



2004 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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2004 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (4-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 28	vs. Virginia Tech	W 24-13
Sept. 11	Colorado State	W 49-0
Sept. 18	at BYU	W 42-10
Sept. 25	at Stanford	W 31-28
Oct. 9	California	12:30 p.m. (ABC)
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	2	0	5	0
USC	1	0	4	0
CAL	1	0	3	0
UCLA	1	0	3	1
WSU	1	0	3	1
STAN	1	1	3	1
ARIZ	0	1	1	3
ORE	0	1	1	3
OSU	0	2	1	4
WASH	0	2	0	4

AP POLL

1. **USC**
2. Oklahoma
3. Georgia
4. Miami (Fla.)
5. Texas
6. Auburn
7. California
8. Florida State
9. Purdue
10. Virginia
11. Utah
12. Florida
13. Minnesota
14. Michigan
15. Wisconsin
16. West Virginia
17. Tennessee
18. Ohio State
19. Arizona State
20. Louisville
21. Boise State
22. Oklahoma State
23. Maryland
24. LSU
25. South Carolina

USA TODAY/ESPN POLL

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22. Arizona State
23. Maryland
24. LSU
25. North Carolina State

USC FOOTBALL

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

NO. 1-RANKED USC FOOTBALL HOSTS NO. 7 CALIFORNIA IN KEY PAC-10 BATTLE

FACTS

USC (4-0 overall, 1-0 Pac-10) vs. California (3-0, 1-0), Saturday, Oct. 9, 12:30 p.m. PDT, Los Angeles Coliseum.

THEMES

Two of the nation's top teams meet in this early-season Pac-10 showdown as No. 1-ranked and defending national champion USC hosts No. 7 California...and it's a big deal in a lot of ways. The game, to be shown live regionally on ABC-TV, is sold out in the 92,000-seat Coliseum (the first Coliseum sellout in the series since 1930 and the largest non-UCLA/non-Notre Dame home crowd since the 1952 Cal game). Even ESPN's Game Day pre-game show will be there! California was the last team to beat the Trojans. Since that triple overtime loss in Berkeley last year (which snapped Troy's 11-game winning streak), USC has won 13 consecutive games and 8 straight Pac-10 games. Troy also is putting a 16-game Coliseum winning streak on the line. USC, which is starting a 3-game homestand, is coming off its second bye of 2004 after averting an upset two weeks ago at Stanford. This is USC's 92nd meeting with California, the team Troy has played more than any opponent. This is the highest-ranked Cal team USC has faced since 1952. Cal has been a thorn to the Trojans in the past decade. The Golden Bears, who hammered Oregon State on the road last Saturday, feature coach **Jeff Tedford's** always-dangerous offense. Cal is ranked high in every national offensive statistical category—behind the likes of QB **Aaron Rodgers**, TB **J.J. Arrington** and WR **Chase Lyman**—and the Golden Bear defense is nearly as impressive. The Trojans continue to rank in the nation's Top 25 in every offensive and defensive statistical category. The USC offense features Heisman Trophy candidate QB **Matt Leinart** and the dangerous duo of TBs **Reggie Bush** and **LenDale White**. And the Trojan defense—which already has 13 takeaways—has such All-American candidates as LB **Matt Grootegeod** and DLs **Shaun Cody** and **Mike Patterson**. Football isn't the only sport where highly-ranked Trojan and Bear teams will battle on Saturday, as the teams also meet in men's water polo and women's volleyball at USC.

RADIO-TV—Live regional TV: 12:30 p.m. (PDT), ABC-TV, Keith Jackson, Dan Fouts, Todd Harris.

Live local radio: 9 a.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, on SIRIUS satellite radio or by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

Live local Spanish-language radio: 12:30 p.m. (PDT), KMXE-AM (830), John Laguna, Pepe Mantilla.
USC Sports Magazine Show: 11 p.m. (PDT), Thursdays, FSN West 2, Lindsay Soto.

Pete Carroll Weekly Tuesday Press Conference: 10:30 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays, Fox College Sports Pacific.

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

USC Trojan Talk: 7 p.m. (PDT), Sundays, KDWN-AM (720), Harvey Hyde, Chuck Hayes. Fans also can hear the live KDWN broadcast on 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.

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.

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 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. The sessions also will be aired on a delayed basis each Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. (PDT) on Fox College Sports Pacific.

USC VS. CALIFORNIA (56-30-5)

1915	W	28-10	A	1959	W	14-7	A
1915	L	21-23	N1	1960	W	27-10	H
1916	L	0-27	H	1961	W	28-14	A
1917	T	0-0	H	1962	W	32-6	H
1918	L	7-33	H	1963	W	36-6	A
1919	L	13-14	H	1964	W	26-21	H
1921	L	7-38	A	1965	W	35-0	A
1922	L	0-12	N2	1966	W	35-9	H
1923	L	7-13	H	1967	W	31-12	A
1924	L	0-7	A	1968	W	35-17	H
1926	W	27-0	A	1969	W	14-9	A
1927	W	13-0	H	1970	L	10-13	H
1928	T	0-0	A	1971	W	28-0	A
1929	L	7-15	H	1972	W	42-14	H
1930	W	74-0	H	1973	W	50-14	A
1931	W	6-0	A	1974	T	15-15	H
1932	W	27-7	H	1975	L	14-28	A
1933	W	6-3	A	1976	W	20-6	H
1934	L	2-7	H	1977	L	14-17	A
1935	L	7-21	A	1978	W	42-17	H
1936	L	7-13	H	1979	W	24-14	A
1937	L	6-20	A	1980	W	60-7	H
1938	W	13-7	H	1981	W	21-3	A
1939	W	26-0	A	1982	W	42-0	H
1940	L	7-20	H	1983	W	19-9	A
1941	L	0-14	A	1984	W	31-7	H
1942	W	21-7	H	1985	L	6-14	A
1943	W	7-0	A	1986	W	28-3	H
1943	W	13-0	H	1987	W	31-14	A
1944	T	6-6	H	1988	W	35-3	H
1944	W	32-0	A	1989	W	31-15	A
1945	W	13-2	A	1990	T	31-31	H
1945	W	14-0	H	1991	L	30-52	A
1946	W	14-0	H	1992	W	27-24	H
1947	W	39-14	A	1993	W	42-14	A
1948	L	7-13	H	1994	W	61-0	H
1949	L	10-16	A	1995	W	26-16	A
1950	L	7-13	H	1996	L	15-22	H
1951	W	21-14	A	1997	W	27-17	A
1952	W	10-0	H	1998	L	31-32	H
1953	W	32-20	A	1999	L	7-17	A
1954	W	29-27	H	2000	L	16-28	H
1955	W	33-6	A	2001	W	55-14	A
1956	W	20-7	H	2002	W	30-28	H
1957	L	0-12	A	2003	L	31-34 (3OT)	A
1958	L	12-14	H				

N1-Washington Park, Los Angeles, California

N2-Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

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 season touchdown pass record the previous year, 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).

RANKINGS

USC is ranked first by AP and USA Today/ESPN. California is ranked seventh by AP and USA Today.

SERIES

USC leads the series, which dates back to 1915 (and is uninterrupted since 1926), 56-30-5. Although Cal has won 5 of the last 7 games, the Trojans have won 19 of the last 26 meetings, 34 of the last 45 and 40 of the past 53. In Los Angeles-area games, USC holds a 27-18-4 edge, but Cal has won 3 of the last 4 in the Coliseum.

Last year at Berkeley, it took 3 overtimes to end No. 3 USC's 11-game winning streak, as California PK Tyler Fredrickson's 38-yard field goal won it for the upset-minded Golden Bears, 34-31, in the Pac-10 opener for both teams. It was Cal's first win over a Top 5 team since doing so against USC in 1975. Fredrickson, who had his 2 previous field goal attempts blocked by the Trojans, hit his game-winner after PK **Ryan Killeen**—whose 33-yarder with 16 seconds left in regulation sent the game into overtime—missed a 39-yarder on USC's third overtime possession. Both teams failed to score in the first overtime, with USC losing a fumble at the 1-yard line and then TE Gregg Guenther (Troy's tallest player at 6-8) blocking Fredrickson's 29-yard field goal try. In the second overtime, the teams traded touchdowns as WR Jonathan Makonnen caught a 20-yard pass from backup QB Reggie Robertson and then USC WR Keary Colbert grabbed a 10-yard pass from QB **Matt Leinart**. USC—which was coming off a bye—fought back from a 21-7 half-time deficit. Cal scored on its opening possession as starting QB Aaron Rodgers ran in from 3 yards (the first rushing TD surrendered by USC in 23 quarters). The Trojans got on the board late in the first quarter on Leinart's 27-yard pass to TE **Dominique Byrd**. But Rodgers then threw a pair of TD passes in the second quarter: a 2-yarder to TE Garrett Cross and a 27-yarder to WR Burl Toler. In the middle of the third quarter, USC scored twice in 10 seconds, first on a 6-yard run by TB **LenDale White** and then LB **Lofa Tatupu** intercepted Rodgers on Cal's next play and ran it in from 26 yards. Fredrickson put the Bears back up with a 51-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter before Killeen's late kick extended the game. Cal dominated the statistics, getting more first downs (24-18), total yards (469-376), plays (85-63) and, most significantly, possession time (38:26-21:34). The Bears also converted 11-of-18 third downs to USC's 3-of-12. In the first half, USC had only 7 first downs and held the ball just 8:01. Leinart completed 21-of-39 passes for 277 yards and the 2 TDs, but had 3 interceptions. Colbert had a game-best 8 catches for 81 yards, while WR Mike Williams added 6 receptions for 96 yards. Dennis ran for 53 yards on 14 attempts. For Cal, TB Adimchinobe Echemandu rushed for a game-high 147 yards on 34 carries (the first time an individual ran for 100 yards against USC in 17 games). Rodgers was 18-of-25 for 217 yards with 2 picks and Robertson was 9-of-12 for 109 yards. Makonnen (104 yards) and Cross (41 yards) each had 7 catches. USC S **Jason Leach** had a game-leading 11 tackles, while LB Melvin Simmons and S **Darnell Bing** each added 9 stops.

In 2002 in the last meeting in the Coliseum, No. 20 USC—behind a powerful running performance by TB Sultan McCullough—scored 27 unanswered points to overcome a 21-3 deficit and then held on for a 30-28 win over California. It snapped a 3-game Coli-

seum winning streak by the Golden Bears. McCullough equaled a career-high with 176 rushing yards and had a touchdown on a career-best 39 carries (the most by a Trojan since Steven Webster had 40 against Washington in 1987). It was all Cal for most of the first half, as the Bears opened up that 21-3 lead by scoring on their first 2 possessions (runs of 3 yards by TB Joe Igber and 1 yard by TB Terrell Williams that sandwiched USC's 34-yard field goal by PK **Ryan Killeen**) and then adding a TD early in the second quarter on a 15-yard pass from QB Kyle Boller to WR Jonathan Makonnen. But USC came alive late in the half when, after LB **Matt Grootegoed** forced and recovered a Boller fumble, QB Carson Palmer hit WR Kareem Kelly for a 6-yard TD and then, on Troy's next possession, WR Mike Williams took a Palmer pass 21 yards for a score with 1:06 left to bring USC within 21-17 at intermission. The Trojans took the lead for good on the opening drive of the second half on McCullough's 2-yard TD run. A pair of fourth quarter Killeen field goals (32 and 18 yards, the final one coming with 1:41 to play) ended USC's scoring, but Cal responded with a 5-yard Boller scoring toss to TE Tom Swoboda with 35 seconds to go to tighten it up and force USC to recover an onside kick to seal the win. The Trojans dominated the stats, getting more total yards (464-311), plays (90-55), first downs (28-17) and possession time (38:32-21:28). It was the longest USC held the ball since 1995 (38:34 vs. Cal). Cal converted just 3-of-10 third downs. Palmer completed 25-of-39 passes for 289 yards with the 2 TDs (but threw 2 picks), Williams (103 yards) and WR Keary Colbert (75 yards) each had 6 catches and TE **Alex Holmes** caught a then-career-high 5 passes for 65 yards. For Cal, Boller was 20-of-30 for 221 yards (he also threw an interception), WR Lashaun Ward had 7 grabs for 96 yards and Swoboda had 6 for 53 yards, and Igber ran 14 times for 45 yards. Grootegoed had a team-high 11 tackles (2 were sacks) with the forced and recovered fumble, while S **Jason Leach** (filling in for injured S Troy Polamalu) had an interception.

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 (13), Pac-10 games (8) and road games (8). Troy's 13-game winning streak is the second longest in the nation (behind Boise State's 16) and is USC's longest since also capturing 13 in a row over the 1978 and 1979 seasons (USC's next longest is 15 in a row in 1976 and 1977). The 8-game Pac-10 win streak is USC's longest since 19 consecutive in 1987-89. The 8-game road winning streak is the Trojans' longest since 14 in a row in 1978-80.

HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 10 for its past 23 games, its longest string since 34 in a row in 1978-80. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 19 of the last 23 polls. USC has been AP's No. 1 team in the last 8 polls.

QUOTABLE

OG **John Drake**, on his outlook: "As long as you're laughing, it means something good is happening. I smile as much as possible. How bad can things be for me? I'm at USC and I'm starting. Life isn't that bad."

RECORD WHEN NO. 1

USC has a 40-4-2 (.891) record in games when it is ranked No. 1 by AP. When a No. 1-ranked Trojan team faced a ranked opponent, it has gone 14-2-1 (.853), with the losses versus Oklahoma in 1963 and Alabama in 1977 and the tie with Oklahoma in 1973. When a No. 1 USC squad played an unranked opponent, it went 26-2-1 (.914), with the losses at Oregon State in 1967 and versus Arizona in 1981 and the tie with Stanford in 1979.

IN OCTOBER

USC has a 272-104-19 (.713) all-time record while playing in the month of October.

IN THE COLISEUM

USC has a 375-122-27 (.741) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923.

AFTER BYES

USC is 81-42-4 in all regular season games it has played following byes. This is the third season in the last decade that the Trojans have 3 regular-season byes (also in 1996 and 2003); before that, it hadn't happened since 1935.

SELLOUT

This is the first Coliseum sellout in the Trojans-Golden Bears series since 1930. It will be Troy's largest crowd to see a non-UCLA/non-Notre Dame home game since 1952, when 94,677 fans attended the USC-California game when the Coliseum's capacity was greater than present.

CONNECTIONS

USC has 8 players who previously attended a Bay Area school: C **Ross Burruel** (Castro Valley HS and Chabot JC), CB **Ronald Nunn** (St. Francis HS and San Francisco CC), DE **Alex Morrow** (Rancho Cotate HS), DE **Jeff Schweiger** (Valley Christian HS), twin DBs **Brandon and Ryan Ting** (James Logan HS), S **Scott Ware** (Montgomery HS and Santa Rosa JC) and CB **Eric Wright** (Riordan HS)...USC head coach **Pete Carroll** has Bay Area roots: he was born in San Francisco, played football at Redwood High in Larkspur, Marin Junior College and Pacific, then was an assistant coach at Pacific (1974-76, 1983) and with the San Francisco 49ers (1995-96)...USC offensive line coach **Tim Davis** played at Castro Valley High and Chabot Junior College...USC tight ends coach **Brennan Carroll** attended Saratoga High...USC secondary coach **Greg Burns'** brother, Dexter, was a defensive back at San Jose State in the mid-1990s...USC defensive assistant coach **Ken Norton Jr.** played 7 years (1994-2000) with the San Francisco 49ers...USC FB **David Kirtman's** father, Louis, ran track at Cal and his uncle, Louis, played football at Stanford in 1967...USC LB-FB **Mike Brittingham's** cousins Jack and Robert Brittingham were 3-year (1933-35) football lettermen at California and his great uncle Richard Munroe lettered in football at both Stanford (1942) and California (1943)...The Golden Bear women's swim team is coached by **Teri McKeever**, who was an All-American swimmer at USC in 1980-81 and later an of Troy (her late father, Mike, was an All-American guard for the 1959 USC football team assistant coach with the Women, while her uncle, Marlin, was a Trojan All-American end in 1959 and 1960)...Cal men's swimming co-head coach **Mike Bottom** was an All-American swimmer at USC (1975-77)...USC pitching coach **Dave Lawn** was an assistant with Cal's baseball team from 1991 to 2000...**Dino Dennis**, USC's equipment manager, was an assistant at California from 1975 to 1978...Law professor **Noel**

Ragsdale, USC's faculty athletic representative, received her law degree from California in 1976...Cal athletic travel coordinator **Angie Abbatecola** formerly worked in the USC athletic marketing department.

STAT COMPARISON

Both USC and California are ranked in the nation's Top 25 in just about every key offensive and defensive statistical category.

USC	CATEGORY	CAL
24 (200.0)	Rushing Offense	6 (278.0)
24 (261.8)	Passing Offense	25 (261.0)
13 (461.8)	Total Offense	2 (539.0)
15 (36.5)	Scoring Offense	1 (48.7)
12 (86.5)	Rushing Defense	27 (103.3)
17 (101.0)	Pass Efficiency Defense	10 (93.9)
20 (277.3)	Total Defense	11 (261.7)
10 (12.8)	Scoring Defense	7 (11.7)

LAST GAME

No. 1 USC averted a major upset in its Pac-10 opener by overcoming an 11-point third quarter deficit to post a 31-28 victory at Stanford in front of 55,750 fans and a national TBS cable audience. It was USC's 13th consecutive victory, as well as its eighth straight win on the road and in Pac-10 play. It was a game of 2 halves. After surrendering 291 total yards in the first half to Stanford, USC shut out the Cardinal in the second half by allowing only 36 total yards and 2 first downs (Stanford penetrated midfield on only 1 drive that half). And the Trojans got 224 of their 383 total yards after halftime (along with 14 of their 23 first downs) while controlling the ball for 17:23. USC jumped out to a 10-0 first quarter lead on a 23-yard field goal by PK **Ryan Killeen** on its opening possession and then a 2-yard TD pass from QB **Matt Leinart** to WR **Steve Smith**, 1 play after CB **Kevin Arbet's** 66-yard interception return. But the Cardinal then scored on its next 4 possessions. First, QB Trent Edwards threw a pair of short TD passes to FL Evan Moore (3 yards) and TE Patrick Danahy (2 yards). Then, QB Kyle Matter ran 11 yards on a fake field goal late in the half after USC lost a fumble. Troy quickly pulled within 21-17 on a 17-yard tackle-breaking TD run by TB **Reggie Bush** with 52 second left in the half, but Stanford stunned the Trojans as TB J.R. Lemon—while trying to run out the clock—burst out of the pile and raced 82 yards for a TD on the half's final play. But USC came out energized in the second half and got a pair of short TDs runs, first by Leinart (1 yard) late in the third quarter and then—aided by Bush's zig-zagging 33-yard punt return—by TB **LenDale White** (2 yards) with 6:15 to play. Leinart hit a career-best 76.7% of his passes (23-of-30) for 284 yards, Bush had 240 all-purpose yards (95 on 16 rushes, 25 on 4 receptions, 85 on 4 kickoff returns and 35 on 2 punt returns) and Smith had 7 catches for 129 yards. LB **Lofa Tatupu** posted a game-high 10 tackles, LB **Matt Grootegoed** added 7 stops and LB **Keith Rivers** had 2 sacks. For Stanford, Edwards was 23-of-35 for 183 yards (but just 3-of-9 for 19 yards in the second half) and Lemon ran 96 yards on 10 carries.

FUN FACT I

This is USC's first 4-0 start since 1995. The last time USC went 4-0 after playing 3 of its first 4 games on the road was 1988.

FUN FACT II

This is the highest-ranked California team that USC has faced since 1952, when the Golden Bears were No. 4 (the No. 7 Trojans won, 10-0, at home).

SCHEDULE

USC is defending its national championship against a schedule that features 6 opponents who played in bowls last season. Troy's 2004 slate is currently ranked the nation's eighth most difficult, according to the USA Today/Sagarin ratings. 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 traveled to BYU and Stanford before having a trio of home games (California, Arizona State 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."

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)

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 33-9 (78.6%) 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 31-4 (88.6%). 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 blow-outs 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 53-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), 13th in passing offense (291.6, second in Pac-10) and 14th 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 30 games (a school record), including a stretch of 11 consecutive 30-point 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** (84-of-124, 67.7%, 1023 yds, 8 TD, 2 int 2004, plus 23 tcb, 24 yds, 1.0 avg, 2 TD), a leading Heisman Trophy candidate. He currently is 10th nationally in passing efficiency (159.2, second in Pac-10) and 21st in total offense (267.8, second in Pac-10). He is seventh on USC's career passing list, with 339 completions. He already has thrown 46 touchdowns in just 17 career starts, with at least 1 TD in every game he has started (he had a string of at least 2 TDs in 15 consecutive games). He is averaging a TD pass every 11.5 career attempts. During USC's current 13-game winning streak, he has thrown 38 TDs and just 5 interceptions (his career TD/interception ratio is 46/11). 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).

—At BYU, he hit 22-of-34 passes for 236 yards and 2 TDs with an interception (breaking a streak of 102 pass attempts without a pick) and he also ran for a 1-yard TD (his first career score).

—He hit a career-best 76.7% of his passes (23-of-30) for 284 yards with a TD at Stanford and he also scored on a 1-yard sneak.

USC CAREER PASSING LEADERS

(Based of Number of Completions — Includes bowl games)

	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. Matt Leinart	526	339	11	4579	.644	46

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MATT LEINART

2004

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Virginia Tech*	29	19	0	.655	272	3	53
Colorado St.*	31	20	0	.645	231	2	31
BYU*	34	22	1	.647	236	2	24
Stanford*	30	23	1	.767	284	1	51
2004 (Jr.)...	124	84	2	.677	1023	8	53

2003

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
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
2003 (So.)...	402	255	9	.634	3556	38	73

*Starter

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT MATT LEINART

Kelly Whiteside, USA Today: "In the celebrity-driven culture of Los Angeles, it's been suggested that Matt Leinart just might be L.A.'s new leading man. Though as unassuming as a movie-set backdrop, Leinart has Central Casting qualities. A Heisman Trophy candidate, quarterback for the defending national co-champion and pre-season No. 1 Trojans, with boyish good looks and big-lug charm, Leinart's got everything going for him."

Matt Hayes, The Sporting News: "Go ahead, pick a fantasy. Dream it up. You know what? Matt Leinart has got you beat. And the ride is just beginning. Come on, who among us wouldn't love to switch places with this guy? A hip quarterback at a private Los Angeles university with a stars-aligned, bathe-in-the-glory-of-it-all lifestyle. He looks like a Ken doll, a 6-5 statue glowing amid one of the most storied programs in the history of college football...Leinart could be the biggest college football star in decades. He already is the king of the city that's fashionably late...But he isn't who you think he is. It's touchdowns and titles and tinseltown on the surface. It's just plain Matty inside."

Todd Harmonson, Orange County Register: "College football's flavor of the season arrived this summer with his SoCal, so-chiseled mug on the cover of at least 10 national publications. He is portrayed as the practitioner of poise, the commissioner of cool and the quarterback on a quest for another championship...Another huge season for Leinart likely would make him a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, and doing it without Mike Williams and Keary Colbert could earn him the prize."

Ivan Maisel, ESPN.com: "Matt Leinart went from unknown to unstoppable in the course of one season. He owns a national championship ring. He owns a post position in the 2004 Heisman Derby. And if he were any calmer, he would be asleep."

USC tailback Reggie Bush: "Matt's got the world in his hands."

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 (an elbow injury has sidelined him so far in 2004). Then there's senior **Matt Cassel**, who also has spent time in his career at tight end and is a pitcher on the Trojan baseball team, as well as senior **Brandon Hance**, who started 9 games at Purdue in 2001 and was No. 2 at USC after Booty got hurt last year, 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.

—Cassel saw brief action at BYU, but did not throw a pass.

"THUNDER AND LIGHTNING" TAILBACKS

USC features a "Thunder and Lightning" duo splitting time at tailback: sophomores **LenDale White** (57 tcb, 335 yds, 5.9 avg, 5 TD in 2004, plus 2 rec, 29 yds, 14.5 avg) and **Reggie Bush** (51 tcb, 330 yds, 6.5 avg, 3 TD in 2004, plus 14 rec, 196 yds, 14.0 avg, 4 TD and 11 PR, 119 yds, 10.8 avg and 9 KOR, 206 yds, 22.9 avg). At times, they are on the field at the same time in USC's "Pony" package. The bull-like White has 18 rushing TDs in 17 career games (he has 19 TDs overall), along with 5 games with 100 rushing yards (twice in 2004). Some 238 of his rushing yards in 2004 have come after contact. 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, multi-purpose Bush currently is third nationally in all-purpose running (212.8, second in Pac-10) and tied for 13th in scoring (10.5, tied for second in Pac-10). He has 851 all-purpose yards in 2004 and is averaging 10.0 yards every time he touches the ball (85 touches). He already has 13 plays of 20-plus yards in 2004. 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 10th 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 10th 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).

—At BYU, Bush and White became the first Trojan duo to each break the 100-yard rushing barrier since Chad Morton and LaVale Woods did so against Oregon State in 1996, as Bush had 124 yards (the first 100-yard outing of his career) with a career-long 66-yard TD run on 14 carries (he had 211 all-purpose yards as he also caught 4 passes for 42 yards, including a 21-yard TD, returned a kickoff 38 yards and had 7 yards on a pair of punt returns) and White had 110 yards (with a 43-yard TD) on 17 carries (it was his second consecutive 100-yard game) and a 7-yard reception.

—Bush had 240 all-purpose yards (95 on 16 rushes, 25 on 4 receptions, 85 on 4 kickoff returns and 35 on 2 punt returns) at Stanford, with a 17-yard tackle-breaking TD run and a 33-yard zig-zagging punt return to set up USC's winning score, while White added 24 yards on 11 carries, including the game-winning 2-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter.

	WHITE'S YAC*	BUSH'S 20+*
VT	47	4 (35 TD, 27, 53 TD, 29 TD)
CSU	109	1 (39)
BYU	68	4 (21 TD, 66 TD, 38, 20)
STAN	14	4 (26, 21, 29, 33)
2004 238		13

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

GAME-BY-GAME WITH LENDALE WHITE IN 2004

	TCB	YDS	TD
VT	15	78	0
CSU	14	123	3
BYU	17	110	1
STAN	11	24	1
TOTAL	57	335	5

GAME-BY-GAME WITH REGGIE BUSH IN 2004 (ATT/YDS/TD)

	RUSH	REC	KOR	PR
VT	9/27/0	5/127/3	3/44/0	4/60/0
CSU	12/84/1	1/2/0	1/39/0	3/17/0
BYU	14/124/1	4/42/1	1/38/0	2/7/0
STAN	16/95/1	4/25/0	4/85/0	2/35/0
TOTAL	51/330/3	14/196/4	9/206/0	11/119/0

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT LENDALE WHITE

Ted Miller, ESPN.com: "White is Hemingway. He is 6-foot-2, 235 pounds of power and streamlined footwork; he cuts and goes without a lot of decorative maneuvers. He is good...White has been compared to former Trojan great Ricky Bell or Eddie George."

Todd Harmonson, Orange County Register: "White is the thunder and has drawn comparisons to bruising backs ranging from Jamal Lewis to former USC great Ricky Bell...He is a tackle-breaking bulldozer who delivers punishment with a try-to-stop-me grin...Off the field, White is the fun-lover who raves about seeing Beyonce at the BET Awards, adds tattoos the way he does yards and always seems to be laughing."

USC tailback Reggie Bush: "He's very physical. He softens them up and I run by them."

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT REGGIE BUSH

Stanford head coach Buddy Teevens: "You can't really stop Bush, to be perfectly honest. He's in a class by himself."

Stanford assistant coach Tom Williams: "He is the most versatile player in the country and, in my opinion, he's the best player in the country."

BYU head coach Gary Crowton: "He's as good as any receiver on their team, and the next moment, he's running with power, makes one guy miss and he's so fast he can go the distance. He just has the ability to create lots of matchup problems without them changing personnel groups. That's a real luxury they have. It kind of reminds me of Marshall Faulk."

Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN: "I've decided how I am going to vote already this year. I'm going to give the legs of the Heisman pick to Reggie Bush and the upper body of the trophy to Matt Leinart. While I weekly have more and more admiration for Leinart and his decision making and poise, I said it last year and I'll say it again this year. The most explosive player in college football is Reggie Bush. The best player in the country wears No. 5 for USC. If you get a chance, check him out. Reggie Bush."

Ted Miller, ESPN.com: "Bush is Shakespeare. He's gifted with speedy brilliance and flourish. Bush is 200 pounds of sound and fury signifying touchdown. He doth rise from the ground like feathered Mercury striding the heavens...He resembles the elusive Gale Sayers or the versatile Marshall Faulk."

USC quarterback Matt Leinart: "Every time Reggie touches the ball, anything can happen...He's an awesome weapon."

USC tailback LenDale White: "He's smooth. He's got mad, crazy speed...If Reggie's not the best there is, he's one of the best. He opens this offense up so much just by being there."

Former USC All-American wide receiver Mike Williams: "Reggie's the ultimate weapon."

Patrick Kinmartin, Daily Trojan: "His combination of track-sprinter speed and music-video shiftiness makes him a one-man show."

Dan Weber, Riverside Press-Telegram: "Bush awes his teammates daily with his ability to get to full speed on his second step."

Todd Harmonson, Orange County Register: "Bush is a highlight-show fixture with physiology-defying, did-he-do-that moves. The easy comparison is to Marshall Faulk because of the similarity in all-around games, but those who saw Gale Sayers recognize the speed, spins and spellbinding cuts...He is a speed demon who sees Christmas morning when a linebacker tries to defend him and a winnable challenge when a quick corner draws the assignment...Off the field, Bush is a quiet leader who is on track to graduate in 3 1/2 years."

Phil Collin, South Bay Daily Breeze: "Around USC now, they're simply wondering what Reggie will come up with next. The thing is, they know it's coming. Opponents do too...As brilliant as he can be on the football field, Bush is simply that humble off of it. He smiles sheepishly at the mention of his nickname, 'The President.'"

OTHER TAILBACKS

Besides LenDale White and Reggie Bush, USC has some other talented tailbacks. Junior **Hershel Dennis** (4 tcb, 19 yds, 4.8 avg in 2004), 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 threesome 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** (15 tcb, 77 yds, 5.1 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

—At BYU, Reed had 21 yards on 7 carries, while Dennis saw his first action of 2004 while getting 18 yards on 3 tries.

—Dennis had a 1-yard carry at Stanford.

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 tcb, 9 yds, 9.0 avg, 1 TD in 2004, plus 1 rec, 14 yds, 14.0 avg)—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 9 rec, 85 yds, 9.4 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

—At BYU, Webb scored his first career TD on his only carry of the game (a 9-yarder), while Kirtman caught 2 passes for 19 yards.

—Kirtman had 2 catches for 4 yards at Stanford.

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** (25 rec, 338 yds, 13.5 avg, 2 TD in 2004, plus 1 tcb, -1 yd, -1.0 avg rushing), who was USC's No. 3 wideout last fall, and **Chris McFoy** (12 rec, 135 yds, 10.7 avg in 2004), senior **Jason Mitchell**, and juniors **Greig Carlson** (3 PR, 7 yds, 2.3 avg in 2004), who was USC's top punt returner last season, and one-time cornerbacks **William Buchanon** and **John Walker** (1 tac in 2004). Smith currently is 15th nationally in receptions (6.5, third in Pac-10) and 18th in receiving yards (90.5, fifth in Pac-10). Then there's freshman **Dwayne Jarrett** (13 rec, 152 yds, 11.7 avg, 2 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).

—At BYU, Steve Smith had a team-high 6 catches for 62 yards, McFoy added 4 for 37 yards and Jarrett had 3 for 58 yards (including a 15-yard TD).

—Steve Smith had 7 catches for 153 yards (with a 2-yard TD) at Stanford, while Jarrett added 5 receptions for 54 yards and McFoy had 2 for 28 yards.

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 has missed USC's first 3 games). Senior **Alex Holmes** (7 rec, 59 yds, 8.4 avg in 2004), who has 65 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 Hanslar**, a one-time USC volleyballer. First-year freshman **Fred Davis** (1 rec, 15 yds, 15.0 avg in 2004) 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—**Jimmy Miller** and **Dale Thompson**—came aboard this fall as freshmen.

—Holmes had 2 catches for 12 yards against Virginia Tech

—Holmes had a 7-yard reception versus Colorado State

—Holmes had 2 catches for 11 yards at BYU

—Holmes had 2 catches for 29 yards at Stanford, while Davis grabbed a 15-yard pass for his first career reception.

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 Kalil** 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 Burrue**. 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, Kalil, Matua and Lutui (from left to right) started on the offensive line against Virginia Tech, Colorado State, BYU and Stanford.

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 17th 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 26 of the last 27 games and has held 22 of its past 30 opponents to less than 100 rushing yards (and allowed only 1 player to crack the 100-yard rushing barrier in the last 28 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** (14 tac, 5 for loss, 4 sack in 2004) starts for his fourth year (at times, slides out to end and starts there). 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** (10 tac, 6 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** (9 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** (7 tac, 1 for loss in 2004), who started 5 games last year when Nazel was injured, and redshirt freshman **Lawrence Jackson** (8 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1.5 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** (1 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2004) 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.

—At BYU, 3 of Cody's 4 tackles were sacks, while Rucker and Wright each had 2 tackles (Rucker had 1 for a loss), Goodrum had a sack and Patterson and Jackson each had a tackle.

—At Stanford, Cody had 3 tackles, Jackson had 2 tackles for losses (with a sack), Patterson and Rucker had 2 tackles (Patterson had 1 for a loss), and Wright had a stop.

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 8 passes in the past 6 games (dating to 2003). Junior middle linebacker **Lofa Tatupu** (31 tac, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FR, 2 FF, 3 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 6 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 Grootegeod** (18 tac, 1 for loss, 3 int in 2004), who 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 fourth nationally in interceptions (0.8, first in Pac-10). He has 3 interceptions in the past 3 games. He's good enough to merit All-American consideration (he was a Butkus Award and Lombardi Award semifinalist last season). Junior **Dallas Sartz** (10 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 Grootegeod was bothered by an ankle sprain (he posted 60 tackles last year). Other possibilities on the outside among the returnees are junior **Collin Ashton** (9 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** (2 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** (4 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** (10 tac, 2 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF 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 Grootegeod added 6 stops, Sartz had 3, Lua had 2 and Ashton had 1.

—Tatupu had a team-best 6 tackles (1 for loss) and a forced fumble against Colorado State while Grootegeod 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.

—At BYU, Tatupu had a team-best 7 tackles (0.5 for loss) with a fumble recovery (to set up a USC TD) and a deflection, while Ashton and Grootegeod each had 4 stops (Grootegeod also intercepted a pass), Rivers had 2 tackles and Sartz had 1.

—Tatupu had a game-best 10 tackles (1 for loss), with a forced fumble and deflection, at Stanford, while Grootegeod added 7 tackles (1 for loss), Sartz had 4 stops, Rivers had 3 tackles (with 2 sacks) and a forced fumble, and Thomas Williams and Oscar Lua each had a stop.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The good news in the secondary is that both starting safeties return. Sophomore strong safety **Darnell Bing** (19 tac, 1 for loss, 1 int, 1 FF, 1 dfl 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** (21 tac, 1 for loss, 1 FR, 1 FF, 2 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** (4 tac, 1 dfl in 2004), who is a junior (he has started twice at free safety, with Leach moving to strong safety), 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** (13 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** (8 tac, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2004) has 7 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 Nunn and junior **Justin Wyatt** (11 tac, 2.5 for loss, 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** (6 tac, 1 int in 2004) and **Terrell Thomas** (3 tac, 1 int 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.*

—*At BYU, Leach had 5 tackles and a forced fumble, Bing had 4 stops and an interception, 2.5 of Wyatt's 3 tackles were for losses, Wright, Thomas and Nunn each had 2 tackles (Thomas also had an end-zone interception, which he returned 29 yards), Arbet had a tackle and a deflection, and Ware had a tackle.*

—*At Stanford, Bing and Leach each had 6 tackles (Bing also had a forced fumble and deflection), Nunn had 4 tackles, Arbet had 3 stops and returned an interception 66 yards to set up a TD, Wyatt had 2 tackles and Ware had a deflection.*

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 (**Greig 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** (42.8 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 24th nationally in punting (42.8, third in Pac-10). Some 9 of his 16 punts in 2004 have pinned opponents within the 20-yard line. His career average of 44.6 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** (2-of-6 FG and 20-of-20 PAT in 2004, plus 1 tac) ranks among the nation's top placekickers. Some 17 of his 26 kickoffs in 2004 have kept opponents within the 20-yard line, including 11 touchbacks. The Lou Groza Award candidate was 12th nationally in scoring (9.4, second in Pac-10) and tied for 18th 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 touchbacks 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** (9 KOR, 206 yds, 22.9 avg in 2004), who was 10th nationally in kickoff re-

turns 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 **Greig Carlson** (3 PR, 7 yds, 2.3 avg in 2004). Bush (11 PR, 119 yds, 10.8 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).*

—*At BYU, 6 of Killeen's 7 kickoffs were touchbacks and he nailed all 6 of his PATs (but he did miss both of his field goal attempts), while Malone averaged 44.0 yards on 4 punts (all pinned the Cougars within the 20).*

—*At Stanford, Malone averaged 40.3 yards on his 3 punts, while Killeen hit all 4 of his PATs and made 1-of-2 field goals (a 23-yarder).*

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.

ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 325 times, including 191 of the past 193 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).

TAKEAWAYS

USC has been effective in the takeaway department during head coach **Pete Carroll's** 4-year tenure. In 2004, USC is +2.3 in turnover margin (fourth in the U.S. and first in the Pac-10) by getting 9 interceptions and 4 fumbles (while giving back only 2 fumbles and 2 interceptions). 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).

STATS OF NOTE

WINS

***USC has won 24 of its last 25 games, 25 of its last 27, 27 of its last 30 and 31 of its last 35.

DEFENSE

***Defensively, USC currently is ranked in the Top 20 nationally in every stat category: fourth in turnover margin (+2.3, first in Pac-10), 10th in scoring defense (12.8, second in Pac-10), 12th in rushing defense (86.5, second in Pac-10), 17th in pass efficiency defense (101.0, third in Pac-10) and 20th in total defense (277.3, third in Pac-10).

***USC has intercepted a pass in 26 of the last 27 games, including 16 consecutive games before being blanked at Notre Dame in 2003.

***USC has held 22 of its last 30 opposing teams to less than 100 rushing yards (twice 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 28 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 16 games (and 2 in its last 7 outings).

***USC has not lost the turnover battle in every game in 2004 (the Trojans are 25-4 under Pete Carroll when winning the turnover battle).

***No opponent in 2004 has gained more than 327 total yards against USC.

***USC's first 3 opponents of 2004 were held to less than 300 total yards, the first time that's happened since the first 3 games of 1996.

***Under Pete Carroll, USC is 17-0 when holding opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense.

***USC already has posted 16 sacks in 2004.

***USC already has forced 13 turnovers in 2004 (9 interceptions, 4 fumbles).

***USC is allowing opponents to convert just 36.2% of third downs (21-of-58).

***USC has not allowed a fourth quarter touch-down in 2004.

***During its current 13-game winning streak, USC has not allowed a team to score more than 28 points.

OFFENSE

***Offensively, USC currently ranked in the Top 24 nationally in every stat category: 12th in passing efficiency (155.1, second in Pac-10), 13th in total offense (455.8, third in Pac-10), 15th in scoring offense (36.5, second in Pac-10), 24th in rushing offense (200.0, third in Pac-10) and 24th in passing offense (255.8, fifth in Pac-10).

***USC's 600 combined rushing yards against Colorado State (322) and BYU (278) were the most by Troy in back-to-back games since getting 638 against Ohio State and Washington State in 1990.

***All 6 of USC's running backs who have carried the ball in 2004 are averaging at least 4.8 yards per carry.

***USC has allowed just 7 sacks in 2004.

***Of USC's 21 offensive scoring drives in 2003, 15 have taken less than 3 minutes (including 10 under 2 minutes).

***USC is averaging 31:54 of possession time in 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS

***On special teams, USC currently is 10th nationally in net punting (40.7, 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 7 games.

SCORING

***USC has scored at least 20 points in its last 30 games, a school record (and in 32 of its past 33).

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 22 of its last 25 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points 17 times under Pete Carroll.

***USC has scored at least 30 points in its last 15 Pac-10 games.

***USC has scored 59 points (8TDs, 1 field goal) after getting a turnover in 2004.

***USC has a +23.8 scoring margin in 2004.

***USC has outscored opponents 73-41 in the first half and 73-10 in the second half in 2004.

***USC has a knack for scoring unanswered points (49 versus Colorado State, 21 twice at BYU), continuing a trend from 2003 (11 times) and 2004 (also 11 times) when Troy scored 20 or more consecutive points.

***In its current 13-game winning streak, USC has won by a combined 300 points (an average of 23.1).

***During the Pete Carroll era, USC has more than doubled the score of its opponents in the second half of games (722 to 345 points).

HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS

While USC's offense has been fairly balanced whether in the first or second half in 2004 (Troy has scored 73 points in each half), the Trojan defense has dramatically improved in the second half in points and total offense allowed (see chart below for half-by-half points and total offense).

	USC 1 ST PTS/TO	USC 2 ND PTS/TO	OPP 1 ST PTS/TO	OPP 2 ND PTS/TO
VT	7/195	17/178	10/207	3/87
CSU	28/337	21/216	0/188	0/93
BYU	21/255	21/259	3/98	7/109
STAN	17/159	14/224	28/291	0/36
TOTAL	73/946	73/877	41/784	10/325

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. 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 OLB **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 36th 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 3 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 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 South-

ern 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 179-59-14 (.738) during presidential election years.

***USC is 163-52-10 (.747) 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 Tuiasosopo, 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, Lamar 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 Moheetau and David Tafuna and former Cougar T.J. Sitake (1999-2000). OG **Fred Matua's** uncle, Navy Tuiasosopo, played offensive line at Utah State and later with the Los Angeles Rams and a distant cousin, Manu Tuiasosopo, 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 linebacker 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 **Frostee 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 **SDarnell Bing** and the **Ting twins** (DBs Brandon and Ryan).

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).

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).

***Six players have joined the team as walk-ons: #22 **Jim Abbott** (CB, 5-10, 175, Fr./Fr., San Marino, Loyola HS), #98 **Mike Davis** (DT, 6-0, 280, Jr./Jr., Irvine, Irvine HS/Saddleback CC), #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 Stuarts** 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 redshirt 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 junior in 2002, he saw brief action in just 1 game (w plays at Colorado), but he did not make a tackle (however, he petitioned the NCAA and was allowed to redshirt)...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.

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), S **Brandon 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), S **Greg 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.

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 125TH 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 CALIFORNIA

California, under third-year head coach **Jeff Tedford**, is off to an impressive 3-0 start, including a dominating road win last week at Oregon State, 49-7. Its No. 7 ranking is its highest since the end of the 1991 season. The Golden Bears have a potent offense, as they in the nation's top 6 (and lead the Pac-10) in 4 statistical category: first in scoring offense (48.7, first in Pac-10), first in passing efficiency (211.2, first in Pac-10), second in total offense (539.0, first in Pac-10) and sixth in rushing offense (278.0, first in Pac-10). Junior QB **Aaron Rodgers** (43-of-58, 74.1%, 614 yds, 6 TD, 2 int in 2004) is second the country in passing efficiency (190.3, first in Pac-10), while senior TB **J.J. Arrington** (54 tcb, 466 yds, 8.6 avg, 7 TD in 2004, plus 6 rec, 34 yds, 5.7 avg) is fourth nationally in scoring (14.0, first in Pac-10), fifth in rushing (155.3, second) and eighth in all-purpose running (166.7, third in Pac-10). A trio of seniors are among Cal's top receivers: WR **Chase Lyman** (12 rec, 386 yds, 32.2 avg, 5 TD in 2004), who is fourth nationally in receiving yards (128.7, first in Pac-10) and tied for 17th in scoring (10.0, tied for fourth in Pac-10), TE **Garrett Cross** (8 rec, 118 yds, 14.8 avg, 1 TD in 2004), and WR **Geoff McArthur** (7 rec, 84 yds, 12.0 avg in 2004). Cal's defense is seventh nationally in scoring defense (11.7), 10th in pass efficiency defense (93.9), 11th in total defense (261.7) and 15th in pass defense (158.3), all Pac-10 bests. Top defenders on a unit that returned 9 starters from 2003 include senior FS **Matt Giordano** (25 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 int, 2 dfl, 1 FF in 2004), senior FS **Ryan Gutierrez** (22 tac, 2 for loss, 2 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2004), senior MLB **Sid Slater** (20 tac, 1.5 for loss in 2004), senior OLB **Joe Mangino** (14 tac, 2 for loss in 2004) and junior ROV **Donnie McCleskey** (9 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack in 2004), who was an All-Pac-10 first teamer in 2003.

USC-CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S WATER POLO

Besides the USC-California football game on Saturday (Oct. 9), the schools will also battle that day at USC in men's water polo at 10 a.m. in the McDonald's Swim Stadium and in women's volleyball at 5 p.m. in the Lyon Center. Fans with a football ticket can get into the women's volleyball game for free.

GAME PROMOTIONS

It's "Charles White Day," as USC's 1979 Heisman Trophy-winning tailback will be honored during the game...1972 All-American tight end **Charles Young** will be saluted on the field for his upcoming induction into the College Football Hall of Fame...USC's defending NCAA champion men's and women's water polo teams will be recognized during the **Team Trojan Spotlight**. Long/triple jumper **Allen Sims**, a fine arts major who was the 2003 NCAA and 2004 U.S. indoor triple jump champion and owns the Pac-10 outdoor record in that event, will be honored during the **Verizon Academic Salute**...**"Swim With Mike,"** a fundraising swim-a-thon at USC that has raised nearly \$5 million for physically challenged athletes, will be saluted on its 25th anniversary.

INJURY UPDATE

OUT: TE **Nick Vanderboom** (knee), TE **Kurt Katnik** (concussion), FB **Brandon Hancock** (knee).

QUESTIONABLE: DE **Jeff Schweiger** (knee), QB **John David Booty** (elbow), OT **Matt Spanos** (ankle), OG-OT **Chilo Rachal** (knee).

PROBABLE: WR **Greig Carlson** (back), FB **Lee Webb** (foot).

USC IN NCAA/PAC-10 STAT RANKINGS

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-10 RANK**
Reggie Bush	All-Purp. Run.	212.8	3	2
M. Grootegoed	Interceptions	0.8	4T	1
Matt Leinart	Passing Eff.	155.1	10	2
Reggie Bush	Scoring	10.5	13T	2T
Steve Smith	Receptions	6.3	15	3
Steve Smith	Rec. Yards	84.5	18	5
Matt Leinart	Total Off.	261.8	21	2
Tom Malone	Punting	42.8	24	3
Reggie Bush	Punt Returns	10.8	—	2
Reggie Bush	Kickoff Ret.	22.9	—	4
LenDale White	Rushing	83.8	—	5
USC	TO Margin	+2.3	4	1
USC	Scoring Def.	12.8	10	2
USC	Net Punting	40.7	10	2
USC	Rushing Def.	86.5	12	2
USC	Passing Eff.	155.1	12	2
USC	Total Offense	455.8	13	3
USC	Scoring Off.	36.5	15	2
USC	Pass Eff. Def.	101.2	17	3
USC	Total Def.	277.3	20	3
USC	Rushing Off.	200.0	24	3
USC	Passing Off.	255.8	24	5
USC	Punt Returns	9.0	—	4
USC	Kickoff Ret.	22.9	—	5

*Top 25 only

**Top 5 only

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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)
BYU	3 of 5 (punt, TD, miss FG, TD, TD)	1 of 1 (FG)
STAN	5 of 8 (FG, TD, TD, punt, TD, miss FG, TD, end of game)	3 of 3 (TD, TD, TD)
TOTAL	14 of 22 (63.6%)	6 of 8 (75.0%)
	13—TD	4—TD
	1—FG	2—FG
	3—miss FG	1—int
	1—lost fum	1—lost fum
	2—end game	
	2—punt	

TOM MALONE PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
VT	5	2	1
CSU	4	2	0
BYU	4	4	1
STAN	3	1	1
TOTAL	16	9	3

RYAN KILLEEN KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
VT	5	3(2)
CSU	8	6(2)
BYU	7	6(6)
STAN	6	2(1)
TOTAL	26	17 (11)

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE –	82 8 31	Chris McFoy (6-1, 195, So. *) Dwayne Jarrett (6-5, 195, Fr.) William Buchanon (6-3, 190, Jr. *)
LT –	79 75 60	Sam Baker (6-5, 290, Fr. *) Kyle Williams (6-6, 290, So. *) Drew Radovich (6-5, 290, Fr. *)
LG –	73 63	John Drake (6-4, 350, Sr.) Travis Watkins (6-3, 305, Sr. *)
C –	67 53	Ryan Kalil (6-4, 270, So.) Jeff Byers (6-3, 275, Fr.)
RG –	51 60 70	Fred Matua (6-2, 305, So. *) Drew Radovich (6-5, 290, Fr. *) Alatini Malu (6-4, 335, So.)
RT –	71 75	Taitusi Lutui (6-6, 370, Jr.) Kyle Williams (6-6, 290, So. *)
TE –	81 86 89 83	Alex Holmes (6-3, 270, Sr. *) Dominique Byrd (6-3, 260, Jr.) Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, Fr.) OR Fred Davis (6-4, 215, Fr.)
QB –	11 10 4 17	Matt Leinart (6-5, 225, Jr. *) Matt Cassel (6-5, 230, Sr. *) Brandon Hance (6-1, 195, Sr. *) OR John David Booty (6-3, 195, So.)
FB –	35 37	Lee Webb (6-0, 240, Sr. *) David Kirtman (6-0, 225, Jr. *)
TB –	21 5 34 22	LenDale White (6-2, 235, So.) OR Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, So.) Hershel Dennis (5-11, 200, Jr.) OR Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr. *)
FL –	2 19 15	Steve Smith (6-1, 195, So.) Greig Carlson (5-10, 195, Jr. *) OR Jason Mitchell (6-1, 200, Sr. *)

SPECIALISTS

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

DEFENSE

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

RETURNERS

KOR –	5 22	Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, So.) AND Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Fr. *)
PR –	5 19	Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, So.) OR Greig Carlson (5-10, 195, Jr. *)

2004 USC Trojans Football
USC Trojans Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 26, 2004)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(4-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(2-0-0)	(1-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(1-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP			
Aug 28, 2004	vs Virginia Tech	W	24-13	91665	FIRST DOWNS.....	97	60			
Sep 11, 2004	COLORADO STATE	W	49-0	85521	Rushing.....	46	18			
Sep 18, 2004	at Brigham Young	W	42-10	63467	Passing.....	45	37			
*09/25/04	at Stanford	W	31-28	55750	Penalty.....	6	5			
* denotes conference game										
RUSHING		GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
White, LenDale	4	57	343	8	335	5.9	5	43	83.8	
Bush, Reggie	4	51	349	19	330	6.5	3	66	82.5	
Reed, Desmond	4	15	79	2	77	5.1	0	24	19.2	
Leinart, Matt	4	23	100	76	24	1.0	2	23	6.0	
Dennis, Hershel	2	4	19	0	19	4.8	0	10	9.5	
Kirtman, David	4	3	17	0	17	5.7	0	12	4.2	
Webb, Lee	4	1	9	0	9	9.0	1	9	2.2	
Smith, Steve	4	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2	
Hance, Brandon	1	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-4.0	
Team	4	3	0	6	-6	-2.0	0	0	-1.5	
Total.....	4	159	916	116	800	5.0	11	66	200.0	
Opponents.....	4	116	521	175	346	3.0	2	82	86.5	
PASSING		GP	Effic	Att-Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Leinart, Matt	4	155.11	124-84-2	67.7	1023	8	53	255.8		
Total.....	4	155.11	124-84-2	67.7	1023	8	53	255.8		
Opponents.....	4	100.98	132-74-9	56.1	763	4	69	190.8		
RECEIVING		GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G		
Smith, Steve	4	25	338	13.5	2	51	84.5			
Bush, Reggie	4	14	196	14.0	4	53	49.0			
Jarrett, Dwayne	4	13	152	11.7	2	23	38.0			
McFoy, Chris	4	12	135	11.2	0	31	33.8			
Kirtman, David	4	9	85	9.4	0	26	21.2			
Holmes, Alex	4	7	59	8.4	0	25	14.8			
White, LenDale	4	2	29	14.5	0	22	7.2			
Davis, Fred	4	1	15	15.0	0	15	3.8			
Webb, Lee	4	1	14	14.0	0	14	3.5			
Total.....	4	84	1023	12.2	8	53	255.8			
Opponents.....	4	74	763	10.3	4	69	190.8			
FIELD GOALS		FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Killeen, Ryan	2-6	33.3	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-3	0-0	41	0	
SCORING		TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
Bush, Reggie	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	42
White, LenDale	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	30
Killeen, Ryan	0	2-6	20-20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	26
Smith, Steve	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	12
Jarrett, Dwayne	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	12
Leinart, Matt	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	12
Webb, Lee	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	6
Wright, Manuel	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	20	2-6	20-20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	146
Opponents.....	6	3-3	6-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	51
SCORE BY QUARTERS		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total				
USC Trojans.....	24	49	28	45	-	146				
Opponents.....	10	31	7	3	-	51				
TOTAL OFFENSE		G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G			
Leinart, Matt	4	147	24	1023	1047	261.8				
White, LenDale	4	57	335	0	335	83.8				
Bush, Reggie	4	51	330	0	330	82.5				
Reed, Desmond	4	15	77	0	77	19.2				
Dennis, Hershel	2	4	19	0	19	9.5				
Kirtman, David	4	3	17	0	17	4.2				
Webb, Lee	4	1	9	0	9	2.2				
Total.....	4	283	800	1023	1823	455.8				
Opponents.....	4	248	346	763	1109	277.2				
TEAM STATISTICS		USC	OPP							
FIRST DOWNS.....	97	60								
Rushing.....	46	18								
Passing.....	45	37								
Penalty.....	6	5								
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	800	346								
Yards gained rushing...	916	521								
Yards lost rushing.....	116	175								
Rushing Attempts.....	159	116								
Average Per Rush.....	5.0	3.0								
Average Per Game.....	200.0	86.5								
TDs Rushing.....	11	2								
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1023	763								
Att-Comp-Int.....	124-84-2	132-74-9								
Average Per Pass.....	8.2	5.8								
Average Per Catch.....	12.2	10.3								
Average Per Game.....	255.8	190.8								
TDs Passing.....	8	4								
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1823	1109								
Total Plays.....	283	248								
Average Per Play.....	6.4	4.5								
Average Per Game.....	455.8	277.2								
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	9-206	15-353								
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	14-126	6-33								
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	9-200	2-23								
FUMBLES-LOST.....	8-2	10-4								
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	24-200	26-170								
PUNTS-AVG.....	16-42.8	25-45.2								
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	31:54	28:06								
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	32/58	21/58								
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	3/4	2/3								
INTERCEPTIONS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
Grootegoed, M	3	57	19.0	0	57					
Tatupu, Lofa	1	32	32.0	0	32					
Arbet, Kevin	1	66	66.0	0	66					
Sartz, Dallas	1	8	8.0	0	8					
Wright, Eric	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Bing, Darnell	1	8	8.0	0	8					
Thomas, Terrell	1	29	29.0	0	29					
Total.....	9	200	22.2	0	66					
Opponents.....	2	23	11.5	0	23					
PUNTING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd	
Malone, Tom	16	684	42.8	57	4	3	5	0		
Total.....	16	684	42.8	57	4	3	5	0		
Opponents.....	25	1129	45.2	79	1	4	4	0		
PUNT RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
Bush, Reggie	11	119	10.8	0	33					
Carlson, Greig	3	7	2.3	0	5					
Total.....	14	126	9.0	0	33					
Opponents.....	6	33	5.5	0	12					
KICK RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
Bush, Reggie	9	206	22.9	0	39					
Total.....	9	206	22.9	0	39					
Opponents.....	15	353	23.5	0	54					
ALL PURPOSE		G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G	
Bush, Reggie	4	330	196	119	206	0	851	212.8		
White, LenDale	4	335	29	0	0	0	364	91.0		
Smith, Steve	4	-1	338	0	0	0	337	84.2		
Jarrett, Dwayne	4	0	152	0	0	0	152	38.0		
McFoy, Chris	4	0	135	0	0	0	135	33.8		
Kirtman, David	4	17	85	0	0	0	102	25.5		
Reed, Desmond	4	77	0	0	0	0	77	19.2		
Arbet, Kevin	4	0	0	0	0	66	66	16.5		
Holmes, Alex	4	0	59	0	0	0	59	14.8		
Grootegoed, M	4	0	0	0	0	57	57	14.2		
Tatupu, Lofa	4	0	0	0	0	32	32	8.0		
Thomas, Terrell	4	0	0	0	0	29	29	7.2		
Leinart, Matt	4	24	0	0	0	0	24	6.0		
Webb, Lee	4	9	14	0	0	0	23	5.8		
Dennis, Hershel	2	19	0	0	0	0	19	9.5		
Davis, Fred	4	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.8		
Sartz, Dallas	4	0	0	0	0	8	8	2.0		
Bing, Darnell	4	0	0	0	0	8	8	2.0		
Carlson, Greig	4	0	0	7	0	0	7	1.8		
Total.....	4	800	1023	126	206	200	2355	588.8		
Opponents.....	4	346	763	33	353	23	1518	379.5		

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All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	Tackles				TFL/Yds	Sacks No-Yds	Pass Def			Fumbles		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total			Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rev-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
58 Tatupu, Lofa	4	17	14	31	5.0-8	1.0-1	1-32	3	.	1-0	2	.	.
27 Leach, Jason	4	18	3	21	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
20 Bing, Darnell	4	14	5	19	1.0-3	.	1-8	1	.	.	1	.	.
6 Grootegoed, M	4	12	6	18	1.0-2	.	3-57	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Cody, Shaun	4	10	4	14	5.0-49	4.0-47	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
23 Nunn, Ronald	4	6	7	13	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
24 Wyatt, Justin	4	7	4	11	2.5-3	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
42 Sartz, Dallas	4	2	8	10	.	.	1-8	1	.	.	.	.	.
99 Patterson, Mike	4	7	3	10	6.0-27	3.5-23	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
55 Rivers, Keith	4	5	5	10	2.0-19	2.0-19	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
92 Wright, Manuel	4	4	5	9	2.0-7	1.0-5	.	.	.	1-20	.	.	.
59 Ashton, Collin	4	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Arbet, Kevin	4	7	1	8	.	.	1-66	1	.	.	.	.	.
96 Jackson, L.	4	3	5	8	2.5-13	1.5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Rucker, Frostee	4	5	2	7	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Schweiger, Jeff	4	3	4	7	3.5-32	2.0-27	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
25 Wright, Eric	4	6	.	6	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Ware, Scott	3	1	3	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
45 Lua, Oscar	4	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Thomas, Terrell	4	2	1	3	.	.	1-29	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Killeen, Ryan	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Williams, T.	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Tofi, Travis	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73 Drake, John	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Walker, John	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Goodrum, R.	2	1	.	1	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 Pinkard, Josh	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	4	141	90	231	34-175	16-141	9-200	12	4	5-20	8	.	.
Opponents.....	4	169	148	317	21-93	7-61	2-23	11	3	3-0	3	.	.

