



# 2004 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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**2004 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (2-0)**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 28	vs. Virginia Tech	W 24-13
Sept. 11	Colorado State	W 49-0
Sept. 18	at BYU	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 25	at Stanford	4 p.m. (TBS)
Oct. 9	California	TBA
Oct. 16	Arizona State	TBA
Oct. 23	Washington	TBA
Oct. 30	at Washington State	4 p.m. (ABC)
Nov. 6	at Oregon State	TBA
Nov. 13	Arizona	7:15 p.m. (FSN)
Nov. 27	Notre Dame	5 p.m. (ABC)
Dec. 4	at UCLA	1:30 p.m. (ABC)

**PAC-10 STANDINGS**

	PAC-10		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
ASU	0	0	2	0
CAL	0	0	2	0
STAN	0	0	2	0
<b>USC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
ARIZ	0	0	1	1
UCLA	0	0	1	1
WSU	0	0	1	1
ORE	0	0	0	1
WASH	0	0	0	1
OSU	0	0	0	2

**AP POLL**

- USC**
- Oklahoma
- Georgia
- Miami (Fla.)
- LSU
- Texas
- West Virginia
- Florida State
- Ohio State
- California
- Florida
- Virginia
- Tennessee
- Auburn
- Utah
- Iowa
- Michigan
- Purdue
- Fresno State
- Wisconsin
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Boise State
- Louisville
- Memphis

**USA TODAY/ESPN POLL**

- USC**
- Oklahoma
- Georgia
- LSU
- Miami (Fla.)
- Texas
- Ohio State
- West Virginia
- Florida
- California
- Florida State
- Iowa
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Auburn
- Virginia
- Michigan
- Purdue
- Maryland
- Fresno State
- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- Boise State
- Louisville
- Clemson

**NO. 1-RANKED USC FOOTBALL MAKES FIRST-EVER VISIT TO BYU**

**FACTS**

USC (2-0 overall) vs. BYU (1-1), Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. MST/7 p.m.PDT, LaVell Edwards Stadium, Provo, Ut.

**THEMES**

Top-ranked and defending national champion USC puts its 11-game winning streak on the line when it makes its first-ever visit to BYU this week. It's just the second meeting between the Trojans and Cougars, following last year's closer-than-the-final-score USC victory. It's been 87 years since the Trojans have played a football game in the state of Utah. It should be a difficult environment for Troy, as 64,045-seat LaVell Edwards Stadium could be at capacity. It'll be a homecoming for USC offensive coordinator **Norm Chow**, who returns for the first time to the school where he spent 27 years as an assistant. For the second time in USC's first 3 games of 2004, Trojans such as Heisman Trophy candidate QB **Matt Leinart**, talented TBs **LenDale White** and **Reggie Bush** and All-American defensive candidates **Matt Grootegoed**, **Mike Patterson** and **Shaun Cody** will take their acts on the road. For the second week in row, USC is playing a Mountain West Conference opponent (last week, the Trojans blanked Colorado State at home). BYU played another Pac-10 team last week, falling at Stanford. USC is coming off a 322-yard ground performance last week, but the Cougars are seventh nationally in rush defense. The **Watkins** brothers (USC's **Travis** and BYU's **Todd**) will be on opposite sidelines. The game will be shown live nationally on ESPN, USC's second appearance on that network's air this year after a 12-year drought.

**RANKINGS**

USC is ranked first by AP and USA Today/ESPN. BYU is not ranked.

**TICKETS**—Tickets for the USC-BYU game, priced at \$25, are available at the USC Ticket Office (213-740-GO SC) and [www.usctrojans.com](http://www.usctrojans.com).

**RADIO-TV**—**Live national cable TV**: 7 p.m. (PDT), ESPN, Dave Barnett, Bill Curry, David Norrie, Alex Flanagan.

**Live national radio**: 7 p.m. (PDT), Westwood One, John Castleberry, Foge Fazio.

**Live local radio**: 3:30 p.m. (PDT), KMPC-AM (1540

The Ticket), Pete Arbogast, Paul McDonald, John Jackson, Mark Willard, Suzy Shuster and Harvey Hyde (includes 3-and-a-half hour pre-game and 2-hour post-game shows. Eight other stations are included on the USC radio network: KSPA-AM 1510 in Ontario/Orange County, XEMM-AM 800 in San Diego, KGEO-AM 1230 in Bakersfield, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs, KVEN-AM 1450 in Ventura, KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow, KSFJ-AM 1220 in San Francisco and KFSN-AM 1140 in Las Vegas. Fans also can hear the live KMPC broadcast on [www.usctrojans.com](http://www.usctrojans.com), on SIRIUS satellite radio or by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

**Live local Spanish-language radio**: 7 p.m. (PDT), KMXE-AM (830), John Laguna, Pepe Mantilla.

**USC Sports Magazine Show**: 11 p.m., Thursday (Sept. 16), FOX Sports Net West 2, Lindsay Soto.

**USC Insider Show**: 7 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays during football season, KMPC-AM (1540) and KPLS-AM (830), Pete Arbogast, Petros Papadakis.

**USC Trojan Talk**: 7 p.m. (PDT), Sundays during football season, KDWN-AM (720), Harvey Hyde, Chuck Hayes. Fans also can hear the live KDWN broadcast on [www.usctrojans.com](http://www.usctrojans.com).

**USC ONLINE**—The USC athletic department has an official "home page" on the World Wide Web, featuring current and historical information about Trojan sports. For access, type [www.usctrojans.com](http://www.usctrojans.com).

**IT'S NOT SOUTHERN CAL**—Note to the media: In editorial references to athletic teams of the University of Southern California, the following are preferred: USC, Southern California, So. California, Troy, Trojans and (for women's teams) Women of Troy. PLEASE do not use Southern Cal.

**PAC-10 ONLINE**—Pac-10 information, press releases, statistics and links to all league schools are available online at [www.pac-10.org](http://www.pac-10.org).

**PAC-10 SATELLITE FEED**—The Pac-10 provides a weekly satellite feed featuring interviews with coaches and players regarding upcoming games along with highlight footage. The half-hour feed airs every Wednesday (through Dec. 1) at 11:30 a.m. (PDT). Coordinates are **IA5/14** (formerly Telestar 5/14 C-Band). Trouble numbers: (310) 543-1835, (805) 231-3229 (888-451-5861 pager) or 925-932-4411.

**PAC-10 COACHES TELECONFERENCE**—Pac-10 football coaches are available for 10 minutes each on a media teleconference beginning at 10 a.m. (PDT) every Tuesday (through Nov. 16) during the season. **USC coach Pete Carroll comes on at 10:40 a.m. (PST)**. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. (PDT) each of those Tuesdays, a taped replay of the teleconference is available until the next call. Call the Pac-10 office (925-932-4411) or USC sports information office (213-740-8480) to obtain the media-only phone numbers for the Pac-10 Coaches Teleconference.

**PETE CARROLL MEDIA LUNCHEON**—USC head coach **Pete Carroll** hosts a media-only luncheon in the Heritage Hall lounge at 11:30 a.m. (PDT) each Tuesday during the season (except bye weeks). Transcribed quotes from each session are available from the USC sports information office.

**USC FOOTBALL**

- 10 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- 27 BOWL VICTORIES**
- 129 ALL-AMERICANS**
- 5 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS**
- 380 NFL PLAYERS**
- 22 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

## SERIES

In 2003 in its first-ever meeting against BYU, No. 4 USC opened up a big early lead, but the Cougars nearly caught up in the fourth quarter before the Trojans pulled away to win, 35-18, in Troy's home opener in the Coliseum. USC went up 21-0 in the first quarter on QB **Matt Leinart's** touchdown tosses of 1 yard to WR Mike Williams and 48 yards to WR Keary Colbert on a nice catch-and-run, and then 9 seconds after Colbert's score, DE Omar Nazel returned a point-blank interception 16 yards for a TD. But USC's offense then stalled and BYU picked up some momentum late in the first half by getting a safety when Leinart was called for intentionally grounding in the end zone while being sacked by MLB K.C. Bills (extending BYU's NCAA record scoring streak to 352 games) and then a 53-yard field goal by PK Matt Payne at the gun (2 plays after a Leinart interception). The Cougars continued their unanswered scoring run in the second half on a 14-yard TD pass from QB Matt Berry to TE Daniel Coats and a pair of fourth quarter Payne field goals (26 and 52 yards) to pull to 21-18. But USC finally responded on its ensuing series as Leinart found a wide-open Williams for an 18-yard score with 4:11 to play and then, 1 play after BYU lost a fumble, TB **Hershel Dennis** ran 11 yards for a TD. Williams had another huge game, catching 10 passes for 124 yards and the 2 TDs. Leinart was 19-of-34 for 235 yards with the 3 TDs, while Dennis ran for 40 yards on 16 carries. The Trojan offense was hampered by BYU's unique 3-3-5 defense, which limited USC to just 71 rushing yards and picked off Leinart 3 times while sacking him 4 times. But USC's defense was staunch, limiting BYU to just 46 rushing yards while posting 6 sacks and getting 5 turnovers. The Cougars converted just 4-of-14 third downs. Berry was 27-of-39 for 297 yards, but was picked off 3 times. Coats caught 8 passes for 114 yards and RB Reynaldo Brathwaite ran for 51 yards on 8 tries. USC LB **Lofa Tatupu** had a game-high 11 tackles (2 for losses, with a sack), while LB **Matt Grootegoed** added 9 stops and a fumble recovery. CBs Marcell Allmond and Will Poole had interceptions in addition to Nazel (who also had 5 tackles, including 2 for losses, with a sack). P **Tom Malone** averaged 52.0 yards on 6 punts, with 5 traveling at least 50 yards. He was named Pac-10 Special Teams Player of the Week.

## VERSUS MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

USC is 12-3-1 all-time against current Mountain West Conference teams: 6-3 versus Utah, 2-0-1 versus San Diego State and 1-0 against BYU, Colorado State, UNLV and Wyoming. This is the second week in a row USC has faced a MWC foe, after blanking Colorado State, 49-0, at home last week.

## VERSUS OTHER UTAH SCHOOLS

Besides its 1-0 record against BYU and 6-3 versus Utah, USC is 4-0 against Utah State.

## IN UTAH

This will be USC's third appearance in the state of Utah, but its first in 87 years. The Trojans played at Utah in 1915 (a 20-13 loss) and 1917 (a 51-0 win).

## WIN STREAKS

The Trojans have captured their last 16 home games (with 3 shutouts). That's USC's longest Coliseum win streak since getting 19 in a row during the 1931 through 1933 campaigns. Besides that Pac-10 leading 16-game home winning streak, USC also has the longest current Pac-10 win streaks for overall games (11), Pac-10 games (7) and road games (6).

## HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 10 for its past 21 games, its longest string since 34 in a row in 1978-80. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 16 of the last 20 polls.

## RECORD WHEN NO. 1

USC has a 38-4-2 (.886) record games when it is ranked No. 1 by AP. When a No. 1-ranked Trojan team faces an unranked opponent, it is 24-1-1 (.942).

## IN SEPTEMBER

USC has a 145-37-8 (.784) all-time record while playing in the month of September.

## CONNECTIONS

USC has no Utah natives on its roster, while BYU claims 23 players from California...USC OG **Travis Watkins** is the brother of BYU WR **Todd Watkins**...USC OT **Taituis Lutui**, who was a 2003 junior college All-American at Snow J.C. in Ephraim, Ut., is related to current BYU players **Ofa Moheatau**, **David Tafuna** and **T.J. Sitake** (Lutui's brother, Sam, is an assistant coach at Southern Utah, where he also played on the line)...USC offensive coordinator **Norm Chow** spent 27 years (1973-99) as an assistant at BYU, where he coached 6 of the NCAA's top 19 career passing efficiency leaders and such quarterbacks as 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer, Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson, Gifford Nielsen and Robbie Bosco...Chow (1965-67) and USC offensive line coach **Tim Davis** (1978-80) both were offensive linemen at Utah (Davis also coached the Utes' offensive line from 1990 to 1996).

## LAST GAME

USC, making its first Coliseum appearance as a No. 1-ranked team since 1981, opened its 2004 home slate impressively behind 3 rushing touchdowns from TB **LenDale White** and 4 interceptions by the defense to blank first-time opponent Colorado State, 49-0, on a hot evening before 85,521 Coliseum fans and a regional ABC-TV audience. It was Troy's first shutout in a home opener since 1973 and the first time CSU was whitewashed in 85 games (and its worst loss in 8 years). It also was USC's 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive win and its 16 straight victory at home. It was the largest crowd for a home opener since 1988. The Trojans rushed for 322 yards, their most since getting 331 at Ohio State in 1990. White, who ran for a game-best 123 yards (the fourth 100-yard outing in his career) on just 14 carries (8.8 average per carry), scored USC's first 3 TDs (11 yards in the first quarter, then 1 and 3 yards in the second quarter). Fellow TB **Reggie Bush** then added a 7-yard scoring run just before halftime as USC opened up a 28-0 lead at intermission. Bush rushed for 84 yards on 12 tries. QB **Matt Leinart**, who was 20-of-31 for 231 yards in just 3 quarters of action (he also ran for a career-high 46 yards on 7 attempts), threw a pair of third-quarter TDs, a 5-yarder to WR **Steve Smith**—who caught a career-best 8 passes for 79 yards—and a 4-yarder to WR **Dwayne Jarrett**, who was celebrating his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. USC finished its scoring early in the fourth quarter when DE **Jeff Schweiger** sacked Rams QB Justin Holland and DT **Manuel Wright** raced 20 yards into the end zone with the recovery. The Trojan defense forced 6 turnovers (scoring after 5 of them), with LB **Matt Grootegoed** picking off 2 passes (CB **Eric Wright** and LB **Dallas Sartz** also had interceptions and S **Jason Leach** had the other fumble recovery). USC had 553 total yards to CSU's

281 (the Rams had just 48 yards on the ground). The Trojans also had 32 first downs (21 in the first half), held the ball 33:13 and limited CSU to 3-of-14 on third down conversions. Holland was 19-of-35 for 233 yards, but he was sacked 4 times. CSU WR David Anderson had 9 grabs for 137 yards. USC unveiled its 2003 national championship banner at the game, which also included a moment of silence in honor of the third anniversary of Sept. 11.

## SCHEDULE

USC will defend its national championship against a schedule that features 6 opponents who played in bowls last season. The challenge started right away, as the Trojans opened on Aug. 28 against perennial power Virginia Tech in the Black Coaches Association Football Classic in Landover, Md. USC then hosted Colorado State and now travels to BYU and Stanford before having a trio of home games (California, Arizona and Washington) followed by another pair of road contests (Washington State and Oregon State). The Trojans—who have 3 byes in 2004 for the second consecutive year—then return home to host Arizona and Notre Dame before concluding their season on “Championship Saturday” (Dec. 4) at UCLA. It's a schedule that could help USC better the average overall (72,806) and home (77,804) attendance school records it set last year...and gives credence to the Trojan marketing department's 2004 slogan of “Still The Hottest Ticket In Town.”

## 1979 DÉJÀ VU?

There were numerous similarities between last year's national champion Trojans and the USC team from 25 years earlier, the 1978 national champs. This year, again there are many coincidental repeats between the 2004 Trojans and the USC team from 25 years earlier, the 1979 squad that went 11-0-1 and finished No. 2 in the polls. As in 2004, that 1979 team was a pre-season No. 1 coming off a controversial split national title shared with an SEC team (Alabama) and a Rose Bowl win over a Top 5 Michigan team, and was led by a head coach in his fourth year at the helm (John Robinson). More similarities for both teams: an opening win against a “Tech” team (Texas Tech, Virginia Tech), an efficient left-handed quarterback in his second year as a starter (Paul McDonald, Matt Leinart) who set the school touchdown pass record the previous season, a running back named White (Charles, who wore 12, and LenDale, who is No. 21), a player named Mike McDonald (this year's Mike is the son of the 1979 quarterback, Paul), a highly-touted freshman receiver from New Jersey (Timmy White, Dwayne Jarrett), a top Heisman candidate (Charles White, Matt Leinart) and a No. 1-ranked recruiting class. Also, eerily, the previous season for both squads featured a Heisman winner from Oklahoma who returned for his final year (Billy Sims, Jason White).

## USC'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USC has won 10 national championships in football: 1928-31-32-39-62-67-72-74-78-2003. In 5 other years (1929-33-76-79-2002), the Trojans were picked by some as No. 1, but the selectors were deemed not all-encompassing enough to claim a legitimate national crown.

## PRE-SEASON HONORS

QB **Matt Leinart** (Playboy, Sports Illustrated, Lindy's, The Sporting News, CBS.Sportsline.com, Blue Ribbon, Phil Steele's, NationalChamps.net), DE-DT **Shaun Cody** (Playboy, Athlon, Street & Smith's, The Sporting News, Collegefootballnews.com, Blue Ribbon, Rivals.com, NationalChamps.net), P **Tom Malone** (Playboy, Sports Illustrated, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, Collegefootballnews.com), TB **Reggie Bush** (Athlon, CBS.Sportsline.com, Phil Steele's), LB **Matt Grootegoed** (Street & Smith's, CBS.Sportsline.com) and DT **Mike Patterson** (Football Action) have been named to various pre-season All-American first teams. S **Darnell Bing** was a pre-season All-American third teamer by several media outlets.

## WATCH LISTS

The following Trojans have made the official "Watch Lists" for national 2004 post-season awards:

### QB **Matt Leinart**

Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback)  
Maxwell Award (top player)  
Walter Camp Award (top player)

### DE-DT **Shaun Cody**

Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)  
Outland Trophy (top lineman)  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)

### LB **Matt Grootegoed**

Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Butkus Award (top linebacker)  
Walter Camp Award (top player)  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)

### DT **Mike Patterson**

Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Outland Trophy (top lineman)

### P **Tom Malone**

Ray Guy Award (top punter)

### TB **Reggie Bush**

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

### TB **LenDale White**

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

### LB **Lofa Tatupu**

Butkus Award (top linebacker)

### TE **Alex Holmes**

Mackey Award (top tight end)

### S **Darnell Bing**

Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

### PK **Ryan Killeen**

Groza Award (top placekicker)

## FUN FACT I

BYU has 35 married players on its team this year, while USC has just one (OT **Taitusi Lutui**).

## FUN FACT II

All 5 of USC's starting offensive linemen (OTs **Sam Baker** and **Taitusi Lutui**, OGs **Fred Matua** and **John Drake** and C **Ryan Kalil**) have 5-letter last names.

## QUOTABLE

LB **Matt Grootegoed**, on his low-key approach: "I'm not a flashy guy. I just do my job. I don't count how many tackles I make. I count how many missed tackles I have. If I do something good, that's what I'm supposed to do. You won't see me doing a little dance or high-stepping. I would probably fall over."

## PETE CARROLL

It took energetic and charismatic fourth-year USC head football coach **Pete Carroll** only 3 years to restore the glory of the Trojan football program and return Troy to national prominence. *He is 31-9 (77.5%) as a college head coach (all at USC). His losses were by a total of 42 points (4.7 average) and only 1 was by more than a touchdown (it was by 11 points). After starting off his Trojan career 2-5, he has gone 29-4 (87.9%). He is 10-0 in November. His teams already have posted 5 shutouts.* He also serves as USC's defensive coordinator.

—The 2003 season—his third at Troy—was one of the best in USC history. The Trojans won the AP national championship (USC's first national crown since 1978) and entered the Rose Bowl also ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN poll but weren't allowed to keep the top spot after winning that bowl because of a contractual agreement which required the coaches to vote the Sugar Bowl winner as their poll's champion (USC ended up second). USC was 12-1 overall (the only loss was by 3 points at California in triple overtime) and, at 7-1 in the Pac-10, Troy won its second consecutive league title for the first time since 1988-89 (and its first outright crown since 1989). His Trojans won their last 9 games (and 20 of the last 21) and posted back-to-back seasons of double digit wins for the first time since 1978 and 1979. For just the second time in history (the other time also was 1978 and 1979), USC swept traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame in consecutive years. His 2003 squad featured a potent offense, a stingy defense and productive special teams. USC, which scored at least 20 points in its last 26 games (a school record), had a stretch of 11 consecutive 30-point games (also a school mark) and 7 straight 40-point contests (a Pac-10 record). USC's 534 points was a Pac-10 record. The defense led the nation in rushing defense and was second in turnover margin, forced 42 turnovers and scored 8 touchdowns. And the Trojans topped the nation in net punting. Five Trojans—wide receiver Mike Williams, offensive tackle Jacob Rogers, defensive end Kenechi Udeze, punter Tom Malone and quarterback Matt Leinart—were first team All-Americans (Leinart and Williams finished sixth and eighth, respectively, in the Heisman Trophy voting). For all this, Carroll was named the 2003 American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Coach of the Year, Home Depot National Coach of the Year, Maxwell Club College Coach of the Year, ESPN.com National Coach of the Year, Pigskin Club of Washington D.C. Coach of the Year and All-American Football Foundation Frank Leahy Co-Coach of the Year. He also was the Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year (USC's first honoree since Larry Smith in 1988).

—In 2002, just his second season at USC, his Trojans thrived despite playing what was ranked by the NCAA, Sagarin and the BCS as the nation's most difficult schedule (facing 9 AP-ranked teams and 11 bowl squads). USC—which beat Iowa in the Orange Bowl—posted an 11-2 overall record and a No. 4 ranking in the final polls, and won the Pac-10 championship while going 7-1. The Trojans also won their last 9 home games. It was USC's first 11-win season since 1979 and its highest ranking since 1988. Troy won its final 8 games (scoring at least 30 points in each), including blowouts of traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame (the first time USC beat both in the same season since 1981 and the first time in back-to-back games since 1978). USC led the Pac-10 in total offense (449.3) and total defense

(284.9), as well as scoring offense (35.8) and scoring defense (18.5), and was in the NCAA's Top 25 in nearly every team statistical category on both sides of the ball. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer and safety Troy Polamalu were first team All-Americans.

—Carroll brought big doses of experience, enthusiasm and leadership in his quest to revive the USC football program when he was named the Trojans' head football coach on Dec. 15, 2000 (he signed a 5-year contract). After USC started off his opening 2001 season slowly at 1-4, Carroll stayed the course and got his troops to rally by winning 5 of their last 7 games (including the final 4 regular season contests) to finish at 6-6 overall. USC, which won its last 5 Pac-10 games after beginning league play at 0-3, placed fifth in the conference at 5-3 and earned a berth into the Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl. Putting an exclamation point on the regular season was a 27-0 blanking of No. 20 UCLA, USC's first shut-out in the crosstown rivalry since 1947 and the series' biggest margin of victory since 1979.

—The 52-year-old Carroll has 29 years of NFL and college experience, including 13 on the college level. He was the head coach of the NFL's New England Patriots for 3 seasons (1997-99) and New York Jets for 1 year (1994). He guided the Patriots into the playoffs in his first 2 seasons, winning the AFC Eastern Division title at 10-6 in 1997 and advancing to the second round of the playoffs. His overall record in New England was 27-21 in the regular season and 1-2 in the playoffs. After serving as the Jets' defensive coordinator for 4 seasons (1990-93), he became the team's head coach the following season. His 1994 Jets went 6-10. He spent the next 2 years (1995-96) as the defensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers, who won the NFC Western Division title both seasons. Carroll began his coaching career at the college level, serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Pacific, for 3 years (1974-76), working with the wide receivers and secondary. He then spent a season as a graduate assistant working with the secondary at Arkansas (1977), and then a season each as an assistant in charge of the secondary at Iowa State (1978) and at Ohio State (1979). That Buckeye squad lost to USC in the 1980 Rose Bowl. He next spent 3 seasons (1980-82) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at North Carolina State, then returned to Pacific in 1983 as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. He entered the NFL in 1984 as the defensive backs coach of the Buffalo Bills, then held a similar position with the Minnesota Vikings for 5 seasons (1985-89). Carroll spent the 2000 season as a consultant for pro and college teams, doing charitable work for the NFL and writing a column about pro football for CNN's.com.

—Carroll was a 2-time (1971-72) All-Pacific Coast Conference free safety at Pacific and earned his bachelor's degree in 1973 in business administration. He received his secondary teaching credential and a master's degree in physical education from Pacific in 1976. He was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. He was born on Sept. 15, 1951 in San Francisco. He and his wife, Glenna, who played volleyball at Pacific, have 3 children: sons Brennan, 24, who played tight end at Pittsburgh (he previously played at Delaware) and is now an assistant at USC, and Nathan, 16, and daughter Jaime, 21, a senior at USC who played on the Women of Troy's highly-ranked volleyball team which competed in the 2000 NCAA Final Four.

## OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Four starters returned on offense in 2004: quarterback **Matt Leinart**, tailback **Hershel Dennis**, guard **Fred Matua** and fullback **Brandon Hancock**. Hancock (knee injury) likely won't play this season. Others back with starting experience included guard **John Drake**, tight end **Dominique Byrd**, fullbacks **Lee Webb** and **David Kirtman**, and wide receivers **Chris McFoy** and **William Buchanon**. USC's top 4 rushers (and 14 of its 17 ballcarriers), its top 4 passers and 14 of the 17 players who caught passes last year returned in 2004. But this year's offense has a high standard to live up to: in 2003, the Trojans were fifth nationally in passing efficiency (159.1, first in Pac-10) and scoring offense (a school-record 41.4, first in Pac-10), 13<sup>th</sup> in passing offense (291.6, second in Pac-10) and 14<sup>th</sup> in total offense (447.5, second in Pac-10). And USC's rushing offense (155.9), though not nationally ranked, was its best since 1991. Troy scored 68 touchdowns and 534 points last year, both Pac-10 records, and its 6.5 yards per play average was a school record. As an indication of just how prolific USC's offense has become under coordinator **Norm Chow**, consider that the Trojans have scored at least 20 points in their last 28 games (a school record), including a stretch of 11 consecutive 30-points games (also a USC mark) and 7 straight 40-point contests (a Pac-10 record). And of Troy's 77 offensive scoring drives in 2003, 59 took less than 3 minutes.

## LEINART

USC has perhaps the nation's top quarterback in record-setting All-American first teamer **Matt Leinart** (39-of-60, 65.0%, 503 yds, 5 TD, 0 int 2004, plus 11 tcb, 43 yds, 3.9 avg), a leading Heisman Trophy candidate. He currently is 15<sup>th</sup> nationally in passing efficiency (162.9, second in Pac-10) and 19<sup>th</sup> in total offense (273.0, third in Pac-10). He already has thrown 43 touchdowns in just 15 career starts, with at least 1 TD in every game he has started (at least 2 TDs in his last 14 games). He is averaging a TD pass every 10.7 career attempts. During USC's current 11-game winning streak, he has thrown 35 TDs and just 3 interceptions (his career TD/interception ratio is 43/9). He has not thrown an interception in his last 99 attempts (dating back to 2003). The junior finished sixth in last year's Heisman Trophy voting and was only the second sophomore (along with Stanford's John Elway) to win Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year honors. The accurate and efficient left-handed Leinart came out of relative obscurity to more-than-capably fill the shoes of 2002 Heisman winner Carson Palmer. In the process, Leinart has thrust himself to the front of this year's Heisman race and is also a leading candidate for the Davey O'Brien Award. He hit 63.4% of his passes (255-of-402) for 3,556 yards with just 9 interceptions in 2003. He gave an early indication of his talent when his first career pass went for a touchdown at Auburn in last fall's opener. He went on to throw a Pac-10 record 38 TDs (1 shy of the NCAA sophomore mark). His 164.5 passing efficiency rating ranked third nationally and was a USC record (he's the nation's top-rated returning passer). He set a Pac-10 season mark with 212 consecutive passes without an interception (just 4 throws short of the league's career record). And he punctuated USC's Rose Bowl victory over Michigan by catching a 15-yard scoring pass off a reverse.

—In the opener against Virginia Tech while breaking in a new receiving corps, he hit 65.5% of his passes (19-of-29, despite missing on his first 4 throws) for 272 yards and 3 long TDs (he was 11-of-13 for 170 yards and 2 TDs in the second half, with 11 consecutive completions at one point).

—He was 20-of-31 for 231 yards and 2 short TDs (with 4 drops) in just 3 quarters of action against Colorado State (he also ran for a career-high 46 yards on 7 attempts).

## USC CAREER PASSING LEADERS

(Based on Number of Completions — Includes bowlgames)

	PA	PC	INT	NYG	Pct.	TD
1. Carson Palmer	1569	927	49	11818	.591	72
2. Rob Johnson	1046	676	28	8472	.646	58
3. Rodney Peete	1081	630	42	8225	.583	54
4. Todd Marinovich	674	415	25	5001	.616	29
5. Brad Otton	718	410	14	5359	.571	40
6. Sean Salisbury	602	346	19	4481	.575	25
7. Paul McDonald	501	299	13	4138	.597	37
8. Jimmy Jones	604	298	25	4092	.493	30
9. <b>Matt Leinart</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4059</b>	<b>.636</b>	<b>43</b>

## GAME-BY-GAME WITH MATT LEINART

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2004							
Virginia Tech*	29	19	0	.655	272	3	53
Colorado St.*	31	20	0	.645	231	2	31
<b>2004 (Jr.)...</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.650</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2003							
Auburn*	30	17	0	.567	192	1	42
BYU*	34	19	3	.559	235	3	48
Hawaii*	21	15	0	.714	220	2	34
California*	39	21	3	.538	277	2	33
Arizona State*	23	13	1	.565	289	2	57
Stanford*	27	18	0	.667	260	3	41
Notre Dame*	34	26	0	.765	351	4	38
Washington*	29	19	0	.655	351	4	60
Wash. State*	31	17	0	.548	191	3	55
Arizona*	30	22	0	.733	296	4	28
UCLA*	32	23	0	.719	289	2	39
Oregon State*	38	22	2	.579	278	5	73
Mich. (Rose)*	34	23	0	.677	327	3	47
<b>2003 (So.)...</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.634</b>	<b>3556</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>

\*Starter

## OTHER QUARTERBACKS

Behind Matt Leinart is a stable of very capable backups, but none have seen much time yet at USC. Sophomore **John David Booty**, believed to be the first football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major Division I-A university when he did so last year, became Leinart's backup by the middle of the 2003 season before breaking his wrist late in the year. Then there's senior **Brandon Hance**, who started 9 games at Purdue in 2001 and was No. 2 at USC after Booty got hurt last year, as well as senior **Matt Cassel**, who has also spent time in his career at tight end and is a pitcher on the Trojan baseball team, junior **Billy Hart**, an infielder/outfielder on USC's baseball team, and walk-on redshirt freshman **Michael McDonald**, the son of ex-USC All-American quarterback Paul McDonald. Joining the signalcalling corps this fall as a freshman was prep All-American **Rocky Hinds**.

—Cassel and Hance saw brief action against Colorado State but neither threw a pass.

## "THUNDER AND LIGHTNING" TAILBACKS

USC features a "Thunder and Lightning" duo splitting time at tailback: sophomores **LenDale White** (29 tcb, 201 yds, 6.9 avg, 3 TD in 2004, plus 1 rec, 22 yds, 22.0 avg) and **Reggie Bush** (21 tcb, 111 yds, 5.3 avg, 1 TD in 2004, plus 6 rec, 129 yds, 21.5 avg, 3 TD and 7 PR, 77 yds, 11.0 avg and 4 KOR, 83 yds, 20.8 avg). The bull-like White had 16 rushing TDs in 15 career games (he has 17 TDs overall), along with a quartet of 100 yards outings. He had a trio of 100-yard games last season when he was the first true freshman to lead USC in rushing (his 754 yards in 2003 were the second most by a Trojan frosh behind Charles White's 858 in 1976) and his 13 rushing TDs were a USC freshman mark (his 14 total TDs tied the USC frosh record). The electrifying Bush currently is fifth nationally in all-purpose running (200.0, first in Pac-10), eighth in scoring (12.0, second in Pac-10) and 23<sup>rd</sup> in punt returns (11.0, fourth in Pac-10). He earned Freshman All-American first team honors as he set the USC freshman all-purpose yardage record (1,331 yards) and, as a hold-your-breath-when-he-gets-the-ball runner, had 24 plays of 20-plus yards in 2003. He was 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in kickoff returns (27.3, first in Pac-10) and had a scoring runback. He rushed for 521 yards in 2003.

—In the opener against Virginia Tech, Bush caught 3 long scoring passes to become the 10<sup>th</sup> USC player to catch a school-record 3 TD passes in a game (but the first running back to do so) and he had 258 all-purpose yards (127 on 5 receptions, 60 on 4 punt returns, 44 on 3 kickoff returns and 27 on 9 rushes), all of which earned him Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while White added a team-best 78 rushing yards on 15 carries (5.2 avg).

—White ran for a game-best 123 yards (the fourth 100-yard outing in his career) with 3 first-half TDs on just 14 carries (8.8 average) against Colorado State (he also caught a 22-yard pass), while Bush rushed for 84 yards and a TD on 12 tries (along with a 39-yard kickoff return, 3 punt returns for 17 yards and a 2-yard catch)

	WHITE'S YAC*	BUSH'S 20+*
VT	47	4 (35 TD, 27, 53 TD, 29 TD)
CSU	109	1 (39)
<b>2004 156</b>	<b>5</b>	

\*Yards After Contact/Plays of 20-Plus Yards in 2004

## OTHER TAILBACKS

Besides LenDale White and Reggie Bush, USC has some other talented tailbacks. Junior **Hershel Dennis**, the veteran of the group, started each game last year and was effective. He gained 661 yards on 137 carries (4.8 avg) with 4 TDs in 2003. He was part of a 3-tailback rotation in 2003 that saw the three-some combine for 1,906 rushing yards (146.6 yards a game) with 20 TDs; each rushed for at least 500 yards (the first time that had happened at USC since 1988) and averaged at least 4.8 yards per carry. He missed the Virginia Tech and Colorado State games in 2004 while suspended for a team rules violation. Looking to break into the tailback rotation in 2004 is quick redshirt freshman **Desmond Reed** (8 tcb, 56 yds, 7.0 avg. in 2004), who worked at wide receiver and in the secondary last fall, along with a pair of walk-ons in junior **Andre Woodert** and redshirt freshman **John Griffin**.

—Reed had 56 yards on 8 carries (the first of his career) against Colorado State

## FULLBACKS

At fullback, fleet junior **Brandon Hancock**, a tough blocker and excellent receiver, was expected to return as the starter, but he'll likely miss 2004 while recuperating from knee surgery. So senior **Lee Webb** (1 rec, 14 yds, 14.0 avg in 2004)—he started 5 times at fullback last year after seeing action at linebacker (where he played in 2001 and the first half of 2002)—took over the starting job. Backing him is junior **David Kirtman** (3 tcb, 17 yds, 5.7 avg in 2004, plus 5 rec, 62 yds, 12.4 avg), a rugged blocker who has starting experience and is a key special teamer, and redshirt freshman **Jody Adewale**, a converted tailback. Walk-on redshirt freshman **Sean Kelly**, another former tailback, also is available.

—Kirtman had 3 catches for 32 yards against Virginia Tech, while Webb caught a 14-yard.

—Kirtman ran for 17 yards on 3 tries and caught 2 passes for 30 yards against Colorado State

## WIDE RECEIVERS

It's always difficult to lose a pair of players the caliber of 4-year starter Keary Colbert and All-American first teamer Mike Williams. Colbert was USC's career receptions leader (207) who had 1,000-yard receiving seasons the past 2 years (including 1,013 yards and 9 TDs on 69 catches in 2003). His underrated, yet steady, ability—remember his highlight reel touchdown grabs against Michigan in last season's Rose Bowl—made it unwise for teams to double-cover Williams. Colbert was selected in the NFL's second round. This past February when a court ruled that players didn't have to wait until after their third year out of high school to enter the NFL draft, Williams quickly decided to give up his final 2 seasons at Troy and go pro. But he was not selected because of a judicial stay on that ruling, which was then overturned. So he sought to have his collegiate eligibility restored, but the NCAA ruled against him on Aug. 26. In his 2-year Trojan career, Williams has 176 receptions for 2,579 yards and a USC record 30 touchdowns. He placed eighth in the 2003 Heisman balloting when he had 95 catches for 1,314 yards and a USC record 16 TDs. But there's a host of talented players filling the void: promising sophomores **Steve Smith** (12 rec, 147 yds, 12.2 avg, 1 TD in 2004, plus 1 tcb, -1 yd, -1.0 avg rushing), who was USC's No. 3 wideout last fall, and **Chris McFoy** (6 rec, 70 yds, 11.7 avg in 2004), senior **Jason Mitchell**, and juniors **Greig Carlson** (2 PR, 2 yds, 1.0 avg in 2004), who was USC's top punt returner last season, and one-time cornerbacks **William Buchanan** and **John Walker** (1 tac in 2004). Then there's freshman **Dwayne Jarrett** (5 rec, 40 yds, 8.0 avg, 1 TD in 2004), who came in this fall after earning prep All-American acclaim last year. Walk-ons **Wil Smith**, a sophomore, redshirt freshman **John Zilka** and true freshman **Brad Walker**, the cousin of current Trojan tight end Kurt Katnik, also are available.

—Steve Smith had 4 catches for 68 yards against Virginia Tech, while McFoy (11 yards) and Jarrett (8 yards) each had 2 grabs.

—Steve Smith had a career-high 8 catches for 79 yards (with a 5-yard TD) against Colorado State while McFoy added 4 grabs for 59 yards and Jarrett had 3 for 32 (with a 4-yard score).

## TIGHT ENDS

Another deep unit for USC in 2004—9 deep, in fact—is the tight ends corps. And that's even without Gregg Guenther Jr., who became the starter by mid-2003 and performed well (he had 17 grabs for 167 yards and 2 TDs in 2003). USC's tallest player at 6-8, once football season concluded he would change into a basketball jersey and star for the Trojan hoopsters. However, he'll concentrate solely on basketball in his 2004 senior season. Junior **Dominique Byrd** started the first half of 2003 (he had 14 catches for 268 yards and a score) and was impressive before suffering a season-ending knee injury (he missed 2004 spring drills while recuperating, then broke his kneecap a week before 2004 fall camp and is sidelined). Senior **Alex Holmes** (3 rec, 19 yds, 6.3 avg in 2004), who has 61 career catches, is back after sitting out last fall with a back injury. He started all of 2002 and has won back his job in 2004. Also in the mix are sophomore ex-center **Kurt Katnik**, sophomore **Nick Vanderboom**, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall, and senior walk-on **Owen Hanson**, a one-time USC volleyballer. First-year freshman **Fred Davis** graduated a semester early from high school after being a prep All-American in 2003 and enrolled at USC this past spring (he originally came in as a wide receiver). Two prep All-Americans came aboard this fall as freshmen: **Jimmy Miller** and **Dale Thompson**.

—Holmes had 2 catches for 12 yards against Virginia Tech

—Holmes had a 7-yard reception versus Colorado State

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

A key to USC's success in 2004 will be the play of the partially-rebuilt offensive line, which could be the biggest in Trojan history (there are 8 linemen who weigh at least 300 pounds). Ten years of starting experience had to be replaced now that 2003 All-American first team left tackle Jacob Rogers (3-year starter), who was a second round NFL pick, plus All-Pac-10 first team center Norm Katnik (3-year starter) and left guard Lenny Vandermade (4-year starter) are gone. Last year, USC allowed just 1.2 sacks a game (its lowest average since 1987). Also, junior tackle Winston Justice, who from his right side spot protected Leinart's blind side, was slated to start for his third year and be an All-American candidate. But he was ineligible for this past spring's practice and will not participate in the 2004 season because of a student conduct violation. Sophomore **Fred Matua** started most of last season at right guard and brings a defensive lineman's mentality to the offensive front. He is starting again there, while senior **John Drake** is starting at left guard. After transferring from a junior college, Drake had moved into the lineup by mid-2003, where he split 7 starting assignments between right guard and tackle. He proved to be a load at 350 pounds before breaking his ankle late in the year (he missed 2004 spring drills while recuperating). There's a new center, with sophomore **Ryan Kaili** winning out over first-year freshman **Jeff Byers**, a prep All-American who was the national high school player of the year in 2003, and junior walk-on **Ross Burruel**. Competing for time at guard are senior **Travis Watkins**, sophomore walk-on **John Lanza**, sophomore junior college transfer **Alatini Malu**, who enrolled at USC this spring, and freshmen **Travis Draper** (originally a 2003 signee, he didn't enroll at USC until this spring and prep All-American **Chilo Rachal**, a first-

year freshman who also can play tackle. Redshirt freshmen **Sam Baker** and 370-pound junior **Taitusi Lutui**, a J.C. All-American transfer this fall, captured the starting tackle spots (Baker on the left and Lutui on the right). Also in the hunt for time at tackle are sophomore **Kyle Williams** and redshirt freshmen **Drew Radovich** and **Matt Spanos**.

—Baker, Drake, Kaili, Matua and Lutui (from left to right) started on the offensive line against Virginia Tech and Colorado State

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Six defensive starters returned from 2003: end-tackle **Shaun Cody**, tackle **Mike Patterson**, linebackers **Matt Grootegeod** and **Lofa Tatupu** and safeties **Darnell Bing** and **Jason Leach**. Others back with starting experience include cornerbacks **Ronald Nunn** and **Kevin Arbet**, linebacker **Dallas Sartz**, end **Frostee Rucker** and linebacker **Collin Ashton**. USC's top 2 tacklers (and 4 of its top 5) returned from a 2003 defense that was first nationally in rushing defense (a school-record 60.2), second in turnover margin (+1.5) and tied for 17<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense (18.4), all Pac-10 bests. It was the third consecutive year that Troy led the league in scoring defense. Opponents averaged just 1.8 yards per carry against the Trojans last fall, a school record and 2003 national low. USC's defense last season posted a national-best 55 sacks, forced 42 turnovers and scored 8 touchdowns (and had 2 safeties). USC has intercepted a pass in 24 of the last 25 games and has held 21 of its past 28 opponents to less than 100 rushing yards (and allowed only 1 player to crack the 100-yard rushing barrier in the last 27 contests). The Trojans have done a superb job of getting turnovers under Carroll, as their +1.33 turnover margin and +111 takeaways the previous 3 seasons were the best marks in the nation.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

USC's highly-regarded "Wild Bunch II" defensive line of the past 2 years is now down to "Wild Bunch ½," as veteran starting ends Kenechi Udeze and Omar Nazel are gone. All-American first teamer Udeze—a 3-year starter and Hendricks Award finalist who tied for the national lead in sacks in 2003 while posting 56 tackles, 16.5 sacks, 26 tackles for loss and 5 forced fumbles—opted to skip his senior year and head to the NFL, where he was a first round pick. Nazel, the defense's vocal leader, was a 2-year starter who last year notched 27 tackles, including 6.5 for loss (with 4 sacks), 2 fumble recoveries and an interception. But all is not lost, as the 2 starting tackles returned...and they're among the nation's best. Both are battle-tested seniors and are All-American nominees after winning All-Pac-10 first team honors last fall. **Shaun Cody** (7 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack in 2004) starts for his fourth year (he has the ability to also slide out to end). He had 10.5 tackles for loss (with 6 sacks) among his 26 stops last year and also blocked 3 field goals. Nose tackle **Mike Patterson** (7 tac, 5 for loss, 3.5 sack, 1 FF, 1 dfl in 2004), who last fall had the most tackles for a loss (13.5) of any Trojan tackle since 1996, starts for his third season. He posted 55 total tackles, including 7 sacks, and recovered 3 fumbles (returning 1 for a TD) in 2003. Both have a knack for creating havoc. When Cody moves to end, sophomore **Manuel Wright** (6 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FR for a TD in 2004) assumes his tackle spot. Another backup tackle is redshirt freshman **Sedrick Ellis**. Joining the tackles this fall as freshmen were prep All-American **Lawrence Miles** and

**Fili Moala**, plus walk-on frosh **Jeff Tola**. Junior **Frostee Rucker** (3 tac in 2004), who started 5 games last year when Nazel was injured, and redshirt freshman **Lawrence Jackson** (5 tac, 0.5 for loss, 0.5 sack in 2004) are the new starters at end. Among those looking to get into the action at end are junior **LaJuan Ramsey**, who also might work at tackle, sophomore **Travis Tofi** (1 tac in 2004), who also can play tackle, redshirt freshmen **Chris Barrett** and **Alex Morrow**, junior juco transfer junior **Rashaad Goodrum** and new freshman **Jeff Schweiger** (7 tac, 3.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF in 2004), who was a prep All-American.

—Four of Patterson 6 tackles against Virginia Tech were for a loss (including 2.5 sacks) and he forced a fumble late in the game that set up a USC field goal, while Cody and Schweiger each had 3 tackles (Schweiger had an 11-yard sack on his second play as a Trojan), Jackson had 2 tackles (with 0.5 sack), and Rucker and Tofi each had 1 stop.

—Wright had a team-high 6 tackles (with 2 for loss, including a sack) and returned a fumble 20 yards for a TD against Colorado State, while Cody had 4 tackles (2 for loss, with a sack), Schweiger had 4 stops (2.5 for loss, with a sack that caused a fumble), Jackson had 3 tackles, Rucker had 2 stops and Patterson had a sack and deflection.

## LINEBACKERS

USC's strength on defense is its linebacking corps. Only 2-year starting weakside linebacker Melvin Simmons is gone (he had 55 tackles and 3 fumble recoveries last season). Trojan linebackers have intercepted 7 passes in the past 4 games (dating to 2003). Junior middle linebacker **Lofa Tatupu** (14 tac, 3.5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF, 1 dfl, 1 int in 2004) returns after making the improbable jump from starting at Maine in 2001 to doing so at USC last fall. He has 4 interceptions in his past 4 games at USC. He ended up as the Trojans' leading tackler in 2003, getting 98 tackles, including 11.5 for loss, to go along with his 10 deflections and 4 interceptions (including 1 for a TD). Senior **Matt Grootegoed** (7 tac, 2 int in 2004), who has started the past 3 years at strongside linebacker (he is on the weak side in 2004), has a knack for always being around the ball. He currently is tied for seventh nationally in interceptions (1.0, tied for first in Pac-10). He's good enough to merit All-American consideration (he was a Butkus Award and Lombardi Award semifinalist last season). Junior **Dallas Sartz** (5 tac, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2004) has assumed the starting strongside job. He's more than capable, as he started there the last 6 games of 2003 when Grootegoed was bothered by an ankle sprain (he posted 60 tackles last year). Other possibilities on the outside among the returnees are junior **Collin Ashton** (5 tac in 2004), who performed admirably while starting twice late last year when Simmons was injured (a one-time walk-on, Ashton received a scholarship this fall), and redshirt freshman **Thomas Williams** (1 tac in 2004), plus walk-on sophomore **Mike Brittingham**, who also can play fullback. On the inside, there is senior walk-on **Marco Chavez** (he sat out 2003 after transferring from Hawaii), plus sophomore **Oscar Lua** (3 tac in 2004), who was sidelined most of last season because of a knee injury (he missed some of 2004 spring drills while recuperating). Enrolling this fall were J.C. All-American **Ryan Powdrell**, who is a junior, and prep All-Americans **Keith Rivers** (5 tac in 2004) and **Michael Stuart**, who both are freshmen, along with walk-on freshman **Clay Matthews**, the son of the ex-USC All-American linebacker of the same name.

—Tatupu had a team-best 8 tackles (2.5 for loss, with a sack), returned an interception 32 yards to set up USC's first TD and had a deflection in the opener against Virginia Tech, while Grootegoed added 6 stops, Sartz had 3, Lua 2 and Ashton 1.

—Tatupu had a team-best 6 tackles (1 for loss) and a forced fumble against Colorado State, while Grootegoed intercepted 2 passes that set up TDs (he also had a tackle), Rivers added 5 stops, Ashton had 4, Sartz had 2 tackles with an interception and deflection and Lua and Williams each had a tackle.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

The good news in the secondary is that both starting safeties return. Sophomore strong safety **Darnell Bing** (9 tac, 1 for loss in 2004) was a Freshman All-American first team selection last year when he had 69 tackles and 2 interceptions. He has an unlimited future. Hard-hitting senior free safety **Jason Leach** (10 tac, 1 for loss, 1 FR, 1 dfl in 2004) was USC's No. 2 tackler last season with 88 stops (he also had 2 interceptions, including 1 for a TD). Providing safety depth is senior **Greg Farr**, a former walk-on who received a scholarship this fall, twin redshirt freshmen **Brandon Ting** and **Ryan Ting**, and senior walk-on **Chris Bocage**, who missed 2004 spring practice while recovering from a knee injury. Ryan Ting also can play cornerback. Then, enrolling in the fall were J.C. All-American **Scott Ware** (3 tac in 2004), who is a junior, and prep All-American **Josh Pinkard** (1 tac in 2004), who is a freshman. Both of 2003's starting cornerbacks are gone: Will Poole, an All-Pac-10 first teamer and NFL fourth rounder whose 7 interceptions (the most at USC since 1994) and 19 deflections last year ranked him in the top 10 nationally in those categories (he also had 80 tackles, 4 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries), and Marcell Allmond, who helped Troy to an 18-1 record when he started in the secondary (he had 3 picks and 48 stops in 2003). Losing that duo might not be as much of a concern as it appears, however, because their replacements include experienced seniors with plenty of starts under their belts. **Ronald Nunn** (7 tac, 0.5 for loss, 1 FR in 2004), known for his big plays (he returned an interception and a fumble for TDs in 2003), started 3 times in 2002 and played often in extra defensive back formations last year. **Kevin Arbet** (4 tac in 2004) has 6 career starts. He received a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA in 2004 because he was out of action for most of the past 2 seasons with a foot injury (he missed 2004 spring drills while recuperating). Also a key special teams player, he led the Trojans in punt returns in 2001 with 25 for 225 yards (9.0 average) and earned All-Pac-10 first team honors as a special teamer that season. Arbet usually comes in as the nickel back, but he is pushing junior **Justin Wyatt** (6 tac, 1 FF, 2 dfl in 2004), who also saw some action at wide receiver last fall, for a starting job. Also pushing for playing time at the corner spots are redshirt freshmen **Eric Wright** (4 tac, 1 int in 2004) and **Terrell Thomas** (1 tac in 2004), plus 3 walk-ons: juniors **Alex Gomez** and **Justin Tolliver** and first-year freshman **Jim Abbott**.

—Bing had 7 tackles (1 for a loss) versus Virginia Tech, Leach added 5 stops and a deflection, Wyatt had 3 tackles and a deflection, and Arbet, Wright and Nunn each had 2 stops (Nunn also recovered a fumble late in the game that set up a USC field goal).

—Leach had 5 tackles (1 for a loss), a fumble recovery and a deflection against Colorado State (he started at strong safety for an injured Bing), while Nunn also had 5 stops (0.5 for loss), Wyatt had 3 tackles, a forced fumble and a deflection, Ware had 3 stops (while starting at free safety), Wright had 2 tackles and an interception, Bing and Arbet each had 2 tackles, and Thomas and Pinkard each had 1.

## SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

Most of USC's specialists from 2003 returned, including perhaps the nation's premier punter (**Tom Malone**) and placekicker (**Ryan Killeen**), plus an exciting kickoff returner (**Reggie Bush**), a dependable punt returner (**Greg Carlson**) and a steady holder (Malone). But new snappers (for both short and long snaps) are developing. The Trojan special teams in 2003 were much-improved from previous years. USC fielded record-setting punt and placekicking squads. Troy led the nation in net punting (43.7 avg.) for the first time ever. The Trojans returned a kickoff for a TD for the first time since 1998. And USC blocked 7 kicks (6 field goals and a punt). But things can still be shored up a bit in 2004, as opponents blocked 4 Trojan kicks (2 punts and 2 PATs) and returned a kickoff for a touchdown last year.

## SPECIALISTS

All-American junior **Tom Malone** (43.0 avg in 2004), the nation's best punter and a leading candidate for the Ray Guy Award, has proven to be a weapon whenever he boots the ball. He currently is 23<sup>rd</sup> nationally in punting (43.0, third in Pac-10). Some 4 of his 9 punts in 2004 have pinned opponents within the 20-yard line. His career average of 44.7 is above the school standard (44.1). He broke the USC season punting average record by 3.4 yards last fall (his 49.0 mark was just 0.3 off of the Pac-10 standard). He led the nation in punting for 5 consecutive weeks in the middle of the 2003 campaign and would have finished as the leader (by 1.0 yard), but the efficiency of USC's offense left him 5 punts shy of having the NCAA-required minimum 3.6 punts per game. In 2003, 24 of his 42 punts traveled at least 50 yards and 28 pinned opponents within the 20-yard line. Senior **Ryan Killeen** (1-of-2 FG, 10-of-10 PAT in 2004) ranks among the nation's top placekickers. The Lou Groza Award candidate was 12<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring (9.4, second in Pac-10) and tied for 18<sup>th</sup> in field goals (1.5, third in Pac-10) in 2003. His 65 PATs last fall were a Pac-10 season record and his 19 field goals tied the USC season mark. The 122 points he scored in 2003 were the second-most ever tallied at USC. He had 35 touchdowns among his 99 kickoffs in 2003 (and he kept foes within the 20-yard line 58 times). He also backs up Malone at punter. Behind Killeen is walk-on redshirt freshman **Mario Danelo**, the son of ex-NFL kicker Joe Danelo, and walk-on first-year frosh **Taylor Odegard**. It might not sound like a big deal, but USC had to replace both of its long-time snappers: 4-year short snapper Joe Boskovich and 3-year long snapper Matt Hayward. Both performed flawlessly during their careers. Their replacements are junior walk-on linebacker **Collin Ashton** on long snaps and redshirt freshman **Will Collins**, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this spring, on short snaps. Junior punter **Tom Malone** is the holder for his third season, with senior quarterback **Matt Cassel** as his backup. USC has back from last year its top kickoff returner in sophomore tailback **Reggie Bush** (4 KOR, 83 yds, 20.8 avg in 2004), who was 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in kickoff returns in 2003 (27.3, first in Pac-10) and was the first Trojan to lead the league in kickoff returns since Anthony Davis in 1974 (Bush returned a 96-yarder for a score last year), and its top punt returner in junior wide receiver **Greg Carlson** (2 PR, 2 yds, 1.0 avg in 2004). Bush (7 PR, 77 yds, 11.0 avg in 2004) also returns punts. Other potential returners are junior tailback **Hershel Dennis**, who led USC in

kickoff returns in 2002, senior cornerback **Kevin Arbet**, who led USC in punt returns in 2001, junior cornerback **Justin Wyatt**, sophomore wide receiver **Steve Smith** and redshirt freshman tailback **Desmond Reed**.

—Malone averaged 42.8 yards on his 5 punts versus Virginia Tech (1 traveled 53 yards and 2 pinned the Hokies within the 20), while Killeen hit 1-of-2 field goals (a 41-yarder) and all 3 PATs, plus 3 of his 5 kickoffs kept Virginia Tech within the 20 (with 2 touchbacks).

—Killeen nailed all 7 of his PATs against Colorado State and 6 of his 8 kickoffs kept the Rams within the 20 (with 2 touchbacks), while Malone averaged 43.2 yards on his 4 punts (with 2 keeping CSU within the 20).

## STATS OF NOTE

### WINS

\*\*\*USC has won 22 of its last 23 games, 23 of its last 25, 25 of its last 28 and 29 of its last 33.

### DEFENSE

\*\*\*Defensively, USC currently is fourth nationally in turnover margin (+3.0, first in Pac-10), fifth in scoring defense (6.5, first in Pac-10) and 17<sup>th</sup> in pass efficiency defense (91.8, fifth in Pac-10).

\*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 24 of the last 25 games, including 16 consecutive games before being blanked at Notre Dame in 2003.

\*\*\*USC has held 21 of its last 28 opposing teams to less than 100 rushing yards (once in 2004, 10 games in 2003 and 10 times in 2002).

\*\*\*Only 1 opposing runner has rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 27 games (California's Adimchinobe Echemandu did so in 2003, breaking a streak of 16 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher).

\*\*\*USC has 3 shutouts in its past 15 games (and 2 in its last 6 outings).

### OFFENSE

\*\*\*Offensively, USC currently is 19<sup>th</sup> nationally in passing efficiency (162.9, second in Pac-10), 24<sup>th</sup> in total offense (463.0, third in Pac-10) and 25<sup>th</sup> in rushing offense (211.5, third in Pac-10).

### SCORING

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in its last 28 games, a school record (and in 30 of its past 31).

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 20 of its last 23 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 16 times under Pete Carroll.

\*\*\*In its current 11-game winning streak, USC has won by a combined 265 points (an average of 24.1).

\*\*\*During the Pete Carroll era, USC has nearly doubled the score of its opponents in the second half of games (687 to 338 points).

### MISCELLANEOUS

\*\*\*On special teams, USC currently is 16<sup>th</sup> nationally in net punting (41.8, second in Pac-10).

\*\*\*USC's last 2 losses (at Washington State in 2002 and California in 2003) have come in 4 overtimes.

\*\*\*Eight of the 9 losses in the Pete Carroll era at USC have been by a touchdown or less (the other was by 11 points).

\*\*\*USC has won its last 5 games against AP Top 7 teams (No. 7 Notre Dame and No. 3 Iowa in 2002, No. 6 Auburn, No. 6 Washington State and No. 4 Michigan in 2003) and has done so by a 176-60 score (an average of 35-12).

\*\*\*USC has played before crowds of at least 85,000 in 4 of its past 5 games.

## TAKEAWAYS

USC has been effective in the takeaway department during head coach **Pete Carroll's** 4-year tenure. In 2004, USC is +3.0 in turnover margin (fourth in the U.S. and first in the Pac-10) by getting 5 interceptions and 3 fumbles (while giving back only 2 fumbles). USC's +1.3 turnover margin over Carroll's first 3 seasons was the best in the nation and its 113 takeaways during that span also were the most. In 2003, USC was +1.5 in turnover margin (second in the U.S. and first in the Pac-10) by getting 22 interceptions and 20 fumbles (and yielding only 9 interceptions and 13 fumbles). In 2002, the Trojans had 36 takeaways (19 fumbles and 17 interceptions) and ranked fifth nationally in turnover margin (+1.4). In 2001, Troy had 35 takeaways (20 picks, 15 fumbles) and ranked fifth in the nation in turnover margin at +1.3. USC's ball security was impressive, too (only 19 turnovers in 2001 and just 18 in 2002).

## RANDOMNOTES

\*\*\*USC's 2004 captains, as elected by their teammates at the end of fall camp, are QB **Matt Leinart**, DE-DT **Shaun Cody** and LB **Matt Grootegoed**.

\*\*\*QB **Matt Leinart** is hosting a daily web log ("blog"), chronicling his observations of the USC football team this season. Check it out at [www.mattleinartblog.com](http://www.mattleinartblog.com). It makes for a fun read each day.

\*\*\*Late USC 2-time All-American tailback **Ricky Bell** was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., this Aug. 13-14, while former USC All-American tight end **Charles Young** will be inducted into the Hall at a Dec. 7 dinner in New York (he'll be enshrined in August of 2005). Bell, who earned All-American honors in 1975 and 1976 (he was the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 1976), ran for 3,689 yards at Troy and then was the No. 1 pick of the 1977 NFL draft (he played 6 years in the NFL) before dying in 1984 of heart disease. Young was a unanimous All-American on USC's 1972 national championship team and caught 68 passes in his Trojan career before playing 13 years in the NFL. USC has 26 former players, 2 ex-head coaches, 4 one-time assistant coaches and a former athletic director in the College Football Hall of Fame.

\*\*\*FieldTurf, the popular artificial turf, was installed this past summer on a portion of USC's practice field. It covers the L-shaped portion on the northwest corner of Howard Jones Field. This marks the first time that USC ever has had artificial turf on its practice field.

\*\*\*After doing significant research, USC now is recognizing its 1939 football team as a national champion, giving the Trojans 10 national titles in program history (1928-31-32-39-62-67-72-74-78-2003). The 1939 Trojans went 8-0-2 and finished atop the Dickinson System poll, thereby winning the Knute Rockne Intercollegiate Memorial Trophy (at the time emblematic of the nation's No. 1 team). According to the NCAA Football Records Book, the Dickinson System was the first to gain widespread nation public and media acceptance as a "major selector."

\*\*\*No USC football letterman in history has been heavier than current Trojan OLs **Taitusi Lutui** (370 pounds), **John Drake** (350) or **Alatini Malu** (335, equaling the weight of 1995-98 letterman Ken Bowen).

\*\*\*QB **John David Booty**, who enrolled at USC in the fall of 2003, is believed to be the first football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major Division I-A university.

\*\*\*USC also has 5 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. P **Tom Malone** and FB **Brandon Hancock** came to USC in the spring of 2002. Identical twin DBs **Brandon and Ryan Ting** did so in the spring of 2003. WR **Fred Davis** enrolled at USC this past spring.

\*\*\*USC has retired the jersey numbers of its 5 Heisman Trophy winners. However, S **Darnell Bing** received permission from USC athletic director Mike Garrett (Troy's 1965 Heisman-winning tailback) to wear Garrett's retired No. 20 jersey.

\*\*\*Several Trojans have participated in other sports at Troy. QB **Billy Hart** was on the USC baseball team the past 3 seasons (2002-04). He led USC in batting average (.367) and triples (3) in 2004 while starting 44 games in the outfield and then at third base (he also had 58 hits, 26 runs, 9 doubles, 2 home runs and 29 RBI). He started 22 times in right field in 2003, hitting .238 in 42 games with 20 hits, 14 runs, 1 home run and 4 RBI (he redshirted in 2002). QB **Matt Cassel** was a pitcher for the 2004 Trojans, posting an 0-1 record and 9.35 ERA in 8 games, with 10 strikeouts and 4 walks (he was selected in the 36<sup>th</sup> round of the 2004 draft by the Oakland Athletics). OG **Travis Watkins** was a shot putter for the 2001 Trojan track squad (he redshirted). Walk-on CB **Justin Tolliver** was a sprinter for the 2002 and 2003 Trojans, but did not compete in a meet. Walk-on TE **Owen Hanson** was a reserve on the USC men's volleyball team for 3 seasons (2001-03), seeing action in 1 match in 2003.

\*\*\*As a youngster, LB **Collin Ashton** was a ballboy for several years for the USC men's basketball team.

\*\*\*OT **Taitusi Lutui** is USC's only married player. He and his wife, Pua, were married in July of 2004.

\*\*\*USC's 2004 schedule includes 5 night games (starting at 5 p.m. or later, local time). Since Troy's first night game in 1944, the Trojans have played as many as 5 night games in a season just twice, in 1970 and 1971. Kick-off for 4 of USC's 2004 games have yet to be determined.

\*\*\*Who's the fastest among the 2004 Trojans? It might be TB **Reggie Bush**, with bests of 10.42 in the 100 meters and 21.06 in the 200. He placed third in the 100 in the 2002 California state meet.

\*\*\*QB **Matt Cassel** played on the Northridge (Calif.) team that was a finalist at the 1994 Little League World Series. And LB **Matt Grootegoed** was a finalist as a 10-year-old in the national Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

\*\*\*Several Trojans have Hollywood connections. As a youngster, CB **John Walker** was a television actor who appeared in such shows as "E.R." and "7th Heaven" (in fact, he didn't play football until his sophomore year of high school because a clause in his acting contract prevented him from doing anything that could affect his appearance). QB **Matt Cassel** was featured in the HBO documentary "Freshman Year," which was filmed at his high school in 1999-2000. And QB **Brandon Hance**, a music industry major, has interned at several Beverly Hills entertainment-based talent and management agencies.

\*\*\*On DE-DT **Shaun Cody's** right biceps is a large tattoo of the interlock "SC" logo, which stands both for his initials and his university.

\*\*\*FB **Brandon Hancock** has been featured in various body building magazines, including Muscle Magazine International.

\*\*\*QB **Brandon Hance**, who was hospitalized briefly in the summer of 2003 with a viral form of spinal meningitis, recorded a public service announcement for the Meningitis Foundation of America as part of the MFA's Meningitis Awareness and Prevention month in August of 2003. Hance's 30-second radio message was geared toward college students.

\*\*\*In his 32-year collegiate coaching career at BYU, North Carolina State and now USC, offensive coordinator **Norm Chow** has coached quarterbacks who combined have thrown for more than 70,000 career yards...or about 40 miles! Besides Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer at Troy, Chow has tutored BYU's Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson, Gifford Nielsen, Ty Detmer and Robbie Bosco and North Carolina State's Philip Rivers. Two of his pupils (Palmer and Detmer) won the Heisman Trophy.

\*\*\*"The Tradition Continues," a 75-minute video look at the USC football team's exciting 2003 national championship season, is available in both DVD and VHS format. It can be purchased for \$24.95 at the USC Bookstore on campus, as well as ordered online at [www.uscstore.com](http://www.uscstore.com) or by calling the USC Bookstore at 800-447-8620. The video includes highlights from all 13 of USC's games, never-before-seen pre-game, halftime and post-game lockerroom footage, and interviews with current and former players and coaches. Also available at the USC Bookstore and online is a 150-minute DVD of ABC-TV's entire commercial-free broadcast of the 2004 Rose Bowl, a 28-14 Trojan victory over Michigan. It is priced at \$24.95.

\*\*\*"UCLA Vs. USC: 75 Years Of The Greatest Rivalry In Sports," a 272-page book authored by Los Angeles Times sportswriter (and former Trojan footballer) Lonnie White, has been published this fall and is available at Southern California-area bookstores. The book provides a comprehensive review of all clashes in all sports between the crosstown rivals. Trojan and Bruins luminaries Mike Garrett, Rod Dedeaux, Cheryl Miller, John Wooden, Bill Walton and Rafer Johnson wrote the forewords.

\*\*\*Strength and conditioning coach **Chris Carlisle** has beaten cancer. He learned he had Hodgkin's Disease in December of 2000, began radiation treatments in Tennessee (where he was still the Volunteers' associate strength and conditioning coach), was hired by USC in February of 2001, kept his illness a secret except to Trojan head coach Pete Carroll, continued treatments in Tennessee and at USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, then doctors told him in the summer of 2001 that the cancer was in remission. He informed the USC players of his ordeal at the start of fall 2001 camp. He was 1 of 17 nominees for the 2003 Most Courageous Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America.

\*\*\*Politically speaking, TB **Reggie Bush's** nickname is "The President." Troy also presidentially features a Jackson (DE **Lawrence Jackson**) and a Buchanan (WR **William Buchanan**, spelled slightly different than the President). And TE **Dominique Byrd** was an intern for Minnesota senator Mark Dayton. By the way, USC is 177-59-14 (.736) during presidential election years.

\*\*\*USC is 161-52-10 (.744) in seasons that the Summer Olympics have been held. The Trojans won 3 national championships (1928, 1932 and 1972) and played in 9 bowls (winning 6) during those Olympic seasons. Two USC football lettermen have won Olympic gold medals: Fred Kelly (lettered in 1914-15-16) in the high hurdles in the 1912 Games (he is USC's first gold medalist) and Ken Carpenter (1934-37) in the discus in the 1936 Games. Although 2-time gold medalist Quincy Watts (400 meters and 1600-meter relay in the 1992 Olympics) never lettered in football, he was a receiver on the 1990 Trojans (he didn't get into a game).

\*\*\*Seven Trojans have relatives who played on national championship USC football squads: SNP **Will Collins** (uncle, Joe Collins, was on the 1974 team), TE **Kurt Katnik** (brother, Norm Katnik, was on the 2003 team), LB **Clay Matthews** (father, 1977 All-American Clay Matthews, was on the 1974 team and brother, Kyle Matthews, was on the 2003 team), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, 1979 All-American Paul McDonald, was on the 1978 team), LB **Lofa Tatupu** (father, Mosi Tatupu, was on the 1974 team), CB **Justin Tolliver** (father, Kevin Williams, was on the 1978 team) and WR **Brad Walker** (cousins, Norm and Kurt Katnik, were on the 2003 team).

\*\*\*Several Trojans have other relatives with USC football connections. CB **Kevin Arbet** is the stepson of ex-Trojan (1980-82) Jeff Simmons. SNP **Will Collins'** brother, Rob Collins, was a walk-on at USC in the 1980s. Four Trojans have uncles who were Trojan footballers: TE **Kurt Katnik** (John Katnik, 1986-87), LB **Clay Matthews** (Bruce Matthews, 1980-82, 1982 All-American), OG **Fred Matua** (Titus Tuasosopo, 1990-92) and WR **Brad Walker** (John Katnik, 1986-87). WR **William Buchanan's** second cousin is former Trojan C.R. Roberts (1955-56).

\*\*\*Speaking of genes: CB **Kevin Arbet's** cousin, Lamarr Arbet, was a defensive lineman at San Jose State and his uncle, Darren Arbet, is the head coach of the San Jose SaberCats of the Arena Football League. OT **Sam Baker's** father, David, formerly played basketball at UC Irvine and then professionally in Europe, while his brother, Ben, was an offensive lineman at

Duke. QB **John David Booty's** father, Johnny, played quarterback at Arkansas, Louisiana Tech and Mississippi State, while his brother, Josh, played quarterback at LSU for 2 seasons (1999-2000) following a 5-year (1994-98) baseball career as an infielder in the Florida Marlins organization (he then played with the NFL's Cleveland Browns) and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU (1997-99) and Valdosta State (2001). LB-FB **Mike Brittingham** has 5 relatives with athletic backgrounds: sister, Kristine, lettered on UCLA's women's soccer team in 2000 and 2001, cousins Jack and Robert Brittingham were 3-year (1933-35) football lettermen at California, great uncle Richard Munroe lettered in football at both Stanford (1942) and California (1943), and great great grandfather Louis Sumner lettered in football at Wisconsin (1889, 1891-92). WR **William Buchanon** is the son of ex-NFL star Willie Buchanon, a 1971 All-American cornerback at San Diego State who was a 3-time Pro Bowler during his 11-year (1972-82) NFL career with the Green Bay Packers and San Diego Chargers. QB **Matt Cassel's** older brother, Jack, is a pitcher in the San Diego Padres organization, while his younger brother, Justin, is a sophomore on UC Irvine's baseball team. PK **Mario Danelo's** father, Joe, was a placekicker at Washington State (1972-74) before playing in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers (1975), New York Giants (1976-82) and Buffalo Bills (1983-84). TB **Hershel Dennis'** father, Hershel Sr., played tailback at North Carolina A&T. DE **Rashaad Goodrum's** brother, Nuru, is a sophomore fullback at The Citadel. LB **Matt Grootegoed's** brother, John, was an offensive guard at San Jose State in 1994 and 1995. TE **Alex Holmes'** father, Mike, lettered at defensive end at Michigan in 1974 and 1975. DE **Lawrence Jackson's** brother, Keith, was an offensive tackle at Arizona. C **Ryan Kalil's** father, Frank, was a center at Arizona (1980-82) and with the USFL's Arizona Wranglers (1983) and Houston Gamblers (1984). TE **Kurt Katnik's** father, Norman, was a 2-year starting center at Arizona (1978-79). FB **Sean Kelly's** father, Mike, was an All-American swimmer at USC (1977-80) and his great grandfather, Arnold Horween, kicked the winning PAT in Harvard's 7-6 victory over Oregon in the 1920 Rose Bowl to help the Crimson to the last of its 7 national football championships (also a fullback, Arnold played alongside his brother, RB Ralph Horween). FB **David Kirtman's** father, Louis, ran track at California, his brother, Michael, was on Pomona-Pitzer's football and track teams and his uncle, Nate Kirtman, played football at Stanford in 1967. S **Jason Leach's** cousin is former Arizona State S Alfred Williams (1999-2002). OT **Taitusi Lutui's** brother, Sam, is an assistant football coach at Southern Utah, where he also started on the line in 1995 and 1996, while he is also related to current BYU players Ofa Moheeta and David Tafuna and former Cougar T.J. Sitake (1999-2000). OG **Fred Matua's** uncle, Navy Tuasosopo, played offensive line at Utah State and later with the Los Angeles Rams and a distant cousin, Manu Tuasosopo, was a 3-time All-Conference defensive lineman at UCLA (1976-78) who then played with the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers. WR **Jason Mitchell's** cousin, Christian Radley, was a coxswain on the USC women's rowing team in 2002. DT **Fili Moala's** cousin is Oregon sophomore defensive lineman Haloti Ngata. CB **Ronald Nunn's** sister, Natalie, is a redshirt freshman defender on the USC women's soccer team. OT **Drew Radovich's** father, Mark, was a line-

backer at Arizona State (1974-76). LB **Dallas Sartz's** father, Jeff, played safety at Oregon State and his grandfather, also named Dallas, was a Golden Gloves boxer at Washington State and a professional hydroplane racer. Twin DBs **Brandon and Ryan Ting's** brother, Rich, was a quarterback at Yale (1998-2001). DT **Travis Tofi's** cousin, Suaese "Pooch" Taase, played football at Louisiana Tech. WR **Brad Walker's** uncle, Norman Katnik, was a 2-year starting center at Arizona (1978-79). OG **Travis Watkins's** brother, Todd, is a junior wide receiver at BYU (he formerly played at 2001 Norfolk State), while his father, Don, was a lineman at Pasadena City College and his great uncle, Tom Watkins, was a running back at Iowa State and then played 8 seasons in the NFL in the 1960s with the Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh Steelers. TB **LenDale White** is the cousin of former Notre Dame (1998) and Pittsburgh (2000-01) tailback/wide receiver Darcey Levy (who played in the NFL), ex-Wyoming (1998-2002) linebacker Herman White and former Colorado point guard Chauncey Billups, now in the NBA. OT **Kyle Williams's** father, Scott, played college basketball, while an uncle, Eric Williams, was a defensive lineman with the Detroit Lions (1984-89) and Washington Redskins (1990-93, including on the 1991 Super Bowl champs) after earning 1983 All-Pac-10 first team honors in his 3 years (1981-83) at Washington State; his grandfather, Roy Williams, played for the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers, another uncle played professional basketball in Europe, while his other grandfather played 3 sports at Lehigh in the 1960. DT **Manuel Wright's** cousin is former Arizona State tailback Mike Williams. WR **John Zilka's** grandfather, Jake Nagode, played basketball at Northwestern (1936-38) and then professionally in the late-1940s, while his sister, Allison, lettered on the Arizona women's soccer team in 1994. DB coach **Greg Burns's** brother, Dexter, was a defensive back at San Jose State in the mid-1990s. Head coach **Pete Carroll's** wife, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific, while his son, Brennan, was a tight end at Delaware and Pitt (he currently is an assistant football coach at USC) and his daughter, Jaime, played on the 2000 USC women's volleyball team. WR coach **Lane Kiffin's** father, Monte, is the defensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (he is a longtime NFL and collegiate assistant coach who also served as North Carolina State's head coach in the early 1980s), while his brother, Chris, is a senior defensive lineman at Colorado State. LB coach **Rocky Seto's** wife, Sharla, played soccer at USC. TE coach **Brennan Carroll** is the son of USC head coach Pete Carroll. DEF/LB coach **Ken Norton Jr.** is the son of Ken Norton Sr., the former world heavyweight boxing champion who played football at Northeast Missouri State.

\*\*\*How about these names: DE **Froste Rucker**. OT **Taitusi Lutui** (he goes by "Deuce"). OG **Alatini Malu**, who answers to "Tiny" (he's 6-4 and 335 pounds). LB **Lofa Tatupu**. DT **Travis Tofi**. DT **Fili Moala**. Then, there's **S Darnell Bing** and the **Ting twins** (DBs Brandon and Ryan).

## ASSISTANT COACHES

USC's assistant coaching staff welcomed 3 new faces in 2004: QB coach **Carl Smith**, who has 32 years of coaching experience (his last 17 years were spent in the NFL); RB coach **Todd McNair**, a former NFL running back and assistant; and DEF/LB coach **Ken Norton Jr.**, the ex-NFL and UCLA star linebacker. There were also some slight adjustments involving 3 returning coaches. **Rocky Seto** switched from safeties to linebackers. **Brennan Carroll**, an offensive assistant the past 2 seasons, became a full-time assistant, handling the tight ends. And WR coach **Lane Kiffin** took on the added duty of passing game coordinator.

## IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 43 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 28 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as LBs Junior Seau, Chris Claiborne and Zeke Moreno, DL Willie McGinest, WRs Keyshawn Johnson, Johnnie Morton and Curtis Conway, QBs Carson Palmer, Rodney Peete and Rob Johnson and DBs Sammy Knight, Troy Polamalu, Brian Kelly and Daylon McCutcheon. Six NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Seattle's Mike Holmgren, San Francisco's Steve Mariucci, Miami's Dave Wannstedt, Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio and Oakland's Norv Turner. Thirteen current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: QB **John David Booty** (brother, Josh Booty), WR **William Buchanon** (father, Willie Buchanon), PK **Mario Danelo** (father, Joe Danelo), TE **Kurt Katnik** (brother, Norm Katnik), OG **Fred Matua** (cousins, Navy and Manu Tuiasosopo), LB **Clay Matthews** (grandfather, Clay Matthews Sr.; father, Clay Matthews; uncle, Bruce Matthews), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, Paul McDonald), LB **Lofa Tatupu** (father, Mosi Tatupu), CB **Justin Tolliver** (father, Kevin Williams), WR **Brad Walker** (cousin, Norm Katnik), OG **Travis Watkins** (uncle, Tom Watkins), TB **LenDale White** (cousin, Darcey Levy) and OT **Kyle Williams** (uncle, Eric Williams; grandfather, Roy Williams). OT **Sam Baker's** father, David, is the commissioner of the Arena Football League. And C **Ryan Kalil's** father, Frank, played in the USFL. Additionally, head coach **Pete Carroll** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach, and assistants **Carl Smith**, **Lane Kiffin** and **Todd McNair** were NFL assistants. Four assistant coaches played professionally: **Ken Norton Jr.** and **Todd McNair** were in the NFL, while **Norm Chow** and **Tim Davis** were in the CFL (Davis also played in the USFL).

## ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 323 times, including 189 of the past 191 games. In fact, USC had an amazing streak of 111 consecutive games on some form of live television from 1988 to 1997 (snapped against Oregon State) and another streak of 48 in a row from 1997 to 2001 (broken against California).

## ACADEMICS

Two of USC's most recent graduation rates for football were the highest in USC history. The 2001 official NCAA graduation rate for Trojan football players was 82%, an all-time high (topping the previous USC high of 80% in 2000). That rate compared to 73% for the general USC student body...and it was about 30 percentage points higher than the national football average for Division I schools. Among the top scholars on the 2004 Trojan squad are: CB **Ryan Ting** (3.93 GPA), FB **Brandon Hancock** (3.86, communication major), **SBrandon Ting** (3.7 GPA), QB **Brandon Hance** (3.47, music industry), WR **John Zilka** (3.46), TE **Nick Vanderboom** (3.4, business), OG **Travis Draper** (3.35), QB **Billy Hart** (3.30, business), QB **Matt Cassel** (3.28, communication), TB **Andre Woodert** (3.15, kinesiology), FB **Mike Brittingham** (2.93), WR **Wil Smith** (2.85, public management and planning), FB **Jody Adewale** (2.77, psychology), FB **David Kirtman** (2.76, business), **SGreg Farr** (2.76, international relations) and QB **Matt Leinart** (2.75, sociology). Hancock was a 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII first team and Pac-10 All-Academic first team selection. In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tops in the Pac-10 and sixth in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 12 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 4 NCAA Today's Top Six winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar and 1 Academic All-American Hall of Famer.

## ROSTER UPDATES

There are a number of updates from the roster in the 2004 USC football media guide.

\*\*\*There are 2 new scholarship players (complete bios below): #91 **Fili Moala** (DT, 6-5, 300, Fr./Fr., Buena Park, Western HS) and #44 **Rashaad Goodrum** (DE, 6-3, 245, Jr./Jr., Fayetteville, NC, Pine Forest HS/Los Angeles Valley JC).

\*\*\*A trio of former walk-ons—LB **Collin Ashton**, S **Greg Farr** and TE **Nick Vanderboom**—have been awarded a scholarship this fall (bios are below).

\*\*\*Five players have joined the team as walk-ons: #22 **Jim Abbott** (CB, 5-10, 175, Fr./Fr., San Marino, Loyola HS), #47 **Clay Matthews** (LB, 6-3, 230, Fr./Fr., Agoura Hills, Agoura HS), #18 **Taylor Odegard** (P-PK, 5-10, 160, Fr./Fr., Mercer Island, WA, Mercer Island HS), #65 **Jeff Tola** (DT, 6-1, 225, Fr./Fr., Upland, Upland HS) and #48 **Brad Walker** (WR, 6-2, 200, Fr./Fr., Tustin, Foothill HS).

\*\*\*Five players have changed numbers: OT **Taitusi Lutui** is now #71, **Brandon Hance** is now #4, **Dwayne Jarrett** is now #8, CB **Eric Wright** is now #25, CB **Alex Gomez** is now #46.

\*\*\*Three players have switched positions: **John Walker** is now a WR-CB, **Michael Stuart** is now a LB-TE, **Fred Davis** is now a WR-TE.

\*\*\*Delete: DE **Thomas Herring** (ineligible), TE-LB **Eugene Germany** (ineligible), WR **Mike Williams** (ineligible), WR **Derrick Jones** (ineligible), WR **Whitney Lewis** (ineligible), TB **Chauncey Washington** (ineligible), DT **Ryan Watson** (ineligible), OT **Winston Justice** (suspended), TE **Gregg Guenther Jr.** (basketball).

## BIOS OF NEW SCHOLARSHIP TROJANS

**COLLIN ASHTON**—A one-time walk-on linebacker and snapper, he earned a scholarship in the fall of 2004...As a sophomore in 2003 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 28 tackles (0.5 for a loss), 1 forced fumble and 1 deflection as a backup linebacker and key special teams player...He even started 2 late-season games (Arizona and UCLA), becoming just the second USC walk-on to start a game in the previous 20 years...He had 8 tackles at Arizona and 5 against UCLA...As a redshirt freshman in 2002, he made 3 tackles while seeing brief action in 3 games (Oregon State, Oregon and UCLA)...He redshirted as a first-year freshman in 2001...He prepped at Mission Viejo (Calif.) High...As a youngster, he served as a ballboy for several years for the USC men's basketball team.

**GREG FARR**—A one-time walk-on safety, he earned a scholarship in the fall of 2004...As a junior in 2003 while appearing in 10 games (all but Auburn, California and Arizona State), he made 6 tackles as a reserve safety and on special teams...As a sophomore in 2002, he saw brief action in just 1 game (at Colorado), but he did not make a tackle...He transferred to USC in the fall of 2002 from Palomar Junior College in San Marcos (Calif.)...He prepped at Carlsbad (Calif.) High.

**RASHAAD GOODRUM**—He was a 2-year (2002-03) starting defensive end and linebacker at Los Angeles Valley Junior College in Valley Glen (Calif.)...He was a **2003 Super Prep Juco 100, J.C. Grid-Wire All-American honorable mention and All-Western State Conference Northern Division first team (unanimous)** selection...He posted 55 tackles (35 solo), including 16 tackles for loss (with 6 sacks), and 2 forced fumbles in 2003...He also made the **2002 All-Western State Conference Northern Division first team**...He originally signed with Washington in 2004, but did not enroll there in the spring because he did not graduate from junior college in time...He prepped at Pine Forest High in Fayetteville (N.C.), where he was a **2000 All-Mid South Conference second teamer** as a senior linebacker and fullback...He averaged 6.0 yards per carry as a senior...He did not attend any school during the 2001 season...His brother, Nuru, is a sophomore fullback at The Citadel.

**FILI MOALA**—He originally signed with USC in 2003, but did not qualify for admission, so he attended Cypress (Calif.) Junior College in 2003 as a part-time student (he didn't play football there)...He was a **2002 Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Tom Lemming All-West and Tacoma News Tribune Western 100** selection as a senior offensive and defensive lineman at Western High in Anaheim (Calif.)...He missed all but 2 games of his 2002 senior season because of an injured left foot ligament...As a junior in 2002, he made **All-CIF Division IX first team and All-League** while posting 60 tackles and 4 sacks...His cousin is Oregon sophomore defensive lineman Haloti Ngata.

**NICK VANDERBOOM**—A one-time walk-on tight end, he earned a scholarship in the fall of 2004...Appeared in 8 games (all but California, Arizona State, Washington, Washington State and Michigan) as a redshirt freshman tight end and special teams player in 2003, but did not catch a pass or make a tackle...Was switched to tight end from quarterback in 2003 spring drills...Redshirted as a freshman quarterback in 2002, his first year at USC...Prepped at The Breck School in Minneapolis (Minn.)...Current Trojan Dominique Byrd also prepped at The Breck School.

## USC IS THE PLACE TO BE

Based on several national accolades it has received in recent years, USC can stake its claim as one of the nation's premier schools. USC was named the "College of the Year" by the 2000 edition of the Time/Princeton Review College Guide because of the remarkable bonds it has forged with the local community. The editors said USC has one of the most ambitious social-outreach programs of any university in the nation and cited the school's model of service learning (applying academic theory to real-life situations through public service). They also pointed out that USC's undergraduate applications have nearly doubled over the last few years and it is enrolling the most academically accomplished freshman classes in its history. Troy also was selected as one of America's nine "hottest schools" by the 2001 edition of the Newsweek/Kaplan College Guide because it lives up to its reputation as a top-notch institution of higher education. Students quoted in the guide said that what attracted them to the university was Los Angeles' ethnic diversity, the offer of scholarships, the small classroom sizes and USC's standing in academe. Also in 2001, the Association of American Colleges and Universities picked USC as one of 16 "Leadership Institutions" for providing stimulating educational experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. USC was cited for emphasizing a campus culture featuring new learning techniques, curriculum and organizational structure and for demonstrating a strong commitment to liberal arts education relevant to the contemporary world. The organization said USC not only linked liberal arts and pre-professional study, but offered students the opportunity to learn by doing through off-campus work in community projects and internships. Also, USC was lauded for stressing critical thinking, effective communication and contributing to a diverse society.

## USC'S 125<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

The USC 125th Anniversary Project (1880-2005) showcases USC's leadership in redefining the research university of the 21st century while celebrating and honoring its proud heritage as one of the oldest continuing academic and cultural institutions in the region. USC has been reinventing itself since 1880. Thanks to the dedication, talent, and resources of the Trojan Family, USC will be inventing the future for generations to come. Between now and spring 2006, USC will host a variety of university-wide as well as school-based academic programs, including conferences and guest lectures focused on the first part of USC's 125th anniversary theme — "inventing the future." At the same time, the university will explore the second part of the theme — "honoring the past" — through history projects, celebrations, campus tours, and publications reflecting our rich heritage. Finally, USC's 125th anniversary year — 2005-2006 — will culminate in spring 2006 with a university-hosted international academic conference aimed at defining the research university of the 21st century.

## SCOUTING BYU

BYU, under fourth-year head coach **Gary Crowton**, opened its 2004 season impressively with a 20-17 win over Notre Dame (20-17), but then fell at Stanford last Saturday (37-10). So far, the Cougar offense has been directed at times by junior QBs **Matt Berry** (15-of-25, 60.0%, 167 yds, 1 TD, 1 int in 2004) and **Jason Beck** (23-of-46, 50.0%, 232 yds, 3 int in 2004) and sophomore **John Beck** (12-of-17, 70.6%, 152 yds in 2004). Among the top pass catchers are junior WR **Todd Watkins** (11 rec, 204 yds, 18.5 avg in 2004), who is 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally in receiving yards (102.0), and freshman WR **Austin Collie** (11 rec, 103 yds, 9.4 avg, 11 TD in 2004). Leading the 3-3-5 defense, which is seventh nationally in rushing defense (41.5), are senior DE **Brady Poppinga** (15 tac, 4 for loss, 1 sack, 2 FR, 1 FF in 2004) and sophomore MLB **Cameron Jensen** (19 tac, 2 for loss, 1 FR in 2004). Senior P/PK **Matt Payne** (46.2 P avg in 2004, plus 3-of-3 PAT, 3-of-3 FG), who handles the punting and placekicking chores, is sixth nationally in punting (46.2) and 18<sup>th</sup> in field goals (1.5).

## INJURY/STATUS UPDATE

**OUT:** TE **Dominique Byrd** (kneecap), TE **Kurt Katnik** (concussion), WR **John Zilka** (shoulder), FB **Brandon Hancock** (knee).

**QUESTIONABLE:** OG **Alatini Malu** (appendix), DE **Chris Barrett** (shoulder), CB **Jim Abbott** (mono), TB **Hershel Dennis** (suspended), S **Greg Farr** (eligibility).

**PROBABLE:** QB **John David Booty** (elbow).

## USC IN NCAA/PAC-10 STAT RANKINGS

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-10 RANK**
Reggie Bush	All-Purp. Run.	200.0	5	1
M. Grootegoed	Interceptions	1.0	7T	1T
Reggie Bush	Scoring	12.0	8	2
Matt Leinart	Passing Eff.	162.9	15	2
Matt Leinart	Total Offense	273.0	15	3
Tom Malone	Punting	43.0	23	3
Reggie Bush	Punt Returns	11.0	23	4
Reggie Bush	Kickoff Ret.	120.8	—	3
Steve Smith	Receptions	6.0	—	4
LenDale White	Scoring	9.0	—	5
USC	TO Margin	+3.0	4	1
USC	Scoring Def.	6.5	5	1
USC	Net Punting	41.8	16	2
USC	Pass Eff. Def.	91.8	17	5
USC	Passing Eff.	162.9	19	2
USC	Total Offense	463.0	24	3
USC	Rushing Off.	211.5	25	3
USC	Rushing Def.	94.5	—	2
USC	Scoring Off.	36.5	—	3
USC	Total Def.	287.5	—	5

\*Top 25 only

\*\*Top 5 only

## RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
VT	0 of 1 (miss FG)	2 of 2 (FG, TD)
CSU	6 of 8 (lost fum, TD, TD, TD, TD, end of game)	0 of 2 (int, lost fum)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 of 9 (66.7%)</b>	<b>2 of 4 (50.0%)</b>
	6—TD	1—TD
	1—miss FG	1—FG
	1—lost fum	1—int
	1—end game	1—lost fum

## TOM MALONE PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
VT	5	2	1
CSU	4	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

## RYAN KILLEEN KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
VT	5	3(2)
CSU	8	6(2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9 (4)</b>

# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

SE –	82 8 31	<b>Chris McFoy (6-1, 195, So.)*</b> Dwayne Jarrett (6-5, 195, Fr.) William Buchanon (6-3, 190, Jr.)*
LT –	79 60	<b>Sam Baker (6-5, 290, Fr.)*</b> Drew Radovich (6-5, 290, Fr.)*
LG –	73 63	<b>John Drake (6-4, 350, Sr.)</b> Travis Watkins (6-3, 305, Sr.)*
C –	67 53	<b>Ryan Kalil (6-4, 270, So.)</b> Jeff Byers (6-3, 275, Fr.)
RG –	51 60 70	<b>Fred Matua (6-2, 305, So.)*</b> Drew Radovich (6-5, 290, Fr.)* Alatini Malu (6-4, 335, So.)
RT –	71 75	<b>Taitusi Lutui (6-6, 370, Jr.)</b> Kyle Williams (6-6, 290, So.)*
TE –	81 87 89 83 88	<b>Alex Holmes (6-3, 270, Sr.)*</b> Nick Vanderboom (6-4, 235, So.)* Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, Fr.) OR Fred Davis (6-4, 215, Fr.) OR Jimmy Miller (6-6, 250, Fr.)
QB –	11 4 17 10	<b>Matt Leinart (6-5, 225, Jr.)*</b> Brandon Hance (6-1, 195, Sr.)* OR John David Booty (6-3, 195, So.) Matt Cassel (6-5, 230, Sr.)*
FB –	35 37	<b>Lee Webb (6-0, 240, Sr.)*</b> David Kirtman (6-0, 225, Jr.)*
TB –	21 5 22	<b>LenDale White (6-2, 235, So.) OR</b> <b>Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, So.)</b> Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr.)*
FL –	2 19 15	<b>Steve Smith (6-1, 195, So.)</b> Greig Carlson (5-10, 195, Jr.)* Jason Mitchell (6-1, 200, Sr.)*

## SPECIALISTS

P –	14 16	<b>Tom Malone (6-0, 190, Jr.)</b> Ryan Killeen (5-11, 185, Sr.)
PK –	16 19	<b>Ryan Killeen (5-11, 185, Sr.)</b> Mario Danelo (5-10, 210, Fr.)*
SNP –	59 50	<b>Collin Ashton (6-1, 215, Jr.)*–P</b> <b>Will Collins (6-2, 220, Fr.)*–PAT, FG</b>
HLD –	14 10	<b>Tom Malone (6-0, 190, Jr.)</b> Matt Cassel (6-5, 230, Sr.)*

## DEFENSE

DE –	90 54 95	<b>Frostee Rucker (6-4, 255, Jr.)*</b> Jeff Schweiger (6-4, 250, Fr.) Travis Tofi (6-4, 255, So.)*
NT –	99 49	<b>Mike Patterson (6-0, 290, Sr.)</b> Sedrick Ellis (6-2, 275, Fr.)*
DT –	84 92	<b>Shaun Cody (6-4, 295, Sr.)</b> Manuel Wright (6-6, 290, So.)
DE –	96 84 52	<b>Lawrence Jackson (6-5, 250, Fr.)*</b> Shaun Cody (6-4, 295, Sr.) OR LaJuan Ramsey (6-3, 285, Jr.)
SLB –	42 41	<b>Dallas Sartz (6-5, 220, Jr.)</b> Thomas Williams (6-3, 225, Fr.)*
MLB –	58 45 59 56	<b>Lofa Tatupu (6-0, 225, Jr.)*</b> Oscar Lua (6-2, 240, So.)* OR Collin Ashton (6-1, 215, Jr.)* Ryan Powdrell (6-1, 250, Jr.)
WLB –	6 55 59	<b>Matt Grootegoed (5-11, 215, Sr.)*</b> Keith Rivers (6-3, 220, Fr.) Collin Ashton (6-1, 215, Jr.)*
CB –	24 30 28	<b>Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, Jr.)</b> Kevin Arbet (5-11, 190, Sr.)* Terrell Thomas (6-2, 195, Fr.)*
SS –	20 27 36	<b>Darnell Bing (6-2, 220, So.)</b> Jason Leach (5-11, 210, Sr.)* OR Josh Pinkard (6-1, 200, Fr.)
FS –	27 29	<b>Jason Leach (5-11, 210, Sr.)*</b> Scott Ware (6-3, 220, Jr.)
CB –	23 25	<b>Ronald Nunn (5-11, 180, Sr.)*</b> Eric Wright (5-11, 190, Fr.)*

## RETURNERS

KOR –	5 22 2	<b>Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, So.) AND</b> <b>Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr.)*</b> Steve Smith (6-1, 195, So.)
PR –	5 19	<b>Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, So.) OR</b> <b>Greig Carlson (5-10, 195, Jr.)*</b>

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**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>ALL GAMES.....</b>	<b>(2-0-0)</b>	<b>(1-0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0-0)</b>	<b>(1-0-0)</b>
<b>CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(0-0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0-0)</b>
<b>NON-CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(2-0-0)</b>	<b>(1-0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0-0)</b>	<b>(1-0-0)</b>

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP
Aug 28, 2004	vs Virginia Tech	W	24-13	91665	FIRST DOWNS.....	48	32
Sep 11, 2004	COLORADO STATE	W	49-0	85521	Rushing.....	24	10
* denotes conference game					Passing.....	21	18
					Penalty.....	3	4
					RUSHING YARDAGE.....	423	189
					Yards gained rushing...	469	280
					Yards lost rushing.....	46	91
					Rushing Attempts.....	74	61
					Average Per Rush.....	5.7	3.1
					Average Per Game.....	211.5	94.5
					TDs Rushing.....	4	0
					PASSING YARDAGE.....	503	386
					Att-Comp-Int.....	60-39-0	64-33-5
					Average Per Pass.....	8.4	6.0
					Average Per Catch.....	12.9	11.7
					Average Per Game.....	251.5	193.0
					TDs Passing.....	5	1
					TOTAL OFFENSE.....	926	575
					Total Plays.....	134	125
					Average Per Play.....	6.9	4.6
					Average Per Game.....	463.0	287.5
					KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	4-83	9-180
					PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	9-79	2-11
					INT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	5-97	0-0
					FUMBLES-LOST.....	6-2	4-3
					PENALTIES-YARDS.....	14-120	13-95
					PUNTS-AVG.....	9-43.0	12-44.2
					TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	30:51	29:09
					3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	13/27	8/27
					4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	2/3	1/1
					INTERCEPTIONS	No. Yds Avg TD Long	
					Grootegoed, M	2 57 28.5 0 57	
					Wright, Eric	1 0 0.0 0 0	
					Sartz, Dallas	1 8 8.0 0 8	
					Tatupu, Lofa	1 32 32.0 0 32	
					Total.....	5 97 19.4 0 57	
					Opponents.....	0 0 0.0 0 0	
					PUNTING	No. Yds Avg Long TB FC I20 Blkd	
					Malone, Tom	9 387 43.0 53 2 2 2 0	
					Total.....	9 387 43.0 53 2 2 2 0	
					Opponents.....	12 531 44.2 58 0 1 2 0	
					PUNT RETURNS	No. Yds Avg TD Long	
					Bush, Reggie	7 77 11.0 0 27	
					Carlson, Greig	2 2 1.0 0 2	
					Total.....	9 79 8.8 0 27	
					Opponents.....	2 11 5.5 0 10	
					KICK RETURNS	No. Yds Avg TD Long	
					Bush, Reggie	4 83 20.8 0 39	
					Total.....	4 83 20.8 0 39	
					Opponents.....	9 180 20.0 0 30	
					ALL PURPOSE	G Rush Rec PR KOR IR Tot Avg/G	
					Bush, Reggie	2 111 129 77 83 0 400 200.0	
					White, LenDale	2 201 22 0 0 0 223 111.5	
					Smith, Steve	2 -1 147 0 0 0 146 73.0	
					Kirtman, David	2 17 62 0 0 0 79 39.5	
					McFoy, Chris	2 0 70 0 0 0 70 35.0	
					Grootegoed, M	2 0 0 0 0 57 57 28.5	
					Reed, Desmond	2 56 0 0 0 0 56 28.0	
					Leinart, Matt	2 43 0 0 0 0 43 21.5	
					Jarrett, Dwayne	2 0 40 0 0 0 40 20.0	
					Tatupu, Lofa	2 0 0 0 0 32 32 16.0	
					Holmes, Alex	2 0 19 0 0 0 19 9.5	
					Webb, Lee	2 0 14 0 0 0 14 7.0	
					Sartz, Dallas	2 0 0 0 0 8 8 4.0	
					Carlson, Greig	2 0 0 2 0 0 2 1.0	
					Total.....	2 423 503 79 83 97 1185 592.5	
					Opponents.....	2 189 386 11 180 0 766 383.0	

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
White, LenDale	2	29	202	1	201	6.9	3	42	100.5
Bush, Reggie	2	21	122	11	111	5.3	1	15	55.5
Reed, Desmond	2	8	58	2	56	7.0	0	24	28.0
Leinart, Matt	2	11	70	27	43	3.9	0	23	21.5
Kirtman, David	2	3	17	0	17	5.7	0	12	8.5
Smith, Steve	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
Hance, Brandon	1	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-4.0
Total.....	2	74	469	46	423	5.7	4	42	211.5
Opponents.....	2	61	280	91	189	3.1	0	38	94.5

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Leinart, Matt	2	162.92	60-39-0	65.0	503	5	53	251.5
Total.....	2	162.92	60-39-0	65.0	503	5	53	251.5
Opponents.....	2	91.76	64-33-5	51.6	386	1	31	193.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Smith, Steve	2	12	147	12.2	1	46	73.5
Bush, Reggie	2	6	129	21.5	3	53	64.5
McFoy, Chris	2	6	70	11.7	0	31	35.0
Kirtman, David	2	5	62	12.4	0	26	31.0
Jarrett, Dwayne	2	5	40	8.0	1	21	20.0
Holmes, Alex	2	3	19	6.3	0	8	9.5
White, LenDale	2	1	22	22.0	0	22	11.0
Webb, Lee	2	1	14	14.0	0	14	7.0
Total.....	2	39	503	12.9	5	53	251.5
Opponents.....	2	33	386	11.7	1	31	193.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Killeen, Ryan	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	41	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Bush, Reggie	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
White, LenDale	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Killeen, Ryan	0	1-2	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	13
Smith, Steve	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jarrett, Dwayne	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Wright, Manuel	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	10	1-2	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	73
Opponents.....	1	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	13

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
USC Trojans.....	14	21	21	17	73
Opponents.....	3	7	0	3	13

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Leinart, Matt	2	71	43	503	546	273.0
White, LenDale	2	29	201	0	201	100.5
Bush, Reggie	2	21	111	0	111	55.5
Reed, Desmond	2	8	56	0	56	28.0
Kirtman, David	2	3	17	0	17	8.5
Total.....	2	134	423	503	926	463.0
Opponents.....	2	125	189	386	575	287.5

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**All games**

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
58 Tatupu, Lofa	2	8	6	14	3.5-5	1.0-1	1-32	1	.	.	1	.	.
27 Leach, Jason	2	8	2	10	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
20 Bing, Darnell	2	8	1	9	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Cody, Shaun	2	3	4	7	2.0-16	1.0-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Grootegoed, M	2	4	3	7	.	.	2-57	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 Nunn, Ronald	2	2	5	7	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
54 Schweiger, Jeff	2	3	4	7	3.5-32	2.0-27	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
99 Patterson, Mike	2	4	3	7	5.0-25	3.5-23	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
92 Wright, Manuel	2	3	3	6	2.0-7	1.0-5	.	.	.	1-20	.	.	.
24 Wyatt, Justin	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
96 Jackson, L.	2	1	4	5	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 Ashton, Collin	2	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Rivers, Keith	2	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 Sartz, Dallas	2	1	4	5	.	.	1-8	1	.	.	.	.	.
30 Arbet, Kevin	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Wright, Eric	2	4	.	4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Ware, Scott	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Rucker, Frostee	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Lua, Oscar	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Walker, John	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Killeen, Ryan	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Tofi, Thomas	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 Pinkard, Josh	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Williams, T.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Thomas, Terrell	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	2	65	58	123	19-92	9-72	5-97	7	.	4-20	4	.	.
Opponents.....	2	83	66	149	11-32	2-12	.	5	1	3-0	1	.	.





