Bob de Lauer** (1939-41) of Hoover HS, RHB **Roy Engle** (1937-39) of Hoover HS, DE-TE **Lonnie Ford** (1998-2001) of Morse HS, TE **William Gay** (1975-77) of Hoover HS, DE **Jimmy Gunn** (1967-69) of Lincoln HS, LE **Luther Hayes** (1958-60) of Lincoln HS, DT **Christian Heyward** (2012) of Point Loma HS, LT-LG **Clark Higgins** (1944) of Hoover HS, ROV **Doug Hogan** (1973-75) of Point Loma HS, S **Marcus Hopkins** (1988-90) of Lincoln HS, RG **Pete Kovac** (1934) of Point Loma HS, OG **John Lanza** (2005) of Horizon HS, CB **Tim Lavender** (1978) of Central HS, OLB **David Lewis** (1974-76) of Lincoln HS, S-CB **Moziq McCurtis** (2006-07) of St. Augustine HS, MG **Ralph Oliver** (1966-67) of Hoover HS, T **Volney Peters** (1948-50) of Hoover HS, SNP **Chris Pousson** (2008-11) of St. Augustine HS, C **Marc Raab** (1990-91) of Helix HS, PK **Adam Rendon** (1995,

1997) of San Dieguito HS, DT **Darrell Russell** (1994-96) of St. Augustine HS, DHB **Nate Shaw** (1964-66) of Lincoln HS, RG-LT **Pat Shea** (1960-61) of Mission Bay HS, LHB **Joe Shell** (1937-39) of Hoover HS, C **Edwin Simpson** (1915-16, 1919) of Army Navy Academy, LB **Greg Slough** (1969-70) of Point Loma HS, NG **Harold Steele** (1975-76) of Lincoln HS, SNP-TE **Cooper Stephenson** (2008-09) of Torrey Pines HS, FB **Hal Tobin** (1960-61) of Coronado HS, TB **Steven Webster** (1985-88) of Helix HS and G **Julian Whittier** (1929) of Army Navy Academy. Eleven of those San Diego Trojans—Pete Adams, Cutri, Gay, Lavender, Lewis, Oliver, Shaw, Shea, Slough, Steele and Tobin—plus OG-OT **Bill Bain** (1973-74) also attended San Diego CC, while Collins and Covington also attended San Diego Mesa JC. P **Kyle Negrete** (2011-12) played for the University of San Diego and DE **Andrew Weiss** (2008) played for UC San Diego. G **Bob Downs** (1950) and QB **George Murphy** (1044, 1946-48) played for San Diego Navy and C **Vern Sampson** (1953-55) played for San Diego Marines. C **Tom Cox** (1984-85), OT **Gaylord Kuamoo** (1984-85) and HB **Sam Russo** (1923) listed San Diego as their hometown, but did not attend high school there.

#### USC IN BOWLS

USC has a remarkable record in bowl games. The Trojans have the nation's fourth highest bowl winning percentage (.667) among the 83 schools that have made at least 10 bowl appearances (behind Marshall's .800, Utah's .765 and Miami of Ohio's .700). USC's 32 bowl victories are second behind Alabama's 34 for most in the nation (not including 1 win for both teams vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33 for USC, 35 for Alabama). Troy's 48 bowl appearances are sixth most, behind Alabama (61), Texas (52), Nebraska (50), Tennessee (49) and Georgia (49) (not including 2 USC appearances and 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 50 for USC, 62 for Alabama). USC once won 9 consecutive bowl games (the 1923-30-32-33-39-40-44-45 Rose Bowls and 1924 Christmas Festival); only Florida State has won more in a row (11).

USC's overall post-season record is 32-16 (not including 1 win and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33-17). The Trojans were a bowl participant each year they were eligible from 1972 to 1990 (USC was banned from bowl participation in 1980-82-83).

Troy has appeared in an unprecedented 32 Rose Bowls, where it has a 24-8 mark (.742) (not including 1 win and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33 Rose Bowls, 24-9, .718). That's not only the most Rose Bowl wins of any team, but also the most wins by a school in a single bowl. USC has won 11 of its last 13 Rose Bowls (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 11 of its last 14). USC is the only team to have won 3 consecutive Rose Bowls (2007-08-09). USC twice played in 4 consecutive Rose Bowl games (1967 to 1970 and 2006 to 2009); Ohio State (1973-76) is the only other team to have done so.

USC has also appeared in 12 other bowls—the Christmas Festival, Liberty Bowl, Bluebonnet Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Aloha Bowl, Florida Citrus Bowl, Sun (John Hancock) Bowl (3 times), Freedom Bowl (twice), Cotton Bowl, Las Vegas Bowl (twice), Orange Bowl (twice) and Emerald Bowl.

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

#### USC's Rose Bowl Record

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

#### USC's Record in Other Bowls

1924—USC 20, Missouri 7 (Christmas Festival)  
 1975—USC 20, Texas A&M 0 (Liberty Bowl)  
 1977—USC 47, Texas A&M 28 (Bluebonnet Bowl)  
 1982—Penn State 26, USC 10 (Fiesta Bowl)  
 1985—Alabama 24, USC 3 (Aloha Bowl)  
 1987—Auburn 16, USC 7 (Florida Citrus Bowl)  
 1990—Michigan State 17, USC 16 (John Hancock Bowl)  
 1992—Fresno State 24, USC 7 (Freedom Bowl)  
 1993—USC 28, Utah 21 (Freedom Bowl)  
 1995—USC 55, Texas Tech 14 (Cotton Bowl)  
 1998—TCU 28, USC 19 (Sun Bowl)  
 2001—Utah 10, USC 6 (Las Vegas Bowl)  
 \*2003—USC 38, Iowa 17 (Orange Bowl)  
 \*2005—USC 55\*, Oklahoma 19 (Orange Bowl, BCS Champ. Game)  
 2009—USC 24, Boston College 13 (Emerald Bowl)  
 2012—Georgia Tech 21, USC 7 (Sun Bowl)  
 2013—USC 45, Fresno State 20 (Las Vegas Bowl)  
 \*BCS Bowl game  
 \*\*2005 win and 2006 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty

## NEBRASKA BOWL HISTORY

Nebraska has a 25-25 bowl record. Its 50 bowl appearances are third most, behind Alabama's 61 and Texas' 52 (not including 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 62). Nebraska had an NCAA record 35 consecutive bowl appearances from 1969 to 2003 and it has been a bowl participant the past 6 years. The Cornhuskers are 1-2 in the Holiday Bowl, falling to Arizona in 1998 (23-20), defeating Arizona in 2009 (33-0) and losing to Washington in 2010 (19-7).

1941 — Rose vs. Stanford, L 13-21  
1955 — Orange vs. Duke, L 7-34  
1962 — Gotham vs. Miami, W 36-34  
1964 — Orange vs. Auburn, W 13-7  
1965 — Cotton vs. Arkansas, L 7-10  
1966 — Orange vs. Alabama, L 28-39  
1967 — Sugar vs. Alabama, L 7-34  
1969 — Sun vs. Georgia, W 45-6  
1971 — Orange vs. LSU, W 17-12  
1972 — Orange vs. Alabama, W 38-6  
1973 — Orange vs. Notre Dame, W 40-6  
1974 — Cotton vs. Texas, W 19-3  
1974 — Sugar vs. Florida, W 13-10  
1975 — Fiesta vs. Arizona State, L 14-17  
1976 — Astro-Bluebonnet vs. Texas Tech, W 27-24  
1977 — Liberty vs. North Carolina, W 21-17  
1979 — Orange vs. Oklahoma, L 24-31  
1980 — Cotton vs. Houston, L 14-17  
1980 — Sun vs. Mississippi State, W 31-17  
1982 — Orange vs. Clemson, L 15-22  
1983 — Orange vs. LSU, W 21-20  
1984 — Orange vs. Miami, L 30-31  
1985 — Sugar vs. LSU, W 28-10  
1986 — Fiesta vs. Michigan, L 23-27  
1987 — Sugar vs. LSU, W 30-15  
1988 — Fiesta vs. Florida State, L 28-31  
1989 — Orange vs. Miami, L 3-23  
1990 — Fiesta vs. Florida State, L 17-41  
1991 — Citrus vs. Georgia Tech, L 21-45  
1992 — Orange vs. Miami, L 0-22  
1993 — Orange vs. Florida State, L 14-27  
1994 — Orange vs. Florida State, L 16-18  
1995 — Orange vs. Miami, W 24-17  
1996 — Fiesta vs. Florida, W 62-24  
1996 — Orange vs. Virginia Tech, W 41-21  
1998 — Orange vs. Tennessee, W 42-17  
1998 — Holiday vs. Arizona, L 20-23  
2000 — Fiesta vs. Tennessee, W 31-21  
2000 — Alamo vs. Northwestern, W 66-17  
2002 — Rose vs. Miami, L 14-37  
2002 — Independence vs. Mississippi, L 23-27  
2003 — Alamo vs. Michigan State, W 17-3  
2005 — Alamo vs. Michigan, W 32-28  
2007 — Cotton vs. Auburn, L 14-17  
2009 — Gator vs. Clemson, W 26-21  
2009 — Holiday vs. Arizona, W 33-0  
2010 — Holiday vs. Washington, L 7-19  
2012 — Capital One vs. South Carolina, L 13-30  
2013 — Capital One vs. Georgia, L 31-45  
2014 — Gator vs. Georgia, W 24-19

## HOLIDAY BOWL HISTORY

The National University Holiday Bowl, first played in 1978, pits Pac-12 and Big Ten opponents in 66,000-seat Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. It pays out \$5.65 million total for both teams.

2013 — Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23  
2012 — Baylor 49, UCLA 26  
2011 — Texas 21, California 10  
2010 — Washington 19, Nebraska 7  
2009 — Nebraska 33, Arizona 0  
2008 — Oregon 42, Oklahoma State 31  
2007 — Texas 52, Arizona State 34  
2006 — California 45, Texas A&M 10  
2005 — Oklahoma 17, Oregon 14  
2004 — Texas Tech 45, California 31  
2003 — Washington State 28, Texas 20  
2002 — Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27  
2001 — Texas 47, Washington 43  
2000 — Oregon 35, Texas 30  
1999 — Kansas State 24, Washington 20  
1998 — Arizona 23, Nebraska 20  
1997 — Colorado State 35, Missouri 24  
1996 — Colorado 33, Washington 21  
1995 — Kansas State 54, CSU 21  
1994 — Michigan 24, Colorado State 14  
1993 — Ohio State 28, BYU 21

1992 — Hawaii 27, Illinois 17  
1991 — Iowa 13, BYU 13  
1990 — Texas A&M 65, BYU 14  
1989 — Penn State 50, BYU 39  
1988 — Oklahoma State 62, Wyoming 14  
1987 — Iowa 20, Wyoming 19  
1986 — Iowa 39, San Diego State 38  
1985 — Arkansas 18, Arizona State 17  
1984 — BYU 24, Michigan 17  
1983 — BYU 21, Missouri 17  
1982 — Ohio State 47, BYU 17  
1981 — BYU 38, Washington State 36  
1980 — BYU 46, SMU 45  
1979 — Indiana 38, BYU 37  
1978 — Navy 23, BYU 16

## 2014 NATIONAL HONORS

QB **Cody Kessler** is a finalist for the Manning Award and was a finalist for the Unitas Award. DE **Leonard Williams** was a finalist for the Hendricks Award and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award, Bednarik Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. TB **Javorius Allen** was a semifinalist for Maxwell Award and Doak Walker Award. WR **Nelson Agholor** was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award. LB **Hayes Pullard** was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award.

## 2014 ALL-AMERICANS

DE **Leonard Williams**, a 2013 All-American first teamer, made the 2014 Football Coaches All-American first team, ESPN.com All-American first team, FOXSports.com All-American first team, Lindy's All-American first team, CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team, AP All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, Football Writers All-American second team, USA Today All-American second team, SI.com All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team, Athlon All-American second team and Phil Steele All-American second team. WR **Nelson Agholor** made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team (as well as the third team as a punt returner), FOXSports.com All-American second team, Phil Steele All-American second team, AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention. S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** made the 2014 AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team, Phil Steele All-American fourth team and SI.com All-American honorable mention, as well as CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American first team. CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as a kickoff returner). TB **Javorius Allen** made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team. Jackson and OG-OT **Toa Lobendahn** were named to the 2014 Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, USA Today Freshman All-American first team, Scout Freshman All-American first team, Phil Steele Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team and 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team (Jackson also made CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team, while Lobendahn was on the second team), while OG **Viane Talamaivao** made the 2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team and Scout Freshman All-American second team. OT **Zach Banner** made 2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American honorable mention. WR **JuJu Smith** made 2014 Sporting News Freshman All-American first team and CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American honorable mention.

## 2014 ALL-PAC-12

Five Trojans—TB **Javorius Allen**, WR **Nelson Agholor**, C **Max Tuerk**, DE **Leonard Williams** and S-OLB **Su'a Cravens**—were named to the All-Pac-12 first team. USC joined Oregon and Utah for the most first team selections with 5. Williams was a repeat first teamer, USC's first since wide receiver Robert Woods in 2010-11. WR **JuJu Smith** made the All-Pac-12 second team as an all-purpose/special teams player. Seven Trojans were named All-Pac-12 honorable mention: CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, QB **Cody Kessler**, OG-OT **Toa Lobendahn**, ILB **Hayes Pullard**, OG **Viane Talamaivao**, OLB **J.R. Tavai** and TE **Randall Telfer**. Jackson also was named the Pac-12 Freshman Defensive Player of the Year. He is the third Trojan in the past 4 years so honored, joining LB Dion Bailey (2011) and Williams (2012). One other USC defensive freshman, S Taylor Mays in 2006, was named the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year.

## USC TEAM AWARDS

DE **Leonard Williams** was named USC's Most Valuable Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year, while **Randall Telfer** was the Most Inspirational Player. C **Max Tuerk** was the Offensive Lineman of the Year, WR **Nelson Agholor** was the Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year, S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** was the Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year and OLB **Quinton Powell** was the Special Teams Player of the Year. QB **Cody Kessler** won the Trojan Way Leadership Award and the Player of the Year of the Notre Dame Game Award, while LB **Hayes Pullard** won the Trojan Commitment Award. QB **Jalen Greene** was the Offensive Service Team Player of the Year, while ILB **Reuben Peters** was the Defensive Service Team Player of the Year. TB **Javorius Allen** won the Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award for longest run from scrimmage (53 yards vs. Arizona State). OT **Chad Wheeler** won the Bob Chandler Award (underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character), WR **JuJu Smith** won the John McKay Award (underclassman with the most competitive spirit), PK **Alex Wood** won the Joe Collins Walk-on Award, OLB **J.R. Tavai** won the Chris Carlisle Courage Award and TE **Chris Willson** won the Community Service Award. QB **Max Browne** and ILB **Anthony Sarao** shared the Lifters Award. QB **Anthony Neyer** won the Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award (overall academic achievement).

## LOOKING TO 2015

On USC's current 48-man 2-deep (including the punter and kicker), 37 players (17 offense, 17 defense, 3 specialists) are non-seniors, including 19 starters (10 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialists). That does not include potential non-senior 2-deepers who are injured, nor does it consider potential early departures for the NFL. USC's 2015 schedule features 7 home games in the Coliseum, including meetings with crosstown rival UCLA, 2012 and 2013 Pac-12 champion Stanford and a Thursday night contest against Washington. The Trojans will play every Pac-12 foe except Oregon State and Washington State, while the non-conference slate includes Notre Dame on the road and Arkansas State and Idaho at home. The 2015 schedule:

Sept. 5 – Arkansas State  
 Sept. 12 – Idaho  
 Sept. 19 – Stanford  
 Sept. 26 – at Arizona State  
 Oct. 8 (Th.) – Washington  
 Oct. 17 – at Notre Dame  
 Oct. 24 – Utah (Trojan Family Weekend)  
 Oct. 31 – at California  
 Nov. 7 – Arizona (Homecoming/Reunion Weekend)  
 Nov. 13 (Fr.) – at Colorado  
 Nov. 21 – at Oregon  
 Nov. 28 – UCLA

#### 2014 SCHEDULE

USC's 12-game 2014 regular-season schedule featured 9 teams that played in a bowl last season, 6 that won at least 8 games (including 4 that had 10-plus victories) and 4 that were in the final AP rankings. **Steve Sarkisian's** Trojan head coaching debut came at home on Aug. 30 against 2013 Mountain West Conference champion Fresno State, the team the Trojans defeated in the Las Vegas Bowl to close last season (it marked the first time since the 1916 finale and the 1917 opener that Troy has played the same team consecutively). The Trojans then traveled to 2-time defending Pac-12 champion Stanford on Sept. 6 for the Pac-12's first conference game of 2014. USC stayed on the road on Sept. 13 when it went to Atlantic Coast Conference opponent Boston College, Troy's first visit there since 1988. After a bye, the Trojans resumed Pac-12 play by returning home for a pair of games, first against Oregon State on Sept. 27 and then versus reigning Pac-12 South Division champ Arizona State on Oct. 4. USC then went to Arizona on Oct. 11 before it hosted Colorado on Oct. 18. Troy was on the road the following 2 weeks, at Utah on Oct. 25 and at Washington State on Nov. 1, then it had another bye weekend. The Trojans returned to action by hosting California in a Thursday night contest on Nov. 13, just the second non-Thanksgiving or non-bowl Thursday game USC has played in the Coliseum. USC concluded its regular season with back-to-back encounters with its traditional rivals, first visiting crosstown foe UCLA in the Rose Bowl on Nov. 22 and then hosting Notre Dame in a Thanksgiving weekend clash on Nov. 29.

#### NCAA PROBATION OVER

USC's NCAA probation officially ended this past June 10, meaning the 2014 team is the last under the 3-year NCAA penalty that caps the annual roster to a maximum of 75 scholarship players and the yearly scholarship signees to 15 (that's 10 fewer than the NCAA maximum in both cases). Despite being faced with severe NCAA sanctions the past 4 years, the Trojan football program was able to produce a pair of 10-win seasons in that span. USC still has a year remaining in the 5-year window of repeat violator status.

#### AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP PLAYERS

Because of the NCAA sanctions-mandated scholarship limitation for this season, plus early departures from last year's team and some in-season departures from this year's squad, the 2014 Trojans currently field a roster of only 65 recruited scholarship players. Just 56 of those are available this week (8 are out for the season with injuries and 1 is academically ineligible). Also, 6 more of the 56 available recruited scholarship players likely will redshirt in 2014. No more than 57 recruited scholarship players have suited up for any game in 2014.

	REC.	SCHOL.	AVAIL.	SUITED	PLAYED
<b>PLAYERS</b>					
RES	67		62	57	47
@STAN	67		62	52	39
@BC	67		62	54	42
OSU	66		61	57	45
ASU	66		61	55	45
@ARIZ	65		60	50	42
COLO	65		58	53	45
@UTAH	65		58	48	41
@WSU	65		57	48	41
CAL	65		57	54	39
@UCLA	65		58	56	42
ND	65		57	56	48

Note: Pac-12 teams can travel 70 players maximum (scholarship and non-scholarship) to non-rival Pac-12 road games, but can suit up an unlimited amount for Pac-12 home games, Pac-12 rival road games and all non-conference games.

#### LAST GAME

QB **Cody Kessler** threw a Notre Dame opponent record 6 touchdown passes as USC overwhelmed the Irish, 49-14, before 79,586 fans in the Coliseum and a national FOX audience. Troy's 49 points and 35-point victory margin were its second most ever in the series. Kessler hit 80% of his passes, completing a career-best 32 on 40 attempts (including 16 consecutive at one point) for 372 yards and no interceptions. His 5 scoring TDs in the first half tied a USC record and were the most ever thrown in a half against Notre Dame. After punting on its first possession, the Trojans scored on their next 5 drives to open up a 35-0 second quarter lead. It was USC's most points in any half against ND since 1979 and the most any team has registered in the first half against the Irish since 1998. Kessler threw first quarter TD passes to WR **George Farmer** (48 yards), CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson** (16 yards) and Farmer again (31 yards late in the quarter), then in the second quarter to WR **Darreus Rogers** (6 yards following an interception by S **Gerald Bowman**) and WR **Nelson Agholor** (14 yards following a fumble recovery by LB **Hayes Pullard** that was forced by OLB **J.R. Tavai**). Notre Dame then replaced starting QB Everett Golson, who came into the game ranked in the national Top 10 in passing TDs, total offense and passing yardage but completed just 7-of-18 throws for 75 yards and was sacked 3 times, with QB Malik Zaire, who got ND on the board late in the half with his 11-yard TD run. But the Trojans scored on their first 2 possessions of the second half, on a 9-yard Kessler pass to TE **Randall Telfer** and then a 16-yard run by TB **Justin Davis** before the Irish countered with a 1-yard run by RB Greg Bryant to finish the game's scoring. USC piled up 577 total yards on 93 plays, had a Notre Dame opponent record 35 first downs, converted 13-of-18 third downs and held the ball 37:39. ND had 349 total yards on 64 plays, 20 first downs and converted 6-of-14 third downs. Agholor caught 12 passes for 120 yards, WR **Juju Smith** had 5 grabs for 48 yards and Farmer had 4 for 85 yards. TB **Javorius Allen** ran for a game-best 93 yards on 19 carries, while Davis added 81 yards on 19 tries. Bowman and S **John Plattenburg** each had 7 tackles, S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** added 6 stops and Tavai had 3.5 sacks among his 5 tackles. Jackson, who started at both wide receiver and cornerback, became the first Trojan to start a game on offense and defense since at least the late 1960s when records of starters were kept (2 platoon football began in 1965). PK **Andre Heidari**, who hit all 7 of his PATs, set the Pac-12 career records for PATs made and attempted. For Notre Dame, which suffered

its fourth straight loss and fifth in 6 games after opening the season at 6-0, Bryant ran for 79 yards on 7 attempts, Zaire was 9-of-20 for 170 yards and WR Will Fuller had 5 receptions for 75 yards. It was USC's 1,200<sup>th</sup> game and made **Steve Sarkisian** only the third USC head coach to win his debut against Notre Dame. It was only the 12<sup>th</sup> time in the series that both teams were unranked and the first time since 1986 that both were coming off a loss. USC had on-field celebrations for the 50<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of its famous comeback victories over Notre Dame in 1964 and 1974, as well as for the upcoming movie "Unbroken" about former USC Olympic distance runner and war hero Louis Zamperini.

#### STEVE SARKISIAN

**Steve Sarkisian**, the eighth youngest (40) head coach currently in NCAA FBS, didn't have to be shown around the USC campus or be instructed on Trojan gridiron lore when he was hired as the school's head football coach this past December. He already was quite familiar with all things Troy, from its physical layout to its academic prestige to its football tradition and culture. That's because this is Sarkisian's fifth time at USC, first as a student-athlete in the early 1990s, then as a graduate assistant coach nearly a decade later, next as an assistant coach (he was the quarterbacks coach on USC's 2003 national championship squad), then as the offensive coordinator following a foray into the NFL and now as the head coach after spending the past 5 years guiding Washington (where he went to 4 bowl games and beat 8 AP Top 25 teams). He has a 6-year head coaching record of 42-33, including 8-4 in his inaugural season at USC in 2014. He is just the third Trojan head coach to win his debut against Notre Dame. At Washington, Sarkisian inherited a program in 2009 that had won just 12 games during the previous 5 seasons, including going winless the year before he took over. His 8 victories in 2013 were the most at UW since 2000. He won 4 of his 5 Apple Cup games against in-state rival Washington State. He coached 9 NFL draftees and produced a 1,000-yard rusher each year. His overall Washington record was 34-29. UW's school record-setting 2013 Washington offense was in the national Top 20 in total offense, rushing offense, pass efficiency offense and scoring offense, while the defense was in the Pac-12's Top 6 in every category. The 2013 Husky squad featured Doak Walker Award finalist tailback Bishop Sankey (No. 4 nationally in rushing), quarterback Keith Price (UW's recordholder in career TD passes, passing efficiency and completion percentage), 2013 Mackey Award-winning tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins and safety Sean Parker (11 career interceptions). At USC, Sarkisian coached Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, along with NFL signalcallers Mark Sanchez, John David Booty and Matt Cassel. The Trojans went 23-3 when he was the offensive coordinator. Sarkisian originally joined the USC staff as an offensive assistant in January of 2001. Then, after going to San Diego State briefly as the quarterbacks coach in January of 2002, he returned to USC in March of 2002 to handle the quarterbacks fulltime for 2 seasons (2002-03). He spent the 2004 season as the quarterbacks coach with the Oakland

Raiders. His quarterbacks passed for more than 4,000 yards in 2004 as Oakland ranked eighth in passing in the NFL. He returned to the Trojan staff in February of 2005 as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach for 4 seasons (2005-08). He added the offensive coordinator role in 2007 and 2008. While Sarkisian was at USC, the Trojans played in 5 Rose Bowls (including the 2006 BCS Championship Game)—as well as the 2003 Orange Bowl and 2001 Las Vegas Bowl. Sarkisian spent the 2000 season as the quarterbacks coach at El Camino Junior College in Torrance (Calif.).

#### ASSISTANT COACHES

Just 2 full-time assistant coaches from USC's 2013 staff were retained by Sarkisian: Helton, the offensive coordinator who handles the quarterbacks, and wide receivers coach/pass game coordinator **Tee Martin**, who was named the Pac-12's Recruiter of the Year in 2014. Sarkisian brought 5 assistants with him from Washington: defensive coordinator **Justin Wilcox**, running backs coach/special teams coordinator/assistant head coach **Johnny Nansen**, linebackers coach/recruiting coordinator/associate head coach defense **Peter Simon**, tight ends coach/associate head coach offense **Marques Tuiasosopo** and defensive backs coach/pass game coordinator defense **Keith Heyward**. Strength and conditioning head coach **Ivan Lewis** also followed him to USC. Sarkisian then hired **Tim Drevno** from the San Francisco 49ers to be the offensive line coach/running game coordinator and **Chris Wilson** from Georgia to be the defensive line coach. Graduate assistant coach **Jaron Fairman** (offense) was held over from last year's staff, while another 3 grad assistants—**Kyle DeVan** (offense), who played at Oregon State and in the NFL, **Patrick Henderson** (defense), another Beaver graduate who most recently was a junior college defensive coordinator, and **Drew Pearson** (defense), who previously coached at a local high school—joined the staff this season.

#### OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Eight starters returned on offense from 2013: quarterback **Cody Kessler**, tailback **Javorius Allen**, wide receiver **Nelson Agholor**, fullback **Soma Vainuku**, tight end **Randall Telfer** and offensive linemen **Max Tuerk**, **Chad Wheeler** and **Aundrey Walker**. Others back with starting experience are tailback **Tre Madden**, wide receiver **Darreus Rogers**, fullback **Jahleel Pinner**, offensive tackle **Nathan Guertler** and tight end **Chris Willson**. USC's leading passer, top 2 rushers (and 5 of its top 6 ground gainers) and 4 of its top 6 pass catchers (and 13 players in all who had a reception) were back from 2013. The Trojans averaged nearly 30 points and 400 total yards last year while breaking in a new signalcaller, figures that were down just slightly from the previous year when the offense was quarterbacked by a 4-year starter and featured a record-setting wideout and a career 1,000-yard runner. USC was particularly effective last fall in the red zone (sixth nationally) and in time of possession (10<sup>th</sup> nationally), both best in the Pac-12, and it cut its turnovers in half from 2012 (from 34 to just 17). However, Troy looked for improvement across the board on offense, as its key 2013 offensive stats (scoring offense at 29.7, total offense at 399.9, rushing offense at 172.8 and passing offense at 227.1) all ranked in the middle

third of the nation's teams, while it particularly struggled on third down conversions (35.1%) and sacks allowed (2.43), both of which were in the bottom third. Sarkisian, who calls the plays with help from offensive coordinator **Clay Helton**, employs multiple formations on offense. But noticeably different from past USC offensive schemes is Sarkisian's use of the hurry-up no-huddle system.

#### QUARTERBACKS

USC is in good hands at the quarterback spot. Junior **Cody Kessler** (292-of-413, 70.7%, 3,505 yds, 36 TD, 4 int in 2014, plus 2 rush TD and 33.0 avg on 7 P), who was named the 2014 starter near the end of spring practice, showed continual improvement throughout 2013 in his first year as the starter, completing 65.4% of his passes for 2,968 yards and 20 TDs with just 7 interceptions. In the final 6 games of last season, he hit 70.8% of his aerials with 11 TDs and just 2 picks. He was the Las Vegas Bowl MVP, going 22-of-30 (73.3%) for a career-high 345 yards and a career-best and Vegas Bowl record 4 touchdown passes. Kessler made 2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as Phil Steele All-Pac-12 third team. He is one of 11 finalists for the Manning Award (top quarterback) and was one of 5 finalists for the Unitas Golden Arm Award (top senior/fourth-year quarterback). He won USC's Trojan Way Leadership Award and the Player of the Notre Dame Game Award. He currently is second nationally in completion percentage (70.7%, first in Pac-12), fourth in both passing efficiency (168.8, second in Pac-12) and passing TDs (36, second in Pac-12), seventh in points responsible for (19.2, third in Pac-12), eighth in completions (24.3, fourth in Pac-12) and 11<sup>th</sup> in passing yards (292.1, third in Pac-12). His 70.7% completion percentage in 2014 currently is above the USC season record (69.1% by Matt Barkley in 2011). His 168.8 passing efficiency in 2014 currently is above the USC season record (164.6 by Mark Sanchez in 2008). His 0.97 interception rate currently is better than the USC season record (1.34 by Rob Johnson in 1003). Against Power 5 opponents, his passing efficiency (161.6) is second best in the nation, his completion percentage (69.9%) is second and his passing TDs (26) is third. No quarterback in the nation has thrown as many passes as Kessler and had only 4 interceptions, and only 1 besides Kessler has thrown at least 30 TDs with just 4 or fewer interceptions. None of his first 190 passes in 2014 were intercepted (he had a streak of 195 extending to 2013) and only 4 of his 413 throws in 2014 have been picked off. He has thrown just 5 interceptions in his past 17 games. He has thrown 25 touchdowns in the last 6 games. He already is fifth on Troy's career TD pass list (56), sixth on the career passing chart (530 completions), sixth on the career passing yardage list (6,482) and sixth on the career total offense chart (6,277 yards). He has thrown for at least 300 yards in a game 7 times in his career (6 in 2014, including once for 400 yards) and twice he has done it back-to-back. He has thrown at least 1 TD pass in 22 of his 26 career starts, at least 2 scores 14 times in his career and at least 4 TDs 7 times (6 in 2014). His current career completion percentage of 68.3% and interception rate of 1.42 are better than 2004 Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart's USC career records (64.8% and 1.85%). His 7 TD passes versus Colorado in 2014 was a

USC game record, as well as tied a Pac-12 regulation game record. His 6 TD passes versus Notre Dame was an Irish opponent record and his 5 in the first half of that game tied a USC record. His 36 TD passes in 2014 is tied for third on USC's season ladder, his 292 completions in 2014 is fourth on the USC season list, his 3,505 passing yards is sixth on the USC season list and his 3,356 yards of total offense is sixth on USC's season chart. Despite that Vegas Bowl showing, Kessler was challenged in the spring by promising redshirt freshman **Max Browne** (3-of-7, 42.9%, 30 yds in 2014), who was the nation's high school player of the year in 2012 when he set Washington State records for passing yards (12,953) and completions (882) while completing 70.4% of his throws for 146 TDs. A 2013 spring enrollee, Browne already has the benefit of spring and fall practices under his belt. Browne won USC's Lifters Award. Also keep an eye on freshman **Jalen Greene**, who went 35-6 as a 3-year prep starter while throwing for 6,355 yards with 68 TDs and running for 3,040 yards with 30 TDs. He graduated high school a semester early so he could enroll at USC this past spring. Greene was named USC's Offensive Service Team Player of the Year. Six untested walk-on quarterbacks also are on the roster: senior **Anthony Neyer**, sophomores **Conner Sullivan** (a former Trojan baseboller), who also holds on placekicks, and **Alex Bridgford**, a transfer this past spring from Redlands, and first-year freshmen **Larry Tuileta**, who also will play volleyball at USC (he was the national prep player of the year in the sport as a senior), **Michael Bowman** and **Andrew Zolintakis**. Neyer won USC's Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award (overall academic achievement).

—Kessler threw for a career-high 394 yards versus Fresno State while hitting 25-of-37 passes with 4 TDs (all tying career bests) and he also opened the game's scoring with a 1-yard sneak as part of his 28 rushing yards (in the first half, he threw for 309 yards on 21-of-30 passing) to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Browne played the entire fourth quarter and went 3-of-4 for 30 yards.

—Kessler hit 15-of-22 passes for 135 yards at Stanford.

—Kessler was 31-of-41 (both career highs) for 317 yards with 4 TDs at Boston College.

—Kessler completed 75% of his passes (24-of-32) for 261 yards with 2 TDs (including a 48-yard Half Mary at the halftime gun) and no interceptions against an Oregon State defense that was leading the nation in pass efficiency defense (holding opposing quarterbacks to 42.3% completions and not allowing a passing TD), while Browne played the game's final series but did not throw a pass.

—Kessler was 28-of-45 (a career high attempts) for 273 yards against Arizona State and he also had an 8-yard rushing TD and averaged 33.8 yards on 4 pooch punts.

—Kessler completed 20-of-30 passes for 185 yards and a TD at Arizona, but threw his first interception to snap a string of 190 straight passes without a pick in 2014 (and 195 dating to 2013).

—Kessler's 7 TD passes against Colorado set a USC game record and tied a Pac-12 regulation game record and his 5 TDs in the first half tied a USC mark (he had 4 TD tosses in the first quarter) as he averaged a TD pass every 2.7 completions and 3.7 attempts (he was 19-of-26 in the game for 319 yards with no picks, all in 3 quarters of play) to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week, College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week and National Quarterback of the Week and College Sports Madness National and Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Browne played all of the fourth quarter but missed on his 2 pass attempts.

—Kessler completed 75% of his passes (24-of-32) at Utah for 264 yards and 2 TDs with 1 interception, while Browne threw an incomplete pass.

—Kessler threw for a career-best 400 yards with 5 TDs (including a career-long 87-yarder) on 21-of-32 passes and also had a 23-yard punt at Washington State to earn College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Browne played the last 2 series but did not throw a pass.

—Kessler hit 73.8% of his aerials (31-of-42, a career-tying best for completions) for 371 yards and 4 TDs against California, his second consecutive 300-yard outing.

—Kessler was 22-of-34 for 214 yards with a TD and an interception at UCLA and he also had a 38-yard punt.

—Against Notre Dame, Kessler threw an Irish opponent record 6 touchdown passes while hitting 80% of his passes, completing a career-best 32 on 40 attempts (including 16 consecutive at one point) for 372 yards and no interceptions (his 5 scoring TDs in the first half tied a USC record and were the most ever thrown in a half against Notre Dame) and he also had a 35-yard punt to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week and College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Browne played 4 snaps in the fourth quarter but did not throw a pass and Neyer played the game's final series and had 2 carries for 5 yards.

#### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT CODY KESSLER

Bill Plaschke, Los Angeles Times: "Cody Kessler has stepped strongly and squarely into the role of The Next Great USC Quarterback...He is living it, unleashing his best for the biggest of national moments, just as former Trojan stars Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer did during their Heisman Trophy-winning seasons."

Matt Leinart, USC's 2004 Heisman Trophy quarterback: "(His performance in the 2014 Notre Dame game) makes him a pre-season Heisman Trophy candidate for 2015. His stats are amazing and he's just getting better and better."

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: "At some point, people are going to recognize him. Those are some ridiculous numbers he is putting up...He can make and see things extremely well and make decisive decisions quickly. I think that comes from his basketball experience, playing point guard, having him make those types of decisions. For us, that's vitally important. He has really quick hands and throws accurately."

Jim Mora, UCLA head coach: "He's very, very impressive. He can extend plays and throws with tremendous accuracy. Makes all the throws you need to make. He's a big-time player."

Brian Kelly, Notre Dame head coach: "His efficiency is outstanding. He's smart and he plays well within the offense. On merit, his numbers stand up with all the quarterbacks in the country."

Sonny Dykes, California head coach: "Kessler is really doing a nice job executing that offense and taking care of the ball and not making mistakes."

Matt Hinton, Grantland ESPN.com: "When Kessler heats up, opposing secondaries go up in flames very, very quickly...Even more impressive than the big plays may be the almost suspicious absence of bad plays."

#### TAILBACKS

USC remains well-stocked at tailback despite the departure of Silas Redd, who had 2,959 rushing yards in his time at USC and Penn State, including 12 career 100-yard rushing games (5 at Troy, with a pair in 2013 while appearing in just 6 contests because of injuries). He ran for 376 yards as a senior at USC last year. Two players with starting experience, plus a key backup, dot the 2014 tailback corps. Junior **Javorius Allen** (250 tcb, team-best 1,337 yds, 5.3 avg, 9 TD in 2014, plus 40 rec, 442 yds, 11.1 avg, 1 TD), USC's 2013 team MVP who goes by the nickname "Buck," is the Trojans' rushing leader for the second year in a row. Allen made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team. He made the 2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12

second team. He was among 10 semifinalists for the 2014 Doak Walker Award and 20 semifinalists for the Maxwell Award. He won USC's Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award for longest run from scrimmage (53 yards vs. Arizona State). He currently is 14<sup>th</sup> nationally in all-purpose running (148.3, first in Pac-12) and 23<sup>rd</sup> in rushing yards (111.4, fourth in Pac-12). He is attempting to be the first Trojan since Ricky Ervins in 1989 to lead the Pac-12 in rushing in a season. His 1,337 rushing yards in 2014 is the 28th time a Trojan has eclipsed the 1,000 barrier, it ranks him 15<sup>th</sup> on the USC season list and is the most by a Trojan since Reggie Bush had 1,740 in 2005 (Bush's statistics were later vacated due to NCAA penalty). He had a streak of 6 consecutive 100-yard rushing games in 2014 (the first Trojan to do so since Marcus Allen had 11 in a row in his 1981 Heisman Trophy season). He also is the first Trojan since Reggie Bush (8) in 2005 to have at least 8 100-yard rushing games in a season (Bush's statistics were later vacated due to NCAA penalty). His 250 carries in 2014 are the most by a Trojan since Chad Morton had 262 in 1999. He is 1 of only 3 players in the nation with at least 1,300 rushing yards and 400 receiving yards in 2014. He also is the only player in the nation with 12 games of 100-plus yards from scrimmage (rushing and receiving) in 2014 (he has 15 consecutive such games dating to 2013). His 1,779 yards from scrimmage is sixth nationally. Against Power 5 opponents, he is eighth nationally in all-purpose yards (1,513) and 12<sup>th</sup> in rushing yards (1,111). He has 2,154 career rushing yards to rank 15<sup>th</sup> on USC's all-time chart (he is the 18<sup>th</sup> Trojan to have 2,000 career rushing yards). He has 12 career 100-yard rushing games (8 in 2014, including a 200-yarder), all within the past 18 games. He has 23 career rushing TDs (9 in 2014), all within the past 21 games. He has been USC's reception leader in 3 games in 2014. He has 62 career receptions. His 40 receptions in 2014 are the most by a Trojan running back since Reggie Bush had 43 in 2004 (Bush's statistics were later vacated due to NCAA penalty). Allen led the Trojans in rushing last season with 785 yards and 14 TDs. Most of his 2013 action came in Troy's final 6 games and he lit it up in that span, getting 648 rushing yards with 12 TDs (including a quartet of 100-yard outings) and 19 catches for 243 yards with another score. He started USC's last 4 games of 2013. Four of his TDs last year measured at least 43 yards. His 135 yards on just 6 carries at California last fall were the most yards ever on the road by a Trojan with 6 or fewer carries and the most home or away since 1954. Sophomore **Justin Davis** (125 tcb, 550 yds, 4.4 avg, 4 TD in 2014, plus 13 rec, 92 yds, 7.1 avg, 2 TD), whose action last season came in the first 7 games before being sidelined with an ankle injury (he missed 2014 spring practice while recovering), has an expanded role in 2014 after an impressive debut campaign in backup duty last year. Before Allen burst on the scene, junior **Tre Madden** was grabbing the headlines at tailback until hamstringing injuries slowed him for the second half of the 2013 season (he has been sidelined all of 2014 with a toe injury). He started the first 6 games of 2013, getting all but 92 of his 703 ground yards and 2 of his 15 catches in that time. He had 4 100-yard rushing outings last fall, including becoming the first Trojan to open a season with 3 consecutive 100-yard

rushing games since Marcus Allen did so in 1981. His 4 receiving touchdowns in 2013 were the most by a Trojan running back since fullback Stanley Havili had 5 in 2007 and the most by a USC tailback since Reggie Bush had 7 in 2004. Also available at tailback is a pair of walk-ons: redshirt freshman **James Toland IV** (29 tcb, 102 yds, 3.5 avg in 2014) and freshman **Stefan Smith**.

—Allen ran for a game-high 133 yards on 22 carries, with a 9-yard score, and he added a 23-yard reception against Fresno State, while Toland had 47 yards on 12 carries and Davis had 30 yards on 12 tries and he also had 2 receptions for 21 yards.

—Allen had a game-best 154 yards on 23 carries (a 6.7 average per carry) at Stanford to hit the 1,000-yard career rushing mark, while Davis added 20 yards on 8 carries with a 1-yard TD and he also caught a 10-yard pass.

—Allen ran for 31 yards on 15 carries and caught 9 passes for 118 yards (both career bests) with a 51-yard TD grab at Boston College, while Davis added 10 yards on 6 rushes.

—Allen led USC in rushing (game-high 115 yards on 20 carries with a 17-yard TD) and receptions (5 grabs for 23 yards) against Oregon State, while Davis added 15 carries for 82 yards with a 21-yard score and 3 catches for 30 yards with a 16-yard TD and Toland had 7 carries for 30 yards.

—Allen had 229 all-purpose yards against Arizona State, running for 143 yards on 29 carries with 2 TDs (1 and 53 yards) and catching 4 passes for 86 yards, while Davis added 67 yards on 14 tries and also had a 5-yard TD.

—At Arizona, Allen ran for a career-high and game-best 205 yards on 26 carries (7.9 average) with 3 TDs (34, 48 and 1 yard) and he also caught 4 passes for 28 yards to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week and SEVEN Magazine Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl Pac-12 Player of the Week honors, while Davis added 28 yards on 7 rushes and caught a 2-yard pass.

—Allen had a game-best 128 yards (with a 39-yard TD) on 15 carries and added a 12-yard reception against Colorado, while Davis had 97 yards on 11 carries and Toland had 5 yards on 4 tries.

—Allen ran for 101 yards on 27 carries and caught 3 passes for another 26 yards at Utah, while Davis had 9 yards on 4 tries.

—Allen had 114 yards on 19 carries and an 18-yard reception at Washington State, while Davis added 44 yards on 9 tries (along with a catch for minus 1 yard).

—Allen had 60 yards on 21 carries and 4 receptions for 49 yards against California, while Davis added 45 yards on 11 tries with a TD.

—Allen led USC in rushing (60 yards on 14 carries, with a short TD) and receiving (7 receptions for 42 yards) at UCLA, while Davis added 37 yards on 9 rushes and caught 4 passes for 25 yards with a short TD.

—Allen ran for 93 yards on 19 carries and had a 17-yard reception against Notre Dame, while Davis added 81 yards on 19 carries with a 16-yard TD run and Toland had 20 yards on 6 carries.

#### FULLBACKS

USC returned a pair of physical, yet versatile, fullbacks in juniors **Soma Vainuku** (7 tcb, 40 yds, 5.7 avg, 1 TD in 2014, plus 5 tac) and **Jahleel Pinner** (2 tcb, 6 yds, 3.0 avg in 2014, plus 1 rec, 3 yds, 3.0 avg and 2 tac). Vainuku started 3 times in 2013 but really made his mark on special teams, where he earned All-Pac-12 first team honors as a special teams performer while notching 13 tackles and 3 blocked punts. Pinner had 5 starts last year. There also are 2 untested walk-on fullbacks, redshirt freshman **Pat Hart** and freshman **Brett Sarem**.

—Vainuku had 24 yards on 2 carries, including an 11-yard TD, and a tackle against Fresno State, while Pinner had 2 carries for 6 yards.

—Vainuku ran 2 times for 5 yards at Stanford.  
—Vainuku had an 11-yard run at Boston College and Pinner made a tackle.

—Vainuku had a carry for no yards and 2 tackles on special teams against Oregon State.

—Pinner had a tackle against Arizona State.

—Pinner caught a 3-yard pass at Utah.

—Vainuku had a tackle against California.

—Vainuku had 1 carry for no yards at UCLA.

—Vainuku had a tackle against Notre Dame.



## WIDE RECEIVERS

USC's wideout unit had a significant void to fill in 2014 with the departure of 3-year starter Marqise Lee, who declared for the NFL draft following his 2013 junior season (he was a second round pick). The 2012 Biletnikoff Award winner and one of college football's most electrifying offensive performers led the Trojans with 57 catches in 2013 (for 791 yards and 4 TDs). He set or tied 24 USC records (5 were Pac-12 marks) in his USC tenure, including most receptions in a season (118) and most receiving yards in a game (345), season (1,721) and career (3,655). His 248 career catches ranks second on the USC list and his 29 career TD catches is fourth. He notched 15 100-yard receiving games and 5,152 all-purpose yards (for a 15.6-yard average) at Troy. He also finished seventh on USC's career kickoff return yardage ladder (1,305 yards, with 2 TDs). Junior **Nelson Agholor** (team-best 97 rec, team-best 1,223 yds, 12.6 avg, 11 TD in 2014, plus 9 KOR, 147 yds, 16.3 avg and 18 PR, 191 yds, 10.6 avg, 2 TD and 3 tcb, 3 yds, 1.0 avg and 1 tac), however, showed signs last fall of being Lee's equal. He had 56 receptions for a team-leading 918 yards in 2013 (he has 75 career grabs). His 6 scoring catches were the most by a Trojan last year, when he had a pair of 100-yard receiving games. He also was a dangerous return man, as he was second nationally in punt returns (19.1) and he shared the team lead in kickoff runbacks with Lee. He tied a Pac-12 record with 2 punt return TDs at California in 2013 (including a 93-yarder, the second longest in school history) and his 168 punt return yards in that Cal game was a USC mark. In all, he had 1,444 all-purpose yards in 2013. His stellar play has continued in 2014. [Agholor made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team \(he also made third team as a punt returner\), FOXSports.com All-American second team, Phil Steele All-American second team, AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention. He made the 2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as the ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team \(and second team as a punt returner\) and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team \(and third team as a punt returner\). He was among 10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award. He was named USC's Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year. He currently is third nationally in punt return TDs \(2, second in Pac-12\), eighth in both receptions \(8.1, third in Pac-12\) and in receiving TDs \(11, third in Pac-12\), 11<sup>th</sup> in receiving yards \(101.9, second in Pac-12\) and 19<sup>th</sup> in punt returns \(10.6, second in Pac-12\). Against Power 5 opponents, he is sixth nationally in total receptions \(80\), sixth in total receiving yards \(1,046\) and 15<sup>th</sup> in total all-purpose yards \(1,344\). His 4 career punt returns for a touchdown is a USC career record \(he has 2 scoring punt returns in each of the past 2 years\). He is ninth on USC's career receptions list \(172\) and seventh on USC's career punt returns chart \(534 yards\). He is the only Trojan to rank among USC's career Top 10 receivers and Top 7 punt returners. He is the 12<sup>th</sup> Trojan to have 2,000 receiving yards in a career \(he has 2,481\). His 200-yard receiving games versus Washington State and California in 2014 not only was the first time in a season that a Trojan has had a pair of 200-yard games but was the first time in USC history that a receiver has had consecutive 200-](#)

yard outings (it also tied Agholor with Keyshawn Johnson, Dwayne Jarrett, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee for the most 200-yard receiving games in a career with 2). He has had 100 receiving yards in a game 8 times in his career (5 in 2014). His 97 receptions in 2014 is fourth on USC's season list. A number of other receivers rotate into the starting lineup. Sophomore **Darrous Rogers** (19 rec, 235 yds, 12.4 avg, 4 TD in 2014, plus 1 PR, 5 yds, 5.0 avg and 1 KOR, 11 yds, 11.0 avg and 1 tcb, 5 yds, 5.0 avg and 1 tac) saw significant playing time last year, catching 22 passes and even starting 4 times. Then there are a pair of high-potential and speedy pass catchers who missed last fall with knee injuries: junior **George Farmer** (24 rec, 310 yds, 12.9 avg, 4 TD in 2014, plus 2 tcb, 2 yds, 1.0 avg) and redshirt freshman **Steven Mitchell** (7 rec, 82 yds, 11.7 avg, 2 TD and 1 tac in 2014), whose participation in 2014 spring practice was limited. Junior **George Katrib** (7 tac in 2014), who played often on 2013's special teams, was a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this past spring. Also available are 5 walk-ons with varying degrees of experience: juniors **Christian Tober** (he is out for the year with a broken collarbone suffered early in the season) and **David Mellstrom**, sophomores **Robby Kolanz**, who appeared in 8 games last fall (a back injury kept him out of 2014 spring practice), and **Christian Guzman**, and redshirt freshman **Aaron Minor**. Kolanz made 2014 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention. Joining the wide receiving corps this fall as freshmen were prep All-American **JuJu Smith** (51 rec, 658 yds, 12.9 avg, 5 TD in 2014, plus 2 tcb, 3 yd, 1.5 avg and 6 KOR, 51 yd, 8.5 avg and 2 tac), along with **Ajene Harris** (4 rec, 38 yds, 9.5 avg in 2014, plus 0-10 passing, 0.0%, 0 yds) and **Rahsheed Johnson** (he also works in the secondary). Smith made the 2014 All-Pac-12 second team (as an all-purpose/special teams player), as well as Sporting News Freshman All-American first team and CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American honorable mention. He won USC's John McKay Award (underclassman with the most competitive spirit). He tied the USC freshman TD reception record of 3 at Washington State (shared with R. Jay Soward in 1996 versus UCLA, Mike Williams in 2002 versus Washington, Dwayne Jarrett in 2004 versus Arizona State and Robert Woods in 2010 versus Stanford). Prep All-American **Adoree' Jackson** (7 rec, 65 yds, 9.3 avg, 2 TD in 2014, plus 20 KOR, 554 yds, 27.7 avg, 1 TD and 2 PR, 12 yds, 6.0 avg and 1 tcb, 5 yds, 5.0 avg and 42 tac, 4 for loss, 9 dfl, 1 FF, 1 FR), a fall freshman who also will long jump on the USC track team, plays cornerback, but is also being used as a wideout and returner. Jackson was named to the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as a kickoff returner), as well as the Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, USA Today Freshman All-American first team, Scout Freshman All-American first team, CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team, Phil Steele Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team and 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team. He was named the 2014 Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year and made All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as Athlon All-Pac-12 second team (as an all-purpose player) and Phil Steele All-Pac-12

second team (as a kickoff returner). He currently is fifth nationally in kickoff returns (27.7, second in Pac-12) and 10<sup>th</sup> in kickoff return TDs (1, second in Pac-12). He is already 19<sup>th</sup> on USC's career kickoff return list (554 yards).

—Agholor had 2 TDs (10 and 5 yards) among his 5 receptions for 57 yards against Fresno State (he also returned 3 kickoffs for 43 yards), while Rogers also had 5 catches (for 60 yards), Smith had 123 yards (more than any USC first-year freshman has had in a season opener) on 4 catches and a 1-yard rush, Victor Blackwell added 3 catches for 54 yards, Jackson had 3 grabs for 36 yards (with an 18-yard TD) along with a 10-yard punt return and a tackle while playing 52 plays (13 offense, 25 defense, 14 special teams), Farmer had 3 catches for 20 yards and Harris had an 8-yard reception.

—Agholor had a career-high 9 catches for 91 yards and returned 2 kickoffs for 34 yards at Stanford, while Farmer had a career-best 4 catches for 36 yards and Smith had a catch for minus 2 yards.

—Agholor equaled his career best with 9 catches at Boston College for 64 yards with 1 TD and he also returned 3 kickoffs for 81 yards, while Smith added 6 catches for 49 yards and he had a tackle, Farmer had 2 grabs for 16 yards with a TD, Rogers had a 14-yard TD reception and Jackson caught a pass for minus 4 yards, plus he returned 3 kickoffs for 81 yards and had 2 tackles for losses while playing 45 plays (2 offense, 30 defense, 13 special teams).

—Harris had 3 catches for 30 yards and threw an incomplete pass on a reverse against Oregon State, Agholor had 3 grabs for 27 yards and 2 punt returns for 12 yards, Smith had 3 catches for 13 yards and returned a kickoff 18 yards, Farmer had 2 catches for 17 yards, Rogers caught a 48-yard Hall Mary at the end of the first half and Jackson had a tackle and 2 deflections along with 2 kickoff returns for 58 yards while playing 44 plays (4 offense, 28 defense, 12 special teams).

—Agholor had a team-high 9 catches for 85 yards against Arizona State and returned 3 punts for 58 yards, including a 53-yard TD to tie the USC career record of 3, to earn College Football Performance Awards National Punt Returner of the Week honors, while Rogers had 4 catches for 34 yards and also had a tackle, Smith had 4 receptions for 24 yards and returned a kickoff 19 yards, Farmer had 2 catches for 14 yards, Mitchell had a 7-yard reception and Jackson had 5 tackles and returned 2 kickoffs for 56 yards.

—Agholor had a game-high 7 receptions for 81 yards, with a 21-yard TD, at Arizona and he returned 2 punts for 26 yards and had a 17-yard kickoff return, while Smith had 4 catches for 39 yards, a 2-yard run on a lateral and a 1-yard kickoff return, Rogers had 2 grabs for 20 yards and Jackson had 7 tackles and returned a kickoff 34 yards.

—Agholor had 6 catches for 128 yards with 3 TDs (16, 18 and 75 yards), 2 kickoff returns for 36 yards and a 14-yard punt return against Colorado, while Smith had 4 receptions for 104 yards (with a 7-yard TD), Mitchell had a 24-yard TD, Rogers had an 8-yard catch and a 5-yard punt return, Jackson had a 15-yard kickoff return and made a tackle before being sidelined with a hip injury and Katrib posted 4 tackles on special teams.

—Agholor caught a career-high 10 passes for 110 yards and also had a 1-yard run and a tackle at Utah, while Smith added 6 catches for 77 yards (with a 10-yard TD) and had a 12-yard kickoff return, Rogers had 2 catches for 20 yards (with a 4-yard TD) and had a 5-yard run, Mitchell had a 7-yard catch and Jackson returned 2 kickoffs for 127 yards (with a school record-tying 100-yarder for a TD) and a punt for 2 yards plus he had 4 tackles (1 for a loss), a deflection, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery (on the same play) to earn College Football Performance Awards National Kickoff Returner of the Week and Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

—At Washington State, Agholor had 8 catches for a career-best 220 yards with a career-long 87-yard TD and he returned 2 punts for 71 yards, including a 65-yard TD to give him a USC career record of 4 scoring punt returns, to earn Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll and College Football Performance Awards National Punt Returner of the Week notice, while Smith caught 6 passes for 74 yards with a USC freshman record-tying 3 TDs (22, 22 and 7 yards), Farmer had 3 grabs for 61 yards and Mitchell had 2 receptions for 28 yards with a 5-yard TD.

—Agholor had a career-best 16 receptions for 216 yards with 2 TDs against California (he had 8 catches for 120 yards in the first quarter and 13 for 177 by halftime), 1 catch shy of the USC game record and tied for fourth most ever in the Pac-12 (it was the first time in USC history that a receiver had consecutive 200-yard outings and the first time in a season that a Trojan had a pair of 200-yard games, plus it tied Agholor with Keyshawn Johnson, Dwayne Jarrett, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee for the most 200-yard receiving games in a career with 2) to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, College Football Performance Awards National Wide Receiver of the Week and College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, while Smith added 4 grabs for 30 yards, Farmer had 2 for 40 yards (with a diving 32-yard TD), Jackson had 2 for 17 yards on offense and 5 tackles with 2 deflections on defense while playing 101 plays (75 on defense, 22 on special teams, 4 on offense), Mitchell had a 5-yard catch, Rogers had an 11-yard kickoff return and a tackle and Katrib had a tackle.

—Smith had 4 catches for 79 yards at UCLA, while Agholor had 3 catches for 24 yards and returned 3 punts for minus 5 yards, Farmer had 2 catches for 21 yards, Rogers had an 11-yard reception and Jackson had a 5-yard rush, made 5 tackles and a deflection and returned 3 kickoffs for 54 yards while playing 97 plays (74 on defense, 22 on special teams and 1 on offense).

—Agholor had 12 catches for 120 yards with a 14-yard TD against Notre Dame, while Smith added 5 catches for 48 yards and had a tackle, Farmer had 4 catches for 85 yards (with 2 first quarter TDs of 48 and 31 yards) and a 4-yard run, Rogers had 2 catches for 20 yards with a 6-yard TD, Jackson caught a 16-yard TD and had 3 tackles and a deflection as he became the first Trojan to start on offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) in a game since at least the late 1960s when starting records were first reliably kept during the 2-platoon era while playing 49 snaps (35 on defense, 6 on offense, 8 on special teams) before being sidelined late in the first half with a concussion, Mitchell had an 11-yard catch and Katrib had 3 tackles.

#### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT NELSON AGHOLOR

Kyle Bonagura, ESPN.com: "On a team that featured 2012 Biletnikoff winner Marqise Lee, Agholor was simply the better receiver in 2013 and his value to the Trojans stretched further than that because of how he could impact games as a return man... Agholor has developed a reputation for being an NFL-caliber route runner and is among the nation's most dangerous receivers after the catch."

Paul Myerberg, USA Today Sports: "Agholor will become the focal point of USC's passing game, working in concert with a second-year starting quarterback and putting up some of the strongest totals of any pass-catcher in college football... He'll be an All-American in some capacity - either as a receiver or return man."

Michael Lev, Orange County Register: "Agholor is one of the Trojans' best players and one of their hardest workers. That's always a desirable combination. It's also one of the ways in which Agholor is similar to his go-to-guy predecessors at USC, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee."

Gabriel Baumgaertner, Sports Illustrated: "Agholor is a shifty, savvy receiver who has the ability to needle through cramped openings. When he hits the open field, he practically vanishes."

Steve Addazio, Boston College head coach: "Nelson Agholor is exceptional. He's a game-breaker."

Bucky Brooks, NFL.com media analyst: "The Trojans have churned out a number of NFL receivers over the past decade, but Agholor has a chance to be one of the best to come out of USC since Keyshawn Johnson. He is a natural route runner with outstanding ball skills and hands. Additionally, Agholor is a sneaky runner with a knack for turning short passes into big gains due to his underrated kick-return skills."

#### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT JUJU SMITH

Jake Davidson, Daily Trojan: "JuJu Smith is a physical phenom with the potential to go down as the best Trojan receiver ever. His rare mix of speed and power combined with a penchant for elusive moves is truly remarkable."

#### TIGHT ENDS

USC's tight end group lost Xavier Grimble, who had 69 catches and 11 TDs in his career as a part-time starter the past 3 years (he had 25 receptions in 2013), to the NFL following his junior season (he signed as a free agent). But his equally-effective fellow co-starter the past 3 seasons returned in 2014: senior **Randall Telfer** (19 rec, 179 yds, 9.4 avg, 2 TD in 2014), who has 63 catches and 12 TDs while making 33 starts in his career, Telfer made 2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. He was named USC's Most Inspirational Player. He was bothered by a sore knee most of 2013 and was limited in 2014 spring drills. Expected to join him in 2014 was developing junior **Jalen Cope-Fitzpatrick**, but he was ruled academically ineligible prior to the season and must sit out this year. Then there are 3 walk-ons, including a pair from the 2013 squad—senior **Chris Willson**, who started once last year—and 2 who joined the Trojans this past spring in senior **Teddy Baker**, a transfer from Wesleyan who previously was at Connecticut (he also could be used at defensive end), and sophomore **Connor Spears**, a Columbia transfer who must sit out this season. Willson, however, broke his foot in the 2014 opener against Fresno State and is finished for the season. He won USC's Community Service Award. Prep All-American **Bryce Dixon** (10 rec, 154 yds, 15.4 avg, 3 TD in 2014) entered USC as a freshman this fall and has seen lots of playing time.

—Dixon's first reception as a Trojan was a 22-yard TD against Fresno State, his only catch of the game.

—Telfer caught 2 passes for 35 yards at Boston College and Dixon had a 25-yard reception.

—Dixon (44 yards) and Telfer (29 yards) each had 2 receptions against Oregon State.

—Telfer had 3 catches for 18 yards against Arizona State.

—Telfer had 2 catches for 15 yards at Arizona.

—Telfer caught 4 passes for 19 yards against Colorado, while both of Dixon's receptions were touchdowns (15 and 9 yards).

—Telfer had a 21-yard reception at Utah.

—Telfer had 2 catches for 14 yards, with a 15-yard TD, against California.

—Dixon had a 12-yard catch at UCLA.

—Telfer had 3 catches for 28 yards, with a 9-yard TD, against Notre Dame and Dixon added 3 grabs for 27 yards.

#### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Offensive line replacements had to be found for 2013 All-Pac-12 first team center Marcus Martin, who started the previous 2 seasons at guard and declared for the NFL following his junior season (he was a third round selection), and fellow 3-year starter Kevin Graf at tackle. Also gone is reliable guard John Martinez, who had 30 career starts (most coming prior to 2013). Some quality linemen returned from last season: junior **Max Tuerk**, a 2-year starter who is versatile enough to play any line position (he started at left guard most of 2013 after starting at left tackle some of 2012) and in 2014 is the starting center, senior 2-year starter **Aundrey Walker**, who started at right guard in 2013 until he broke his ankle late in the season (he was the starting left tackle most of 2012), and sophomore **Chad Wheeler**, the left tackle starter last fall. Tuerk made the 2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as the ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team. He was named USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year. Wheeler is now sidelined for the 2014 season after hurting his knee at Utah. Wheeler won USC's Bob Chandler Award

(underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character). Walker missed 2014 spring practice while recovering and has seen limited action this season. Some mostly-untested linemen looked to break into the lineup or serve as key backups: seniors **Nathan Guertler** at tackle, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the spring of 2014 after playing in 12 games on the line and on special teams in 2013 (he even started once), and center **Giovanni Di Paolo**, sophomores **Zach Banner** (1 tac in 2014) at tackle (he was sidelined most of last year because of hip surgery) and guard **Jordan Simmons** (a mid-season knee injury knocked him out for the rest of the 2013 schedule and he sat out 2014 spring drills while recovering) and redshirt freshmen **Khaliel Rodgers** at guard and **Nico Falah** at tackle. Banner has assumed a starting role at right tackle. Guertler has also been used at tight end. Banner made 2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American honorable mention. Then there is returning walk-on junior guard **Erick Jepsen**. Two freshmen linemen graduated high school a semester early and enrolled at USC this past spring: prep All-American **Toa Lobendahn**, along with tackle **Jordan Austin**. Austin is sidelined for the 2014 season after having hip surgery. Lobendahn emerged from spring as a starter at left guard and now has taken over the injured Wheeler's left tackle job. Lobendahn was named to the 2014 Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, USA Today Freshman All-American first team, Scout Freshman All-American first team, Phil Steele Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team, 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team and CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American second team. He made 2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. Coming aboard as freshmen this fall were prep All-Americans **Damien Mama** and **Viane Talamaivao** at guard (both have become starters), along with tackle **Chris Brown**. Also available are freshmen walk-ons **Richie Wenzel**, a center, and **Quinn Bassler**, a tackle. Talamaivao made 2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as to the 2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team and Scout Freshman All-American second team.

—Wheeler, Lobendahn, Tuerk, Mama and Banner started against Fresno State (Lobendahn and Mama became just the second pair of USC first-year freshmen in the post-World War II era to start on the offensive line, as Travis Claridge and Faesea Mailo did so 3 times in 1996, but it was the first time that a Trojan first-year freshman o-line duo started an opener) and at Stanford.

—Wheeler, Lobendahn, Tuerk, Talamaivao and Banner started versus Boston College, Oregon State, Arizona State, Arizona, Colorado and Utah.

—Lobendahn, Rodgers, Tuerk, Talamaivao and Banner started against Washington State, California and UCLA.

--Lobendahn, Mama, Tuerk, Talamaivao and Banner started against Notre Dame.

#### YOUTHFUL O-LINE

USC's current starting offensive line features 3 first-year freshmen (OT **Toa Lobendahn** and OG **Viane Talamaivao** and **Damien Mama**), a redshirt sophomore (OT **Zach Banner**) and a true junior (C **Max Tuerk**).

**CAREER STARTS AMONG USC STARTING O-LINE:** Tuerk (32), Banner (12), Lobendahn (12), Talamaivao (10), Mama (3)

**OTHER USC O-LINEMEN WITH CAREER STARTS:** OT **Chad Wheeler** (22), OT **Aundrey Walker** (18), OG **Khaliel Rodgers** (3), OT **Nathan Guertler** (1, as TE)

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Eight defensive starters returned from 2013: defensive end **Leonard Williams**, inside linebacker **Hayes Pullard**, safety **Su'a Cravens**, cornerback **Kevon Seymour**, outside linebacker **J.R. Tavai**, defensive tackle **Antwaun Woods**, cornerback-safety **Josh Shaw** and co-starting inside linebackers **Lamar Dawson** and **Anthony Sarao**. Others defensive players returning with career starts are outside linebacker **Jabari Ruffin** and safety **Leon McQuay III**. USC's top 3 tacklers from last year, along with its leaders in tackles for loss, deflections, fumble recoveries and forced fumbles, all return in 2014. Last season, the Trojan defense showed marked improvement from 2012 and finished in the national Top 25 in 8 statistical categories: first in red zone defense (.628), 12<sup>th</sup> in third down conversion defense (.327), 13<sup>th</sup> in total defense (335.2), 14<sup>th</sup> in pass efficiency defense (111.9), 15<sup>th</sup> rushing defense (120.6), 16<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense (21.2), 18<sup>th</sup> in fourth down conversion defense (.364) and 23<sup>rd</sup> in interceptions (17). Opponents were held to 300 total yards or less in 7 of Troy's 14 games in 2013, and the Trojans also held foes to 14 points or less 7 times. USC allowed just 37 first-quarter points all season and it did not allow any second-half points in 3 games. The Trojans did this despite using 3 or fewer defensive substitutes in 6 games in 2013 because of the effects of the NCAA scholarship limitations. Sarkisian and new defensive coordinator **Justin Wilcox**, whose multiple fronts have the look at times of last season's Trojan defense, aim to have 2013's stingy defensive performances continue this season. This defense runs out of a 3-4 base with 4-3 principles applied.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Although a key defensive lineman departed—George Uko, who had 85 career stops (36 in 2013) as a 2-year starter before leaving after his junior season for the NFL (he was a free agent signee)—USC returned some equally-impressive linemen. Dominating junior end **Leonard Williams** (71 tac, 8.5 for loss, 6 sack, 1 int, 3 dfl, team-best 3 FF, 1 FR in 2014), a 2013 All-American first teamer and Bednarik Award semifinalist, headlines the Trojans' returning defensive linemen. He might be college football's best d-lineman in 2014. [Williams became USC's first 2-time All-American first team defensive end since Marlin McKeever in 1959-60 when he was named to the 2014 Football Coaches All-American first team, ESPN.com All-American first team, FOXSports.com All-American first team, Lindy's All-American first team and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team, as well as the AP All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, Football Writers All-American second team, USA Today All-American second team, SI.com All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team, Athlon All-American second team and Phil Steele All-American second team. He made the 2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as the ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team. He was among 6 finalists for the Hendricks Awards, 12 semifinalists for the 2014 Lombardi Award, 20 semifinalists for the Bednarik Award and 9 semifinalists for the Lott IMPACT Trophy. He was named USC's Most Valuable Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year. The 2-year starter had a team-best 13.5 tackles](#)

for loss among his 74 total tackles as an end in 2013 (he also had 6 sacks). His participation in 2014 spring practice was limited as he recovered from a nagging shoulder injury. Also returning was junior nose tackle **Antwaun Woods** (37 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack, 1 dfl in 2014), who recorded 19 stops last season as a starter. Woods is out for the Holiday Bowl with a chest muscle injury. Breaking into the playing rotation is a pair of juniors who have some experience: nose tackle **Cody Temple** (8 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack in 2014), who was bothered by foot and ankle issues last fall, and end **Greg Townsend Jr.** (9 tac, 3 for loss, 2 sack in 2014), who sat out last season with ankle and knee injuries. Both players were limited in 2014 spring practice. Two tackles with loads of potential redshirted last year, but only one will be able to compete for time this year. Junior **Delvon Simmons** (43 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FR, 1 dfl, 1 BLK FG in 2014), who started at Texas Tech in 2012 but had to sit out last fall after transferring to USC, has emerged as a starter, but redshirt freshman **Kenny Bigelow** tore knee ligaments a month prior to the start of 2014 fall camp and is sidelined this season. Then there are a trio of walk-ons in junior nose tackle **Joey Augello** (1 tac in 2014), soph end **Jeff Miller**, who missed 2013 with a back injury (his brother, Matt, is a Trojan inside linebacker), and junior end **Christian Bradley**, who transferred to USC this fall after playing 2 years at Cal Lutheran (he is sidelined with a knee injury). Senior walk-on **Teddy Baker**, who transferred to USC from Wesleyan via Connecticut as a tight end, has also been tried at defensive end. Junior tackle **Claude Pelon** (17 tac, 4.5 for loss, 2.5 sack, 2 dfl, 1 BLK FG in 2014), a junior college All-American last year at Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, enrolled at USC this past spring and has contributed immediately as he and Simmons split playing time.

—Williams had 7 tackles, a point-blank interception and 2 deflections against [Fresno State](#), while Simmons had 3 tackles, Woods and Townsend each had 2 stops, Temple had a sack and Pelon and Augello each had a tackle.

—Williams, whose playing status was in doubt because of a sprained ankle, had a game-high 11 tackles with a sack at [Stanford](#) to earn [Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week](#) honors, while Pelon had 2 tackles and Simmons recovered a fumble and blocked a field goal.

—Simmons had 6 tackles at [Boston College](#), Williams had 5, Woods had 3, Temple had 2 and Pelon had 1.

—Williams had 4 tackles, including a sack, against [Oregon State](#), Woods also had 4 tackles, Simmons had a tackle for a loss and Pelon had a deflection.

—Simmons had 4 tackles and a deflection against [Arizona State](#), Williams had 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) and Woods and Temple each had 2 tackles.

—At [Arizona](#), Williams had 8 tackles (with 2 sacks) and forced a fumble near the goal line that USC recovered, while Simmons had 7 tackles (0.5 for loss), Pelon had 3 tackles (with a sack) and blocked a field goal (on the play after the sack) and Woods had 3 tackles.

—Williams had 7 tackles (0.5 sack) against [Colorado](#), Simmons also had 7 tackles, Woods had 4 stops, Pelon had 2 tackles (with a sack), Townsend had a tackle for loss and a sack and Temple had 2 tackles (with a tackle for loss).

—Williams had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 forced fumbles at [Utah](#), Woods added 6 tackles and a deflection, Simmons had 5 tackles, Townsend had 2 stops and Temple had a tackle.

—Williams had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection at [Washington State](#), while Pelon had 2 tackles (1 for a loss), Townsend (who started) and Simmons each had a sack and Woods had a tackle.

—Williams had 8 tackles (with 1.5 sacks) against [California](#), while Woods and Simmons each had 2 tackles, Pelon had a tackle for a loss and a deflection and Townsend had a tackle.

—Woods had 6 tackles (with a sack) at [UCLA](#), Simmons also had 6 tackles, Williams had 4 tackles and recovered a fumble, Pelon had 3 tackles and Townsend had a stop.

—Williams had 5 tackles against [Notre Dame](#), Woods had 4, Pelon had 2 (with 0.5 for a loss) and Simmons had 1.

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT LEONARD WILLIAMS

David Shaw, Stanford head coach: "You ask [the scouts] the question 'Who is the best offensive player you've seen? Who is the best defensive player you've seen?...All of them said Leonard Williams at USC [on defense]. It's not just me, everybody sees it."

Rich Rodriguez, Arizona head coach: "He's so athletic that you can have guys assigned to him and sometimes two guys assigned to him. He is strong enough where he doesn't have to use his athleticism because he can bull rush you. He has all the characteristics you want in a defensive lineman."

Ted Miller, ESPN.com: "Williams has great length and athleticism and surprising power. He is the centerpiece of what might be the Pac-12's best defense."

Gary Klein, Los Angeles Times: "USC's junior defensive lineman is regarded as a first-round pick in the 2015 NFL draft."

Ryan Abraham, USCFootball.com: "He is arguably the best player on the team, best player in the conference and with a big year could be touted as the best player in the country."

Brent Sobleski, CollegeFootballTalk.com: "Williams is the most talented player on USC's roster. He's projected as a possible No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 NFL draft. It's not out of the realm of possibility to think Williams will put together a season like Ndamukong Suh did in 2009 and establish himself as the most dominant defender in college football."

Paul Myerberg, USA Today Sports: "Leonard Williams (is) the most impressive total-package lineman in college football and, just perhaps, the nation's most impressive defender, period. He's everything you'd need: Williams is 290 pounds but moves like he's 40 pounds lighter, balancing immense strength and leverage with a brutally quick and near-unstoppable first step."

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: "He's a tough matchup. And he plays the game very hard. He plays with amazing effort. He enjoys being out here. As big as he is, that guy's got a bundle of energy. Fortunately as hard as it is that we have to face Leonard every day during practice, we don't have to face him every Saturday during the season...For all the talent he has, he works as hard or harder than anybody on our practice field. Leonard really sets the tone for us up front. It's a great thing when arguably your best player plays with the most effort. It sends a real message to the rest of your defense...He's working to play beyond what his talent says he should play."

Michael Lev, Orange County Register: "Williams is both. He is USC's best player and its most irreplaceable. He's just that good. A projected top-five pick in next year's NFL draft should he choose to enter it, the 6-foot-5, 300-pound Williams is both a stout run defender and ferocious pass rusher."

Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN draft analyst: "At his size, he's a special athlete who could line up as a defensive end and drive a tackle back or line up on the outside shoulder of a guard and create problems with power and quickness as well. He's the kind of disruptive, versatile lineman who can succeed in any system."

## OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

USC lost 2 outstanding outside linebackers, but it also returned some talent here. Devon Kennard, a 3-year starter who had 195 career tackles (26 for losses), including 60 last season (with 13 for losses and a team-best 9 sacks) when he was a Lott Impact Trophy finalist and USC's Most Inspirational Player, and Morgan Breslin, a 2012 Hendricks Award finalist who had 17.5 career sacks but only saw action in 5 games last fall because of injuries, both moved on. But well-tested senior **J.R. Tavai** (47 tac, 12 for loss, team-best 7 sack, 2 dfl, 1 FR, team-best 3 FF in 2014), who made 56 tackles in 2013 while starting most of last year, returned. Tavai made 2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention. He won USC's Chris Carlisle Courage Award. He currently is 25<sup>th</sup> nationally in forced fumbles (0.3, third in Pac-12). Also back with significant playing time on their resumes were sophomores **Jabari Ruffin**, who had 1 start last year, **Scott Felix** (33 tac, 5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 2 dfl, team-best 2 FR, 1 FF in 2014), who this fall legally changed his last name from Starr, and **Quinton Powell** (13 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack in 2014), along with junior **Charles Burks** (1 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2014). Ruffin, however, is out for the 2014 season after tearing knee ligaments in 2014 fall camp. Powell was named USC's Special Teams Player of the Year. Burks made 2014 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention. Then there is freshman **Don Hill**, who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring. He missed 2014 spring drills while recovering from a 2013 Achilles injury. Entering the fray this fall as freshmen were prep All-American **Malik Dorton**, who also works at end, along with **Uchenna Nwosu** (9 tac in 2014).

—Tavai had 5 tackles, including 1 for a loss, against Fresno State. Felix had 3 stops and Nwosu had 2.

—Felix had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) at Stanford and recovered a fumble as the Cardinal was driving late in the game that was forced by Tavai, who also had 5 tackles with a sack, while Nwosu had a tackle.

—Tavai had 6 tackles, with a sack, at Boston College, while Felix had 3 tackles and Powell had 1.

—Tavai had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against Oregon State and Felix added a tackle for a loss and a deflection.

—Tavai had 6 tackles and a deflection against Arizona State. Felix had a sack and Powell and Nwosu each had a tackle.

—Tavai had 2 tackles, recovered a fumble and had a deflection at Arizona and Powell added a tackle.

—Tavai had 7 tackles (with 1.5 sacks) against Colorado. Felix had 4 tackles and forced a fumble, Powell had 4 tackles and Nwosu had 1 tackle.

—Felix had a game high 9 tackles (1.5 for a loss) and a deflection at Utah. Tavai had 6 tackles (2 for a loss) and forced a fumble at the USC 1-yard line that the Trojans recovered and Nwosu had a tackle.

—Felix had 3 tackles and a fumble recovery (it led to a USC TD) at Washington State. Powell had 2 tackles (1 for a loss), Burks had a sack and Nwosu had a tackle.

—Felix had 3 tackles (0.5 sack) against California. Powell had 2 tackles (with a sack) and Nwosu had a tackle.

—Tavai, Powell and Nwosu each had a tackle at UCLA.

—Tavai had 4.5 tackles for a loss (including 3.5 sacks) among his 5 tackles and he also forced a fumble against Notre Dame to earn College Football Performance Awards National Linebacker of the Week honors, while Powell added a tackle.

## INSIDE LINEBACKERS

All of USC's key 2013 inside linebacking crew returned, led by senior **Hayes Pullard** (team-best 87 tac, 5.5 for loss, 8 dfl, 1 int, 1 FR in 2014). The 4-year starter, who has 369 career tackles (seventh most in USC history and 27 shy of leader Marcus Cotton's 396), topped the Trojans in stops in 2011 and 2013 (he had 94 tackles last year while serving as a team co-captain) after being second on the defense in 2012. Pullard made 2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team. He was among 15 semifinalists for the 2014 Butkus Award. He won USC's Trojan Commitment Award. He is a Senior Bowl invitee. He is looking to be the first Trojan since Dennis Johnson in 1977-79 to lead USC in tackles for 3 seasons. Senior **Lamar Dawson** and junior **Anthony Sarao** (70 tac, 3 dfl, team-best 2 int with 1 TD in 2014) combined for 79 tackles in 2013 while splitting starts, with Dawson starting the first 7 games (it was his third year as a starter) before injuring his knee and having Sarao move into the lineup. Dawson sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering and has yet to play in 2014. Sarao won USC's Lifters Award. Sophomore Michael Hutchings (17 tac, 1 int in 2014) had a precocious 2013 showing as a backup and on special teams. Also in the inside linebacker mix are walk-ons **Nick Schlossberg**, a sophomore who can also long snap, and **Joel Foy** (1 tac in 2014), a redshirt freshman who transferred to USC this past spring from Air Force, as well as 4 walk-on freshmen in **Matt Miller** (his brother, Jeff, is a Trojan defensive end), **Grant Moore** (his father, Rex, played linebacker at USC in the mid-80s), **Alex Moore** and **Reuben Peters**. Peters was named USC's Defensive Service Team Player of the Year. Joining the inside linebacker corps this fall as a freshman was prep All-American **Olajuwon Tucker** (3 tac in 2014).

—Pullard had a team-high 9 tackles (0.5 for a loss) and a deflection against Fresno State. Hutchings added 3 tackles and an interception, Sarao had a tackle and an interception and Tucker had a tackle.

—Pullard had 7 tackles and a deflection at Stanford despite missing the fourth quarter after being ejected for targeting, while Sarao had a game-high 11 tackles and Hutchings had 1.

—Pullard had 5 tackles and a deflection at Boston College while having to sit out the first half because he was ejected from the previous game, Hutchings also had 5 tackles while starting in Pullard's place and Sarao had 5 stops.

—Pullard had 5 tackles against Oregon State and Sarao added 4 stops and a deflection.

—Pullard had a team best 9 tackles (1 for a loss) against Arizona State, while Sarao added 5 tackles and a deflection and Hutchings had a tackle.

—Pullard had a team-best 9 tackles (with 0.5 for loss) at Arizona. Sarao added 3 tackles and Hutchings had 1 stop.

—Sarao had a game-best 12 tackles against Colorado, Pullard added 9 tackles and 2 deflections, Hutchings had 4 tackles and Tucker had 1 stop.

—Sarao had 8 tackles at Utah, while Pullard added 6 tackles (0.5 for loss).

—Pullard had a team-best 9 tackles with an interception and a deflection at Washington State. Sarao added 5 tackles, Hutchings had 2 tackles and Tucker and Foy each had a tackle.

—Sarao had 8 tackles against California, while Pullard had 7 tackles and a deflection.

—Pullard had a team best 9 tackles (2 for losses) at UCLA, while Sarao returned an interception 17 yards for a TD on the Bruins' second play of the game and he also had 3 tackles and a deflection.

—Sarao had 5 tackles against Notre Dame, while Pullard had 3 tackles (1 for a loss), a fumble recovery and a deflection.

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT HAYES PULLARD

Ryan Abraham, USCFootball.com: "**Hayes Pullard is a difference maker on and off the field. His leadership skills are as important as his tackling skills and the Trojans will rely heavily on both this season.**"

Michael Lev, Orange County Register: "**Pullard is one of USC's best defenders and one of its foremost leaders.**"

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

The 2013 Trojan secondary returned nearly intact in 2014. Missing were safety-linebacker Dion Bailey, who made 222 tackles and 11 interceptions as a 3-year starter (he started 8 times last year as a nickel back, getting 61 tackles and 5 picks, after playing linebacker the previous 2 years) but then entered the NFL draft after his junior season (he signed as a free agent), safety Demetrius Wright (59 tackles starting at free safety in 2013) and cornerback Torin Harris (13 career starts, including 4 last year when he had 30 tackles). Sophomore **Su'a Cravens** (62 tac, team-best 16 for loss, 5 sack, 8 dfl, team-best 2 int with 1 TD in 2014), who also now sees starting action at outside linebacker, earned Freshman All-American first team honors in 2013 while making 52 tackles and 4 interceptions at strong safety. Cravens made the 2014 AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team, Phil Steele All-American fourth team, and SI.com All-American honorable mention, as well as CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American first team. He made the All-Pac-12 first team, as well as Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team. He was named USC's Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year. He currently is 19<sup>th</sup> nationally in tackles for loss (1.3, fourth in Pac-12). He has more tackles for loss (16) in 2014 than any defensive back in the nation. He has 6 career interceptions (2 in 2014). Junior **Kevon Seymour** (47 tac, 1 for loss, team-best 12 dfl, 1 int, 1 FR in 2014) returned after starting 2013 at cornerback and posting 48 tackles and an interception (he also returned 7 kickoffs for a 13.1 average). Several other defensive backs are playing an expanded role in 2014: sophomore safety **Leon McQuay III** (35 tac, 0.5 for loss, 3 dfl, team-best 2 int, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2014), who started once last fall and got lots of time on special teams (he has seen some starts this year), senior safety **Gerald Bowman** (67 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 sack, team-best 2 int, 2 dfl in 2014), who suffered a shoulder injury after seeing limited action in 3 early games last season and was able to redshirt for medical reasons (he also has been in the starting lineup in 2014), redshirt freshman cornerback **Chris Hawkins** (32 tac, 1 for loss, 2 dfl, 1 int in 2014) and soph cornerback **Devian Shelton**, who sustained a season-ending foot injury in the 2013 opener. Sophomore cornerback **Ryan Dillard** (4 tac in 2014), a one-time walk-on who saw extensive special teams action in 2013, earned a scholarship in the spring of 2014. There are 6 walk-on secondary players, including sophomore safety **Rob Dooley**, who saw lots of action last year on special teams (he is out with a leg injury), plus 2 who redshirted in 2013—soph cornerback **Kevin Carrasco** and redshirt freshman safety **Matt Lopes** (4 tac in 2014)—and 3 true freshmen (safety **Davonte Nunnery**, safety-cornback **Joe Harding** and cornerback **Jalen Jones**). The most veteran and versatile among the returning defensive backs is cornerback-safety **Josh Shaw** (2 tac in 2014), who has 121 tackles

and 6 interceptions in a career split between Florida and now these past 3 seasons at USC. He had 67 stops, 4 interceptions and a team-high 7 deflections last fall while starting 11 times at corner and 3 times at free safety (he even ran back a blocked punt for a touchdown). However, he was suspended indefinitely from all team activities late in 2014 fall camp and missed USC's first 10 games (he was reinstated mid-week of the UCLA game week). Making an impact in the secondary after they enrolled this fall as freshmen are prep All-American cornerbacks **Adoree' Jackson** (42 tac, 4 for loss, 9 dfl, 1 FF, 1 FR in 2014, plus 7 rec, 65 yds, 9.3 avg, 2 TD and 20 KOR, 554 yds, 27.7 avg, 1 TD and 2 PR, 12 yds, 6.0 avg and 1 tcb, 5 yds, 5.0 avg), who works at wide receiver and on special teams as well as long jumps on the USC track team, and **Jonathan Lockett** (4 tac, 1 dfl in 2014) along with safeties **John Plattenburg** (25 tac, 2 dfl in 2014), who has become a starter, and **Lamont Simmons** (he is redshirting). Jackson was named to the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as a kickoff returner), as well as the Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, USA Today Freshman All-American first team, Scout Freshman All-American first team, CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team, Phil Steele Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team and 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team. He was named the 2014 Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year and made All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as Athlon All-Pac-12 second team (as an all-purpose player) and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team (as a kickoff returner). He currently is fifth nationally in kickoff returns (27.7, second in Pac-12) and 10<sup>th</sup> in kickoff return TDs (1, second in Pac-12). He is already 19<sup>th</sup> on USC's career kickoff return list (554 yards).

—Bowman had 5 tackles and an interception against Fresno State, McQuay had 4 tackles (including 0.5 for a loss), Seymour had 3 tackles and 3 deflections, Cravens had 3 tackles and 2 deflections, Jackson had a tackle along with 3 receptions for 36 yards (with an 18-yard TD) and a 10-yard punt return while playing 52 plays (13 offense, 25 defense, 14 special teams), and Hawkins and Lopes each had a tackle.

—Bowman had 10 tackles at Stanford, Hawkins added 6 stops, Cravens had 5 tackles and a deflection, Seymour had 5 tackles and McQuay had 2 tackles.

—Bowman had a team best 7 tackles (1 for a loss) at Boston College, Cravens had 5 tackles (3 for a loss), Hawkins had 4 tackles and an interception, Seymour had 3 tackles, Jackson had 2 tackles for loss, plus he caught a pass for minus 4 yards and returned 3 kickoffs for 81 yards while playing 45 plays (2 offense, 30 defense, 13 special teams), and McQuay had a tackle.

—Cravens returned an interception 31 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring against Oregon State and he also had a team-best 6 tackles, including 2 for losses (with his first career sack) to earn Chuck Bednarik National Defensive Player of the Week honors, while Bowman had 4 tackles, Seymour had 3 tackles and 2 deflections, McQuay had an endzone interception to go along with his 3 tackles and a deflection, Hawkins had 2 tackles and Jackson had a tackle and 2 deflections (including one that he tipped to McQuay for his pick) along with 2 kickoff returns for 58 yards while playing 44 plays (4 offense, 28 defense, 12 special teams).

—Bowman had 8 tackles against Arizona State, Jackson had 5 tackles and returned 2 kickoffs for 56 yards, Cravens had 3.5 tackles for loss (with a sack) among his 5 tackles, Seymour had 4 tackles and 3 deflections and McQuay had 2 tackles.

—At Arizona, Bowman had a team-high 9 tackles, Jackson had 7 tackles and returned a kickoff 34 yards, Seymour had 6 tackles, Cravens had 5 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection, Hawkins had 5 stops, McQuay and Lockett each had 3 tackles and Plattenburg had 2 tackles and a deflection.

—Hawkins had 9 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections against Colorado, Plattenburg added 8 tackles while starting, Seymour had 3 tackles, an interception and a deflection, Cravens had 2 tackles and an interception, Bowman and Lockett each had a tackle and a deflection, Jackson had a 15-yard kickoff return and made a tackle before being sidelined with a hip injury and McQuay had a tackle.

—Cravens had 7 tackles (including 2 sacks) and a deflection at Utah, McQuay had 4 tackles and recovered a fumble at the USC 1-yard line, Plattenburg had 4 tackles, Jackson had 4 tackles (1 for a loss), a deflection, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery (on the same play) plus he returned 2 kickoffs for 127 yards (with a school record-tying 100-yarder for a TD) and a punt for 2 yards to earn College Football Performance Awards National Kickoff Returner of the Week and Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors, Seymour had a tackle and 2 deflections and Hawkins had a tackle.

—Jackson had 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections, plus 3 kickoff returns for 67 yards, at Washington State, while Seymour added 7 tackles and a deflection, McQuay had 5 tackles, an interception and a deflection, Cravens had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections before leaving after hurting his knee just before halftime, Dillard had 3 tackles, Lopes had 3 tackles while filling in for Cravens, Hawkins had 2 tackles and Bowman had a tackle.

—Cravens had a team-best 10 tackles, with 1.5 for losses (including a sack), and a deflection against California, while Bowman added 9 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a deflection, Seymour had 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and a fumble recovery, Jackson had 5 tackles and 2 deflections on defense and 2 receptions for 17 yards on offense while playing 101 plays (75 on defense, 22 on special teams, 4 on offense), McQuay had 2 tackles, a deflection and a forced fumble and Dillard had a tackle.

—McQuay had 7 tackles at UCLA, Bowman had 6 tackles (with a sack), Jackson had 5 tackles and a deflection and also returned 3 kickoffs for 54 yards and had a 5-yard rush while playing 97 plays (74 on defense, 22 on special teams and 1 on offense), Cravens and Plattenburg each had 4 tackles (1 for a loss), Seymour had 3 tackles and Shaw had a tackle in his first action of 2014.

—Bowman had 7 tackles and returned an interception 24 yards against Notre Dame, Plattenburg also had 7 tackles, Cravens had 6 tackles (1 for a loss), Jackson had 3 tackles and a deflection and caught a 16-yard TD as he became the first Trojan to start on offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) in a game since at least the late 1960s when starting records were first reliably kept during the 2-platoon era while playing 49 snaps (35 on defense, 6 on offense, 8 on special teams) before being sidelined late in the first half with a concussion, Hawkins had 2 tackles and Seymour, McQuay and Shaw each had a tackle.

#### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT SU'A CRAVENS

Rahshaun Haylock, Fox Sports West: **"Su'a Cravens may be the best sophomore safety in the country."**

Dan Greenspan, NFL.com: **"If you don't know the name Su'a Cravens yet, you will soon enough."**

Paul Myerberg, USA Today Sports: **"I think Su'a Cravens is ready to explode – not a year from now and not at some point in November but today, right now, and with force...Cravens looks very much like an all-timer – no pressure, by the way – and seems ready to embrace those expectations, delivering along the back end in the mold of this program's long line of greats at the position."**

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: **"Su'a is a guy who can create turnovers, he can make tackles in the backfield, he can blitz off the edge, he can cover well. I think he's at his best when he's around the ball."**

#### JACKSON PLAYS 3 WAYS

CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson** has been used as a 3-way player in 7 games in 2014 (the first 4 and the past 3), seeing action on offense as a wide receiver, defense as a cornerback and special teams as a returner and in coverage. The last Trojan to see a significant amount of time on offense/defense/special teams in a game was Chad Morton, who did so for several games in both his 1996 redshirt freshman and 1997 sophomore seasons (he played tailback, wide receiver, cornerback, safety and punt returner). Against Notre Dame this year, he became the first Trojan to start on offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) in a game since at least the late 1960s when starting records were first reliably kept during the 2-platoon era.

#### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT ADOREE' JACKSON

Tee Martin, USC wide receivers coach: **"He has an unbelievable amount of talent. He can handle the installation on offense and defense and it's seamless. The one thing that stands out is how smart and productive he is."**

Max Browne, USC quarterback: **"I'm just impressed with the way he moves back and forth between offense and defense."**

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: **"I'm trying to find a flaw right now with the guy. He's prepared, he studies, he gets his rest, he recovers, he comes energized and, ultimately, he knows what he's doing and he's making plays."**

Jake Davidson, Daily Trojan: **"Jackson already is the best cover corner in the secondary. His return skills are so feared that teams are already kicking away from him. Not to mention the fact that though he has touched the ball sparingly on offense, he is a threat to score every time he gets his gloves on the pignskin."**

#### SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

USC's placekicker (**Andre Heidari**), punter (**Kris Albarado**), long snapper (**Peter McBride**), short snapper (**Zach Smith**), holder (**Cody Kessler**) and top kickoff and punt returner (**Nelson Agholor**) all are back from 2013. The Trojans ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationally in punt returns (13.3) last year, as well as second in blocked punts (3) and fourth in blocked kicks (6). Troy allowed zero punt return yards in 8 of its 14 games in 2013 and held 2 other opponents to 5 yards or less. Only 16 of USC's 79 punts were returned last year. And the Trojans had 3 scoring punt returns. But there are some areas that need to be shored up as USC was dead last nationally in kickoff returns (14.4) in 2013 and 10<sup>th</sup> from the bottom in net punting (34.5), as well as only 62<sup>nd</sup> in punt return defense (7.9).

#### SPECIALISTS

Junior **Kris Albarado** (53 P, 41.6 avg in 2014, plus 1 tac) is back after averaging 37.1 yards per punt in his first year handling that duty. He was particularly effective in 2013 pinning opponents within the 20-yard line, as he did so on 27 of his 79 punts (34.2%) and only 4 of his boots were touchbacks. Also available to is punt untested walk-on redshirt freshman **Jack Basalari**. Senior **Andre Heidari** (43-of-44 PAT, 8-of-10 FG in 2014) is in his fourth year as USC's placekicker, hitting 48 field goals and a Pac-12 record 181 PATs (in a Pac-12 record 187 tries) in his career. He has hit 4 field goals of at least 50 yards in his career (53, 52 twice and 50), including a pair in 2014, and he has 3 of the 9 longest field goals in Trojan history (including tied for the third longest). He hit 15 of his 22 field goal attempts and all but 3 of his 52 PAT tries last year. Although he missed some key field goals in several games last fall, he nailed a game-winning 47-yarder with 19

seconds to play against No. 5 Stanford, USC's first game-winning last second field goal since 2000. He kicked off, with 22 of his 76 kickoffs last fall pinning foes within the 20-yard line and getting touchbacks on 19 others. Sophomore walk-on **Alex Wood** (12-of-12 PAT in 2014, plus 2 tac) redshirted last year after hitting all 8 of his PATs in 2012 when subbing for an injured Heidari. Wood assumed the kickoff duties mid-season in 2014 and 14 of his 44 kickoffs have been touchbacks (11 others pinned the opponent within the 20-yard line). He won USC's Joe Collins Walk-on Award. Left-footed sophomore **Matt Boormeester**, whose father, Peter, kicked at UCLA and in the NFL, transferred to USC in the fall of 2014 from Saddleback Junior College in Mission Viejo (Calif.) and was given a scholarship. Also available to kick are freshmen walk-ons **Wyatt Schmidt** (who also played ice hockey in high school and on the junior club level) and **Reid Budrovich**, both lefties (Budrovich can also punt). Both of USC snappers—junior **Peter McBride**, who handled the punt snaps, and walk-on sophomore **Zach Smith** (1 tac in 2014), who snapped on all placement kicks—return from 2013 after performing flawlessly (McBride also was the snapper in 2012). Smith handles both roles now. Walk-on soph linebacker **Nick Schlossberg** also can snap. Sophomore quarterback **Conner Sullivan** has emerged as the holder, while junior quarterback **Cody Kessler** is the backup after handling the holding duties all of 2013 and the last half of 2012. Junior wide receiver **Nelson Agholor** (9 KOR, 147 yds, 16.3 avg in 2014, plus 18 PR, 191 yds, 10.6 avg, 2 TD) is back after leading USC in both punt returns (19.1 avg) and kickoff returns (17.5 avg) in 2013. He proved to be a threat in both duties. He ranked second nationally in punt returns (19.1) last season. He tied a Pac-12 record with 2 scoring punt returns at California in 2013 (including a 93-yarder, the second longest in school history) and his 168 punt return yards in that Cal game was a USC mark. Agholor made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team (he also made third team as a punt returner), FOXSports.com All-American second team, Phil Steele All-American second team, AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention. He made the 2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as the ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team (and second team as a punt returner) and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team (and third team as a punt returner). He was among 10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award. He currently is third nationally in punt return TDs (2, second in Pac-12) and 20<sup>th</sup> in punt returns (10.6, second in Pac-12). His 4 career punt returns for a touchdown is a USC career record (he has 2 scoring punt returns in each of the past 2 years). He is seventh on USC's career punt returns chart (534 yards). He is the only Trojan to rank among USC career Top 10 receivers and Top 7 punt returners. Marqise Lee also was involved in returning kicks and punts last year, as he averaged 16.4 yards on 10 kickoff returns and 5.8 yards on 8 punt returns. Now in the NFL, Lee finished up ranked seventh on USC's career kickoff return ladder (1,305 yards). A number of returning and new players have a role in the return game in 2014 in Lee's place, including true freshmen such as cornerback-wide receiver **Adoree' Jackson** (20 KOR, 554 yds, 27.7 avg, 1 TD in 2014, plus 2 PR, 12 yds, 6.0 avg) and wide receiver **JuJu Smith** (6 KOR, 51 yd, 8.5 avg in 2014), plus soph wide receiver **Darreus Rogers** (1

PR, 5 yds, 5.0 avg and 1 KOR, 11 yds, 11.0 avg in 2014) and sophomore tailback **Justin Davis**. Jackson was named to the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as a kickoff returner), as well as the Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, USA Today Freshman All-American first team, Scout Freshman All-American first team, CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team, Phil Steele Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team and 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team. He was named the 2014 Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year and made All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as Athlon All-Pac-12 second team (as an all-purpose player) and Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team (as a kickoff returner). He currently is fifth nationally in kickoff returns (27.7, second in Pac-12) and 10<sup>th</sup> in kickoff return TDs (1, second in Pac-12). He is already 19<sup>th</sup> on USC's career kickoff return list (554 yards). Smith made the 2014 All-Pac-12 second team (as an all-purpose/special teams player).

—Against *Fresno State*, Heidari hit all 7 of his PATs, made 1-of-2 field goals (a 27-yarder) and had touchbacks on 4 of his 9 kickoffs (2 others pinned the Bulldogs within the 20), while Albarado did not have to punt.

—Heidari nailed a career-long 53-yard field goal (tied for the third longest in USC history) with 2:30 to play to give USC a win at *Stanford* (his second consecutive year that USC defeated the Cardinal on a Heidari kick), and he also hit an earlier 25-yarder and a PAT, plus he had a touchback on 1 of his 4 kickoffs to earn *Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week* honors, while Albarado averaged 47.8 yards on 4 punts and had a tackle.

—Heidari hit a 52-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs at *Boston College*, plus 1 of his 5 kickoffs pinned the Eagles within the 20 and another was a touchback, while Albarado averaged 37.5 yards on a career-high 10 punts, with 1 pinning BC within the 20.

—Against *Oregon State*, Heidari hit all 5 of his PATs but missed his only field goal try (1 of his 5 kickoffs was a touchback), while Albarado averaged 40.5 yards on his 6 punts, with 4 pinning the Beavers within the 20 and 2 traveling 50-plus yards.

—Against *Arizona State*, Heidari hit both of his field goals (35 and 33 yards) and all 4 of his PATs and 2 of his 7 kickoffs pinned the Sun Devils within the 20 (and he had 2 touchbacks), while Albarado averaged 59.5 yards on his 2 punts (with a career-long 65-yarder) and Kessler averaged 33.8 yards on 4 pooch punts (with 1 inside the 20).

—At *Arizona*, Wood filled in for an injured Heidari and hit all 4 of his PATs and 3 of his 5 kickoffs were touchbacks (another pinned the Wildcats within the 20), while Albarado averaged 38.8 yards on his 6 punts (2 pinned Arizona within the 20).

—Wood hit all 8 of his PATs against *Colorado* and 4 of his 9 kickoffs were touchbacks (another pinned the Buffaloes within the 20) and he also made a tackle, while Albarado averaged 36.2 yards on 5 punts with 2 pinning the Buffaloes within the 20.

—At *Utah*, Albarado averaged 50.2 yards on his 5 punts, with 3 traveling 50-plus yards, while Heidari hit all 3 of his PATs and Wood had touchbacks on 2 of his 4 kickoffs and another pinned the Utes within the 20.

—At *Washington State*, Albarado averaged 41.2 yards on 5 punts, with 2 pinning the Cougars within the 20 and 1 traveling 50-plus yards, Heidari hit a 37-yard field goal and made 5-of-6 PATs and Wood had touchbacks on 2 of his 8 kickoffs and another 2 pinned the Cougars within the 20.

—Against *California*, Heidari hit all 5 of his PATs and a 25-yard field goal, Albarado averaged 36.7 yards on 3 punts and 2 of Wood's 7 kickoffs pinned the Golden Bears within the 20 (he also had a tackle).

—At *UCLA*, Albarado averaged 43.2 yards on his 6 punts with 3 pinning the Bruins within the 20 and 2 traveling at least 50 yards, while Heidari hit both of his PATs to tie the USC career PAT attempts record (at 180) and 2 of Wood's 3 kickoffs pinned the Bruins within the 20.

—Against *Notre Dame*, Heidari hit all 7 of his PATs as he became the Pac-12 career recordholder for PATs and PAT attempts, while 2 of Wood's 8 kickoffs pinned the Irish within the 20 (3 others were touchbacks) and Albarado's only punt pinned ND within the 20.

## STATS OF NOTE

### OFFENSE

\*\*\*USC's offense currently is first nationally in completion percentage (.701, first in Pac-12), fourth in both fewest passes had intercepted (4, second in Pac-12) and in passing efficiency (166.9, second in Pac-12), 12<sup>th</sup> in third down conversions (.485, second in Pac-12) and 15<sup>th</sup> in passing offense (294.6, fourth in Pac-12).

\*\*\*USC has rushed for 200 yards 6 times in 2014 (and 100 yards 9 times).

\*\*\*USC's 5 consecutive 200-yard rushing games in 2014 were the most at USC since 1982.

\*\*\*USC's 701 yards of total offense versus Fresno State in 2014 were its most since 2005 (745 versus Washington State).

\*\*\*USC's 105 offensive plays versus Fresno State in 2013 was a since-broken Pac-12 record (10 short of the NCAA mark).

\*\*\*USC completed 72.7% of its passes against an Oregon State defense that was allowing just 42.3% in 2014.

\*\*\*USC's 7 TD passes against Colorado in 2014 equaled a school game record.

\*\*\*USC's 6 TD passes against Notre Dame were the most ever allowed by the Irish.

### DEFENSE

\*\*\*USC's defense currently is 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in turnover margin (+0.9, fourth in Pac-12), 12<sup>th</sup> in red zone defense (.723, first in Pac-12) and 21<sup>st</sup> in third down conversion defense (.350, first in Pac-12).

\*\*\*USC has not allowed an opponent to score on its opening drive in 2014.

\*\*\*Of USC's 1,590 rushing yards allowed in 2014, 452 were by Boston College, meaning that USC's 11 other opponents have run for only 1,138 yards combined (103.5 per game).

\*\*\*USC held QB Sean Mannion, Oregon State's career passing yardage leader, in 2014 to his lowest career output as a starter (15-of-32, 115 yards, 2 interceptions, 0 TDs).

\*\*\*USC limited Colorado QB Sefo Liufau, who was averaging 314.5 passing yards, to a career-low 143 yards.

\*\*\*USC limited Arizona State, which entered the game as the Pac-12's rushing offense leader at 262.8, to 31 rushing yards in 2014.

\*\*\*Boston College's 54 passing yards in 2014 were the fewest allowed by USC since 2008 (41 by Notre Dame).

\*\*\*Boston College's 5 pass completions in 2014 were the fewest allowed by USC since 2002 (2 by Colorado).

\*\*\*Oregon State's 181 total yards in 2014 were the fewest allowed by USC since 2009 (121 by San Jose State).

\*\*\*Arizona's 472 total yards, 77 rushing yards and 26 points against USC in 2014 were 102, 147 and 14, respectively, under the Wildcats' average.

\*\*\*USC held Utah to 13.8 points under its scoring average.

\*\*\*USC held California, ranked in the national Top 11 in passing, scoring and total offense, under its averages by 82 yards, 10.9 points and 125.9 yards, respectively.

\*\*\*USC limited Notre Dame QB Everett Golson, who was in the national Top 10 in passing TDs, total offense and passing yardage, to no TD passes, 61 total yards and 75 passing yards.

\*\*\*USC did not allow a TD pass in its first 4 games of 2014 (it was the only school in the nation to do so).

\*\*\*USC's 13 interceptions in 2014 have come from 9 different players.

\*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 115 of the last 164 games.

\*\*\*USC has held 90 of its last 163 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less (including 4 times in 2014).

\*\*\*Only 33 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 151 games (most recently, Utah's Devontae Booker with 102 in 2014).

\*\*\*Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 68-6 when holding opponents to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010 and Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013).

### RANKINGS

\*\*\*USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 137 of its past 168 games.

\*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 92 of its past 160 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.

\*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 65 of the last 156 games.

## RANDOM NOTES

### SCORING

\*\*\*USC has outscored opponents in the first quarter, 157-36, in 2014.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 148 of its past 170 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 105 of its last 160 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 65 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 24 times with at least 50 points).

\*\*\*Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 269 times.

\*\*\*USC has scored in its past 220 games, a school record (although 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 186 games, 1976 to 1983).

### MISCELLANEOUS

\*\*\*The only other season that USC lost 2 games in the final 8 seconds, like it has in 2014, was in 2010 when Washington and Stanford hit game-winning field goals at the gun in consecutive games.

\*\*\*USC's first 3 losses in 2014 were by a total of 13 points (4.3 average) and 2 came on the opponents' last play of the game.

\*\*\*USC had a school record-tying streak of 4 consecutive games without a turnover in 2014 versus Stanford, Boston College, Oregon State and Arizona State (its longest streak since 4 in a row in 1995, versus Houston, Arizona, Arizona State and California).

\*\*\*Eleven true freshmen have played significant roles for USC in 2014, including 8 who have a combined 52 starts.

\*\*\*USC's 2-0 Pac-12 start in 2014 was its first since 2007.

\*\*\*USC's win at Stanford in 2014 snapped the Cardinal's 17-game home winning streak.

\*\*\*Every Pac-12 South Division opponent that USC played in 2014 had at least 8 days to prepare for the Trojans.

\*\*\*USC has blocked 27 kicks since 2010 (including 2 blocked field goals in 2014).

\*\*\*USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 463 times, including 329 of the past 331 games (Troy's last 169 games have been televised live, a school record).

### ACADEMICS

Thirteen Trojans have cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 or higher (through spring 2014 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2014 Trojan squad are: TE **Connor Spears** (team-high 3.85, business administration), WR **David Mellstrom** (3.78, business administration), OG **Toa Lobendahn** (3.51), WR **Robby Kolanz** (3.41, broadcast journalism), PK **Alex Wood** (3.34, communication), QB **Max Browne** (3.28, communication), ILB **Nick Schlossberg** (3.17, business administration), OLB **Charles Burks** (3.15, political science), OLB **Don Hill** (3.08), P **Jack Basalari** (3.05, policy, planning and development), OT **Jordan Austin** (3.02), CB **Ryan Dillard** (3.00, communication) and WR **Christian Tober** (3.00, policy, planning and development). C **Giovanni Di Poalo** (sociology, summer of 2013) and TE **Randall Telfer** (political science, spring of 2014) already received their bachelor's degrees. Di Poalo is now working on a master's degree in communication management. Burks and Kolanz made 2014 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention. Burks also made the 2013 Pac-12 All-Academic first team and 2012 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention, while Dillard was a 2013 Pac-12 All-Academic second teamer and Kolanz was 2013 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention. In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tied for tops in the Pac-10 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 13 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 7 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top 10 winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar (current athletic director **Pat Haden**) and 2 Academic All-American Hall of Famers (Haden and Dick Nunis).

\*\*\*USC's 2014 team captains, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are QB **Cody Kessler**, ILB **Hayes Pullard**, DE **Leonard Williams** WR **Nelson Agholor** and C **Max Tuerk**. Pullard, also a captain in 2013, is the 12<sup>th</sup> Trojan multi-year captain.

\*\*\*Former USC two-time All-American offensive tackle **Tony Boselli**, who twice was the NFL Lineman of the Year, was named to the 16-member 2014 Football Bowl Subdivision Class of the College Football Hall of Fame. He is the 40<sup>th</sup> inductee with USC ties, including 31 players, in the College Football Hall of Fame. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 11 of the past 15 years. Boselli was inducted at a Dec. 9 dinner in New York City and then will be enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in ceremonies in the summer of 2015. Boselli is regarded as one of the finest offensive tackles to play at USC and in the NFL. A four-year (1991-94) starter at USC, he was a two-time (1992-94) All-American first teamer and three-time (1991-92-94) All-Pac-10 first teamer. As a 1994 senior, he was USC's MVP and team captain and won the Pac-10 Morris Trophy, as well as being named a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete. The No. 2 selection of the 1995 NFL draft, he was the first-ever pick in the history of the Jacksonville Jaguars franchise. He played seven seasons (1995-2001) with the Jaguars, where he was a four-time All-Pro and five-time Pro Bowler. He twice was the NFL Lineman of the Year and was named to the NFL's 1990s All-Decade Team. He spent 2002 with the Houston Texans. He was inducted into USC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012. Boselli now is a sports commentator and businessman, and runs the Boselli Foundation to assist at-risk youngsters in Jacksonville.

\*\*\*USC is wearing a decal with a "Z" on the back of its helmets in honor of Trojan Olympic distance runner and World War II hero Louis Zamperini, who died this past July 2 at age 97. Zamperini, who was eighth in the 5,000-meter run at the 1936 Olympics, was the NCAA mile champion in 1938 and 1939. He set high school and collegiate mile records that lasted 20 and 15 years, respectively. A bombardier in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he was lost at sea, spending 47 days adrift and then two-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war in Japan, enduring hunger and torture before being rescued. His story was chronicled in Laura Hillenbrand's award-winning biography, "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption." The book has been made into a movie, directed by Angelina Jolie, and set for a December release.

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

\*\*\*USC was one of only 4 teams (along with Central Florida, Iowa State and North Carolina) to play its first 6 games of 2014 against teams with winning records from 2013.

\*\*\*USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season.

\*\*\*USC will open its 2016 season on Sept. 3 against Alabama in the eighth annual Cowboys Classic at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex., in a Labor Day weekend neutral site game. It will be the first meeting between the teams since the 1985 Aloha Bowl. The Trojans and Crimson Tide have met 7 times in the past, including a 42-21 USC victory in 1970 in a game that was credited with helping to integrate Southern football because of the outstanding performances that day by the Trojans' African-American players, particularly fullback Sam Cunningham, tailback Clarence Davis and quarterback Jimmy Jones. USC also has a home-and-home series set against Texas in 2017 (in Los Angeles) and 2018 (Austin). The Trojans and Longhorns last met in the 2006 BCS Championship Game, one of the most memorable games in college football history. USC's future non-conference schedule also has BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a series that last year was extended through 2023. This year's Trojan non-conference foes in addition to Notre Dame are Fresno State and Boston College. In the past 15 years, Troy also has played Ohio State, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Hawaii, Minnesota and Virginia on its regular season non-conference slate.

\*\*\*USC's 2 conference "misses" in 2014 (as it was in 2013) were Oregon and Washington. The last time before 2013 that USC did not face Oregon was 2004 and Washington was 2000, while the last time before 2013 that USC played neither the Ducks nor the Huskies in a season was 1928.

\*\*\*USC has a 158-67-8 (.695) record in the 20 seasons when the World Cup was played. In those years, the Trojans went to 12 bowl games (including 7 Rose Bowls) and won 7 of them, plus they captured 7 conference titles and were named national champion 3 times.

\*\*\*Ten Trojans previously played at other 4-year schools: DT **Delvon Simmons** (Texas Tech), CB-S **Josh Shaw** (Florida), QB **Anthony Neyer** (Idaho), TE **Chris Willson** (Wake Forest), WR **David Mellstrom** (Virginia Tech), ILB **Joel Foy** (Air Force), DE-TE **Teddy Baker** (Connecticut, Wesleyan), QB **Alex Bridgford** (Redlands), TE **Connor Spears** (Columbia) and DE **Christian Bradley** (Cal Lutheran).

\*\*\*C **Giovanni Di Poalo** (sociology, summer of 2013) and TE **Randall Telfer** (political science, spring of 2014) already received their bachelor's degrees. Di Poalo is now working on a master's degree in communication management.

\*\*\*USC currently has 16 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. PK **Andre Heidari**, QB **Cody Kessler**, SNP **Peter McBride** and FB **Soma Vainuku** all enrolled in the spring of 2011, OLB **Scott Felix** and OT **Chad Wheeler** both enrolled in the spring of 2012, and DT **Kenny Bigelow**, QB **Max Browne**, S **Su'a Cravens**, TB **Justin Davis**, CB **Chris Hawkins** and S **Leon McQuay III** all enrolled in the spring of 2013. OT **Jordan Austin**, QB **Jalen Greene**, OLB **Don Hill** and OG **Toa Lobendahn** all enrolled in the spring of 2014. Since 1999, 32 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (including 1 who graduated a full year early).

\*\*\*Who's the fastest among the 2014 Trojans? It might be WR **George Farmer**, with bests of 10.40 in the 100 meters and 21.22 in the 200 meters (he was second in the 100 meters and seventh in the 200 at the 2010 California state meet). Or maybe it is CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson**, who has bests of 10.68 in the 100 and 21.59 in the 200. Jackson's specialty, however, was the long jump, with a best of 25-5 ¼ (he was the 2012 state champ and then the runner-up in 2013). Interestingly, both Farmer and Jackson are products of Serra High in Gardena (Calif.).

\*\*\*Several USC football players have participated on other athletic teams in college. QB **Conner Sullivan** was an infielder/outfielder on the 2013 baseball team (he hit .267). Before coming to USC, TE **Chris Willson** pitched on the baseball team at Wake Forest and DE-TE **Teddy Baker** played lacrosse at Wesleyan.

\*\*\*Many USC players played various sports in high school in addition to football. QB **Larry Tuileta** was the 2014 National High School Player of the Year in volleyball (he led his team to 3 straight state championships). PK-P **Wyatt Schmidt** played ice hockey in high school (winning a state championship) and then in a junior league in South Dakota after graduating high school. S **Rob Dooley**, ILB **Nick Schlossberg** and DE-TE **Teddy Baker** played lacrosse as prepsters. WR **Christian Guzman**, PK **Alex Wood** and P **Jack Basalari** also played soccer in high school. TE **Chris Willson**, S **Matt Lopes**, QB **Conner Sullivan**, TE **Connor Spears**, FB **Pat Hart**, PK **Matt Boermeester**, PK **Reid Budrovich** and CB **Jalen Jones** played baseball in high school. Among the Trojans who played prep basketball: Schlossberg, Baker, Spears, Hart, OT **Zach Banner** (he led his team to the state 3A title in 2011), QB **Cody Kessler**, ILB **Hayes Pullard**, WR **Nelson Agholor**, DE **Greg Townsend Jr.**, QB **Max Browne**, TE **Jalen Cope-Fitzpatrick**, WR **George Farmer**, OT **Nico Falah**, CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson**, WR **Ajene Harris**, WR-CB **Rahshead Johnson**, OLB-ILB **Uchenna Nwosu**, ILB **Olajuwon Tucker**, TE **Bryce Dixon**, OLB **Don Hill**, TB **Stefan Smith**, S **Davonte Nunnery**, OT **Quinn Bassler** and QB **Andrew Zolintakis**. High school tracksters included Farmer, Pullard, Jackson, Smith, Nunnery, Schmidt, Bassler, ILB **Lamar Dawson**, OG **Aundrey Walker**, TB **Javorius Allen**, OLB **J.R. Tavai**, DT **Cody Temple**, FB **Jahleel Pinner**, TB **Justin Davis**, CB **Kevin Carrasco**, ILB **Joel Foy**, WR **David Mellstrom**, S-CB **John Plattenburg** and ILB **Matt Miller**.

\*\*\*DE **Leonard Williams**, ILB **Lamar Dawson** and OG **Jordan Simmons** had their artwork displayed at the 2014 "Artletics" on-campus exhibit that featured the works of USC student-athletes, while Williams, WR **George Farmer** and DT **Antwaun Woods** had theirs displayed in 2013 and OLB **Charles Burks'** work was on display there in 2012.

\*\*\*CB-S **Josh Shaw** was chosen to speak at the 2014 USC Student-Athlete Graduation Ceremony, where he recounted his life story of going from Palmdale to Florida to USC.

\*\*\*TE **Randall Telfer** was among 4 USC student-athletes to participate at the 2012 NCAA Career in Sports Forum in Indianapolis, where he pursued the administrative track.

\*\*\*USC WR **Robby Kolanz** received a 2014 Chick Hearn Scholarship, presented to aspiring sports broadcasters by the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and the Los Angeles Lakers.

\*\*\*LB **Lamar Dawson**, from Boyle County High in Danville (Ky.), is just the second Trojan letterman from Kentucky (joining LB Kurt Barber, who lettered 1988-91 after prepping at Paducah Tilgham High).

\*\*\*TB **Tre Madden** and FB **Jahleel Pinner**, who both started USC's first 6 games of 2013, have been backfield teammates since peewee football and while at Mission Viejo (Calif.) High.

\*\*\*USC OG **Aundrey Walker** has 17 siblings. He is the youngest of 14 brothers.

\*\*\*WR **Nelson Agholor** was born in Nigeria, while TE **Connor Spears** was born in Ireland.

\*\*\*CB **Kevin Carrasco** is fluent in Spanish and speaks some Korean.

\*\*\*CB **Ryan Dillard** played the saxophone in his high school's orchestra.

\*\*\*S **Leon McQuay III**, a music industry major at USC, has produced his own music tracks.

\*\*\*A YouTube video of SNP **Zach Smith's** long snapping trick shots has more than 610,000 views.

\*\*\*DE **Jeff Miller** and ILB **Matt Miller** are USC's only set of brothers.

\*\*\*USC has 3 players with the surname Simmons (DT **Delvon Simmons**, OG **Jordan Simmons** and CB **Lamont Simmons**) and 3 with the last name of Smith (WR-S **JuJu Smith**, SNP **Zach Smith** and TB **Stefan Smith**), but none are related.

\*\*\*USC's roster features a Jr. (DE **Greg Townsend Jr.**), a III (S **Leon McQuay III**) and a IV (TB **James Toland IV**).

\*\*\*What's in a name? OLB **J.R. Tavai's** initials stand for John Robert. TB **Tre Madden's** real first name is Curtis, WR-S **JuJu Smith's** is John, DE-TE **Teddy Baker's** is Edward, DT **Claude Pelon's** is Claudeson and assistant coach **Tee Martin's** is Tamaurice. TB **Javorius Allen** goes by the nickname of "Buck." ILB **Olajuwon Tucker's** nickname is "Buddha." OLB **Scott Felix** this summer legally changed his last name from his mother's (Starr) to his father's.

\*\*\*How's this for a colorful player: PK **Matt Boermeester** "greyshirted" in 2012 (he did not enroll as a full-time college student) coming out of high school. He then was awarded a scholarship at USC this fall by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year). If Boermeester does not play in 2014, he will have "redshirted."

\*\*\*USC's current coaching staff has 146 years of coaching experience at all levels. They have coached in 73 bowls or playoffs, including on 3 national championship teams and 3 NFL playoff teams. The staff also has 47 years of college playing experience and 30 years of pro playing experience.

\*\*\*Two Trojan assistant coaches (**Clay Helton** and **Marques Tuiasosopo**) have served as interim head coaches (Helton for USC for the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl and also at Memphis for several months in early 2006, and Tuiasosopo for Washington in the 2013 Fight Hunger Bowl).

\*\*\*Wide receivers coach **Tee Martin's** wife, Toya, is a recording artist with hit singles "I Do!" (2001) and "No Matta What (Party All Night)" (2002).

\*\*\*In the summer of 2013, USC received unanimous approval from the Board of Directors of the California Science Center to allow the transaction between the university and the state of California for USC to begin operating and renovating the Coliseum. Over the next decade, USC will invest \$70 million into the stadium to improve the fan experience (\$100 million will be invested by 2054). USC has been a tenant in the Coliseum since the historic stadium opened in 1923.

\*\*\*An updated version of PROJECT TROJAN, a free interactive mobile app for iOS and Android devices that gives fans, media and recruits a unique inside look at the 2014 USC football program, is available for download for the first time ever for iPad users. The newly redesigned app is also available for all iOS and Android users by downloading in iTunes and Google Play. With more video content than ever before, PROJECT TROJAN gives users unprecedented access to Trojan players and coaches. The app features video playlists for Fall Camp, Football Mic'd Up, Football Classics, SCigning Day, Spring Football, Trojans Live Radio show, archived videos from past seasons and more. The new in-depth Trojan Way section delves into statistical and biographical information, the USC football program's history and philosophy, the interplay among athletics and academics and the student-athlete experience of attending USC. There is a virtual tour of USC's athletic facilities, including the McKay Center and the Coliseum, and special looks at various facets of the athletic department available to student-athletes, such as athletic training, academic services, strength and conditioning and sports nutrition. A historical section profiles USC award winners, Trojans in the NFL and



successful alumni in the professional community. The app includes the popular interactive Photo Booth, as well as a redesigned social media section featuring a digital mosaic of social media content from official USC Athletics feeds, USC coaches and players, as well as usc.edu social media streams. USC merchandise and tickets also are available for purchase within the dynamic app, which will have new video and elements added regularly throughout the year.

\*\*\*Longtime USC radio play-by-play announcer **Pete Arbogast** has been selected for induction into the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Arbogast began calling Trojan football games in 1989 and has done so nearly every year since then. Induction ceremonies will be Jan. 26, 2015, in Toluca Lake, Calif.

\*\*\*Several Trojan staffers have been associated with national championship teams. Assistant coach **Tee Martin** quarterbacked Tennessee to the 1998 national championship. Offensive administrative assistant **Lenny Vandermade** was an offensive guard-center on USC's 2003 national championship team. Steve Sarkisian's executive assistant **Cheryl Taplin** was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.

\*\*\*Several Trojans have relatives with USC football connections. ILB **Grant Moore's** father, Rex, was a 4-year (1984-87) letterman linebacker at USC, leading the Trojans in tackles in 1986 while earning team Most Inspirational Player accolades. S **Su'a Craven's** cousin, Jordan Cameron, played tight end at USC (2008-10). TB **Tre Madden's** uncle is former USC (1995-98) cornerback Daylon McCutcheon. DE **Jeff Miller** and ILB **Matt Miller** are brothers. QB **Conner Sullivan's** brother, Shane, was a Trojan tight end in 2013. WR **Christian Tober's** brother, William, was a cornerback at USC in 2012. FB **Soma Vainuku's** cousin is former USC All-American (2005-08) linebacker Rey Mauluga. S **Matt Lopes's** mother, Helaine, was an assistant athletic trainer at USC in the 1980s and 1990s, including working with the Trojan football program. Assistant coach **Johnny Nansen** is the uncle of current C **Viane Talamaivao** and the cousin of current WR-S **JuJu Smith**. Assistant coach **Marques Tuiasosopo's** second cousin is former USC offensive guard Titus Tuiasosopo (1990-92).

\*\*\*Speaking of genes: WR **Nelson Agholor's** father, Felix, played soccer in Nigeria. OT **Jordan Austin's** father, Ray, played football at UNLV and Southern Utah. PK **Matt Boermeester's** father, Peter, was a placekicker at UCLA (1977-78-79), where he still ranks ninth on the Bruins' career field goals list (31) and 19<sup>th</sup> in points scored (160, leading UCLA in scoring his last 2 seasons) and setting a school record for consecutive games with a field goal (15) as he earned 1978 All-Pac-10 first team honors, then he played with the Cleveland Browns in 1980. S **Gerald Bowman's** cousin, Maalik Wayns, was a guard on Villanova's basketball team (2010-11), then played in the NBA with the Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Clippers. QB **Max Browne's** brother, Mitch, played quarterback at Claremont

McKenna College (2001-04). S **Su'a Cravens** has a long line of athletic relatives: his brother, Siaki, was a defensive lineman at Hawaii (2010-12) who previously played at Utah (2008); his sister, Malia, was on the women's basketball at Hawaii in 2012 before transferring to USC, where she was briefly on the 2013 Women of Troy basketball team before joining the track team as a high jumper; his cousins, Jordan and Brynn Cameron, played men's basketball (2008) and women's basketball (2005-09), respectively, at USC (Jordan also played men's basketball at BYU in 2007); another cousin, Colby Cameron, was a quarterback at Louisiana Tech (2009-12) before signing with the NFL's Carolina Panthers; his grandfather, Jack Cravens, played basketball and baseball at BYU (1957-59); he is related by marriage to Utah head coach Kyle Whittingham; the second cousin of his mother, Yolanda, is former Arizona State and NFL safety David Fulcher; and a distant cousin is former Notre Dame All-American linebacker Manti Te'o, now with the NFL's San Diego Chargers. CB **Ryan Dillard's** cousin is Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson, who played at Georgia Tech. S **Rob Dooley's** father, Robert, played football at Yale, while his sister, Grace, was on Notre Dame's lacrosse team (2011-14) and another sister, Anne, is a freshman lacrosse player at Notre Dame. WR **George Farmer's** father, George, was a wide receiver at Southern and then in the NFL with the Los Angeles Rams (1982-84) and Miami Dolphins (1987). WR **Robby Kolanz's** grandfather is Stan Chambers, a television reporter who spent 63 years at KTLA in Los Angeles before retiring in 2010. OG **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was a lineman at Utah (1990-93) and then in the Arena League with the Albany Firebirds (1994) and St. Louis Stampede (1995) before coaching at BYU as a graduate assistant (1998-99) and as an assistant and head coach at the high school level. S **Matt Lopes's** father, Steve, is a senior associate athletic director and chief operating officer at USC who was a 1983 College Division All-American offensive lineman at Linfield College, which won the NAIA national championship in his 1982 junior season (he also wrestled and played golf at Linfield), while his uncle, Lance Lopes, also played football at Linfield and now is a senior associate athletic director at Washington (he previously was a senior vice president and general counsel of the Seattle Seahawks and before that held a similar position with the Green Bay Packers). TB **Tre Madden's** father, Curtis, was a fullback and defensive end at Kansas State (1988-91), while his grandfather is Lawrence McCutcheon, a Colorado State and NFL All-Pro running back with the Los Angeles Rams (1972-79), Denver Broncos (1980) and Buffalo Bills (1981) who set the since-broken Rams career rushing record (6,186 yards), led the Rams in rushing 5 times and played in Super Bowl XIV (he now is a scout with the Rams). S **Leon McQuay III's** grandfather, the late Leon McQuay, was a running back at Tampa (1968-70) and then in the CFL (Toronto, Calgary) and NFL (Giants, Patriots, Saints). The mother of DE **Jeff Miller** and ILB **Matt Miller** played volleyball at Notre Dame (1984-87) under her maiden name, Kathy Baker. ILB **Hayes Pullard's** uncle, Robert Pullard, was a pole vaulter at USC (1971-74) who finished third at the 1973 NCAA meet and fourth in 1974. PK-P **Wyatt Schmidt's** father, Paul, played tennis at Minnesota, while his brother, Foley, was a 3-year (2009-11) All-Ivy League placekicker

at Dartmouth. QB **Conner Sullivan's** father, Joe, played soccer and baseball at Air Force. OG-C **Viane Talamaivao's** uncle, Pene Talamaivao, was a defensive tackle at Utah (1994-97), then played professionally for 8 years with the NFL's Buffalo Bills in 1998 (and in NFL Europe that year) and San Diego Chargers (1999-2000), XFL's San Francisco Dragons (2001), CFL's Ottawa RoughRiders (2002-04) and Arena Football League's Detroit Fury (2004-05). OLB **J.R. Tavai's** brother, Jordan, was a defensive lineman at Kansas (2012-13), while his brother, Jahlan, is a freshman linebacker at Hawaii. DE **Greg Townsend Jr.'s** father, Greg, played at TCU (1981-82) and then was a 4-time All-Pro defensive end with the NFL's Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders (1983-93, 1997) and Philadelphia Eagles (1994). ILB **Olajuwon Tucker's** brother, Tim, played fullback and linebacker at Washington in 2010 and 2011. FB **Soma Vainuku's** father was a rugby star in Tonga. TE **Chris Willson's** father, Jim, was a 4-year letterman in football at Denison, while his mother, Sue, played softball, tennis and basketball at Eckerd College. Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Clay Helton's** father, Kim, was Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, as well as an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida; his brother, Tyson, is the offensive coordinator at Western Kentucky after assistant coaching stops at Cincinnati, Alabama Birmingham, Memphis and Hawaii and playing at Houston. Assistant coach **Marques Tuiasosopo's** wife Lisa, was a volleyball player at North Carolina; his sister, Leslie, was an All-Pac-10 volleyball player at Washington (1995-98) and is now the Huskies' associate head coach; his brother, Zach, played fullback and linebacker at UW (2001-04); his sister, Ashley, played softball at UW (2008-11); his brother, Matt, signed a letter of intent to play quarterback for UW, but instead signed a professional baseball contract out of high school and has played in the majors with the Seattle Mariners (2008-10) and Detroit Tigers (2013); his father, Manu, played defensive line at UCLA (1975-78) and then in the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks (1979-83) and San Francisco 49ers (1984-86); cousin John Tautolo played at UCLA (1977-80) and then with the New York Giants (1982-83) and Los Angeles Raiders (1987) as a guard, while cousin Terry Tautolo played at UCLA (1974-75) and with the Philadelphia Eagles (1976-79), San Francisco 49ers (1980-81), Detroit Lions (1981-82, 1984) and Miami Dolphins (1983) as a linebacker; his second cousins are former USC offensive guard Titus Tuiasosopo (1990-92), Navy Tuiasosopo, who played at Utah State (1983-86) and then with the Los Angeles Rams (1987), and Mike Tuiasosopo, who played at Pacific Lutheran, then was an assistant coach at Pacific (1991), Utah State (1996-99), Nevada (2000-02), Utah (2003), Arizona (2004-10), Colorado (2011-12) and now at UCLA. Assistant coach **Justin Wilcox's** father, Dave (a linebacker, 1962-63), as well as his uncle, John (a tackle, 1958-59), and his brother, Josh (a tight end, 1993-96), all played at Oregon; Dave then was a Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker with the San Francisco 49ers (1964-74), John then played with the Philadelphia Eagles (1960) and Josh with the New Orleans Saints (1998-99). Graduate assistant **Drew Pearson's** brother, Keeyon Howard, played football at Central Methodist.

## ANNIVERSARIES

The 2014 season marks several historic USC football anniversaries:

—The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1964 USC-Notre Dame game. Rod Sherman caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Craig Fertig with 1:33 to play to upset unbeaten and top-ranked Notre Dame. USC was down, 17-0, at halftime.

—The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's 1974 national championship team. The 1974 team earned head coach John McKay his fourth national title behind the big-play heroics of All-American tailback Anthony Davis, the steady leadership of quarterback Pat Haden and the clutch play of a defense that forced the second-highest interception total in USC history. Davis, the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy, rushed for 1,421 yards and 13 touchdowns. He set an NCAA record for most kickoffs returned for TDs in a season (3). He scored four touchdowns to lead the Trojans to an amazing 55-24 comeback win over Notre Dame in the regular season finale (among 11 TDs he scored in his career against the Fighting Irish). Haden threw 13 touchdown passes, but his biggest completions came with the Trojans trailing Ohio State 17-10 in the 1975 Rose Bowl. His 38-yard TD strike to J.K. McKay with two minutes to play and his subsequent 2-point conversion to Shelton Diggs gave USC an 18-17 victory and the writers' share of the national championship. Senior linebacker Richard Wood, Troy's first three-time All-American, led the defense. Defensive back Charles Phillips set NCAA records for most interception return yardage in a season (302), most interception return yardage in a game (181), highest average gain per interception for one game (90.5), and most touchdowns on interception returns in a season (3). USC had five players selected to the All-American team for the third consecutive year. A school-record 12 Trojans were selected to the All-Conference squad (since equaled by the 1989 Trojans). Fourteen players from the 1974 team were taken in the NFL draft—an all-time record later shared by the 1976 Trojan team.

—The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1974 USC-Notre Dame game. In what is regarded as one of the most dramatic and incredible comebacks in the history of college football, the 1974 Trojans erased a 24-point deficit to beat Notre Dame, 55-24, in the Coliseum. USC trailed the Irish, 24-0, late in the first half, and the Trojans' chances looked bleak because Notre Dame sported the nation's top-ranked defense. But with 10 seconds remaining before halftime, Anthony Davis scored on a 7-yard pass from Pat Haden (Troy's extra point kick was blocked) to send the Trojans into the locker room behind 24-6. Davis took the opening kickoff of the second half and raced 102 yards for a score, opening the floodgates as USC rallied for 35 points in the third quarter. Davis scored 2 more times that quarter, both on short runs, and Haden threw TD passes of 18 and 45 yards to J.K. McKay. Then, before 2 minutes had elapsed in the fourth quarter, Haden hit Shelton Diggs for a 16-yard score and Charles Phillips returned an interception 58 yards for a touchdown. In all, USC blitzed to its 55 points in under 17 minutes.

—The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's 1975 Rose Bowl win over Ohio State. Pat Haden threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to J.K. McKay with 3:03 remaining, then he fired a two-point conversion pass to Shelton Diggs to give USC a narrow 18-17 win over Ohio State and the 1974 national title. Haden threw for 181 yards and two touchdowns to offset the loss of Anthony Davis, who suffered a rib injury.

—The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles White's 1979 Heisman Trophy season. In his 1979 senior season, Charles White became USC's third Heisman Trophy winner as he averaged 186.4 yards a game (6.2 yards a carry), led the nation in rushing, and, for the second straight season, led it in all-purpose running. A two-year unanimous All-American, White set or equaled 22 NCAA, Pac-10, USC and Rose Bowl records. He gained over 100 yards 31 times in his career, including 10 times in 1979.

—The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brad Budde's 1979 Lombardi Award season. In 1979, offensive guard Brad Budde became USC's first recipient of the coveted Lombardi Award, given to the nation's top college lineman. Budde was a unanimous All-American as a senior and was also runner-up in the Outland Trophy voting. A four-year starter at Troy, he was the first freshman to start a USC season opener since World War II. The son of ex-Kansas City Chiefs' All-Pro Ed Budde, Brad followed his father there as the Chiefs' first-round draft pick in 1980.

—The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mark Carrier's 1989 Thorpe Award season. As just a junior in 1989, free safety Mark Carrier became USC's first-ever winner of the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's best defensive back. A 2-time first team All-American, Carrier had 7 interceptions in 1989 (tied for 10th in the nation), plus 107 tackles, 3 fumble recoveries and 10 pass deflections. A 3-year starter with 13 career thefts, Carrier was a Thorpe semifinalist in 1988.

—The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's 2004 national championship team. From the start of training camp, the motto for the 2004 USC football team was "Leave No Doubt." The Trojans did just that, winning their second consecutive national championship. And, unlike 2003, this title was undisputed, as USC demolished Oklahoma in the BCS Championship Game in the Orange Bowl, 55-19. Troy went 11-0 overall (not including 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 13-0, a school record for victories) and became just the second team ever to hold the AP No. 1 ranking from pre-season through the entire campaign. It was only the 10th time that a team won back-to-back AP crowns. At 7-0, USC won its third consecutive Pac-10 title (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 8-0). The Trojans swept traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame for an unprecedented third year in a row (UCLA win vacated due to NCAA penalty). USC concluded the season riding a 20-game winning streak, as well as 21 straight home games, a Pac-10 record 15 consecutive league home games, 14 straight Pac-10 games and 8 road games in a row (not including 2 overall wins, 1 Pac-10 win and 1 road win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 22-game winning streak, 15 Pac-10 games, 9 road games). Troy was in the national Top 10 in every defensive statistical category (its total defense average was USC's lowest in 15 years), including first in rushing defense and turnover margin and third in scoring defense. USC outscored opponents by 25.2 points (including a school-record 8 games with a margin of at least 30 points). USC played before 3 home sellouts, 7 regular-season sellouts and 8 season sellouts, all school marks. And Troy set a USC and Pac-10 record for home attendance average, as well as school records for total home attendance, overall attendance average and total overall attendance. A school-record 6 Trojans (Heisman Trophy quarterback Matt Leinart, Heisman finalist tailback Reggie Bush, defensive linemen Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson, and linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu) were named All-American first teamers. Leinart and Bush were named the Pac-10 Co-Offensive Players of the Year, while Cody was the Pac-10 Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

—The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Matt Leinart's 2004 Heisman Trophy season. Matt Leinart became USC's first junior to win the Heisman Trophy when he did so in 2004 while leading the Trojans to their second consecutive national championship. He completed 65.3% of his passes for 3,322 yards and 33 TDs with just 6 interceptions in 2004.

## IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. Eleven former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (more than any other school). A Trojan has appeared in all but 5 of the 48 Super Bowls and Trojans have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 221 times. Troy has produced more NFL draft picks (483) than any school but Notre Dame (USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939) and there have been 471 USC players who have played in the NFL or its sister leagues. USC has had more first round NFL draft picks (77) than any school and is tied with Notre Dame and Auburn for most players (5) selected as the top pick in the NFL draft. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 55 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. There were 40 Trojans on 2013 opening day NFL rosters, the most of any school (since records were available, USC has been first 19 of the last 38 years) and USC had the most quarterbacks and linebackers, and tied for the most offensive tackles and centers of any school. Among USC's NFLers are QBs Carson Palmer, Matt Cassel, Mark Sanchez and Matt Barkley, RB Reggie Bush, LBs Clay Matthews, Keith Rivers, Brian Cushing, Rey Mauluga and Malcolm Smith, DBs Troy Polamalu and T.J. McDonald, DL Jurrell Casey, WRs Robert Woods and Marqise Lee, OLs Ryan Kalil, Matt Kalil, Sam Baker and Tyron Smith and TE Jordan Cameron. Three NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or coaches): Seattle's Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champion), St. Louis' Jeff Fisher and Indianapolis' Chuck Pagano. Ten current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: OT **Zach Banner** (father, Lincoln Kennedy), PK **Matt Boermeester** (father, Peter), S **Su'a Cravens** (cousins, Jordan Cameron, Colby Cameron, David Fulcher and Manti Te'o), CB **Ryan Dillard** (cousin, Calvin Johnson), WR **George Farmer** (father, George), TB **Tre Madden** (grandfather, Lawrence McCutcheon, and uncle, Daylon McCutcheon), S **Leon McQuay III** (grandfather, Leon McQuay), OG-C **Viane Talamaivao** (uncle, Pene Talamaivao), DE **Greg Townsend Jr.** (father, Greg) and FB **Soma Vainuku** (cousin, Rey Mauluga). Also, Talamaivao's uncle, Pene, played with NFL Europe (1998), XFL's San Francisco Dragons (2001), CFL's Ottawa RoughRiders (2002-04) and Arena Football League's Detroit Fury (2004-05), and OG **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was an offensive lineman in the Arena League with the Albany Firebirds (1994) and St. Louis Stampede (1995). Additionally, head coach **Steve Sarkisian** and assistant **Tim Drevno** were NFL assistants. Assistant coaches **Peter Sirmon** and **Marques Tuiasosopo** played in the NFL, assistant coach **Tee Martin** played in the NFL, NFL Europe and CFL, and assistant coach **Keith Heyward** played in the CFL, NFL Europe and the Arena League. Graduate assistant **Kyle DeVan** played in the NFL (Washington Redskins, New York Jets Indianapolis Colts, Philadelphia Eagles and Tennessee Titans) and arenafootball2 league (Boise Burn). Defensive administrative assistant **Ricky Brown** played with the Oakland Raiders, New England Patriots and Baltimore Ravens (where he was a member of the Super Bowl XLVII champion). Tuiasosopo's father, Manu, played defensive line with the Seattle Seahawks (1979-83) and San Francisco 49ers (1984-86); cousin John

Tautolo played with the New York Giants (1982-83) and Los Angeles Raiders (1987) as a guard, while cousin Terry Tautolo played with the Philadelphia Eagles (1976-79), San Francisco 49ers (1980-81), Detroit Lions (1981-82, 1984) and Miami Dolphins (1983) as a linebacker; and second cousin Navy Tuiasosopo played at with the Los Angeles Rams (1987). Assistant coach **Justin Wilcox's** father, Dave was a Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker with the San Francisco 49ers (1964-74), his uncle, John, played with the Philadelphia Eagles (1960) and his brother, Josh, played with the New Orleans Saints (1998-99).

## SCOUTING NEBRASKA

Nebraska, which will be appearing in its 51<sup>st</sup> bowl game (25 wins) and its fourth Holiday Bowl, went 9-3 in the 2014 regular season (ending with a 37-34 overtime road win at Iowa to snap a 2-game losing skid) and tied for second in the Big Ten West Division at 5-3. Two of NU's 3 losses were by less than a touchdown. But seventh-year head coach **Bo Pelini** was dismissed after the conclusion of the regular season, so offensive line/tight ends coach **Barney Cotton** will serve as the Cornhuskers' interim head coach in the Holiday Bowl. Waiting in the wings is new head coach **Mike Riley**, the former Oregon State head coach and one-time USC assistant. Nebraska features an offense that is in the national Top 20 in rushing (16<sup>th</sup> at 248.3) and scoring (13<sup>th</sup> at 37.4) and a defense that is especially stingy against the pass (third nationally in pass efficiency defense at 100.6 and 26<sup>th</sup> in passing defense at 196.3). Senior I-Back **Ameer Abdullah** (237 tcb, 1,523 yds, 6.4 avg, 18 TD in 2014, plus 16 rec, 208 yds, 13.0 avg, 3 TD and 11 KOR, 272 yds, 24.7 avg), a 2014 Doak Walker Award finalist who ran for 200 yards 4 times this season, is in the national Top 15 in rushing (13<sup>th</sup> at 126.9), rushing TDs (10<sup>th</sup> at 18), all-purpose yards (fifth at 166.9) and scoring (eighth at 10.5). He is Nebraska's all-time leader in all-purpose yards (6,917) and is second in rushing yards (4,500) while posting 24 100-yard rushing outings in his career. Elusive sophomore QB **Tommy Armstrong Jr.** (152-of-204, 51.7%, 2,314 yds, 19 TD, 11 int in 2014, plus 133 tcb, 664 yds, 5.0 avg, 5 TD) directs the offensive attack. His top targets are senior WR **Kenny Bell** (40 rec, 717 yds, 17.9 avg, 5 TD in 2014, plus 8 KOR, 191 yds, 23.9 avg and 2 PR, 5 yds, 2.5 avg), the school's career leader in receptions (174) and receiving yards (2,609) who earned All-Big Ten first team honors this season, soph WR **Jordan Westerkamp** (41 rec, 666 yds, 16.2 avg, 4 TD in 2014) and freshman WR **De'Mornay Pierson-El** (15 rec, 219 yds, 14.6 avg, 3 TD in 2014, plus 33 PR, 589 yds, 17.8 avg, 3 TD and 8 KOR, 114 yds, 14.2 avg and 5 tcb, 10 yds, 2.0 avg), who is third nationally in punt returns (17.8) while tying for the national lead in scoring punt returns (3). The Cornhusker defense is led by 2-time All-Big Ten first team junior DE **Randy Gregory** (50 tac, 10 for loss, 7 sack, 1 int, 3 dfl, 1 FF, 2 BLK in 2014), along with leading tackler senior LB **Zaire Anderson** (95 tac, 12 for losses, 2 sack, 5 dfl, 2 FR, 3 FF in 2014) and soph S **Nate Gerry** (85 tac, 7 for loss, 0.5 sack, 4 int, 3 dfl, 1 FR, 2 FF in 2014), who is 18<sup>th</sup> nationally in interceptions (0.4).

## ROSTER UPDATES

Here are updates to the roster in the 2014 USC football regular season media guide:

—OLB **Scott Starr** has legally changed his last name from his mother's to his father's. His name is now **Scott Felix**.

—Change the jersey numbers of QB **Conner Sullivan** to #14, S-CB of **John Plattenburg** to #24, CB **Kevin Carrasco** to #29, WR **Aaron Minor** to #84 and **Teddy Baker** to #91.

—When OT **Nathan Guertler** plays tight end, he wears #89.

—Change the positions of **John Plattenburg** to S-CB and **Teddy Baker** to DE-TE.

—DT **Claude Pelon's junior college** is Mesa CC (not La Mesa CC).

—Change WR-S **Juju Smith's hometown** to Long Beach, Calif.

—Change OG **Khaliel Rodger's height and weight** to 6-3, 315.

—Delete 8 players who are no longer on the team: WR **Victor Blackwell**, CB-TB **D.J. Morgan**, TB-CB **Anthony Brown**, P **Joey Krassenstein**, TB **Taylor Ross**, S **Adrian Johnson**, TE **Shane Sullivan**, S **Elijah Steen**.

—Add 2 defensive graduate assistant coaches (they were formerly USC defensive administrative assistants): **Patrick Henderson** and **Drew Pearson** (bios are below).

—Add as a new scholarship player: #39 **Matt Boormeester** (PK, 6-0, 185, 4/29/94, So./So., JC, San Diego, Cathedral Catholic/Saddleback). His bio is below.

—Add 17 new walk-ons: #8 **Andrew Zolintakis** (QB, 6-0, 170, 2/27/96, Fr./Fr., —, Lafayette (Campolindo)); #15 **Michael Bowman** (QB, 6-4, 200, 3/25/96, Fr./Fr., —, Pasadena, Pasadena Poly); #19 **Larry Tuileta** (QB, 6-2, 200, 9/24/95, Fr./Fr., —, Honolulu, HI, Punahou); #24 **Stefan Smith** (TB, 6-1, 195, 1/11/97, Fr./Fr., —, San Marino, Flintridge Prep); #26 **Davonte Nunney** (S, 5-11, 210, 10/12/95, Fr./Fr., —, Oxnard, St. Bonaventure); #36 **Joe Harding** (S, 5-10, 180, 5/26/95, Fr./Fr., —, San Marino, Loyola); #38 **Jalen Jones** (CB, 5-8, 155, 2/10/96, Fr./Fr., —, Los Angeles, Serra); #46 **Wyatt Schmidt** (PK-P, 6-3, 205, 12/25/94, Fr./Fr., —, Inver Grove Heights, MN, St. Thomas Academy); #46 **Reid Budrovich** (PK, 6-0, 180, 5/1/96, Fr./Fr., —, Torrance, St. John Bosco); #47 **Brett Sarem** (FB, 6-0, 225, 8/2/95, Fr./Fr., —, San Diego, Cathedral Catholic); #49 **Matt Miller** (ILB, 6-1, 225, 4/3/96, Fr./Fr., —, Southlake, TX, Carroll); #50 **Grant Moore** (ILB, 6-1, 220, 2/8/96, Fr./Fr., —, Santa Ana, Mater Dei); #53 **Alex Moore** (ILB, 6-2, 220, 3/12/96, Fr./Fr., —, Newport Beach, Corona del Mar); #54 **Reuben Peters** (ILB, 6-1, 220, 10/25/96, Fr./Fr., —, Westchester, Loyola); #64 **Richie Wenzel** (C, 6-2, 280, 2/10/95, Fr./Fr., —, Chevy Chase, MD, Our Lady of Good Counsel); #67 **Quinn Bassler** (OT, 6-6, 280, 5/22/96, Fr./Fr., —, Newport Beach, Corona del Mar); #97 **Christian Bradley** (DE, 6-2, 210, 11/12/94, Jr./Jr., TR, Van Nuys (Campbell Hall/Cal Lutheran)).

—Pronunciations of new players: Boormeester (BORE-my-stir); Tuileta (too-EE-let-un); Stefan Smith (STEF-un); Davonte Nunney (duh-VON-tay NONE-er-ee); Jalen Jones (JAY-lin); Wyatt Schmidt (WHY-ut SHMIT); Budrovich (BUD-roe-vitch); Reuben Peters (RUE-bin); Wenzel (WEN-zul); Bassler (BASS-lur); Zolintakis (zoe-lin-TAWK-us); Sarem (SARE-um).

## BIOS OF NEW GRAD ASSISTANT COACHES

**HENDERSON:** Patrick Henderson is in his first season at USC, serving as a graduate assistant working with the defense. He spent the past 4 seasons (2010-13) as an assistant at Contra Costa Junior College in San Pablo (Calif.), coaching the defensive backs each year and also serving as the defensive coordinator in 2013. The Comets played in the 2012 and 2013 Living Breath Foundation Bowl, winning it in 2012. Contra Costa shared the 2012 Big Valley Conference title. Henderson, 27, also served as a group facilitator and life coach at Contra Costa from 2012 to 2014 and was a recreation leader for the city of Oakland (Calif.) from 2011 to 2013. He lettered 4 seasons (2006-09) as a cornerback at Oregon State, appearing in every game of his career primarily on special teams. He made 33 tackles in his career (including 15 as a senior) and had an interception. He also was a kick returner as a junior and senior, running back 12 kicks for 293 yards (24.4 avg). He redshirted in 2005. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Oregon State in 2010. He is working on his master's degree in communication management at USC. He prepped at McClymonds High in Oakland (Calif.), earning 2004 San Francisco Chronicle All-Bay Area and All-Oakland Athletic League first team. He was born Jan. 5, 1987. He has a daughter, Payton, 5.

**PEARSON:** Drew Pearson is in his first season at USC, serving as a graduate assistant working with the defense. Before coming to USC, the 28-year-old Pearson was a child and family specialist at Five Acres in Altadena, Calif., for 6 years (2008-14) after earning a graduate degree in 2012 from the Phillips Graduate Institute. He was the secondary coach at Muir High in Pasadena for 3 seasons (2008-10), where he coached 5 All-CIF first team players who all earned Division I scholarships. He lettered as a cornerback at Utah State in 2006 and 2007 after redshirting the 2005 season. As a 2006 junior, he started the first 9 games of the season and had 34 tackles, 4 deflections, an interception and a fumble recovery. He added 1 tackle while playing in 4 games in 2007 as a senior. He spent 2004 as a freshman cornerback at Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut (Calif.), where he made 11 tackles and an interception while seeing action in 7 games. He was an All-League selection at Muir in 2003, getting 25 tackles and 1 interception on defense and 44 receptions for 510 yards (11.6 avg) with 3 TDs as a wide receiver on offense. He spent the previous 2 seasons at Etiwanda High in Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.). He earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Utah State in 2007 after getting an associate's degree from Mt. San Antonio in 2004. He is working on his master's degree in communication management at USC. He was born on Nov. 1, 1985. He is single. His brother, Keeyon Howard, played football at Central Methodist.

## BIO OF NEW SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER

**BOERMEESTER: 2014:** The left-footed Boormeester, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2014 from a junior college, will compete at placekicker as a sophomore in 2014. **JUNIOR COLLEGE:** Boormeester was named to the **2013 All-Southern California Football Association Southern Division second team** as a freshman placekicker at Saddleback Junior College in Mission Viejo (Calif.). He hit 11-of-13 field goals (with a long of 43 yards) and 43-of-48 PATs in 2013. He did not play football in 2012. **HIGH SCHOOL:** He played baseball at Cathedral Catholic High in San Diego (Calif.), helping his team win the 2012 CIF San Diego Division III title as a senior outfielder. **PERSONAL:** He also played soccer as a youngster. His father, Peter, was a placekicker at UCLA (1977-78-79), where he still ranks eighth on the Bruins' career field goals list (31) and 19<sup>th</sup> in points scored (160), leading UCLA in scoring his last 2 seasons) and setting a school record for consecutive games with a field goal (15) as he earned 1978 All-Pac-10 first team honors, then playing with the Cleveland Browns in 1980.

**INJURY/STATUS UPDATE**

**OUT FOR SEASON:** DT Antwaun Woods (chest), OT Chad Wheeler (knee), OG Jordan Simmons (knee), TB Tre Madden (toe), ILB Lamar Dawson (knee), OLB Jabari Ruffin (knee), DT Kenny Bigelow (knee), OT Jordan Austin (hip), TE Jalen Cope-Fitzpatrick (ineligible), TE Chris Willson (foot), WR Christian Tober (collarbone), DE Christian Bradley (knee), S Rob Dooley (calf), TE Connor Spears (transfer ineligible)

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

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-12 RANK**
Cody Kessler	Comp. Pct.	.707	2	1
Nelson Agholor	PR TDs	2	3	2
Cody Kessler	Pass. Eff.	168.8	4	2
Cody Kessler	Passing TDs	36	4	2
A. Jackson	KO Returns	27.7	5	2
Cody Kessler	Pts. Resp. For	19.2	7	3
Nelson Agholor	Receptions	8.1	8	3
Nelson Agholor	Receiv. TDs	11	8	3
Cody Kessler	Completions	24.3	8	4
A. Jackson	KO Ret. TDs	1	10	2
Nelson Agholor	Receiv. Yds.	101.9	11	2
Cody Kessler	Pass. Yds.	292.1	11	3
Javorius Allen	All-Purp. Run.	148.3	14	1
Nelson Agholor	Punt Ret.	10.6	19	2
Su'a Cravens	Tac. For Loss	1.3	19	4
Javorius Allen	Rushing Yds.	111.4	23	3
J.R. Tavai	Forced Fum.	0.3	25	3
Scott Felix	Fum. Rec.	2	—	3
Andre Heidari	FG Pct.	.800	—	3
L. Williams	Forced Fum.	0.3	—	4
USC	Comp. Pct.	.701	1	1
USC	Pass. Had Int.	4	4	2
USC	Pass. Eff.	166.9	4	2
USC	TO Margin	+0.9	11	4
USC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Down Con.	.485	12	2
USC	Red Zone Def.	.723	12	1
USC	Passing Off.	294.6	15	4
USC	3 <sup>rd</sup> D. Con. Def.	.350	21	1
USC	Scoring Off.	35.1	25	4
USC	Blocked Kicks	2	—	1
USC	Ints.	13	—	1
USC	Pass Eff. Def.	118.3	—	2
USC	Total Def.	398.2	—	2
USC	Scoring Def.	23.8	—	3
USC	Rush Def.	132.5	—	3
USC	4 <sup>th</sup> Down Con.	.609	—	3
USC	Time of Poss.	30:59	—	5
USC	Punt Returns	9.9	—	5

\*Top 25 only  
\*\*Top 5 only

**RED ZONE PRODUCTION**

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
FRES	7-of-9 (TD, TD, TD, FG, TD, miss FG, TD, TD, fail 4 <sup>th</sup> )	2-of-2 (TD, TD)
STAN	2-of-2 (TD, FG)	2-of-5 (miss FG, TD, FG, miss FG, fail 4 <sup>th</sup> )
BC	3-of-3 (TD, TD, TD)	4-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, FG, end game)
OSU	2-of-3 (TD, miss FG, TD)	1-of-1 (FG)
ASU	4-of-4 (TD, FG, FG, TD)	2-of-2 (TD, FG)
ARIZ	2-of-2 (TD, TD)	4-of-7 (FG, FG, fum, miss FG, TD, TD, miss FG)
COLO	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD)	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)
UTAH	2-of-2 (TD, TD)	2-of-4 (fum, FG, fum, TD)
WSU	4-of-5 (TD, FG, TD, TD, fail 4 <sup>th</sup> )	3-of-5 (TD, FG, fum, fail 4 <sup>th</sup> , TD)
CAL	5-of-6 (TD, TD, TD, int, FG, TD)	3-of-3 (TD, TD, TD)
UCLA	2-of-3 (fail 4 <sup>th</sup> , TD, TD)	5-of-6 (TD, FG, TD, TD, TD, fum)
ND	5-of-6 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD, fail 4 <sup>th</sup> )	2-of-3 (TD, TD, fail 4 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43-of-50 (.860)</b>	<b>34-of-47 (.723)</b>
	37—TD	25—TD
	6—FG	9—FG
	2—miss FG	4—miss FG
	4—fail 4 <sup>th</sup>	3—fail 4 <sup>th</sup>
	1—int	1—end game
		5—fumble

**KRIS ALBARADO PUNTS**

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
STAN	4	0	1
BC	10	1	3
OSU	6	4	2
ASU	2	0	2
ARIZ	6	2	0
COLO	5	2	0
UTAH	5	0	3
WSU	5	2	1
CAL	3	0	0
UCLA	6	3	2
ND	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**ANDRE HEIDARI KICKOFFS**

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
FRES	9	2 (4)
STAN	4	0 (1)
BC	5	1 (1)
OSU	5	0 (1)
ASU	7	2 (2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5 (9)</b>

**ALEX WOOD KICKOFFS**

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
ARIZ	5	1 (3)
COLO	9	1 (4)
UTAH	4	1 (2)
WSU	8	2 (2)
CAL	7	2 (0)
UCLA	3	2 (0)
ND	8	2 (3)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11 (14)</b>

# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

<p><b>WR — 9</b> JuJu Smith (6-2, 210, Fr.) 86 Robby Kolanz (5-10, 170, So.*) 84 Aaron Minor (6-2, 200, Fr.*) 44 Christian Guzman (6-3, 220, So.*)</p> <p><b>WR — 15</b> Nelson Agholor (6-1, 190, Jr.) @NelsonAgh15 7 Steven Mitchell (5-10, 185, Fr.) 2 Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.) @AdoreeKnows 18 Ajene Harris (5-11, 180, Fr.) @AjeneHarris 83 George Katrib (6-0, 185, Jr.)</p> <p><b>TE — 82</b> Randall Telfer (6-4, 260, Sr.*) @RandallTelfer 13 Bryce Dixon (6-4, 240, Fr.) @ABCDIXON 89/76 Nathan Guertler (6-5, 270, Sr.*) OR 91 Teddy Baker (6-4, 265, Sr.*)</p> <p><b>RT — 73</b> Zach Banner (6-9, 350, So.*) @zachbanner73 76/89 Nathan Guertler (6-5, 270, Sr.*) 67 Quinn Bassler (6-6, 280, Fr.)</p> <p><b>RG — 60</b> Viane Talamaivao (6-3, 330, Fr.) 51 Damien Mama (6-5, 370, Fr.) @dmama75 77 Chris Brown (6-5, 295, Fr.) @ChrisRBrown77</p> <p><b>C — 75</b> Max Tuerk (6-6, 285, Jr.) @maxtuerk 63 Giovanni Di Poalo (6-4, 280, Sr.*) 64 Richie Wenzel (6-2, 280, Fr.)</p> <p><b>LG — 51</b> Damien Mama (6-5, 370, Fr.) @dmama75 62 Khaliel Rodgers (6-3, 315, Fr.*) @K_rodgers62 50 Toa Lobendahn (6-3, 280, Fr.) @T_Lo55 65 Erick Jepsen (6-2, 295, Jr.*)</p> <p><b>LT — 50</b> Toa Lobendahn (6-3, 280, Fr.) @T_Lo55 70 Aundrey Walker (6-6, 315, Sr.) @Rozay_YoLo 74 Nico Falah (6-4, 285, Fr.) @NicoFalah</p> <p><b>WR — 1</b> Darreus Rogers (6-1, 215, So.) OR @DROG_UNO 8 George Farmer (6-1, 220, Jr.*) @Gfarmer8 27 David Mellstrom (6-0, 180, Jr.*) @mellstromdavid</p> <p><b>QB — 6</b> Cody Kessler (6-1, 210, Jr.*) @CodyKessler6 4 Max Browne (6-5, 220, Fr.) @MaxBrowne4 10 Jalen Greene (6-2, 200, Fr.) @HeismanJG 14 Conner Sullivan (6-0, 195, So.*) 16 Anthony Neyer (6-2, 205, Sr.*) @AnthonyNeyer 19 Larry Tuileta (6-2, 200, Fr.) 17 Alex Bridgford (6-3, 190, So.*) @AlexBridgford17 15 Michael Bowman (6-4, 200, Fr.) 8 Andrew Zolintakis (6-0, 170, Fr.)</p> <p><b>FB — 31</b> Soma Vainuku (6-0, 270, Jr.*) OR @somavainuku 38 Jahleel Pinner (5-11, 235, Jr.) @YesItsMe_JP 40 Pat Hart (6-0, 240, Fr.)</p> <p><b>TB — 37</b> Javorius Allen (6-1, 220, Jr.*) 22 Justin Davis (6-1, 195, So.) @JD_22bsm 26 James Toland IV (5-11, 185, Fr.*) @Toland25 24 Stefan Smith (6-1, 195, Fr.)</p>
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## SPECIALISTS

<p><b>P — 35</b> Kris Albarado (5-10, 200, Jr.*) @Albarado19 48 Andre Heidari (5-11, 220, Sr.) @AndreHeidari10 46 Reid Budrovich (6-0, 180, Fr.) @Reid_Bud 48 Jack Basalari (5-11, 175, Fr.*)</p> <p><b>PK — 48</b> Andre Heidari (5-11, 220, Sr.)—FG, PAT @AndreHeidari10 39 Alex Wood (5-10, 175, So.*)—KO 46 Wyatt Schmid (6-3, 205, Fr.) 39 Matt Boormeester (6-0, 185, So.) @MattBoormeester</p> <p><b>SNP — 92</b> Zach Smith (6-1, 210, So.) 61 Peter McBride (6-1, 215, Jr.) 57 Nick Schlossberg (6-0, 215, So.*)</p> <p><b>HLD — 14</b> Conner Sullivan (6-0, 195, So.*) 6 Cody Kessler (6-1, 210, Jr.) @CodyKessler6 16 Anthony Neyer (6-2, 205, Sr.*) @AnthonyNeyer</p>
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## DEFENSE

<p><b>SOLB — 21</b> Su'a Cravens (6-1, 225, So.) @ovo_suu 42 Uchenna Nwosu (6-3, 210, Fr.) OR @UchennaN_42 18 Quinton Powell (6-2, 200, So.) @coolboyq_52 50 Grant Moore (6-1, 220, Fr.) 53 Alex Moore (6-2, 220, Fr.)</p> <p><b>DT — 52</b> Delvon Simmons (6-5, 295, Jr.*) OR @fightonbigg90 90 Claude Pelon (6-4, 295, Jr.) 59 Don Hill (6-3, 245, Fr.)</p> <p><b>NT — 52</b> Delvon Simmons (6-5, 295, Jr.*) OR 98 Cody Temple (6-2, 310, Jr.) 96 Joey Augello (6-0, 290, Jr.) 79 Jeff Miller (6-1, 245, So.*)</p> <p><b>DE — 94</b> Leonard Williams (6-5, 300, Jr.) @LWtrojan94 93 Greg Townsend Jr. (6-3, 275, Jr.) 44 Malik Dorton (6-2, 250, Fr.) @theeEliteMalik</p> <p><b>RUSH — 58</b> J.R. Tavai (6-2, 250, Sr.) 47 Scott Felix (6-2, 230, So.*) @SS47ERA 45 Charles Burks (5-11, 225, Jr.*)</p> <p><b>MILB — 10</b> Hayes Pullard (6-1, 235, Sr.) @FightOn10 19 Michael Hutchings (6-1, 210, So.) @CaliHutch_17 54 Reuben Peters (6-1, 220, Fr.) 57 Nick Schlossberg (6-0, 215, So.*)</p> <p><b>WILB — 56</b> Anthony Sarao (6-0, 220, Jr.*) 34 Olajuwon Tucker (6-3, 220, Fr.) @BThree4 51 Joel Foy (6-2, 215, Fr.) 49 Matt Miller (6-1, 225, Fr.)</p> <p><b>CB — 13</b> Kevon Seymour (6-0, 185, Jr.) @KSeymour_13 6 Josh Shaw (6-1, 200, Sr.) 23 Jonathan Lockett (5-11, 175, Fr.) @Jlock_23 17 Devian Shelton (6-1, 180, So.*) @jeromeshelton17 25 Lamont Simmons (6-2, 185, Fr.)</p> <p><b>FS — 27</b> Gerald Bowman (6-0, 205, Sr.) @Gerald_Bowman 22 Leon McQuay III (6-1, 185, So.) @lmcquay22 37 Matt Lopes (5-11, 180, Fr.) 29 Kevin Carrasco (6-0, 185, So.) 26 Davonte Nunnery (5-11, 210, Fr.) @The_GOAT_4</p> <p><b>SS — 24</b> John Plattenburg (5-11, 180, Fr.) @J_Plattenburg 22 Leon McQuay III (6-1, 185, So.) @lmcquay22 21 Su'a Cravens (6-1, 225, So.) @ovo_suu</p> <p><b>CB — 2</b> Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.) @AdoreeKnows 4 Chris Hawkins (5-11, 185, Fr.) 28 Ryan Dillard (5-9, 185, Jr.) @DillardIsland28 38 Jalen Jones (5-8, 155, Fr.) 14 Rahsheed Johnson (5-11, 175, Fr.) 36 Joe Harding (5-10, 180, Fr.)</p>
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## RETURNERS

<p><b>PR — 15</b> Nelson Agholor (6-1, 190, Jr.) @NelsonAgh15 2 Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.) @AdoreeKnows 1 Darreus Rogers (6-1, 215, So.) @DROG_UNO</p> <p><b>KOR — 2</b> Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.) AND @AdoreeKnows 9 JuJu Smith (6-2, 210, Fr.) 22 Justin Davis (6-1, 195, So.) @JD_22bsm 15 Nelson Agholor (6-1, 190, Jr.) @NelsonAgh15</p>
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Players listed above underlined numbers are in primary playing rotation

Players in *italics* entered game week with an injury or uncertain status

**2014 USC FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hgt.</b>	<b>Wgt.</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Cl.(Ath/Ac) Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown (High School/JC/College)</b>
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	So./So. 1V	Compton (Carson)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	CB-WR	5-11	185	9/18/95	Fr./Fr. —	Belleville, IL (Serra)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	Fr.*/So. SQ	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	CB	5-11	185	3/11/95	Fr.*/So. SQ	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
6	KESSLER, Cody	QB	6-1	210	5/11/93	Jr.*/Sr. 2V	Bakersfield (Centennial)
6	SHAW, Josh	CB-S	6-1	200	3/27/92	Sr.*/Sr. 2V	Palmdale (Palmdale/Florida)
7	MITCHELL, Steven	WR	5-10	185	5/2/94	Fr.*/So. SQ	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
8	FARMER, George	WR	6-1	220	7/4/93	Jr.*/Sr. 2V	Los Angeles (Serra)
8	ZOLINTAKIS, Andrew	QB	6-0	170	2/27/96	Fr./Fr. —	Lafayette (Campolindo)
9	SMITH, JuJu	WR-S	6-2	210	11/22/96	Fr./Fr. —	Signal Hill (Poly)
10	PULLARD, Hayes	ILB	6-1	235	4/18/92	Sr.*/Sr. 3V	Inglewood (Crenshaw)
10	GREENE, Jalen	QB	6-2	200	6/13/96	Fr./Fr. —	Inglewood (Serra)
13	SEYMOUR, Kevon	CB	6-0	185	11/30/93	Jr./Jr. 2V	Pasadena (Muir)
13	DIXON, Bryce	TE	6-4	240	7/26/96	Fr./Fr. —	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
14	JOHNSON, Rahshead	WR-CB	5-11	175	9/29/96	Fr./Fr. —	Compton (Cabrillo)
14	SULLIVAN, Conner	QB	6-0	195	6/17/92	So.*/Jr. SQ	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
15	AGHOLOR, Nelson	WR	6-1	190	5/24/93	Jr./Jr. 2V	Tampa, FL (Berkeley Prep)
15	BOWMAN, Michael	QB	6-4	200	3/25/96	Fr./Fr. —	Pasadena (Pasadena Poly)
16	NEYER, Anthony	QB	6-2	205	9/3/92	Sr.*/Sr. SQ	Palm Desert (Xavier College Prep/USC/ Los Angeles Pierce JC/Idaho)
17	SHELTON, Devian	CB	6-1	180	1/19/93	So.*/Jr. 1V	Inglewood (Inglewood)
17	BRIDGFORD, Alex	QB	6-3	190	4/16/94	So.*/Jr. TR	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo/Redlands)
18	POWELL, Quinton	OLB	6-2	200	10/25/93	So./So. 1V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
18	HARRIS, Ajene	WR	5-11	180	6/1/96	Fr./Fr. —	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	210	3/27/95	So./So. 1V	Antioch (De La Salle)
19	TUILETA, Larry	QB	6-2	200	9/24/95	Fr./Fr. —	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
21	CRAVENS, Su'a	S	6-1	225	7/7/95	So./So. 1V	Los Angeles (Vista Murrieta)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	195	11/11/95	So./So. 1V	Stockton (Lincoln)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	S	6-1	185	11/21/94	So./So. 1V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
23	MADDEN, Tre	TB	6-1	225	8/16/93	Jr.*/Sr. 2V	Aliso Viejo (Mission Viejo)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	175	4/18/96	Fr./Fr. —	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	S-CB	5-11	180	1/10/96	Fr./Fr. —	Houston, TX (Lamar)
24	SMITH, Stefan	TB	6-1	195	1/11/97	Fr./Fr. —	San Marino (Flintridge Prep)
25	SIMMONS, Lamont	CB	6-2	185	10/7/95	Fr./Fr. —	Jacksonville, FL (Raines)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	185	12/29/94	Fr.*/So. SQ	Indio (Shadow Hills)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-11	210	10/12/95	Fr./Fr. —	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
27	BOWMAN, Gerald	S	6-0	205	10/31/89	Sr.*/Sr. 2V	Philadelphia, PA (Imhotep/ Los Angeles Pierce JC)
27	MELLSTROM, David	WR	6-0	180	1/1/93	Jr.*/Sr. SQ	Round Hill, VA (Loudoun Valley/ Virginia Tech)
28	TOBER, Christian	WR	5-8	175	11/13/93	Jr./Jr. 1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
28	DILLARD, Ryan	CB	5-9	185	3/25/94	Jr./Jr. 2V	Buford, GA (Buford)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	CB	6-0	185	11/11/94	So./So. SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
31	VAINUKU, Soma	FB	6-0	270	5/28/92	Jr.*/Sr. 2V	Eureka (Eureka)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	220	7/30/96	Fr./Fr. —	Harbor City (Serra)
35	ALBARADO, Kris	P	5-10	200	10/20/92	Jr.*/Sr. 1V	Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis)
36	HARDING, Joe	S	5-10	180	5/26/95	Fr./Fr. —	San Marino (Loyola)
37	ALLEN, Javorius	TB	6-1	220	8/27/91	Jr.*/Sr. 2V	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
37	LOPES, Matt	S	5-11	180	5/12/95	Fr.*/So. SQ	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
38	PINNER, Jahleel	FB	5-11	235	10/25/93	Jr./Jr. 2V	Rancho Santa Margarita (Mission Viejo)
38	JONES, Jalen	CB	5-8	155	2/10/96	Fr./Fr. —	Los Angeles (Serra)
39	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	185	4/29/94	So./So. JC	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/ Saddleback JC)
39	WOOD, Alex	PK	5-10	175	11/11/93	So.*/Jr. 1V	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
40	RUFFIN, Jabari	OLB	6-3	240	9/14/94	So.*/Jr. 1V	Downey (Downey)
40	HART, Pat	FB	6-0	240	9/25/94	Fr.*/So. SQ	Burrige, IL (Fenwick)
41	DOOLEY, Rob	S	6-1	195	8/1/93	So.*/Jr. 1V	Chicago, IL (Loyola Academy)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	OLB-ILB	6-3	210	12/28/96	Fr./Fr. —	Carson (Narbonne)
44	DORTON, Malik	OLB	6-2	250	5/23/96	Fr./Fr. —	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
44	GUZMAN, Christian	WR	6-3	220	1/14/94	So.*/Jr. SQ	Desert Hot Springs (Desert Hot Springs/ Mt. San Antonio JC)
45	BURKS, Charles	OLB	5-11	225	4/10/93	Jr.*/Sr. 2V	Costa Mesa (Edison)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK-P	6-3	205	12/25/94	Fr./Fr. —	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	PK	6-0	180	5/1/96	Fr./Fr. —	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
47	FELIX, Scott	OLB	6-2	230	11/22/93	So.*/Jr. 2V	Norco (Norco)
47	SAREM, Brett	FB	6-0	225	8/2/95	Fr./Fr. —	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic)
48	HEIDARI, Andre	PK	5-11	220	7/12/93	Sr./Sr. 3V	Bakersfield (Stockdale)
48	BASALARI, Jack	P	5-11	175	12/2/94	Fr.*/So. SQ	Pasadena (Marantha)
49	SPEARS, Connor	TE	6-6	240	1/24/95	So./So. TR	Dakota Dunes, SD (Bishop Heelan/ Columbia)
49	MILLER, Matt	ILB	6-1	225	4/3/96	Fr./Fr. —	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	OG	6-3	280	2/14/96	Fr./Fr. —	Cerritos (La Habra)
50	MOORE, Grant	ILB	6-1	220	2/8/96	Fr./Fr. —	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-5	370	6/27/95	Fr./Fr. —	Bellflower (St. John Bosco)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-2	215	6/13/94	Fr.*/So. TR	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
52	SIMMONS, Delvon	DT	6-5	295	11/30/92	Jr.*/Sr. SQ	McKeesport, PA (McKeesport/Texas Tech)
53	MOORE, Alex	ILB	6-2	220	3/12/96	Fr./Fr. —	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
54	PETERS, Reuben	ILB	6-1	220	10/25/96	Fr./Fr. —	Westchester (Loyola)

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55	DAWSON, Lamar	ILB	6-1	230	9/22/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Junction City, KY (Boyle County)
56	SARAO, Anthony	ILB	6-0	220	4/29/93	Jr./Sr.	2V	Egg Harbor Township, NJ (Holy Spirit)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OT	6-5	280	5/4/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Claremont (Claremont)
57	SCHLOSSBERG, Nick	ILB	6-0	215	11/1/93	So./Jr.	SQ	San Diego (La Jolla Country Day)
58	TAVAI, J.R.	OLB	6-2	250	9/23/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Redondo Beach (Mira Costa)
59	HILL, Don	OLB	6-3	245	1/4/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Boise, ID (Timberline)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane	C	6-3	330	12/13/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
61	McBRIDE, Peter	SNP	6-1	215	7/26/93	Jr./Sr.	2V	Scottsdale, AZ (Chaparral)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	OG	6-3	315	1/12/94	Fr./So.	SQ	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
63	Di POALO, Giovanni	C	6-4	280	6/16/91	Sr./Sr.	1V	Ventura (St. Bonaventure)
64	WENZEL, Richie	C	6-2	280	2/10/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Chevy Chase, MD (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
65	JEPSEN, Erick	OG	6-2	295	12/31/92	Jr./Sr.	1V	Moreno Valley (La Quinta)
67	BASSLER, Quinn	OT	6-6	280	5/22/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	OG	6-4	350	7/15/94	So./Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Crespi)
70	WALKER, Aundrey	OG	6-6	315	1/15/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Cleveland, OH (Glenville)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-7	280	1/19/94	So./Jr.	1V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	350	12/25/93	So./Jr.	1V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
74	FALAH, Nico	OT	6-4	285	1/6/95	Fr./So.	SQ	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
75	TUERK, Max	C	6-6	285	1/27/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Trabuco Canyon (Santa Margarita)
76/89	GUERTLER, Nathan	OT	6-5	270	1/13/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Norco (Norco)
77	BROWN, Chris	OT	6-5	295	4/26/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Loyola)
79	MILLER, Jeff	DE	6-1	245	4/27/94	So./Jr.	1V	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
82	TELFER, Randall	TE	6-4	260	5/16/92	Sr./Sr.	3V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
83	KATRIB, George	WR	6-0	185	2/17/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Diamond Bar (Diamond Bar)
84	MINOR, Aaron	WR	6-2	200	11/25/95	Fr./So.	SQ	Lakewood (Mayfair)
86	KOLANZ, Robby	WR	5-10	170	4/14/94	So./Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
87	WILLSON, Chris	TE	6-5	250	11/8/91	Sr./Sr.	1V	West Covina (St. Paul/Wake Forest)
88	COPE-FITZPATRICK, Jalen	TE	6-4	250	4/14/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Rocklin (Whitney)
90	PELON, Claude	DT	6-4	295	11/27/92	Jr./Sr.	TR	Orlando, FL (Agape Christian Academy/ Mesa CC)
91	BAKER, Teddy	DE-TE	6-4	265	6/22/91	Sr./Sr.	TR	Longmeadow, MA (Loomis Chaffee/ Connecticut/Wesleyan)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	210	6/3/95	So./So.	1V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
93	TOWNSEND JR., Greg	DE	6-3	275	12/11/92	Jr./Sr.	1V	Los Angeles (Beverly Hills)
94	WILLIAMS, Leonard	DE	6-5	300	6/20/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Daytona Beach, FL (Mainland)
95	BIGELOW, Kenny	DT	6-3	310	3/31/95	Fr./So.	SQ	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
96	AUGELLO, Joey	DT	6-0	290	5/17/94	Jr./Jr.	1V	Rolling Hills Estates (Peninsula/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
97	BRADLEY, Christian	DE	6-2	210	11/12/94	Jr./Jr.	TR	Van Nuys (Campbell Hall/Cal Lutheran)
98	TEMPLE, Cody	DT	6-2	310	12/29/92	Jr./Sr.	1V	Bakersfield (Liberty)
99	WOODS, Antwaun	DT	6-1	325	1/3/93	Jr./Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Taft)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Steve SARKISIAN (BYU, 1997), First Year

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Kyle DeVAN, Offensive Assistant (Oregon State, 2008); Tim DREVNO, Offensive Line/Running Game Coordinator (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Jaron FAIRMAN, Offensive Assistant (Fresno State, 2007); Clay HELTON, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Houston, 1994); Patrick HENDERSON, Defensive Assistant (Oregon State, 2010); Keith HEYWARD, Defensive Backs/Pass Game Coordinator Defense (Oregon State, 2002); Tee MARTIN, Wide Receivers/Pass Game Coordinator (Tennessee/U.S. Sports Academy, 2004); Johnny NANSEN, Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator (Washington State, 1997); Drew PEARSON, Defensive Assistant (Utah State, 2007); Peter SIRMON, Associate Head Coach Defense/Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator (Oregon, 1999); Marques TUIASOSOPO, Associate Head Coach Offense/Tight Ends (Washington, 2001); Justin WILCOX, Defensive Coordinator (Oregon, 1999); Chris WILSON, Defensive Line (Oklahoma, 1992)

**STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH:** Ivan LEWIS (Idaho, 2000)

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<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>OPP</b>
SCORING	421	285
Points Per Game	35.1	23.8
Points Off Turnovers	187	112
FIRST DOWNS	286	274
Rushing	113	91
Passing	152	145
Penalty	21	38
RUSHING YARDAGE	1898	1590
Yards gained rushing	2256	1924
Yards lost rushing	358	334
Rushing Attempts	490	410
Average Per Rush	3.9	3.9
Average Per Game	158.2	132.5
TDs Rushing	16	18
PASSING YARDAGE	3535	3188
Comp-Att-Int	295-421-4	290-497-13
Average Per Pass	8.4	6.4
Average Per Game	12.0	11.0
Average Per Game	294.6	265.7
TDs Passing	36	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	5433	4778
Total Plays	911	907
Average Per Play	6.0	5.3
Average Per Game	452.8	398.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	36-763	51-1135
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	21-208	10-171
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-212	4-11
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.2	22.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.9	17.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	16.3	2.8
FUMBLES-LOST	13-7	20-9
PENALTIES-Yards	103-926	74-668
Average Per Game	77.2	55.7
PUNTS-Yards	60-2435	70-2766
Average Per Punt	40.6	39.5
Net punt average	35.4	35.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	75-4681	53-3208
Average Per Kick	62.4	60.5
Net kick average	39.6	39.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:59	29:01
3RD-DOWN Conversions	94/194	63/180
3rd-Down Pct	48%	35%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	14/23	14/23
4th-Down Pct	61%	61%
SACKS BY-Yards	30-196	30-213
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	57	37
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-10	9-16
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-2	1-4
RED-ZONE SCORES	(43-50) 86%	(34-47) 72%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(37-50) 74%	(25-47) 53%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(55-56) 98%	(32-34) 94%
ATTENDANCE	439630	304262
Games/Avg Per Game	6/73272	6/50710
Neutral Site Games		0/0

<b>SCORE BY QUARTERS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Total</b>
USC	157	103	89	72	421
Opponents	36	96	75	78	285



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## RUSHING

Player	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Allen, Javorius	12	250	1382	45	1337	5.3	9	53	111.4
Davis, Justin	12	125	585	35	550	4.4	4	47	45.8
Toland IV, James	4	29	115	13	102	3.5	0	16	25.5
Vainuku, Soma	9	7	40	0	40	5.7	1	13	4.4
Browne, Max	6	4	13	0	13	3.2	0	7	2.2
Pinner, Jahleel	12	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	0.5
Jackson, Adoree'	12	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.4
Neyer, Anthony	1	2	5	0	5	2.5	0	3	5.0
Rogers, Darreus	12	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	0	0.4
Agholor, Nelson	12	3	5	2	3	1.0	0	4	0.2
Smith, JuJu	12	2	3	0	3	1.5	0	2	0.2
Farmer, George	10	2	4	2	2	1.0	0	4	0.2
TEAM	7	10	0	24	-24	-2.4	0	0	-3.4
Kessler, Cody	12	52	88	237	-149	-2.9	2	13	-12.4
Total.....	12	490	2256	358	1898	3.9	16	53	158.2
Opponents.....	12	410	1924	334	1590	3.9	18	66	132.5

## PASSING

Player	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Kessler, Cody	12	168.82	292-413-4	70.7	3505	36	87	292.1
Browne, Max	6	78.86	3-7-0	42.9	30	0	13	5.0
Harris, Ajene	5	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	166.92	295-421-4	70.1	3535	36	87	294.6
Opponents.....	12	118.29	290-497-13	58.4	3188	17	77	265.7

## RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Agholor, Nelson	12	97	1223	12.6	11	87	101.9
Smith, JuJu	12	51	658	12.9	5	53	54.8
Allen, Javorius	12	40	442	11.1	1	51	36.8
Farmer, George	10	24	310	12.9	4	48	31.0
Rogers, Darreus	12	19	235	12.4	4	48	19.6
Telfer, Randall	12	19	179	9.4	2	21	14.9
Davis, Justin	12	13	92	7.1	2	16	7.7
Dixon, Bryce	11	10	154	15.4	3	31	14.0
Mitchell, Steven	10	7	82	11.7	2	24	8.2
Jackson, Adoree'	12	7	65	9.3	2	18	5.4
Harris, Ajene	5	4	38	9.5	0	21	7.6
Blackwell, Vict	1	3	54	18.0	0	32	54.0
Pinner, Jahleel	12	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.2
Total.....	12	295	3535	12.0	36	87	294.6
Opponents.....	12	290	3188	11.0	17	77	265.7

## FUMBLE RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Pullard, Hayes	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	1	1	1.0	0	1
Opponents.....	1	53	53.0	1	53

## PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Agholor, Nelson	18	191	10.6	2	65
Jackson, Adoree'	2	12	6.0	0	10
Rogers, Darreus	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	21	208	9.9	2	65
Opponents.....	10	171	17.1	0	51

## KICK RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jackson, Adoree'	20	554	27.7	1	100
Agholor, Nelson	9	147	16.3	0	21
Smith, JuJu	6	51	8.5	0	19
Rogers, Darreus	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total.....	36	763	21.2	1	100
Opponents.....	51	1135	22.3	1	97

## INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Sarao, Anthony	2	25	12.5	1	17
McQuay III, Leon	2	22	11.0	0	22
Cravens, Su'a	2	47	23.5	1	31
Bowman, Gerald	2	60	30.0	0	36
Williams, Leonard	1	10	10.0	0	10
Seymour, Kevon	1	23	23.0	0	23
Hutchings, Michael	1	6	6.0	0	6
Hawkins, Chris	1	0	0.0	0	0
Pullard, Hayes	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total.....	13	212	16.3	2	36
Opponents.....	4	11	2.8	0	8

## SCORING

Player	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points	PATs	
										1-3	4-6
Agholor, Nelson	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	78	
Heidari, Andre	0	8-10	43-44	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	67	
Allen, Javorius	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	60	
Davis, Justin	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	36	
Smith, JuJu	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	30	
Rogers, Darreus	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	24	
Farmer, George	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	24	
Jackson, Adoree'	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	18	
Dixon, Bryce	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	18	
Wood, Alex	0	0-0	12-12	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	12	
Kessler, Cody	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	12	
Mitchell, Steven	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	12	
Telfer, Randall	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	12	
Vainuku, Soma	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6	
Sarao, Anthony	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6	
Cravens, Su'a	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6	
Total.....	57	8-10	55-56	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	421	
Opponents.....	37	9-16	32-34	0-1	1	1-1	0	1	1	285	

## TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Kessler, Cody	12	465	-149	3505	3356	279.7
Allen, Javorius	12	250	1337	0	1337	111.4
Davis, Justin	12	125	550	0	550	45.8
Toland IV, James	4	29	102	0	102	25.5
Browne, Max	6	11	13	30	43	7.2
Vainuku, Soma	9	7	40	0	40	4.4
Pinner, Jahleel	12	2	6	0	6	0.5
Neyer, Anthony	1	2	5	0	5	5.0
Rogers, Darreus	12	1	5	0	5	0.4
Jackson, Adoree'	12	1	5	0	5	0.4
Agholor, Nelson	12	3	3	0	3	0.2
Smith, JuJu	12	2	3	0	3	0.2
Farmer, George	10	2	2	0	2	0.2
TEAM	7	10	-24	0	-24	-3.4
Total.....	12	911	1898	3535	5433	452.8
Opponents.....	12	907	1590	3188	4778	398.2

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## FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Heidari, Andre	8-10	80.0	0-0	3-3	3-5	0-0	2-2	53	0

## FG SEQUENCE

USC	OPPONENTS
Fresno State (27),39	-
Stanford (25),(53)	49,(33),26
Boston College (52)	47,(25)
Oregon State 36	(38)
Arizona State (35),(33)	(19)
Arizona -	48,(32),(25),34,36
Colorado -	-
Utah -	(24)
Washington State (37)	(27)
California (25)	-
UCLA -	(32)
Notre Dame -	44

\*\* Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

## PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	120	50+	Blkd
Albarado, Kris	53	2204	41.6	65	4	22	15	14	0
Kessler, Cody	7	231	33.0	47	3	0	3	0	0
Total.....	60	2435	40.6	65	7	22	18	14	0
Opponents.....	70	2766	39.5	66	4	23	23	11	0

## KICKOFFS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Wood, Alex	44	2783	63.2	14	0			
Heidari, Andre	30	1844	61.5	9	1			
Albarado, Kris	1	54	54.0	0	0			
Total.....	75	4681	62.4	23	1	1135	39.6	25
Opponents.....	53	3208	60.5	15	1	763	39.1	25

## ALL PURPOSE

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Allen, Javorius	12	1337	442	0	0	0	1779	148.2
Agholor, Nelson	12	3	1223	191	147	0	1564	130.3
Smith, JuJu	12	3	658	0	51	0	712	59.3
Davis, Justin	12	550	92	0	0	0	642	53.5
Jackson, Adoree'	12	5	65	12	554	0	636	53.0
Farmer, George	10	2	310	0	0	0	312	31.2
Rogers, Darreus	12	5	235	5	11	0	256	21.3
Telfer, Randall	12	0	179	0	0	0	179	14.9
Dixon, Bryce	11	0	154	0	0	0	154	14.0
Toland IV, James	4	102	0	0	0	0	102	25.5
Mitchell, Steven	10	0	82	0	0	0	82	8.2
Bowman, Gerald	11	0	0	0	0	60	60	5.5
Blackwell, Vict	1	0	54	0	0	0	54	54.0
Cravens, Su'a	12	0	0	0	0	47	47	3.9
Vainuku, Soma	9	40	0	0	0	0	40	4.4
Harris, Ajene	5	0	38	0	0	0	38	7.6
Sarao, Anthony	12	0	0	0	0	25	25	2.1
Seymour, Kevon	12	0	0	0	0	23	23	1.9
McQuay III, Leon	12	0	0	0	0	22	22	1.8
Pullard, Hayes	12	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.6
Browne, Max	6	13	0	0	0	0	13	2.2
Williams, Leonard	12	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.8
Pinner, Jahleel	12	6	3	0	0	0	9	0.8
Hutchings, Michael	12	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.5
Neyer, Anthony	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
TEAM	7	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-3.4
Kessler, Cody	12	-149	0	0	0	0	-149	-12.4
Total.....	12	1898	3535	208	763	212	6616	551.3
Opponents.....	12	1590	3188	171	1135	11	6095	507.9

## 2014 USC FOOTBALL RESULTS

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-4	5-1	3-3	--
CONFERENCE	6-3	3-1	3-2	--
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	2-0	0-1	--

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attend.
<b>Aug. 30</b>	<b>FRESNO STATE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>52-13</b>	<b>76,037</b>
Sept. 6	at #13 Stanford *	W	13-10	50,814
Sept. 13	at Boston College	L	31-37	41,632
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>OREGON STATE *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>35-10</b>	<b>74,521</b>
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>ARIZONA STATE *</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>34-38</b>	<b>70,115</b>
Oct. 11	at #10 Arizona *	W	28-26	56,754
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>COLORADO *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>56-28</b>	<b>74,756</b>
Oct. 25	at #19 Utah *	L	21-24	47,619
Nov. 1	at Washington State *	W	44-17	25,012
<b>Nov. 13 (Th)</b>	<b>CALIFORNIA *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>38-30</b>	<b>64,615</b>
Nov. 22	at #11 UCLA *	L	20-38	82,431
<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>49-14</b>	<b>79,586</b>

\* Pac-12 Conference game | Home game in **BOLD**

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Pullard, Hayes	12	50	37	87	5.5-7	.	1-19	8	.	1-1	.	.	.
94	Williams, Leonard	12	42	29	71	8.5-47	6.0-36	1-10	3	2	1-0	3	.	.
56	Sarao, Anthony	12	34	36	70	.	.	2-25	3	.	.	.	.	.
27	Bowman, Gerald	11	46	21	67	2.5-8	1.0-7	2-60	2	.	.	.	.	.
21	Cravens, Su'a	12	44	18	62	16.0-81	5.0-44	2-47	8	.	.	.	.	.
13	Seymour, Kevon	12	40	7	47	1.0-5	.	1-23	12	.	1-0	.	.	.
58	Tavai, J.R.	10	29	18	47	12.0-67	7.0-51	.	2	.	1-0	3	.	.
52	Simmons, Delvon	12	23	20	43	2.5-7	1.0-5	.	1	.	1-0	.	1	.
2	Jackson, Adoree'	12	38	4	42	4.0-7	.	.	9	.	1-0	1	.	.
99	Woods, Antwaun	12	17	20	37	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	McQuay III, Leon	12	28	7	35	0.5-1	.	2-22	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
47	Felix, Scott	12	23	10	33	5.0-28	1.5-8	.	2	.	2-0	1	.	.
4	Hawkins, Chris	11	29	3	32	1.0-2	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
24	Plattenburg, John	9	21	4	25	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
19	Hutchings, Michael	12	7	10	17	.	.	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Pelon, Claude	12	12	5	17	4.5-14	2.5-12	.	2	.	.	.	1	.
18	Powell, Quinton	12	7	6	13	2.0-4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Nwosu, Uchenna	12	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Townsend Jr., Greg	9	6	3	9	3.0-14	2.0-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
98	Temple, Cody	12	3	5	8	2.0-11	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Katrib, George	10	1	6	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Vainuku, Soma	9	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Lockett, Jonathan	11	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	Dillard, Ryan	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Lopes, Matt	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Tucker, Olajuwon	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3H	Pinner, Jahleel	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Smith, JuJu	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Shaw, Josh	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3X	Wood, Alex	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Foy, Joel	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Burks, Charles	12	1	.	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Mitchell, Steven	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Banner, Zach	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Smith, Zach	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Augello, Joey	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Albarado, Kris	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Agholor, Nelson	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Rogers, Darreus	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	533	282	815	73-316	30-196	13-212	60	3	9-1	9	2	.
Opponents		12	575	362	937	89-356	30-213	4-11	33	6	7-53	7	.	1



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<b>Defensive Statistics:</b>	<b>TAC-FOR</b>	<b>LOSS-PASS</b>	<b>DEF-FUM</b>	<b>REC</b>								
Pullard	9-0.5-1-0	7-0-1-0	5-0-1-0	5-0-0-0	9-1-0-0	9-0.5-0-0	9-0-2-0	6-0.5-0-0	9-0-1-0	7-0-1-0	9-2-0-0	3-1-1-1
Williams	7-0-2-0	11-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	8-2-0-0	7-0.5-0-0	6-1-0-0	3-1-1-0	8-1.5-0-0	4-0-0-1	5-0-0-0
Sarao	1-0-0-0	11-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	5-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	12-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	5-0-0-0
Bowman	5-0-0-0	10-0-0-0	7-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	9-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	—	1-0-0-0	9-0.5-1-0	6-1-0-0	7-0-0-0
Cravens	3-0-2-0	5-0-1-0	5-3-0-0	6-2-0-0	5-3.5-0-0	5-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	7-2-1-0	4-1-2-0	10-1.5-1-0	4-1-0-0	6-1-0-0
Seymour	3-0-3-0	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-2-0	4-0-3-0	6-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	7-0-1-0	8-1-0-1	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Tavai	5-1-0-0	5-1-0-0	6-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-0-1-0	2-0-1-1	7-1.5-0-0	6-2-0-0	—	—	1-0-0-0	5-4.5-0-0
D. Simmons	3-0-0-0	0-0-1*-1	6-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	4-0-1-0	7-0.5-0-0	7-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Jackson	1-0-0-0	—	2-2-0-0	1-0-2-0	5-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-1-1-1	8-1-2-0	5-0-2-0	5-0-1-0	3-0-1-0
Woods	2-0-0-0	—	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	6-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-1-0-0	4-0-0-0
McQuay	4-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-1	5-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Felix	3-0-0-0	6-1-0-1	3-0-0-0	1-1-1-0	1-1-0-0	—	4-0-0-0	9-1.5-1-0	3-0-0-1	3-0.5-0-0	—	—
Hawkins	1-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	—	5-0-0-0	9-1-2-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	—	—	2-0-0-0
Plattenburg	—	—	—	—	—	2-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	—	—	4-1-0-0	7-0-0-0
Hutchings	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	—	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	—	2-0-0-0	—	—	—
Pelon	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	—	3-1-1*-0	2-1-0-0	—	2-1-0-0	1-1-1-0	3-0-0-0	2-0.5-0-0
Powell	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	—	2-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Nwosu	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	—
Townsend	2-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	2-2-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	—
Temple	1-1-0-0	—	2-0-0-0	—	2-0-0-0	—	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—
Katrib	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-0-0-0	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	2-0-0-0
Vainuku	1-0-0-0	—	—	2-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	1-0-0-0
Lockett	—	—	—	—	—	3-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	—	—	—	—	—
Dillard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	—	—
Lopes	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3-0-0-0	—	—	—
Tucker	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—
Pinner	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. Smith	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0
Shaw	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Wood	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—
Foy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—
Burks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-1-0-0	—	—	—
Mitchell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—
Banner	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—
Z. Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—
Augello	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Albarado	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Agholor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—
Rogers	—	—	—	—	1-0-0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\*Includes 1 blocked field goal

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Fres. St.</b>	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>Bost. Col.</b>	<b>Ore. St.</b>	<b>Ariz. St.</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Utah</b>	<b>Wash. St.</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>N. Dame</b>
First Downs	37	16	18	26	28	22	21	17	21	29	16	35
Rush	19	8	3	12	13	12	7	6	6	8	4	15
Pass	17	7	15	10	13	9	11	11	14	17	10	18
Penalty	1	1	0	4	2	1	3	0	1	4	2	2
Rush Attempts	64	37	29	48	50	39	33	37	32	35	33	53
Yds Gain	293	182	72	242	248	249	245	122	161	113	104	225
Yds Lost	16	26	52	42	28	10	32	22	34	34	42	20
Net Yards	277	156	20	200	220	239	213	100	127	79	62	205
Net Yds Pass	424	135	317	261	273	185	319	264	400	371	214	372
Pass Att	41	22	41	33	45	30	28	33	32	42	34	40
Pass Com	28	15	31	24	28	20	19	24	21	31	22	32
Had Int	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Tot Off Plays	105	59	70	81	95	69	61	70	64	77	67	93
Tot Net Yards	701	291	337	461	493	424	532	364	527	450	276	577
Avg/Play	6.7	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.2	6.1	8.7	5.2	8.2	5.8	4.1	6.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yds	9-76	10-87	3-20	14-124	9-60	13-103	7-85	6-48	7-70	14-159	5-49	6-45
Punts-Yds	0-0	4-191	10-375	6-243	6-254	6-233	5-181	5-251	6-229	3-110	7-297	2-71
Avg/Punt	0.0	47.8	37.5	40.5	42.3	38.8	36.2	50.2	38.2	36.7	42.4	35.5
Punt Ret-Yds	1-10	0-0	5-15	2-12	3-58	2-26	2-19	1-2	2-71	0-0	3-(-5)	0-0
KO Ret-Yds	3-43	2-34	6-99	3-76	3-75	3-52	3-51	3-139	3-67	4-73	3-54	0-0
Int-Yards	4-60	0-0	1-0	2-31	0-0	0-0	2-39	0-0	2-41	0-0	1017	10-24
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Poss Time	38:54	26:13	28:06	34:45	37:18	31:10	24:03	29:41	23:30	31:08	29:24	37:39
3rd Down Con	11-18	7-14	5-16	8-19	11-23	8-16	4-11	8-15	2-11	9-16	8-17	13-18
4th Down Con	3-5	0-1	0-0	3-3	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	2-3
Sacks By-Yds	1-10	2-10	1-11	2-22	2-12	3-6	4-24	2-22	3-20	4-24	2-10	4-25

## Game-By-Game Starters

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fres. St.</b>	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>Bost. Col.</b>	<b>Ore. St.</b>	<b>Ariz. St.</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Utah</b>	<b>Wash. St.</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>N. Dame</b>
<b>Offense</b>												
<b>WR</b>	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor
<b>LT</b>	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn
<b>LG</b>	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Rodgers	Rodgers	Rodgers	Mama
<b>C</b>	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk
<b>RG</b>	Mama	Mama	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao
<b>RT</b>	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner
<b>TE</b>	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Mitchell**	Telfer	Telfer
<b>QB</b>	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler
<b>FB</b>	J. Smith*	Vainuku	Vainuku	Harris*	Dixon##	Rogers*	Rogers*	Rogers*	Farmer*	Farmer**	Mitchell*	Jackson*
<b>TB</b>	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen
<b>WR</b>	Farmer	J. Smith	Farmer	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith
<b>Defense</b>												
<b>SOLB</b>	Cravens	Felix	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens
<b>DT</b>	Pelon	Jackson#	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	Townsend	Townsend	D. Simmons	D. Simmons
<b>NT</b>	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	D. Simmons	Pelon	Woods	Woods
<b>DE</b>	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams
<b>RUSH</b>	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Felix	Tavai	Felix	Felix	Felix	Tavai
<b>MILB</b>	Pullard	Pullard	Hutchings	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard
<b>WILB</b>	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao
<b>CB</b>	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Shaw
<b>FS</b>	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Plattenburg	Plattenburg	Bowman	Plattenburg	Bowman
<b>SS</b>	McQuay	Cravens	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	Plattenburg	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	Plattenburg
<b>CB</b>	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson

\*USC started 3 wide receivers  
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 #USC started 3 cornerbacks  
 ##USC started 2 tight ends

## OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

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First Downs	17	21	19	17	24	34	27	21	23	27	24	20
Rush	6	7	17	6	1	6	11	9	7	6	9	6
Pass	8	12	2	4	19	23	12	11	14	15	13	12
Penalty	3	2	0	7	4	5	4	1	2	6	2	2
Rush Attempts	33	38	54	21	22	29	46	42	26	31	43	25
Yds Gain	174	148	481	90	52	86	198	173	85	136	162	139
Yds Lost	17	20	29	32	21	9	26	36	51	31	27	36
Net Yards	157	128	452	58	31	77	172	137	34	105	135	104
Net Yds Pass	160	285	54	123	510	395	231	194	386	279	326	245
Pass Att	36	30	14	35	46	72	49	32	66	47	31	39
Pass Com	18	22	5	15	27	43	31	18	44	29	22	16
Had Int	4	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1
Tot Off Plays	69	68	68	56	68	101	95	74	92	78	74	64
Tot Net Yards	317	413	506	181	541	472	403	331	420	384	461	349
Avg/Play	4.6	6.1	7.4	3.2	8.0	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	6.2	5.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	4-2	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yds	5-47	8-68	2-25	13-108	5-36	4-35	7-61	4-25	5-48	11-117	7-63	3-35
Punts-Yds	6-213	2-54	7-275	8-322	7-272	5-244	4-161	7-325	7-283	6-219	6-198	5-200
Avg/Punt	35.5	27.0	39.3	40.2	38.9	48.8	40.2	46.4	40.4	36.5	33.0	40.0
Punt Ret-Yds	0-0	1-44	2-16	2-5	1-(-7)	1-43	2-19	1-51	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
KO Ret-Yds	4-72	3-69	4-82	4-170	5-131	2-39	5-103	2-41	6-117	8-165	3-52	5-94
Int-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-3	0-0	1-8	1-0	0-0
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-53	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Poss Time	21:06	33:47	31:54	25:15	22:42	28:50	35:57	30:19	36:30	28:52	30:36	22:21
3rd Down Con	2-12	7-14	2-11	1-10	3-12	11-22	6-17	6-16	7-20	3-15	9-16	6-14
4th Down Con	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	3-6	0-0	2-4	5-6	0-0	0-1
Sacks By-Yds	0-0	2-20	5-36	3-25	3-17	1-3	2-20	2-12	3-19	1-5	6-41	2-15