

**GAME NOTES**



# 2007 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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## 2007 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (1-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 1	Idaho	W 38-10
Sept. 15	at Nebraska	7 p.m. (ABC)
Sept. 22	Washington State	5 p.m. (ABC)
Sept. 29	at Washington	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
Oct. 6	Stanford	4 p.m. (Versus)
Oct. 13	Arizona	TBA
Oct. 20	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 27	at Oregon	Noon (FSN)
Nov. 3	Oregon State	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
Nov. 10	at California	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN/ESPN2)
Nov. 22	at Arizona State	6 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 1	UCLA	1:30 p.m. (ABC)

## PAC-10 STANDINGS

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

## AP POLL

1. USC
2. LSU
3. Oklahoma
4. West Virginia
5. Florida
6. Texas
7. Wisconsin
8. California
9. Louisville
10. Ohio State
11. UCLA
12. Penn State
13. Rutgers
14. Nebraska
15. Georgia Tech
16. Arkansas
17. South Carolina
18. Virginia Tech
19. Oregon
20. Clemson
21. Boston College
22. Tennessee
23. Georgia
24. Hawaii
25. Texas A&M

## USA TODAY POLL

1. USC
2. LSU
3. Florida
4. West Virginia
5. Oklahoma
6. Texas
7. Wisconsin
8. California
9. Louisville
10. Ohio State
11. UCLA
12. Penn State
13. Rutgers
14. Nebraska
15. Georgia Tech
16. Arkansas
17. Virginia Tech
18. Texas A&M
19. Boston College
20. Clemson
21. Oregon
22. Hawaii
23. South Carolina
24. Tennessee
25. Georgia

## NO. 1 USC FOOTBALL MAKES FIRST VISIT SINCE 1969 TO NO. 14 NEBRASKA

### FACTS

USC (1-0 overall, 0-0 Pacific-10) vs. Nebraska (2-0 overall), Saturday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. CDT/5 p.m. PDT, Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

### THEMES

Top-ranked USC makes its first visit to Lincoln since 1969 (and just its second ever trip there) to take on No. 14 Nebraska. The Trojans will be the first No. 1 team to visit Lincoln since 1978 (when NU upset Oklahoma) and Memorial Stadium will be sold out for an NCAA-record 283<sup>rd</sup> consecutive game. USC head coach **Pete Carroll**, the nation's winningest active coach, is hoping his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday will be a good one. It's just the fourth matchup between these traditional football powers, who between them have won 16 national championships, appeared in 89 bowl games and produced 10 Heisman Trophy winners. The Trojans beat the Cornhuskers by 18 points last year in Los Angeles. USC has been hot recently, with 5 consecutive AP Top 4 finishes, BCS bowl trips, Pac-10 titles and 11-win seasons. Troy has been in the AP Top 10 for its last 57 games. The Trojans are coming off a bye after a pedestrian opening win at home over Idaho. USC QB **John David Booty** is among the Heisman Trophy favorites. The Trojans' offense features a slew of good tailbacks, a fairly young receiving corps and a line that is anchored by 2-time All-American OT **Sam Baker**. USC's talented and deep defense features All-American DT **Sedrick Ellis** and DE **Lawrence Jackson** on the line, the nation's premier linebacking corps in **Keith Rivers**, **Rey Mauluga** and **Brian Cushing** and a secondary featuring S **Taylor Mays**, CB **Terrell Thomas**, S **Kevin Ellison** and S-CB **Josh Pinkard**. Nebraska has gotten off to an impressive start in 2007, with wins over Nevada at home and Wake Forest on the road. Like Carroll, Cornhusker head coach **Bill Callahan** has NFL roots. USC is well familiar with spirited Nebraska QB **Sam Keller**, who threw for nearly 350 yards against Troy while at Arizona State in 2005. IB **Marlon Lucky**, a Southern California native, has starred at tailback. LBs **Bo Ruud** and **Corey McKeon** spearhead the defense. The game will be shown live nationally on ABC-TV.

### RANKINGS

USC is ranked first by AP and USA Today. Nebraska is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in both polls.

### SERIES

USC holds a 2-0-1 edge in its series with Nebraska.

Last year in the Coliseum in the first meeting between the schools since 1970, WR Dwayne Jarrett caught a pair of touchdown passes to become USC's career TD reception leader, QB **John David Booty** had 3 scoring throws and the Trojan defense allowed just 211 total yards as No. 4 USC beat No. 19 Nebraska, 28-10. Jarrett caught TDs of 12 yards at the end of the first quarter and 5 yards early in the second half, giving him 31 career touchdown grabs to break Mike Williams's mark of 30. After Nebraska PK Jordan Congdon hit a 38-yard field goal late in the first quarter, USC scored the next 21 points as Jarrett's TDs sandwiched a 3-yard Booty scoring pass to WR Steve Smith late in the first half. The Cornhuskers' only other score came on a 1-yard run by QB Zac Taylor early in the fourth quarter, but USC countered with a 7-yard

**RADIO-TV—Live national TV:** 5 p.m. (PDT), ABC-TV, Brent Musberger, Kirk Herbstreit, Lisa Salters.

**Live national radio:** 5 p.m. (PDT), Westwood One, Kevin Kugler, Terry Bowden.

**Live local radio:** 5 p.m. (PDT), ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), Pete Arbogast, Paul McDonald, John Jackson, Steve Mason, Curt Sandoval, Dave Denholm, Colin Cowherd, Brandon Hancock, Curtis Conway, Darrell Rideaux, David Newbury, Steve Bisheff, Harvey Hyde (includes 5-hour pre-game and 2-hour post-game shows). Nine other stations are included on the USC radio network: KSPA-AM 1510 in Ontario/San Bernardino County/Inland Empire, ESPN 800 in San Diego, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs, KVEN-AM 1450 in Ventura, ESPN 1280 in San Luis Obispo, KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow, KGEO-AM 1230 in Bakersfield, ESPN 790 in Fresno and KSFN Spike 1140 in Las Vegas. Fans also can hear the live ESPN Radio broadcast on [www.usctrojans.com](http://www.usctrojans.com), on SIRIUS satellite radio (Channel 123 and 181) or by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

**Live local Spanish-language radio:** 5 p.m. (PDT), KWKW-AM (1330) and KWKU-AM (1220), Mitch Zaralegui, Pepe Mantilla.

**Live internet streaming:** TrojanTV All-Access on [usctrojans.com](http://usctrojans.com), live pre- and post-game show, live game stats and delayed game telecast.

**Trojan Talk:** Noon-3 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays, ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), D'Marco Farr, Kevin Kiley, Brandon Hancock, Darrell Rideaux, Steve Bisheff (replayed on Saturdays, 8 hours before kickoff).

**Trojan Chat Room:** 7-9 p.m. (PDT), Wednesdays or Thursdays, ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), D'Marco Farr, Brandon Hancock, Curtis Conway, Steve Bisheff (replayed on Saturdays, 7 hours before kickoff).

**Trojan Brunch:** 9-11 a.m. (PDT), Sundays, ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), Brandon Hancock, David Newbury, Harvey Hyde.

**Trojan Rewind:** 10:30 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays, FSN Prime Ticket.

**USC Football Press Conference:** 11 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays, FSN Prime Ticket, Lindsay Soto, Jeremy Hogue.

**USC Trojan Talk:** 7 p.m. (PDT), Sundays, KSHP-AM (1400), Harvey Hyde, Chuck Hayes. Fans also can hear the live KSHP broadcast on [www.kshp.com](http://www.kshp.com).

## USC FOOTBALL

- 11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 29 BOWL VICTORIES
- 146 ALL-AMERICANS
- 7 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS
- 408 NFL PLAYERS
- 22 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

### USC VS. NEBRASKA (2-0-1)

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

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

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

**PAC-10 SATELLITE FEED**—The Pac-10 provides a weekly satellite feed featuring interviews with coaches and players regarding upcoming games along with highlight footage. The half-hour feed airs every Wednesday (through Nov. 28) at 11:30 a.m. (PDT). Coordinates are **Transponder 14C, Galaxy 26 – C Band, D/L Frequency 3980**. Trouble numbers: (818) 840-7159, (925) 932-4411 or (310) 968-6369.

**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. 27) during the season. **USC coach Pete Carroll comes on at 10:40 a.m. (PDT)**. Beginning at 3 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 and a video replay from each session are available on [usctrojans.com](http://usctrojans.com).

### FUN FACT I

In its history since 1888, USC has had only 3 lettermen from Nebraska: FB Bill Betz (1947) from Lincoln HS, RT Theodore Ossowski (1943) from Beatrice HS and QB Bobby Robertson from Omaha's Central HS.

### FUN FACT II

Although QB Sam Keller is in his first season of eligibility at Nebraska, he's a familiar face to USC. He quarterbacked Arizona State against the top-ranked Trojans in 2005, helping the Sun Devils build a 21-3 halftime lead before Troy stormed back for a 38-28 victory. Keller completed 26-of-45 passes for 347 yards and 2 TDs, but was intercepted 5 times. In 2004, he came off the bench late in USC's 45-7 win and completed 2-of-3 passes for 20 yards.

### FUN FACT III

The last AP No. 1-ranked team to visit Lincoln was Oklahoma in 1978 and the No. 4 Cornhuskers posted a 17-14 upset over the Sooners.

### TD run by TB **Chauncey Washington**.

Nebraska entered the game averaging 541.0 total yards, 256.5 rushing yards and 52.5 points. NU's 211 total yards were the fewest allowed by USC since Washington State had 156 in 2004. The Cornhuskers managed just 68 rushing yards (averaging 1.9 yards per carry), 10 first downs (the fewest allowed by USC since Washington had 6 in 2004) and 53 plays. The Trojans had 399 total yards and 26 first downs. Jarrett caught a career high-equalling 11 passes for 136 yards (his 10<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard outing), Booty was 25-of-36 for 257 yards and Smith added 6 receptions for 53 yards. TB Emmanuel Moody ran for a game-best 70 yards on 9 carries as the starter, making it the first time in USC history that a true freshman has started at tailback in consecutive games. Washington added 52 yards on 12 tries. LB **Rey Mauuluga** led the USC defense with a game-high 11 tackles. For Nebraska, IB Kenny Wilson had 46 yards on 19 rushes, Taylor was 8-of-16 for 115 yards and IB Brandon Jackson caught 4 passes for 36 yards.

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

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

### USC VERSUS BIG 12

USC is 28-9-2 against teams from the Big 12 Conference. The Trojans have won 9 of the last 12 such meetings, most recently defeating Nebraska last season, 28-10. Nebraska, by the way, has won 5 of its last 7 games against Pac-10 foes.

### AFTER BYES

USC is 86-43-4 in all regular season games it has played following byes. Since 1955, the Trojans are 47-14-1 following byes.

### ROAD OPENERS

In road openers, USC's record is 74-27-8 (.716).

### IN SEPTEMBER

USC has a 155-37-8 (.795) all-time record while playing in the month of September.

### ARTIFICIAL TURF

USC is 22-11-1 in its last 34 games on artificial turf.

### FOOTBALL POWERS

USC and Nebraska have 2 of the top gridiron heritages in the country. USC has won 11 national titles (1928-31-32-39-62-67-72-74-78-2003-04) and Nebraska has 5 (1970-71-94-95-97). Nebraska is fourth in all-time victories among Division I-A schools (805) and USC is 10<sup>th</sup> (744). In career winning percentage, Nebraska is seventh (.705) and USC is eighth (.702). USC has appeared in 45 bowls (with 29 wins), while Nebraska has been in 44 bowls (with 22 wins). Seven Trojans have won Heisman Trophies (Mike Garrett, O.J. Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen, Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush), as have 3 Cornhuskers (Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier and Eric Crouch). Both programs have had legendary coaches (USC's Gloomy Gus Henderson, Howard Jones, John McKay, John Robinson and now Pete Carroll, and Nebraska's Dana X. Bible, Bob Devaney, Tom Osborne and Frank Solich).

### WIN STREAKS

USC owns several active winning streaks:  
—home games (a Pac-10 and school-record 34);  
—Pac-10 home games (a Pac-10 and school-record 23);  
—non-conference home games (11);  
—non-conference road games (6, not including 4 neutral site wins and 1 neutral site loss);  
—September games (11)  
—November games (20).

### USC'S PAST 5-PLUS YEARS UNDER CARROLL

Seventh-year USC head coach **Pete Carroll** has a system in place that has made the past 5-plus years (since 2002) glorious ones for the Trojans:

—Five AP Top 4 finishes, including national championships in 2003 and 2004;  
—Five BCS bowl appearances;  
—Five Pac-10 championships;  
—Five seasons with at least 11 victories (only Nebraska 1993-97, Florida State 1996-2000 and Oklahoma 2000-04 have done that);  
—Still-active win streaks for home games (34) and Pac-10 home games (23) to go along with the no-longer-active victory strings for overall games (34), Pac-10 games (27), road games (18), non-conference games (16), games against AP Top 25 teams (16) and Pac-10 road games (13);  
—A winning record of 92.3% (60-5), including 9-1 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA;  
—An AP Top 10 ranking for the past 57 games;  
—57 wins in the last 61 games, with the losses coming by just 12 points (the first by 3 points in triple overtime at California in 2003, the second by 3 points in the final 19 seconds to Texas in the 2006 Rose Bowl's BCS Championship Game to fall just short of an unprecedented third consecutive national championship, the third by 2 points on a failed 2-point conversion pass with 7 seconds to play at Oregon State in 2006 and the fourth by 4 points at UCLA in 2006 to deny Troy an appearance in a third straight BCS Championship Game);

—A no-longer-active national-record 63 straight 20-point games;

—A no-longer-active national-record 33 consecutive weeks as AP's No. 1-ranked team;

—Twenty-three victories over AP Top 25 teams (23-3 overall, 88.5%);

—Twenty-four All-American first teamers;

—Three Heisman Trophy winners;

—Thirty NFL draft picks, including 7 first rounders;

—Five Top 5 recruiting classes.

#### AP NO. 1

USC has held the AP No. 1 ranking 79 times (not including pre-season polls), fourth most of any school (with Notre Dame leading with 89). In 2004, USC became only the second team ever to be ranked No. 1 in the AP pre-season poll and hold that top ranking the entire season (Florida State did it in 1999). Four other teams—Notre Dame in 1943, Army in 1945, Nebraska in 1971 and USC in 1972—were No. 1 in every regular season ranking, but either did not start off No. 1 in the pre-season poll (Nebraska and USC) or there was no pre-season poll (Notre Dame and Army). This is the sixth time that USC has been ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press's opening poll (1963, 1973, 1979, 2004, 2005, 2007), and the Trojans won the AP national championship in 2 of those years (1972 and 2004).

#### NO. 1 RANKINGS\*

Notre Dame	89
Oklahoma	86
Ohio State	81
USC	79

\*Not including pre-season polls

#### HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 10 for its past 57 games, a school record. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 65 of the last 70 polls (including 4 pre-season polls).

#### USC'S WINNINGEST 5, 4, 3, 2 AND 1 YEAR SPANS

USC's 59 wins during the previous 5 years (11 in 2002, 12 in 2003, 13 in 2004, 12 in 2005 and 11 in 2006) is the winningest 5-year period in Trojan history. Its 48 wins during the 4-year spans of both 2002-05 and 2003-2006 tied for its best 4-year spans. Troy's 37 wins from 2003-05 represented the winningest 3-year period in Trojan history. Also, USC's 25 wins during the 2-year spans of both 2003-04 and 2004-05 tied for its best 2-year spans. And USC posted its first 13-win season in 2004, its eighth perfect (unbeaten, untied) season ever.

#### USC'S PAC-10 TITLES

After sharing the Pac-10 championship in 2002, USC won the 2003 Pac-10 title outright (its first outright crown since 1989) and again in 2004 and 2005 before sharing it in 2006. Those 5 consecutive conference titles are unprecedented in Pac-10 history. USC has won the league title 36 times, more than twice as much as any other school.

#### CONNECTIONS

USC has no players on its roster from Nebraska, while the Cornhuskers feature 18 Californians...USC PK **Jordan Congdon** transferred to USC this fall after playing for Nebraska in 2005 and 2006...USC strength and conditioning coach **Chris Carlisle** was a 3-year (1981-83) starting offensive lineman at Chadron (Neb.) State College, earning All-Area honors, then began his career as the head football coach and strength coach at

Dodge (Neb.) High in 1985...Assistant strength and conditioning coach **Bryan Bailey** was a long-time assistant at Nebraska before coming to USC...USC head coach **Pete Carroll** celebrates his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday this Saturday (Sept. 15).

#### LAST GAME

No. 1 USC began its quest for a BCS championship with a workmanlike 38-10 season-opening win over long-ago conference foe Idaho before 90,917 fans in the nearly sold-out Coliseum and an FSN national cable TV audience. It was the first time since 1929 that the teams played and the victory raised Troy's record against the Vandals to 8-0. The win extended USC's Pac-10 record home winning streak to 34 and its victory strings for non-conference home games and September games to 11 each. The Trojans jumped out to a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter by scoring touchdowns on their first 3 possessions: a 4-yard run by TB **Stafon Johnson** (on the extra point attempt, USC was charged with a delay of game penalty when it took the field without a kicker in honor of 2006 PK Mario Danelo, who died in a tragic fall in January), followed by TD passes from QB **John David Booty** to TB **C.J. Gable** (8 yards) and WR **Vidal Hazelton** (1 yard, on a spectacular 1-handed grab). Idaho got on the board just before halftime on a 20-yard field goal by PK Tino Amancio. USC then scored 3 more times in the third quarter on a 3-yard Booty pass to FB **Stanley Havili**, Johnson's 1-yard run and a 36-yard field goal by PK **David Buehler**. Idaho added a 1-yard scoring run by RB Jayson Bird late in the game against the Trojan backups. USC dominated the statistics, getting more total yards (420 to 253) and first downs (24 to 14). Idaho managed just 98 rushing yards and converted only 4 of 17 third downs, but the Vandals won the turnover battle (getting 3 to USC's 1). Booty completed 21-of-32 passes for 206 yards with the 3 TDs (but threw a pick) in 3 quarters of action. Gable led Troy with 68 yards on 8 carries and Johnson added 64 yards on 12 tries. Havili (22 yards) and WR **David Ausberry** (46 yards) each had 5 receptions, while Hazelton added 4 for 44 yards. LB **Keith Rivers** had a team-best 6 tackles and S **Taylor Mays** added 5. DE **Kyle Moore** had a fumble recovery after getting a sack and LB **Clay Matthews** blocked a field goal try. For Idaho, QB Nathan Enderle was 16-of-34 for 155 yards in his first start, while RB Deonte Jackson rushed for 99 yards on 22 carries, WR Max Komar had 5 catches for 28 yards and S Shiloh Keo had 2 interceptions.

#### SCHEDULE

USC's 2007 schedule features 7 opponents who were in bowls last season, including 4 who won at least 9 games. The Trojans opened their 2007 campaign on Sept. 1 at home against Idaho, a team they last played in 1929. Troy then makes its first visit to Nebraska since 1969 before embarking on a full slate of Pac-10 play. This year, USC hosts Washington State, Stanford, Arizona, Oregon State and UCLA and travels to Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona State (on Thanksgiving Day). Midway through that Pac-10 schedule is an Oct. 20 visit to Notre Dame, a rival USC has beaten the past 5 years. Tickets to Trojan games figure to be hard to get again this fall. Last year, for the third straight season, USC set school records for home sellouts (all 6 games in 2006), regular season sellouts (10) and season

sellouts (11). In 2006, Troy broke its Pac-10 record home average attendance mark for the fourth consecutive year (91,480) and its Pac-10 record home total attendance standard for the second straight year (548,880).

#### PRE-SEASON HONORS

The 2007 Trojans will be in the hunt to win another national title and to capture their sixth straight Pac-10 title, according to most pre-season prognosticators. QB **John David Booty** (Athlon, The Sporting News, Blue Ribbon), OT **Sam Baker** (Athlon, The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, GamePlan, ESPN.com, CBS Sportsline.com, Scout, Blue Ribbon, NationalChamps.Net), DT **Sedrick Ellis** (The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, Lindy's, ESPN.com, CBS Sportsline.com, USA Today Sports Weekly), LB **Keith Rivers** (The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, GamePlan, ESPN.com, USA Today Sports Weekly, Blue Ribbon, NationalChamps.Net), DE **Lawrence Jackson** (Street & Smith's, Phil Steele's, ESPN.com), LB **Rey Mauluga** (Athlon, CBS Sportsline.com), LB **Brian Cushing** (Phil Steele's), S **Taylor Mays** (Athlon, GamePlan) and CB **Terrell Thomas** (USA Today Sports Weekly) have been named to various pre-season All-American first teams. DT **Fili Moala** made All-American third teams. Several of USC's position units are ranked No. 1 nationally by some of these media outlets: quarterbacks, offensive line, defensive line, linebackers, defensive backs. Besides the above-mentioned players, TE **Fred Davis**, OG **Chilo Rachal** and TB/KOR **C.J. Gable** have been selected to various pre-season All-Pac-10 first teams.

#### WATCH LISTS

The following Trojans have made the official "Watch Lists" for national 2007 post-season awards, to date:

#### OT **Sam Baker**

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

#### QB **John David Booty**

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

#### LB **Brian Cushing**

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)  
Butkus Award (top linebacker)

#### TE **Fred Davis**

Mackey Award (top tight end)

#### DT **Sedrick Ellis**

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

#### DE **Lawrence Jackson**

Hendricks Award (top defensive end)  
Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Walter Camp Award (top player)

#### LB **Rey Mauluga**

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)  
Butkus Award (top linebacker)

#### S **Taylor Mays**

Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

#### LB **Keith Rivers**

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)  
Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)  
Butkus Award (top linebacker)  
Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)

#### CB **Terrell Thomas**

Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

## PETE CARROLL

It didn't take long for seventh-year USC head football coach Pete Carroll to return the Trojan football program to national prominence. He is 66-12 (84.6%) in 6 years (2001-2006) as a college head coach (all at USC), the best winning percentage of any current Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience. He got to 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of 51 points (4.3 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 64-7 (90.1%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 42-7 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 85.7% winning mark (a league record). He is 20-0 in November. He has 24 victories over AP Top 25 teams (24-6 overall, 80.0%). His teams have been ranked in the AP Top 10 for the past 57 games. His teams have won an unprecedented 5 consecutive Pac-10 titles and appeared in a record 5 consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games). His teams have recorded at least 11 victories in each of the past 5 seasons (only Nebraska, Florida State and Oklahoma have done that) and finished ranked in the AP Top 4 in each of those seasons. USC's 13, 25, 37, 48 and 59 wins over the previous 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years represent the winningest periods in Trojan history. Under Carroll, USC is riding winning streaks in a Pac-10 record 34 consecutive home games, a Pac-10 record 23 consecutive league home games, 20 November games, 11 September games, 11 non-conference home games and 6 non-conference road games (not including 4 neutral site contests). His USC teams also had a number of since-broken other winning streaks: a Pac-10-record 34 overall games, a Pac-10-record 27 Pac-10 games, a school-record 18 road games (not including 4 neutral site contests), 18 October games, 16 non-conference games, 16 games against AP Top 25 teams and a school-record 13 Pac-10 road games. His Trojans also set a no-longer-active NCAA record by scoring at least 20 points in 63 consecutive games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including 2 pre-season polls). He was named the 2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year (for the third time in his 6 years at USC). Under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. Carroll has produced 25 All-American first teamers and 32 NFL draft picks (including 7 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His last 5 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 5 nationally (including first each year by some experts). He also served as USC's defensive coordinator in his first 5 seasons at Troy.

## TOP ACTIVE COACHES BY WINNING PERCENTAGE (Minimum 5 years as Division IA/FBS head coach: Record at 4-year colleges only)

	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
1. Pete Carroll, USC	7	66	12	0	.846
2. Urban Meyer, Florida	7	63	12	0	.840
3. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	9	88	19	0	.822
4. Mark Richt, Georgia	7	62	18	0	.775
5. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	16	138	42	0	.767
6. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	18	159	50	2	.762
7. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	42	367	114	4	.761
8. Joe Paterno, Penn State	42	365	121	3	.749
9. Lloyd Carr, Michigan	13	113	38	0	.748
10. Paul Johnson, Navy	11	100	36	0	.735
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	12	95	34	1	.735
Jim Tressel, Ohio Stat	22	199	71	2	.735

## OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Starters returned at 7 positions on offense in 2007: quarterback **John David Booty**, tackles **Sam Baker** and **Drew Radovich**, guard **Chilo Rachal**, tight end **Fred Davis**, tailback **C.J. Gable** and the fullback spot (where fullbacks **Stanley Havili** and **Jody Adewale**, tailback **Allen Bradford** and linebacker **Thomas Williams** started 8 times in 2006). Others back with starting experience include tailbacks **Chauncey Washington** and **Hershel Dennis**, wide receiver **Patrick Turner**, guard-center **Jeff Byers**, tight end **Dale Thompson** and guard **Alatini Malu**. USC's top 3 passers and 5 of its top 6 leading rushers are back from 2006, but the Trojans lost their top 2 pass catchers who accounted for more than half of the team's receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Quarterbacks coach **Steve Sarkisian** has taken over the offensive coordinator reins this year after assisting in that duty last season. He will attempt to maintain the offense's aerial and scoring productivity of 2006, as Troy was 14<sup>th</sup> nationally in passing offense (263.9) and 18<sup>th</sup> in scoring offense (30.5), but the Trojans must get more out of the running game as its 128.0 rushing average last year was its lowest since Carroll's debut 2001 season. Despite that imbalance, USC ended up 21<sup>st</sup> nationally in total offense (391.9) in 2006. Also of concern from last year, the Trojans went 5 consecutive games scoring less than 30 points for the first time since the opening 5 contests of 2001. And USC's NCAA-record 63-game streak of scoring at least 20 points was snapped late last season.

## JOHN DAVID BOOTY

Senior **John David Booty** (21-of-32, 65.6%, 206 yds, 3 TD, 1 int in 2007) is a leading candidate for the 2007 Heisman Trophy after a stellar 2006 showing. He made the All-Pac-10 first team and was a Manning Award finalist last year when he became only the fourth Trojan to eclipse 3,000 passing yards in a season (joining Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, plus NFLer Rob Johnson). With a season comparable to 2006, Booty—the first prep football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major university when he did so at USC in 2003—could jump into Troy's career Top 5 in passing (he's eighth with 324 completions) and total offense (he's 11<sup>th</sup> with 3,898 yards).

In his career, he has thrown at least 1 TD pass in 13 of his 14 starts, at least 2 TD passes in a game 10 times, at least 3 TDs in a game 8 times (once in 2007) and has had 200-plus passing yards in 12 games (including his past 8 games). Last year, he threw a touchdown pass in 12 games (including 7 with at least 3 TDs) and had 200-plus passing yards 11 times (including the last 7 games) as he completed 61.9% of his passes (269-of-436) for 3,347 yards and 29 TDs with just 9 interceptions.

—In just 3 quarters of action against *Idaho*, he was 21-of-32 for 206 yards with 3 TDs and an interception.

## USC CAREER PASSING LEADERS (Based on Number of Completions — Includes bowl games)

	PA	PC	PI	YDS	PCT	TD
1. Carson Palmer	1569	927	49	11818	.591	72
2. Matt Leinart	1245	807	23	10693	.648	99
3. Rob Johnson	1046	676	28	8472	.646	58
4. Rodney Peete	1081	630	42	8225	.583	54
5. Todd Marinovich	674	415	25	5001	.616	29
6. Brad Otton	718	410	14	5359	.571	40
7. Sean Salisbury	602	346	19	4481	.575	25
8. John David Booty	524	324	12	3970	.618	35

## USC CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS (Includes bowl games)

	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1. Carson Palmer	1824	-197	11818	11621
2. Matt Leinart	1477	-70	10693	10623
3. Rodney Peete	1371	415	8225	8640
4. Rob Johnson	1305	-576	8472	7896
5. Charles White	1149	6245	-5	6240
6. Brad Otton	791	-236	5359	5123
7. Marcus Allen	936	4810	57	4867
8. Todd Marinovich	794	153	5001	4848
9. Jimmy Jones	842	409	4092	4501
10. Sean Salisbury	713	-354	4481	4127
11. John David Booty	573	-72	3970	3898

## OTHER QUARTERBACKS

Behind John David Booty is promising but relatively untested sophomore **Mark Sanchez**, who threw just 7 passes in 2006 (completing 3 for 63 yards). He was the national high school player of the year in 2004. Other quarterbacks on the roster are senior **Michael McDonald** (1-of-2, 50.0%, 0 yds, 1 int in 2007, plus 1 tac), whose first 2 career passes went for touchdowns (he's the son of ex-USC All-American and NFL standout Paul McDonald), and versatile sophomore **Garrett Green**, who also played some at safety last fall (he is being used mainly at wide receiver in 2007). Sophomore **Mitch Mustain**, the 2005 national prep player of the year who went 8-0 as a true freshman starter at Arkansas in 2006, transferred to USC this summer, but will have to sit out the 2007 season because of NCAA transfer rules. Coming aboard this fall as a freshman was prep All-American **Aaron Corp**.

—McDonald hit 1-of-2 passes for 0 yards with an interception off the bench against *Idaho*.

## TAILBACKS

It might appear as if there's an embarrassment of riches at USC's tailback spot in 2007, with 9 blue-chip runners. But the ensuing competition for playing time should help upgrade Troy's running attack in light of last year's mediocre 128.0 rushing average. Two players who started at tailback in 2006 return: senior **Chauncey Washington** and sophomore **C.J. Gable** (8 tcb, 68 yds, 8.5 avg in 2007, plus 1 rec, 8 yds, 8.0 avg, 1 TD). Washington started 4 times last fall and gained 744 yards on 157 carries with 9 TDs, while Gable had 5 starts while collecting 434 yards on 111 rushes. Washington, who missed the 2004 and 2005

seasons while academically ineligible, was nagged throughout 2006 by hamstringing and then knee injuries. Gable, who was the first USC true freshman to start an opener at tailback when he did so at Arkansas last season, was a Freshman All-American second teamer in 2006. Also an effective return man, he was 15<sup>th</sup> nationally in kickoff returns (27.0) last year. Two other sophomores—**Allen Bradford** (8 tcb, 15 yds, 1.9 avg in 2007, plus 1 tac) and **Stafon Johnson** (12 tcb, 64 yds, 5.3 avg, 2 TD in 2007, plus 1 rec, 7 yds, 7.0 avg)—didn't see as much action last year, but are equally talented and will be in the mix. Bradford even started twice last fall at fullback. Johnson currently is tied for 17<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring (12.0, tied for first in Pac-10). There is also a pair of veteran tailbacks who have clawed back from serious knee injuries: seniors **Hershel Dennis** and **Desmond Reed** (5 tcb, 36 yds, 7.2 avg in 2007, plus 4 PR, 30 yds, 7.5 avg). Dennis, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility in 2007, started in 2003 (rushing for 661 yards) and was set to re-assume his starting job last season after redshirting in 2005 because of torn knee ligaments. But he re-tore those ligaments midway through 2006 spring practice and was sidelined again last fall. He has 968 career rushing yards. Reed contributed primarily as a punt returner in 2006 (leading USC with a 5.4 average) after recovering from torn knee ligaments in the 2005 Notre Dame game, although he is still bothered by subsequent nerve damage in his foot. He has 940 all-purpose yards in his career. Freshmen tailback reinforcements arrived in force this fall with a trio of touted prep All-Americans: **Broderick Green** (a foot injury sustained in 2007 fall camp could sideline him this season), **Joe McKnight** (6 tcb, 26 yds, 4.3 avg in 2007, plus 1 rec, 8 yds, 8.0 avg) and **Marc Tyler**. McKnight was Parade's national Co-Player of the Year in 2006.

—Gable had 68 yards on 8 carries against Idaho to lead USC in rushing for the fifth game in a row and added an 8-yard scoring catch while starting his second consecutive opener (the last Trojan tailback to do so was Sultan McCullough in 2000-01), while Johnson had 64 yards on 12 carries with a pair of short TD runs and also had a 7-yard catch, Reed had 36 yards on 5 attempts and returned 4 punts for 30 yards, McKnight had 26 yards on 6 carries and caught an 8-yard pass and Bradford had 15 yards on 8 rushes.

#### FULLBACKS

As loaded as it is at tailback, USC's fullback unit is somewhat limited. Redshirt freshman **Stanley Havili** (1 tcb, 10 yds, 10.0 avg in 2007, plus 5 rec, 22 yds, 4.4 avg, 1 TD) started the Arizona game early in 2006 and showed promise, but broke his leg in that contest and was allowed to redshirt. Senior **Jody Adewale**, who has yet to carry the ball at USC, started 3 games in 2006. He had decided to forgo his 2007 senior season and did not participate in 2007 spring practice, but changed his mind and rejoined the team this fall. Redshirt freshman **Alfred Rowe** moved over from safety in 2007 fall camp and redshirt freshman walk-on **Cooper Stephenson** came over from tight end this past spring. Joining the fullback corps as a freshman this fall was prep All-American **Jordan Campbell**. Also available is walk-on junior college transfer **Adam Goodman**.

—Havili had a game-best 5 receptions for 22 yards (including a 3-yard score) against Idaho to become the first fullback to top Troy in catches since Charlie Landrigan did so in 2001 against Notre Dame.

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

There's a sizable chasm that Troy needs to overcome at the wide receiver spots in 2007, as USC's most productive wideout combo in history—two-time All-American Dwayne Jarrett and 2006 All-American first teamer Steve Smith—are gone. Between them, 63 of their 406 career catches went for 6 points. The 3-year starters were the first pair of Trojan wide receivers to earn All-American first team acclaim in the same season. Both were selected in the NFL's second round. Jarrett, who left after his junior season for the NFL, was USC's first-ever 2-time All-American first team receiver. He ended up as USC's career leader in receptions (216) and the Pac-10's career recordholder in TD catches (41); he came up 63 yards short (3,138) of the USC career receiving yardage mark. He caught a pass in all 38 games he played, with a TD catch in 25 of them, and he posted 13 100-yard outings. He had 70 receptions for 1,015 yards (14.5 avg.) and 12 TDs last fall. Smith finished his career fourth on Troy's all-time ladder for receiving yards (3,019) and fifth for receptions (190) and receiving TDs (22). He had 9 100-yard games in his career. He was USC's team MVP in 2006 as he had 71 grabs for 1,083 yards (15.3 avg.) and 9 scores. Additionally, key backup Chris McCoy also graduated, taking with him his 57 career catches and 17 starts. USC now turns to a number of young players to replace Jarrett and Smith, with the most experienced being junior **Patrick Turner**. A big target at 6-5, he was third on the team in receptions last fall while starting twice (29 catches for 272 yards and 2 TDs). He has 41 career catches. A pair of sophomores—**Vidal Hazelton** (4 rec, 44 yds, 11.0 avg, 1 TD in 2007) and **Travon Patterson** (1 rec, 0 yds, 0.0 avg in 2007)—gained limited but valuable experience last year. Converted soph quarterback **Garrett Green** has joined the wide receiving corps in 2007. Then there's redshirt freshman **David Ausberry** (5 rec, 46 yds, 9.2 avg in 2007), who is almost as tall as Turner. Senior **Brad Walker** (2 rec, 22 yds, 11.0 avg in 2007)—a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall—has seen backup action in 32 games in his career. There are 7 walk-on wide receivers in senior **Brent Yoshida** (a converted safety), redshirt freshmen **Sean Calcagnie**, **Scott Stephens**, **Duron Sylvester** (a converted quarterback) and **Spencer Vigoren**, along with true freshmen **Caleb Nelan** and **Aubey Layno-Moses**. Sophomore **Damian Williams** transferred to USC in the spring of 2007 from Arkansas, where he started 5 games in 2006. He caught 19 passes for 235 yards (12.4 avg.) with 2 TDs last fall, including 4 clutchers for 61 yards in the opener against USC, and was named a Freshman All-American third teamer. But he will have to sit out 2007 because of NCAA transfer rules. Supplementing this group is a pair of talented prep All-Americans who enrolled at USC this fall as freshmen: **Brandon Carswell** and **Ronald Johnson** (1 tcb, 4 yds, 4.0 avg in 2007).

—Ausberry had a game-high 5 catches for 46 yards versus Idaho, while Hazelton added 4 receptions for 44 yards (including a spectacular 1-handed, 1-yard TD grab), Walker caught 2 passes for 22 yards (his first career catches), Patterson had a catch for no yards and Johnson ran 4 yards with a reverse.

#### TIGHT ENDS

Tight end is a deep, experienced unit for USC in 2007. Senior **Fred Davis** (2 rec, 49 yds, 24.5 avg in 2007, plus 1 tac) returned to the starting lineup after getting 38 catches for

352 yards and 3 TDs in 2006. Known for his speed and downfield pass catching ability, he has 57 career catches. Fellow seniors **Dale Thompson**, a key backup who started 3 times last year and is more the blocking type, and **Jimmy Miller**, who has 2 touchdowns in his 3 career catches, also are back. Then there's gifted sophomore **Anthony McCoy**, who missed most of the last half of the 2006 season with a hamstring injury. **Rhett Ellison**, the son of former USC and NFL linebacker Riki Gray Ellison, enrolled as a freshman this fall.

—Davis had 2 catches for 39 yards versus Idaho.

#### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Although USC returns three-fifths of its offensive line, including a 2-time All-American first teamer, and also has several others with starting experience on the roster, the Trojans lost the front's leader with the graduation of 2006 All-American first team center **Ryan Kalil**. The 3-year starter won the Pac-10's Morris Trophy and was a Rimington Trophy finalist last fall before being picked in the NFL's second round. Also gone is right tackle **Kyle Williams**. USC features the best left tackle in the nation in 2-time All-American first teamer **Sam Baker**. The senior is starting for his fourth season in 2007. Both starting guards returned: junior **Chilo Rachal** on the right side and senior **Drew Radovich**, who started on the left side last fall but has moved to compete for Williams' vacant right tackle spot for 2007. Rachal was a 2006 Sophomore All-American second team honoree. Two other linemen who have started games are back in junior guard-center **Jeff Byers**, who started 4 times at guard in 2004 but missed 2005 with a hip injury and all of 2006 but the opener with a back injury, and senior guard **Alatini Malu**, who started once last season. Byers is starting at left guard in 2007. Senior center **Matt Spanos**, who sat out the 2006 season while academically ineligible, appeared ready to assume Kalil's starting center position before suffering a likely season-ending torn triceps in 2007 fall camp. Other linemen who'll battle for playing time are sophomore tackles **Charles Brown** and converted defensive tackle **Alex Parsons** (1 tac in 2007), soph tackle-guard **Thomas Herring**, sophomore guard-center **Nick Howell** (he'll likely miss 2007 with a hernia), redshirt freshman guard **Zack Heberer** and redshirt freshman tackle **Butch Lewis**, along with sophomore tackles **David Clinco** and **Will Mullen**. Also in the mix is freshman tackle **Martin Coleman**, a prep All-American who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this past spring (he's likely sidelined in 2007 with a shoulder injury). A pair of prep All-Americans—center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, who has taken over the starting job, and tackle **Michael Reardon**—came aboard as freshmen this fall.

—Baker, Byers, O'Dowd, Rachal and Brown started versus Idaho, with O'Dowd becoming the first USC true freshman to start at center as well as only the third Trojan true freshman to start a post-World War II opener on the offensive line (joining Brad Budde in 1976 against Missouri and Travis Clairidge in 1996 against Penn State) and the first USC true freshman to start on the offensive line since Byers did so in 2004 against UCLA.

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Ten defensive starters returned from 2006: linebackers **Keith Rivers**, **Rey Mauluga** and **Brian Cushing**, end **Lawrence Jackson**, tackles **Sedrick Ellis** and **Fili Moala**, safeties **Kevin Ellison** and **Taylor Mays** and cornerbacks **Terrell Thomas** and **Cary Harris**. Others back with starting experience are safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard**, linebackers **Thomas Williams** and **Kaluka Maiava** and cornerback **Kevin Thomas**. Eight of USC's 9 leading tacklers (including the top 2) from 2006 returned, as did its leaders in tackles for a loss and deflections and all 8 players who made interceptions last year. Last season, Troy's defense ranked in the national Top 25 (and tops in the Pac-10) in rushing defense (ninth at 91.1), scoring defense (11<sup>th</sup> at 15.2), total defense (20<sup>th</sup> at 295.6) and pass efficiency defense (22<sup>nd</sup> at 110.7). But for the first time in the Pete Carroll era, USC's turnover margin did not surpass the previous year's; in 2006, the Trojans had a pedestrian +0.3 turnover margin after posting a +1.6 mark the prior season.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

USC's defensive line returned nearly intact in 2007 and there are some top-notch backups, which means Troy should be especially stout up front on defense this year. Headlining this group is a pair of seniors who rank among the best in the country: nose tackle **Sedrick Ellis** (4 tac, 1 for loss, 2 dfl in 2007), an All-American first teamer in 2006 when he won the Pac-10's Morris Trophy, and end **Lawrence Jackson** (3 tac, 1 dfl in 2007), who has 35 tackles for loss and 20 sacks in his career. Ellis is starting for his third season and Jackson—a 2006 All-Pac-10 second teamer after earning first team honors in 2005—for his fourth. Junior **Fili Moala** (2 tac in 2007) returns at a tackle spot (he even started 3 times at nose tackle last year for an injured Ellis). Angling for time at tackle are sophomore **Averell Spicer** (1 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2007) and redshirt freshman **Derek Simmons** (1 tac in 2007). The other end spot, which opened up now that Brian Cushing moved back to his natural linebacker position in 2007, could be manned by junior **Kyle Moore** (4 tac, 1 sack, 1 for loss, 1 FF, 1 FR, 1 dfl in 2007). Also in the mix at end are senior **Alex Morrow** and junior **Gerald Washington**, who redshirted as a tight end last year. Looking to contribute immediately at end this fall as freshmen is prep All-Americans **Everson Griffen**, who was Super Prep's national Player of the Year in 2006, plus **Trey Henderson**, believed to be the first Canadian player to be offered a scholarship to play football at USC (he likely will sit out the 2007 season with a knee injury). New freshmen at tackle this fall are prep All-American **DaJohn Harris**, plus **Christian Tupou**.

—*Ellis had 4 tackles (including 1 for a loss) and 2 deflections versus Idaho. Moore also had 4 stops (including a sack in which he forced a fumble that he recovered) and a deflection. Jackson had 3 tackles and a deflection. Moala had 2 tackles. Spicer had a sack and Simmons had a tackle, while Griffen became the first USC true freshman to start an opener on the defensive line since Tim Ryan in 1986 against Illinois and the first true freshman to start on the defensive line since Shaun Cody did so in 2001 against Utah.*

## LINEBACKERS

USC's 2007 linebacker corps is the best in the nation. Period. The 3 starters are each worthy of All-American and Butkus Award notice: 2006 USC tackle (85) and forced

fumble (3) leader **Keith Rivers** (6 tac, 1 dfl in 2007) on the weakside, fellow 2006 All-Pac-10 first teamer **Rey Mauluga** (4 tac in 2007) in the middle and **Brian Cushing**, who has moved back to his natural strongside spot after playing defensive end last year. Rivers, who is starting for his third season, won All-American honorable mention notice in 2006, as did Mauluga. Mauluga, second on the Trojans in tackles in 2006 with 78, also was a Sophomore All-American first team pick and Butkus Award semifinalist last year. Cushing, who led USC in tackles for a loss last season (13.5) while getting 57 tackles and also returned an onside kick for a TD, was an All-Pac-10 second team and Sophomore All-American third team selection in 2006. Cushing is filling in for departed Dallas Sartz, a 3-year starter on the strong side who helped USC to a 32-2 mark in games that he started. He had 70 tackles last year, including a team-best 7 sacks. The only other significant loss in this unit is Oscar Lua, who started 14 games in the middle in his career (3 last year) and topped Troy in tackles in 2005. Sartz was a fifth round NFL pick and Lua went in the seventh round. Not only is USC's linebacker corps talented, but it is deep. Versatile senior **Thomas Williams** (3 tac in 2007) has played every linebacker position and has 10 career starts (including 2 last year at fullback). Junior **Kaluka Maiava** can play either side and started once on the strong side in 2005 (he had 34 tackles in 2006). Junior **Clay Matthews** (4 tac, 1 dfl, 1 BLK FG in 2007), the son of the former Trojan All-American and NFL star linebacker of the same name, earned a scholarship last season and saw significant action. Sophomore **Luthur Brown** (4 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2007) made his mark mainly on special teams in 2006. That foursome also thrives on special teams. Then there's redshirt freshman **Michael Morgan** (2 tac in 2007), as well as a pair of walk-ons in junior **Nick Garratt** and redshirt freshman **Dan Deckas**. Freshmen linebackers arriving this fall were prep All-Americans **Chris Galippo** (2 tac in 2007) and **Malcolm Smith** (1 tac in 2007), the brother of ex-Trojan All-American wide receiver Steve Smith.

—*Rivers had a team-best 6 tackles with a deflection versus Idaho. Matthews had 4 tackles, a deflection and blocked a field goal attempt. Mauluga and Brown also had 4 stops (Brown had 0.5 for a loss). Williams had 3 tackles. Galippo and Morgan each had 2 stops and Smith had 1.*

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

Not to sound like a broken record, but USC's secondary—like the rest of the defense—is loaded. All 4 starters returned, as did 2 others who have starting experience. Aggressive junior strong safety **Kevin Ellison** (3 tac, 1 dfl in 2007) is back after earning Sophomore All-American second team honors in 2006 when he had 64 tackles. At free safety, there's sophomore **Taylor Mays** (5 tac in 2007), who was a 2006 All-American second teamer, national Defensive Freshman of the Year, Freshman All-American first teamer and Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year. He led USC in interceptions (3) last year and posted 62 tackles. But he'll be challenged by junior **Josh Pinkard**, a 2005 starter (primarily at cornerback) who started the 2006 opener before being sidelined for the year with a knee injury. Pinkard might also see time at corner in 2007. Seeking time in the rotation at safety are junior **Mozique McCurtis** (3 tac in 2007), who was USC's often-employed nickel back in 2006, sophomore **Will Harris**,

who missed most of the past 2 seasons with injuries (including all of 2006 with a knee injury), and redshirt freshman **Alfred Rowe** (he's also working at fullback). McCurtis is also available at cornerback. At safety, there also are 4 walk-ons: seniors **Brent Yoshida** (he's being tried at wide receiver, too) and **Chase McWhorter**, soph **Justin Hart** and redshirt freshman **Robert Erickson**. Both starting cornerbacks returned from 2006. Senior **Terrell Thomas** (4 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2007), a lockdown-type defender who led USC in deflections (12) in 2006 and had 50 tackles, was an All-Pac-10 second teamer last fall. On the other side is junior **Cary Harris** (2 tac in 2007), who also tried his hand at returning kickoffs early in 2006 when he posted 45 tackles. Junior **Kevin Thomas** started twice at cornerback last season, but missed most of the year with foot and ankle injuries (he might sit out 2007 with a shoulder injury). Sophomores **Shareece Wright** (2 tac, 2 for loss in 2007) and **Vincent Joseph** (2 KOR, 41 yds, 20.5 avg in 2007), who also returned some kickoffs last season, are also in the cornerback mix. Both were stellar special teams performers in 2006. Then there are walk-on cornerbacks **Jim Abbott**, a junior, soph **Omari Crittenden** and **Matthew Jordan** and freshman **Daniel Harper**. Enrolling this fall as a freshman was prep All-American safety **Marshall Jones**.

—*Mays had 5 tackles versus Idaho. Wright added 4 stops (including 2 for losses). Terrell Thomas had 4 tackles (0.5 for a loss). Ellison had 3 tackles and a deflection. McCurtis had 3 stops and Cary Harris had 2 tackles, while Joseph returned 2 kickoffs for 41 yards.*

## SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

USC's punter (**Greg Woidneck**), snapper (**Will Collins**), holder (**Michael McDonald**) and top kickoff returner (**C.J. Gable**) and punt returner (**Desmond Reed**) returned in 2007, but a new placekicker and kickoff man had to be found. The Trojans put up decent numbers in most special teams categories in 2006, especially in kickoff returns—15<sup>th</sup> nationally (23.2)—and placekicking, but they are aiming for improvement across the board (for instance, USC was in the lower half of the nation last year in net punting at 33.7 and punt returns at 6.2).

## SPECIALISTS

Junior **Greg Woidneck** (43.0 avg in 2007)—a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall—did a steady job (38.3 average) in 2006 in his first year handling the punting duty after transferring from a junior college. He'll attempt to boost his average a few yards this year. He generally had good hang time on his punts in 2006, but opponents averaged 8.6 yards per return, thanks in part to a long scoring punt return and a blocked punt. Walk-on redshirt freshman **Billy O'Malley** is his back up. When record-setting senior-to-be Mario Danelo fell to his unfortunate death in early January of 2007, USC lost not only a beloved teammate but one of the nation's most accurate kickers. He hit 26-of-28 field goals (including 15 in a row) in his 2-year career as the starter, as well as 127-of-134 PATs. He set NCAA records for season PATs (83) and PAT attempts (86) in 2005. Last year, he was 15-of-16 on field goals and 44-of-48 on PATs. Also gone is Troy Van Blarcom, USC's kickoff man the past 2 years who left school after his sophomore season. In his career, 98 of his 179 kickoffs pinned opponents within the 20-yard line (with 68 touchbacks). The task of succeeding them falls on the right foot

of junior **David Buehler** (5-of-5 PAT, 1-of-1 FG in 2007). He nailed his only 3-point attempt last year when he was asked to try a 49-yarder against California (it was USC's longest field goal since 1998) and he also kicked off 8 times in 2006 (7 of those were against Michigan in the Rose Bowl, with 6 pinning the Wolverines within the 20, including 3 touchbacks). He also doubled as a safety and fullback in 2006, seeing time in 10 games primarily on special teams in 2006. Three walk-ons—senior **Brad Smith** (a transfer from Davidson who is immediately eligible), sophomore juco transfer **Joe Houston** and freshman **Brook Van Muijen**—could challenge him this fall, but Buehler's fine showing in this past spring's practice settled the coaches' uneasiness about the placekicking game. Walk-on junior **Jordan Congdon**, who hit 24 field goals in his 2 years at Nebraska (including a school record 19 in 2005), must sit out the 2007 season after transferring. Senior **Will Collins** returned for his fourth year as the snapper, a role he has filled flawlessly. Untested walk-on sophomore **Christian Putnam** backs him up. Senior quarterback **Michael McDonald** returned for his second season as the holder. He handled the job impeccably in 2006 and even threw a touchdown pass off a fake field goal. Junior punter **Greg Woidneck** and sophomore wide receiver-quarterback **Garrett Green** back him up. Sophomore tailback **C.J. Gable** handled most of the kickoff returns in 2006 and proved effective as he finished 15<sup>th</sup> nationally in kickoff returns (27.0 average). But sophomore cornerback **Vincent Joseph** (2 KOR, 41 yds, 20.5 avg in 2007) figures to take over that duty. Senior tailback **Desmond Reed** (4 PR, 30 yds, 7.5 avg in 2007) will be deep with Joseph on kickoff returns and will continue as USC's primary punt returner (he averaged 5.4 yards in 2006). Soph tailback **Stafon Johnson** and several freshmen candidates—tailback **Joe McKnight** and wide receivers **Ronald Johnson** and **Brandon Carswell**—also might get looked at to handle the return duties.

—Woidneck averaged 43.0 yards on his 2 punts versus Idaho, while Buehler hit all 5 of his PATs and a 36-yard field goal, plus 6 of his 7 kickoffs pinned the Vandals within the 20 (including 4 touchbacks).

#### ASSISTANT COACHES

USC's coaching staff lost just one fulltime assistant, as offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach/recruiting coordinator Lane Kiffin became the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. Assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach **Steve Sarkisian** now has taken on the offensive coordinator duty, tight ends coach **Brennan Carroll** added the recruiting coordinator role and **John Morton** came aboard as the wide receivers coach after being an NFL assistant with the Raiders and most recently with the New Orleans Saints. Also, special teams graduate assistant **Sam Anno** and video assistant **Yogi Roth** swapped roles, with former Pittsburgh wide receiver Roth now helping Sarkisian with the quarterbacks. USC's holdovers maintained their same job responsibilities as in 2006: **Nick Holt** (defensive coordinator/defensive line), **Todd McNair** (running backs/special teams coordinator), **Pat Ruel** (offensive line), **Ken Norton Jr.** (linebackers), **Rocky Seto** (secondary), **David Watson** (defensive line) and **Demetric Martin** (secondary graduate assistant).

#### STATS OF NOTE

##### WINS

\*\*\*USC has won 46 of its last 49 games, 57 of its last 61, 58 of its last 63, 60 of its last 66 and 64 of its last 71.

\*\*\*USC has won at least 11 games in each of the past 5 seasons, a school record.

##### OFFENSE

\*\*\*Offensively in 2007, USC is 24<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring offense (38.0, fourth in Pac-10).

\*\*\*Of USC's 6 offensive scoring drives in 2007, 2 took less than 3 minutes (including 1 under 2 minutes), while 2 went 80-plus yards.

##### SCORING

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 48 of its last 61 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 34 times under Pete Carroll (including 13 times of at least 50 points).

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 50 points in 6 of the last 18 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 67 of its past 69 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

\*\*\*Since trailing late in the third quarter at Oregon State in 2006, 33-10, USC has outscored its opponents, 244-84.

\*\*\*USC has a knack for scoring 20 or more unanswered points (once in 2007, 5 times in 2006, 13 times in 2005, 12 times in 2004 and 11 times in both 2003 and 2002).

\*\*\*During the Pete Carroll era, USC has more than doubled the score of its opponents in the second half of games (1,454 to 673 points).

\*\*\*Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 102 times.

##### DEFENSE

\*\*\*Defensively in 2007, USC is 13<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring defense (10.0, second in Pac-10), 17<sup>th</sup> in pass efficiency defense (82.9, second in Pac-10) and 19<sup>th</sup> in total defense (253.0, third in Pac-10). was tied for ninth nationally in rushing defense (91.1, tied for first in Pac-10), 11<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense (15.2, first in Pac-10), 20<sup>th</sup> in total defense (295.9, first in Pac-10) and 22<sup>nd</sup> in pass efficiency defense (110.7, first in Pac-10).

\*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 49 of the last 63 games.

\*\*\*USC's turnover margin of -2.0 in 2007 and +0.3 in 2006 have been below the upward trend from each previous year under Pete Carroll (+1.3 in 2001, +1.4 in 2002, +1.5 in both 2003 and 2004 and +1.6 in 2005).

\*\*\*USC has held 40 of its last 65 opposing teams to less than 100 rushing yards (once in 2007, 6 times in 2006, 5 times in 2005, 8 times in 2004, 10 games in 2003 and 10 times in 2002).

\*\*\*Only 6 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 60 games (California's Adimchinobe Echemandu did so in 2003 with 147, breaking a streak of 16 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher, Cal's J.J. Arrington in 2004 with 112, Washington State's Jerome Harrison in 2005 with 147, Fresno State's Wendell Mathis in 2005 with 109, Texas' Vince Young in 2005 with 200 and Oregon State's Clinton Polk in 2006 with 100).

\*\*\*Under Pete Carroll, USC is 34-1 when holding opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense (the loss was to UCLA in 2006).

\*\*\*Since allowing a 69-yard TD pass in the third quarter of the BYU game in 2004, USC has not allowed a pass completion longer than 45 yards (a span of 133 quarters).

##### MISCELLANEOUS

\*\*\*USC has played before crowds of at least 85,000 in 24 of its past 43 games.

\*\*\*USC's last 14 home games (and 16 of its past 18) have been played in front of 90,000-plus crowds.

\*\*\*USC played 7 night games in 2006, tying the school record first set in 2004...it's a feat that will be repeated in 2007.

\*\*\*USC is 33-3 in the final 6 regular-season games in each of head coach Pete Carroll's 6 years (the losses were to Notre Dame in 2001 and Oregon State and UCLA in 2006).

\*\*\*Eleven of the 12 losses in the Pete Carroll era at USC were by a touchdown or less (the other was by just 11 points).

#### RANDOM NOTES

\*\*\*USC's 2007 team captains, as elected by their teammates during fall camp, are: QB **John David Booty**, OT **Sam Baker**, DE **Lawrence Jackson** and LB **Keith Rivers**. Booty, who also was a captain in 2006, is only the eighth 2-time Trojan captain ever, and just the fifth since 1902-03 (along with Chad Morton in 1998-99, Troy Polamalu in 2001-02, Matt Leinart in 2004-05 and Dallas Sartz in 2005-06).

\*\*\*Former USC linebacker **Richard Wood**, USC's first 3-time All-American first team football player and a member of the Trojans' 1972 and 1974 national championship teams, will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in New York City this Dec. 4. He then will be enshrined in ceremonies in South Bend, Ind., in the summer of 2008. Wood, nicknamed "Batman," was the first 3-year All-American selectee by AP from the West Coast when he was honored in 1972-73-74. He then played for the NFL's New York Jets (1975) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1976-84). USC has 28 former players, 2 ex-head coaches, 4 one-time assistant coaches and a former athletic director in the College Football Hall of Fame.

\*\*\*Former USC All-American and NFL All-Pro offensive lineman **Bruce Matthews** was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, this August. He became the 11th Trojan player—more than any other school—in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (there also are 3 former USC assistant coaches enshrined). The 1982 consensus All-American guard started for 3 seasons (1980-82) at Troy and won the Pac-10's Morris Trophy as a senior. A 1983 first round draft pick of the Houston Oilers, he played every offensive line position during his 19 years (1983-2001) with the team (which became the Tennessee Titans), including appearing in Super Bowl XXXIV. The 14-time Pro Bowler and 9-time All-Pro played more NFL games (296) than any non-kicker in history and never missed a game because of injury.

\*\*\*The 2006 season marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's 1932 national championship team, which posted a 10-0 record (including a shutout victory over Pittsburgh in the Rose Bowl) under head coach Howard Jones.

\*\*\*Head coach **Pete Carroll** has made it a practice to play first-year freshmen at USC. During Carroll's 6 years at Troy, 72 first-year freshmen have seen action at USC (7 in 2001, 12 in 2002, 13 in 2003, 8 in 2004, 11 in 2005, 15 in 2006 and 6 in 2007).

\*\*\*Sports Illustrated surveyed a starter from each of the 119 NCAA Division I-A schools in the summer of 2007 and asked which coach (besides their own) they would like to play for. **Pete Carroll** received the most votes (28.6%), including a vote from a player in all but one conference. Also, an overwhelming 48.7% of the respondents said USC would win the 2007 national championship (one Pac-10 starter said, "Every year USC is stacked, and with everyone they have coming in, they're going to be stacked for the next five years.") and QB **John David Booty** received the second most votes (10.1%) among Heisman favorites.

\*\*\*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-AA university.

\*\*\*USC also currently has 3 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. TE **Fred Davis** did so in the spring of 2004. S **Kevin Ellison** enrolled at USC in the spring of 2005. And OT **Martin Coleman** enrolled at USC this past spring. Since 1999, 11 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC.

\*\*\*LB **Kaluka Maiava** participated in boxing in high school. DE **Gerald Washington** played tennis as a youth and competed in juniors tournaments. OT **Martin Coleman**, who grew up on the Tongan island of Vavau, played rugby as a youth.

\*\*\*Before DE **Gerald Washington** entered junior college in 2004, he spent the previous 4 years in the U.S. Navy as a helicopter mechanic.

\*\*\*DE **Trey Henderson** is believed to be the first Canadian player offered a scholarship to play football at USC.

\*\*\*OG **Alatini Malu** and FB **Adam Goodman** are USC's only married players. Malu married Alisia Fu'e this summer. Goodman and wife Jessica also were married this summer. And tight ends coach **Brennan Carroll** got married this summer. He tied the knot with Amber Willey, a former volleyball player at North Carolina, in Europe and on the AVP beach tour.

\*\*\*If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Three current Trojans played against USC in 2006 as members of opposing teams. QB **Mitch Mustain** (4-of-6 passing for 47 yards and an interception, plus a 4-yard TD run) and WR **Damian Williams** (4 catches for 61 yards) played for Arkansas in Troy's 50-14 season-opening road win. PK **Jordan Congdon** (38-yard field goal and a PAT) was on Nebraska's team that lost at USC, 28-10.

\*\*\*PK **Brad Smith** does not have to sit out the 2007 season after transferring this fall from Davidson because of an NCAA one-time transfer rule that allows transfers to be eligible immediately if they were not recruited by their new school and did not receive a scholarship at their original school. He hit 24-of-33 field goals and 61-of-66 PATs in his 3-year career at Davidson (he redshirted in 2003), including 11-of-12 field goals (tying the school season record) and 30-of-32 PATs in 2006 when he was named to the NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major All-American first team.

\*\*\*Who's the fastest among the 2006 Trojans? It might be WR **Travon Patterson** (bests of 10.44 in the 100 meters and 21.41 in the 200 meters), who was fourth in the 2006 California state 100. TB **Joe McKnight** has been clocked at 10.4 in the 100.

\*\*\*Not only has head coach **Pete Carroll** produced numerous NFL draft picks (32) from his USC teams, but 10 of his Trojan assistant coaches have gone on to the NFL from USC: Lane Kiffin, Norm Chow, Kennedy Pola, Greg Burns, Tim Davis, Jethro Franklin, **Steve Sarkisian** (he has since returned to USC), Carl

Smith, DeWayne Walker and Kirby Wilson. Kiffin, Franklin, Smith, Walker and Wilson all previously had NFL experience before coming to USC (as do current assistants **Pat Ruel**, **Todd McNair** and **John Morton**). And **Nick Holt** (Idaho) and Ed Orgeron (Mississippi) both left USC to become collegiate head coaches (Holt now is back at USC after a couple days' detour to the NFL).

\*\*\*TrojanTV All-Access, a new multimedia internet platform featuring live game broadcasts, replays of classic contests, exclusive behind-the-scenes video, a daily talk show, original programming and breaking news stories about USC athletics, made its debut on Aug. 1 on USCTrojans.com. It covers all 19 of USC's men's and women's sports, with a heavy emphasis on football and basketball. Nearly all of USC's home sporting events—and some road events—will be shown live, and will include pre- and post-game shows. Most home and road football, basketball and other games that are aired live on commercial or cable television networks, and thereby protected contractually from live coverage elsewhere, will be replayed almost immediately upon their conclusion on TrojanTV All-Access. Also featured on TrojanTV All-Access are daily post-practice reports, live coverage of head football coach Pete Carroll's Tuesday and post-game press conferences and video blogs centered around key USC athletes, as well as coverage of breaking news pertaining to Trojan athletics. There is a daily late morning talk show with longtime Trojan broadcaster Pete Arbogast, which is webcast from the lobby of Heritage Hall. A vault of historic USC football games, dating to the 1930s, is available for viewing, as is other archived Trojan sports programming. Arbogast and USC Hall of Fame broadcaster Tom Kelly provide narration. The debut of TrojanTV All-Access coincided with the rollout of the redesigned USCTrojans.com, the official website of USC athletics. The popular site is now heavily video based, but also includes live "GameTracker" statistical coverage of many of USC's events. USCTrojans.com also continues to feature extensive historical material and an online athletic merchandise store and ticket office. A year's subscription to the premium content on TrojanTV All-Access is \$99.95. Monthly subscriptions are \$9.95. Content that was free before on USCTrojans.com—including press releases, statistics and media guides—continues to be free. Registration is available at USCTrojans.com.

\*\*\*Head coach **Pete Carroll** has his own website, PeteCarroll.com. The site features a variety of Carroll-related information, multimedia and merchandise, as well as fan club membership that includes exclusive benefits. All proceeds benefit "A Better L.A.," the non-profit organization the Carroll founded to help reduce gang violence in Los Angeles. Carroll also is partnering with Lou Tice of the Pacific Institute on a book—"Leadership Is A Performance Art"—that will be available on the site. Proceeds from the book also will go to "A Better L.A."

\*\*\*In 2003, head coach **Pete Carroll** helped develop "A Better L.A.," a non-profit group consisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities.

\*\*\*USC offensive line coach **Pat Ruel** and Trojan football video assistant **Sam Anno** went to Japan for a week in July to teach football to youngsters. Anno, who was USC's special teams graduate assistant coach the past 2 years, is one-quarter Japanese.

\*\*\*USC's current head coaches in football (**Pete Carroll**) and baseball (**Chad Kreuter**) both attended the same high school (Redwood High in Larkspur, Calif.).

\*\*\*Five Trojans have already received their bachelor's degrees: FB **Jody Adewale**, OG-C **Jeff Byers**, TB **Hershel Dennis** and DE **Lawrence Jackson** from USC and PK **Brad Smith** from Davidson. Adewale (marriage and family therapy) and Byers (business) are working on their master's degrees. Because of his class schedule conflicts, Adewale will have to miss football practice on Mondays and Tuesdays.

\*\*\*The late **Mario Danelo**, who was a record-setting placekicker in his 2 years as USC's starter (2005-06), is being remembered by the Trojans in a variety of ways during the 2007 season. He died in a tragic fall off a cliff near his San Pedro home on Jan. 6, 2007, at the age of 21 (following his junior season at Troy). His jersey number (19) is painted under the goal posts in all 3 end zones on USC's practice fields. A seat in the team meeting room in Heritage Hall is left unoccupied and his photo appears near the football locker room in the building. The Trojans are wearing a sticker on their helmet with his name and number, and no USC player is wearing his No. 19 jersey this season. A banner with his trademark saying ("Living the dream") hangs in view in the Coliseum tunnel and the goals posts at the stadium are protected with black pads with his name on them. His family was honored at the home opener. Danelo only missed two field goals in his career, going 26-for-28, and was 127-of-134 on extra points. He set NCAA, Pac-10 and USC single-season records with 83 extra points and 86 attempts in 2005. He made the Trojans as a walk-on in 2003. In 2005, he received a scholarship and earned the starting kicking job. He made 15-of-16 field goals as a junior in 2006 and led the Trojans in scoring with 89 points. His father, Joe, kicked at Washington State and in the NFL.

\*\*\*Three USC-related books will be published this fall. "Tom Kelly's Tales From The USC Trojans" (Sports Publishing), penned with Los Angeles Daily News columnist Tom Hoffarth, documents the 4-plus decades of memories of USC's former television and radio broadcaster. He is a member of the USC and Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association Halls of Fame. "One Night, Two Teams: Alabama Vs. USC And The Game That Changed A Nation" (Taylor Trade Publishing), by Steven Travers, looks at the Trojans' 1970 visit to Birmingham to face the Crimson Tide in a game that helped integrate Southern football. "Saturday Rules: A Season With Trojans and Domers (and Gators and Buckeyes and Wolverines)" (HarperCollins), by Sports Illustrated's Austin Murphy, focuses on USC's 2006 season as proof why college football is better than the NFL.



\*\*\*USC Athletics has teamed up with the Los Angeles Dodgers to support [ThinkCure](#), a non-profit organization that champions critical cancer research at City of Hope and Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles. USC plans to help raise awareness of ThinkCure through a series of radio, internet and videoboard messages during the upcoming 2007-08 athletic season. Since ThinkCure was launched in July of 2007, the Dodgers have conducted a number of measures to support it, including special events, fundraising efforts and in-stadium signage. ThinkCure, the Dodgers' official charity, is dedicated to supporting cancer research and finding a cure for this deadly disease. ThinkCure has chosen two of the leading cancer research institutions, City of Hope and Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, as its partners and funding beneficiaries. For more information about ThinkCure or to make a donation, visit [www.thinkcure.org](http://www.thinkcure.org) or call 866-554-CURE (2873).

\*\*\*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 and 1 of 11 nominees for the 2005 award.

\*\*\*Seven Trojans have [relatives who played on national championship USC football squads](#): SNP **Will Collins** (uncle, Joe Collins, was on the 1974 team), TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison, was on the 1978 team), OG-C **Nick Howell** (father, Pat Howell, was an All-American on the 1978 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 **Malcolm Smith** (brother, 2006 All-American Steve Smith, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams) and WR **Brad Walker** (cousin, Norm Katnik, was on the 2003 team and cousin, Kurt Katnik, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams).

\*\*\*Several Trojans have other [relatives with USC football connections](#). SNP **Will Collins'** brother, Rob Collins, was a walk-on at USC in the 1980s. Two Trojans have uncles who were Trojan footballers: LB **Clay Matthews** (Bruce Matthews, 1980-82, 1982 All-American) and WR **Brad Walker** (John Katnik, 1986-87). WR-QB **Garrett Green's** cousin is former Trojan quarterback Brandon Hance (2003-04). P **Greg Woidneck's** brothers, Brian and Rob, were managers with the USC football team (2001-02).

\*\*\*Speaking of [genes](#): WR **David Ausberry's** cousin is Tommie Smith, the 1968 Olympic gold medalist in the 200 meters who is long remembered for giving the "Black Power" salute (with John Carlos) on the medal stand. 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). PK **David Buehler's** father, John, lettered on USC's 1969 track team as a shot putter, while his uncle, George Buehler, lettered in football at Stanford for 3 years (1966-68) and then played guard with the Oakland Raiders (1969-78) and Cleveland Browns (1978-79) and another uncle, Charles, lettered in football at Stanford for 3 years (1960-62). QB **Aaron Corp's** father, Chris, lettered at wide receiver for 2 years (1980-81) at Idaho State and was a member of the Bengals' NCAA Division I-AA championship team (he caught a TD pass in the title game), while his mother, Mary, played volleyball at Idaho State. TB **Hershel Dennis'** father, Hershel Sr., played tailback at North Carolina A&T. S **Kevin Ellison's** brother, Chris, was a defensive back at BYU in 1997 and 1998 and another brother, Keith, was a linebacker at Oregon State in 2004 and 2005 (he also played at San Diego State in 2002) who now plays with the NFL's Buffalo Bills, while his cousin, Donminic Ellison, played basketball at Washington State and New Mexico State. TE **Rhett Ellison's** father, Riki (Gray) Ellison, lettered at linebacker for 4 seasons (1978-80, 1982) at USC, where he was a member of the 1978 national championship team and earned All-Conference honors in 1979, then played in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (1983-89), where he appeared in the 1985 and 1989 Super Bowls, and Los Angeles Raiders (1990-92), while his sister, Wesley, played water polo at Michigan for 4 years (2004-07). TB **Broderick Green's** half-brother is Kansas City Chiefs safety Greg Wesley. DE **Everson Griffen's** cousin is Arizona State tailback Keegan Herring. DE **Lawrence Jackson's** brother, Keith, was an offensive tackle at Arizona. LB **Kaluka Maiava's** grandfather is ex-pro wrestler Neff Maiava and his uncle is pro wrestler/actor The Rock (Dwayne Johnson, who played football at Miami). LB **Clay Matthews'** cousin, Ashley Nick, is a junior on the USC women's soccer team. S **Taylor Mays'** father, Stafford Mays, was a defensive lineman at Washington in 1978 and 1979 who then played in the NFL with the St. Louis Cardinals (1980-86) and Minnesota Vikings (1987-88). TB **Joe McKnight's** sister, Johanna, is a junior on the basketball (guard) and track (sprints/jumps) teams at Richmond. TE **Jimmy Miller's** brother, Jeff, is a redshirt freshman defensive end at UCLA. DT **Fili Moala's** cousin is former Oregon defensive lineman Haloti Ngata, now with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. LB **Michael Morgan's** brother, Steve, was a defensive tackle at UCLA from 1999 to 2002. C **Kristofer O'Dowd's** grandfather, Jack, lettered in football at Arizona for 3 years (1930-32). DT **Alex Parsons'** brother, B. Jay Parsons, was a defensive end at Kentucky (2004-05). OT **Drew Radovich's** father, Mark, was a linebacker at Arizona State (1974-76). QB **Mark Sanchez's** brothers--Nick (Yale in 1992-93-94) and Brandon (DePauw in 1997)-played football in college. PK **Brad Smith's** father, Harold, ran track at Colgate. LB

**Malcolm Smith's** brother, Steve Smith, was a 2006 All-American wide receiver at USC who lettered 4 years with the Trojans (2003-06) and finished his career as Troy's No. 5 career pass catcher (190 receptions with 22 TDs). TB **Marc Tyler's** father, Wendell Tyler, was a running back at UCLA (1973-76) who led the Bruins in rushing in 1975 (they won the Rose Bowl that season), earned All-Conference first team honors in 1976 and is fifth on the school's career rushing list, then was an All-Pro with the Los Angeles Rams (1977-82) and San Francisco 49ers (1983-86), appearing in the Super Bowl in 1980 and 1985. WR **Brad Walker's** uncle, Norman Katnik, was a 2-year starting center at Arizona (1978-79). 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. DB coach **Rocky Seto's** wife, Sharla, played soccer at USC. TE coach **Brennan Carroll** is the son of USC head coach Pete Carroll. 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. DL coach **Nick Holt** is the grandson of Clarence Buster Crabbe, USC's first All-American swimmer (1931) who was a 1931 NCAA freestyle titlist and 1932 Olympic gold medalist (he won a bronze in 1928) before starring in Hollywood as Tarzan, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. DB graduate assistant coach **Demetrice Martin's** brother, Jason, was a cornerback at Idaho.

\*\*\*OT **Butch Lewis'** real [first name](#) is Wendell, DE **Trey Henderson's** is Nolan and offensive line coach **Pat Ruel's** is Golden. TB **C.J. Gable's** initials stand for Carl Jr.

## TAKEAWAYS

[In head coach Pete Carroll's 7 seasons at USC, Troy is +96 overall \(212 takeaways and 116 giveaways\)](#). Until the 2006 season, USC was effective in the takeaway department during Carroll's tenure. USC's +1.5 turnover margin over Carroll's first 5 seasons was the best in the nation and its 189 takeaways during that span also were the most. [Troy is -2.0 in turnover margin in 2007 \(getting 1 fumble, while giving away 2 interceptions and 1 fumble\)](#). The Trojans were just +0.3 in turnover margin in 2006 (getting 11 interceptions and 11 fumbles, while giving away 11 interceptions and 7 fumbles). USC was second nationally in turnover margin in 2005 (+1.6, first in Pac-10), getting 22 interceptions and 16 fumbles (while giving up only 10 interceptions and 7 fumbles) to continue an upward trend in its margin figure. In 2004, Troy led the nation with a +1.5 turnover margin by getting 22 interceptions and 16 fumbles (while giving up only 7 interceptions and 12 fumbles). 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) with only 18 turnovers and ranked fifth nationally in turnover margin (+1.4). In 2001, Troy had 35 takeaways (20 picks, 15 fumbles) with just 19 turnovers and ranked fifth in the nation in turnover margin at +1.3.

## ROSTER UPDATES

Here are updates from the roster in the 2007 USC football media guide:

—Add FB Jody Adewale (6-0, 230, 2/21/85, Sr./Sr., 3V, Los Angeles, CA, Roosevelt HS). His bio is below.

—WR Brad Walker and P Greg Woidneck earned scholarships this fall. Their bios are below.

—Fifteen players have joined the team as walk-ons: #38 **Jordan Congdon** (PK, 5-9, 180, 12/15/86, Jr./Jr., TR, San Diego, St. Augustine HS/Nebraska), #62 **David Clinco** (OT, 6-5, 270, 1/19/87, So.\*/Jr., —, San Marino, San Marino HS), #42 **Omari Crittenden** (CB, 6-0, 180, 4/11/88, So./So., SQ, Modesto, CA, Johansen HS/Modesto JC), #38 **Robert Erickson** (S, 6-0, 190, 6/5/88, Fr.\*/So., SQ, Ojai, Nordhoff HS), #45 **Adam Goodman** (FB, 6-2, 235, 6/30/87, So.\*/Jr., JC, Huntington Beach, Edison HS/Saddleback JC), #25 **Daniel Harper** (CB, 5-11, 180, 6/4/89, Fr./Fr., —, Rancho Cucamonga, Damien HS), #35 **Justin Hart** (S, 6-0, 180, 4/3/87, So.\*/Jr., SQ, West Covina, CA, South Hills HS), #30 **Joe Houston** (PK, 5-8, 160, 9/4/86, So.\*/Jr., JC, Redondo Beach, Mira Costa HS/El Camino JC), #48 **Matthew Jordan** (CB, 5-8, 175, So.\*/Jr., SQ, Los Angeles, Campbell Hall HS), #41 **Aubey Layno-Moses** (WR, 6-1, 185, 1/20/89, Fr./Fr., —, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Andover HS), #73 **Will Mullen** (OT, 6-5, 230, 9/24/86, So.\*/Jr., SQ, Lake Forest, IL, Carmel Catholic HS), #45 **Bradley Smith** (PK, 6-0, 180, 11/20/84, Sr.\*/Sr., Fr./Fr., —, Danville, PA, Bloomsburg HS/Davidson), #82 **Duron Sylvester** (WR, 6-4, 200, 3/31/88, Fr.\*/So., SQ, Los Angeles, Westchester HS), #42 **Brook Van Muijen** (PK, 5-11, 175, 10/21/88, Fr./Fr., —, Danville, Monte Vista HS), # 81 **Spencer Vigoren** (WR, 6-4, 230, 3/14/87, Fr.\*/So., SQ, Dana Point, Dana Hills HS).

—Change the jersey number of WR **Damian Williams** to #18.

—Change the positions of **Garrett Green** to WR-QB, **Thomas Herring** to OT-OG, **Nick Howell** to OG-C, **Alex Parsons** to OT, **Josh Pinkard** to S-CB, **Michael Reardon** to OT, **Alfred Rowe** to FB-S and **Brent Yoshida** to WR-S.

—Pronunciation for OT **David Clinco** is "CLIN-coe," CB **Omari Crittenden** is "o-MAR-ee CRIT-un-dun," WR **Aubey Layno-Moses** is "OE-bee LAY-no MOE-sis," QB **Duron Sylvester** is "duh-RON," PK **Brook Van Muijen** is "MEW-jen" and WR **Spencer Vigoren** is "vig-OR-un."

—Delete TB **Emmanuel Moody** (transferred), WR **Jamere Holland** (dismissed), WR **Jordan Cameron** (did not qualify), DT **Aisake Fifita** (medical), QB **Jon Breuer** (medical).

## BIOS

**JODY ADEWALE:** Adewale will serve as a backup fullback and special teams player as a senior in 2007. He did not participate in 2007 spring practice after deciding to forgo his senior season, but changed his mind and rejoined the team in the fall of 2007. He was a backup fullback as a junior in 2006, although he did start 3 games (Arizona State, Oregon State, Notre Dame). Overall in 2006 while appearing in 9 games (all but Arkansas, Washington State, California and UCLA), he caught 2 passes for 16 yards (8.0 avg.), but did not carry the ball. He had a 6-yard catch against Washington and a 10-yarder versus Oregon. He was a backup fullback and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2005. He saw brief action in 7 games (Hawaii, Arkansas, Oregon, Arizona State, Arizona, Stanford and UCLA). He made 2 tackles (1 each against Arkansas and Oregon). Adewale, who was switched from tailback to fullback prior to 2004 spring drills, served as a backup there as a redshirt freshman in 2004. He saw brief action in 5 games (Colorado State, BYU,

Washington, Notre Dame and Oklahoma). He caught a 16-yard pass against Washington. He redshirted as a freshman tailback in 2003, his first year at USC. He was named a 2002 Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West honorable mention, Tom Lemming All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best of the Rest, All-L.A. City second team and Los Angeles Times All-Central City first team (as a defensive back) selection as a senior at Roosevelt High in Los Angeles (Calif.). He ran for 1,400-plus yards and 26 TDs as a running back and made 27 tackles with an interception as a defensive back. As a junior in 2001, he made All-L.A. City, Los Angeles Times All-Central City first team and All-League first team while running for 1,660 yards and 25 TDs and posting 144 tackles and an interception at linebacker. He also competed in basketball and track at Roosevelt.

**BRAD WALKER:** Walker, who has 4 relatives who played college football (including 3 at USC), has appeared in 31 games at USC, but has yet to catch a pass. A one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2007, he will serve as a backup wide receiver and key special teams player. Walker appeared in all 13 games in 2006 as a walk-on junior backup wide receiver and special teams performer. He did not catch a pass, but made a tackle against Oregon. He appeared in all 13 games in 2005 as a walk-on sophomore backup wide receiver and on special teams. He did not catch a pass, but made a tackle against California. He played in 5 games (Colorado State, BYU, Washington State, Arizona and Notre Dame) as a first-year freshman walk-on wide receiver and special teams player. He did not catch a pass. He earned 2003 All-CIF Division VI first team honors as a senior at Foothill High in Santa Ana (Calif.). He's a public policy, management and planning major at USC with a B- average (2.72 GPA). He uncle, John Katnik, started at center for USC in 1986 and 1987. His cousin, Norm Katnik, lettered 4 years (2000-03) as a center at USC (he started the last 3 years) and was a member of USC's 2003 and 2004 national championship teams before playing in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers and New York Jets. Another cousin, Kurt Katnik, lettered at tight end on USC's 2003 national championship squad. Another uncle, Norm Katnik, started at center for Arizona in 1978 and 1979.

**GREG WOIDNECK:** Woidneck, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2007, returns for his second season as USC's punter. Woidneck, who won the starting punter job in 2006 fall camp as a walk-on sophomore after transferring to USC via Arizona State and then a junior college, averaged 38.3 yards on his 48 punts while appearing in all 13 games in 2006. He also had a tackle. Sixteen of his 48 punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line and 5 traveled at least 50 yards. He pinned Arkansas within the 20 on 2 of his 3 punts while averaging 35.7 yards. He averaged 41.8 yards on his 4 punts against Nebraska and 44.5 yards on his 2 punts at Arizona. He averaged 44.2 yards on his 4 punts (with a 59-yarder) at Washington State and 43.0 yards on his 2 punts versus Washington. He then averaged 42.6 yards on 5 punts versus Arizona State and 37.5 yards on his 4 punts at Oregon State, 34.0 yards on his 4 punts at Stanford and 41.5 yards on his 2 punts versus Oregon. Against California, he averaged 30.2 yards on his 5 punts (with a pair within the 20 and a 59-yarder). He averaged 33.5 yards on his 2 punts (and he had another blocked) against Notre Dame. He averaged 38.7 yards on his 7 punts at UCLA, with 4 pinning the Bruins inside the 20. He averaged 35.2 yards on his 4 punts, with a 55-yarder, against Michigan. Woidneck averaged 39.5 yards on 42 punts in 2005 as a freshman at Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut (Calif.). Fourteen of his punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line and he had a long of 73 yards. Woidneck redshirted as a first-year freshman punter at Arizona State in 2004. He was named to the 2003 Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, Los Angeles Times All-Orange County first team and All-Century League first team as a senior punter at Brea Olinda High in Brea (Calif.). He averaged 42.3 yards per punt in 2003. He also started at safety and linebacker as a junior and senior at Brea Olinda. He's a business administration major at USC with a B- average (2.83 GPA). His Brian and Rob, were managers with the USC football team (2001-02).

## IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 41 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 26 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as RB Reggie Bush, LBs Lofa Tatupu and Chris Claiborne, DLs Willie McGinest and Kenechi Udeze, WRs Keyshawn Johnson and Johnnie Morton, QBs Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart and DBs Troy Polamalu, Sammy Knight, Brian Kelly and Daylon McCutcheon. Seven NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): Washington's Joe Gibbs, Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio, Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Seattle's Mike Holmgren, Oakland's Lane Kiffin, San Diego's Norv Turner and Detroit's Rod Marinelli. Thirteen current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: QB **John David Booty** (brother, Josh Booty), PK **David Buehler** (uncle, George Buehler), S **Kevin Ellison** (brother, Keith Ellison), TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison); TB **Broderick Green** (half-brother, Greg Wesley); OG-C **Nick Howell** (father, Pat Howell), LB **Clay Matthews** (grandfather, Clay Matthews Sr.; father, Clay Matthews; uncle, Bruce Matthews), S **Taylor Mays** (father, Stafford Mays), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, Paul McDonald), DT **Fili Moala** (cousin, Haloti Ngata), LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, Steve Smith); TB **Marc Tyler** (father, Wendell Tyler); and **WR Brad Walker** (cousin, Norm Katnik). OT **Sam Baker's** father, David, is the commissioner of the Arena Football League. Additionally, head coach **Pete Carroll** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach, and assistants **Todd McNair**, **John Morton**, **Pat Ruel** and **Steve Sarkisian** were NFL assistants. Five assistant coaches played professionally: **Ken Norton Jr.** and **Todd McNair** were in the NFL, while **Steve Sarkisian** was in the CFL, **John Morton** was in the CFL and NFL Europe and **Demetrice Martin** was in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League.

## ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 361 times, including 227 of the past 229 games (USC's last 68 games have been televised). In fact, USC had an amazing streak of 111 consecutive games on some form of live television from 1988 to 1997 (snapped against Oregon State) and another streak of 48 in a row from 1997 to 2001 (broken against California).

## ACADEMICS

Among the top scholars on the 2007 Trojan squad are: WR-QB **Garrett Green** (3.50, business administration), OG-C **Jeff Byars** (3.27, business administration), QB **Mark Sanchez** (3.24), WR-S **Brent Yoshida** (3.16, architecture), S **Robert Erickson** (2.96, business administration), CB **Matthew Jordan** (2.94, communication), SNP **Christian Putnam** (2.94, mathematics), LB **Clay Matthews** (2.90, international relations), LB **Nick Garratt** (2.90, history), FB **Jody Adewale** (2.84, psychology), P **Greg Woidneck** (2.83, business administration), **Jim Abbott** (2.83, business administration), WR **Spencer Vigoren** (2.80), CB **Cary Harris** (2.73, health promotion and disease prevention), **Cooper Stephenson** (2.73) and WR **Brad Walker** (2.72, public policy, management and planning). Matthews made the 2006 Pac-10 All-

Academic second team. In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tops in the Pac-10 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 12 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 5 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 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.

#### SCOUTING NEBRASKA

Fourth-year Nebraska head coach **Bill Callahan** has his team off to a fast start in 2007, with wins over Nevada (52-10) at home and last weekend at Wake Forest (20-17). The Cornhusker offense currently ranks 14<sup>th</sup> nationally in rushing offense (264.0) and 17<sup>th</sup> in total offense (499.0). It is sparked by ex-Arizona State QB **Sam Keller** (38-of-66, 57.6%, 451 yds, 2 TD, 3 int in 2007), a senior. Junior IB **Marlon Lucky** (54 tcb, 323 yds, 6.0 avg, 4 TD in 2007, plus 7 rec, 67 yds, 9.6 avg, 1 TD), who ran for 233 yards in the Nevada opener, headlines the ground attack. He is fifth nationally in rushing (161.5), tied for sixth in scoring (15.0) and 14<sup>th</sup> in all-purpose running (195.0). The leading receivers are senior WRs **Terrence Nunn** (8 rec, 119 yds, 14.9 avg in 2007), who is second on NU's career receptions list (109) and third in receiving yards (1,429), and **Maurice Purify** (3 rec, 30 yds, 10.0 avg in 2007) and junior WR **Nate Swift** (7 rec, 73 yds, 10.4 avg in 2007) the top pass

catchers. Nebraska's offensive line has yet to surrender a sack in 2007. Three-year starting senior LBs **Bo Ruud** (5 tac, 2 for loss in 2007), a 2006 All-Big 12 first teamer, and **Corey McKeon** (9 tac, 1 for loss, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2007) are among those who spearhead the defense, which is third nationally in pass efficiency defense (70.3), 12<sup>th</sup> in pass defense (124.0) and 20<sup>th</sup> in scoring defense (13.5).

#### INJURY UPDATE

**PROBABLE:** LB **Brian Cushing** (ankle), WR **Patrick Turner** (shoulder), LB **Kaluka Maiava** (hamstring), S **Taylor Mays** (wrist)

**POSSIBLE:** TB **Chauncey Washington** (shoulder), S-CB **Josh Pinkard** (knee), QB **Mark Sanchez** (thumb), S **Will Harris** (ankle), WR **Travon Patterson** (foot), TB **Hershel Dennis** (knee), TB **Marc Tyler** (leg)

**OUT:** OG-C **Nick Howell** (hernia), TB **Broderick Green** (foot), CB **Kevin Thomas** (shoulder), C **Matt Spanos** (triceps), OT **Martin Coleman** (shoulder), DE **Trey Henderson** (knee), WR **Damian Williams** (shoulder)

#### USC IN NCAA/PAC-10 STAT RANKINGS

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-10 RANK**
S. Wright	Tac. For Loss	2.0	10T	2T
Kyle Moore	Sacks	1.0	10T	3T
Averell Spicer	Sacks	1.0	10T	3T
Stafon Johnson	Scoring	12.0	17T	1T
USC	Scoring Def.	10.0	13	2
USC	Sacks Allow.	1.0	15T	3
USC	Pass Eff. Def.	82.9	17	2
USC	Total Def.	253.0	19	3
USC	Scoring Off.	38.0	24	4
Kyle Moore	Forced Fum.	1.0	—	1
Kyle Moore	Fum. Rec.	1.0	—	1T
Sedrick Ellis	Passes Def.	2.0	—	2T
J. D. Booty	Passing Eff.	144.4	—	4
David Buehler	Field Goals	1.0	—	4T
USC	Kickoff Cov.	48.9	—	1
USC	Opp. 3rd D. Con.	23.5	—	1
USC	Opp. 1st D.	14	—	1
USC	Field Goals	1.0	—	1T
USC	PAT Kicking	1.000	—	1T
USC	Penalties	25.0	—	1T
USC	Sacks Against	1	—	1T
USC	Pass Def.	155.0	—	2
USC	4th D. Con.	66.7	—	2
USC	Time of Poss.	32:34	—	2
USC	Red Zone Def.	50.0	—	2
USC	Net Punting	36.5	—	4
USC	3rd D. Con.	47.1	—	5
USC	Rushing Off.	214	—	5

\*Top 25 only

\*\*Top 5 only

#### RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
ID	6-of-7 (TD, TD, TD, TD, failed 4 <sup>th</sup> , TD, FG)	2-of-4 (miss FG, FG, miss FG, TD)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6-of-7 (.857)</b>	<b>2-of-4 (.500)</b>
	5—TD	1—TD
	1—FG	1—FG
	1—failed 4 <sup>th</sup>	2—miss FG

#### GREG WOJDNECK PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
ID	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

#### DAVID BUEHLER KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
ID	7	6 (4)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6 (4)</b>

#### QUOTABLE

QB **John David Booty**, on succeeding 2004 Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart: "I knew I was going to be compared to Matt, just like he was compared to (2002 Heisman winner) Carson Palmer. You know what? Really, it wasn't such a big deal to me. I hope the next guy, when I leave, is compared to me. If you're half as good as either of those guys, you're a pretty good college quarterback."

# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

SE —	9 48 14 80	<b>David Ausberry (6-4, 225, Fr.)*</b> Brad Walker (6-2, 215, Sr.) Garrett Green (6-2, 205, So.) Brandon Carswell (6-2, 175, Fr.)
LT —	79 71 68 56	<b>Sam Baker (6-5, 305, Sr.)*</b> Charles Brown (6-6, 290, So.)* Butch Lewis (6-5, 280, Fr.)* Alex Parsons (6-4, 285, So.)
LG —	53 70	<b>Jeff Byers (6-4, 285, Jr.)*</b> Alatini Malu 6-4, 330, Sr.)*
C —	61 53	<b>Kristofer O'Dowd (6-5, 300, Fr.)</b> Jeff Byers (6-4, 285, Jr.)*
RG —	66 74	<b>Chilo Rachal (6-5, 315, Jr.)*</b> Zack Heberer (6-5, 300, Fr.)*
RT —	71 60 77 67	<b>Charles Brown (6-6, 290, So.)* OR</b> <b>Drew Radovich (6-5, 305, Sr.)*</b> Thomas Herring (6-6, 300, So.)* Michael Reardon (6-5, 265, Fr.)
TE —	83 89 86 88 40	<b>Fred Davis (6-4, 250, Sr.)</b> Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, Sr.) Anthony McCoy (6-5, 255, So.) Jimmy Miller (6-5, 250, Jr.)* Rhett Ellison (6-5, 235, Fr.)
FL —	1 7 8 17	<b>Patrick Turner (6-5, 220, Jr.)</b> Vidal Hazelton (6-3, 210, So.) Ronald Johnson (6-1, 190, Fr.) Travon Patterson (5-10, 175, So.)
QB —	10 6 16 15	<b>John David Booty (6-3, 215, Sr.)*</b> Mark Sanchez (6-3, 225, So.)* Michael McDonald (6-2, 185, Sr.)* Aaron Corp (6-3, 185, Fr.)
FB —	31 45 35 37 39	<b>Stanley Havili (6-1, 225, Fr.)*</b> Adam Goodman (6-2, 235, So.)* Jody Adewale (6-0, 230, Sr.)* Jordan Campbell (6-0, 225, Fr.) Alfred Rowe (6-0, 205, Fr.)*
TB —	2 13 23 21 4 22	<b>C.J. Gable (6-1, 195, So.) OR</b> <b>Stafon Johnson (6-0, 210, So.) OR</b> <b>Chauncey Washington (6-1, 220, Sr.)* OR</b> <b>Allen Bradford (6-0, 225, So.) OR</b> <b>Joe McKnight (6-0, 180, Fr.)</b> Desmond Reed (5-9, 185, Sr.)*

## SPECIALISTS

P —	44 25	<b>Greg Woidneck (6-0, 200, Jr.)*</b> Billy O'Malley (6-1, 190, Fr.)*
PK —	18 30	<b>David Buehler (6-2, 225, Jr.)</b> Joe Houston (5-8, 160, So.)
SNP —	50 63	<b>Will Collins (6-2, 230, Sr.)*</b> Christian Putnam (5-11, 210, So.)*
HLD —	16 44 14	<b>Michael McDonald (6-2, 185, Sr.)*</b> Greg Woidneck (6-0, 200, Jr.)* OR Garrett Green (6-2, 205, So.)

## DEFENSE

DE —	96 97	<b>Lawrence Jackson (6-5, 270, Sr.)*</b> Alex Morrow (6-6, 270, Sr.)*
NT —	49 99 44	<b>Sedrick Ellis (6-2, 305, Sr.)*</b> Averell Spicer (6-2, 290, So.)* Christian Tupou (6-2, 275, Fr.)
DT —	75 90 98	<b>Fili Moala (6-5, 295, Jr.)*</b> Derek Simmons (6-4, 275, Fr.)* DaJohn Harris (6-4, 270, Fr.)
DE —	84 93 81	<b>Kyle Moore (6-6, 275, Jr.) OR</b> <b>Everson Griffen (6-3, 265, Fr.)</b> Gerald Washington (6-6, 260, Jr.)*
SLB —	10 47 46	<b>Brian Cushing (6-4, 240, Jr.)</b> Clay Matthews (6-4, 240, Jr.)* Michael Morgan (6-3, 220, Fr.)*
MLB —	58 41 52 54	<b>Rey Mauluga (6-3, 250, Jr.)</b> Thomas Williams (6-3, 235, Sr.)* Luthur Brown (6-3, 230, So.)* Chris Galippo (6-2, 235, Fr.)
WLB —	55 43 6	<b>Keith Rivers (6-3, 235, Sr.)</b> Kaluka Maiava (6-0, 225, Jr.) Malcolm Smith (6-2, 215, Fr.)
CB —	7 36 24	<b>Cary Harris (6-0, 180, Jr.) OR</b> <b>Josh Pinkard (6-1, 215, Jr.)*</b> Shareece Wright (6-0, 180, So.)
FS —	2 36 27	<b>Taylor Mays (6-4, 225, So.)</b> Josh Pinkard (6-1, 215, Jr.)* Marshall Jones (6-0, 185, Fr.)
SS —	4 9 26	<b>Kevin Ellison (6-1, 225, Jr.)</b> Moziq McCurtis (6-1, 225, Jr.)* Will Harris (6-1, 205, So.)*
CB —	28 24 23	<b>Terrell Thomas (6-1, 200, Sr.)*</b> Shareece Wright (6-0, 180, So.) Vincent Joseph (5-10, 180, So.)

## RETURNERS

KOR —	23 22 2 13 8 4	<b>Vincent Joseph (5-10, 180, So.)</b> <b>Desmond Reed (5-9, 185, Sr.)*</b> C.J. Gable (6-1, 195, So.) OR Stafon Johnson (6-0, 210, So.) OR Ronald Johnson (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR Joe McKnight (6-0, 180, Fr.)
PR —	22 8 13 4	<b>Desmond Reed (5-9, 185, Sr.)*</b> Ronald Johnson (6-1, 190, Fr.) Stafon Johnson (6-0, 210, So.) OR Joe McKnight (6-0, 180, Fr.)

**2007 USC FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hgt.</b>	<b>Wgt.</b>	<b>Birthday</b>	<b>Cl.(Ath/Ac)</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown (High School/JC/College)</b>
1	TURNER, Patrick	WR	6-5	220	5/19/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Nashville, TN (Goodpasture)
2	GABLE, C.J.	TB	6-1	195	10/19/87	So./So.	1V	Sylmar (Sylmar)
2	MAYS, Taylor	S	6-4	225	2/7/88	So./So.	1V	Seattle, WA (O'Dea)
4	McKNIGHT, Joe	TB	6-0	180	4/16/88	Fr./Fr.	—	River Ridge, LA (John Curtis)
4	ELLISON, Kevin	S	6-1	225	1/8/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Inglewood (Redondo Union)
6	SANCHEZ, Mark	QB	6-3	225	11/11/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
6	SMITH, Malcolm	LB	6-2	215	7/5/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Northridge (Taft)
7	HAZELTON, Vidal	WR	6-3	210	1/29/88	So./So.	1V	New York, NY (Hargrave Military Academy)
7	HARRIS, Cary	CB	6-0	180	3/22/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Pacoima (Notre Dame)
8	JOHNSON, Ronald	WR	6-1	190	8/3/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Muskegon, MI (Muskegon)
9	AUSBERRY, David	WR	6-4	225	9/25/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Lemoore (Lemoore)
9	McCURTIS, Moziq	S-CB	6-1	225	12/24/84	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (St. Augustine/Grossmont JC)
10	BOOTY, John David	QB	6-3	215	1/3/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Shreveport, LA (Evangel Christian)
10	CUSHING, Brian	LB	6-4	240	1/24/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Park Ridge, NJ (Bergen Catholic)
13	JOHNSON, Stafon	TB	6-0	210	2/6/88	So./So.	1V	Compton (Dorsey)
14	GREEN, Garrett	WR-QB	6-2	205	5/21/88	So./So.	1V	Chatsworth (Notre Dame)
15	CORP, Aaron	QB	6-3	185	3/6/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Villa Park (Orange Lutheran)
15	THOMAS, Kevin	CB	6-1	185	9/20/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Oxnard (Rio Mesa)
16	McDONALD, Michael	QB	6-2	185	5/11/85	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Newport Beach (Newport Harbor)
16	MUSTAIN, Mitch	QB	6-3	205	2/27/88	So./So.	TR	Springdale, AR (Springdale/Arkansas)
17	PATTERSON, Travon	WR	5-10	175	9/20/88	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Poly)
18	BUEHLER, David	PK	6-2	225	2/5/87	Jr./Jr.	1V	Anaheim (Canyon/Santa Ana JC)
18	WILLIAMS, Damian	WR	6-1	190	5/26/88	So./So.	TR	Springdale, AR (Springdale/Arkansas)
21	BRADFORD, Allen	TB	6-0	225	8/31/88	So./So.	1V	San Bernardino (Colton)
22	REED, Desmond	TB	5-9	185	6/16/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Temple City (Temple City)
22	ABBOTT, Jim	CB	5-10	175	10/8/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Marino (Loyola)
23	WASHINGTON, Chauncey	TB	6-1	220	4/29/85	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Torrance (South Torrance)
23	JOSEPH, Vincent	CB	5-10	180	1/20/88	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Poly)
24	WRIGHT, Shareece	CB	6-0	180	4/8/87	So./So.	1V	Colton (Colton)
25	HARPER, Daniel	CB	5-11	180	6/4/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Rancho Cucamonga (Damien)
25	O'MALLEY, Billy	P	6-1	190	8/19/87	Fr.*/So.	—	Novelty, OH (St. Ignatius)
26	TYLER, Marc	TB	6-0	215	9/27/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Yorba Linda (Oaks Christian)
26	HARRIS, Will	S	6-1	205	12/29/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Covina (Charter Oak)
27	JONES, Marshall	S	6-0	185	9/7/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Agoura Hills (Oaks Chritan)
28	THOMAS, Terrell	CB	6-1	200	1/8/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Alta Loma (Rancho Cucamonga)
29	GREEN, Broderick	TB	6-1	230	5/22/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Little Rock, AR (Pulaski Academy)
29	YOSHIDA, Brent	WR-S	5-10	185	11/22/84	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach/Arizona State)
30	McWHORTER, Chase	S	5-8	185	10/3/84	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Coto de Caza (Santa Margarita)
30	HOUSTON, Joe	PK	5-8	160	9/4/86	So./So.	JC	Redondo Beach (Mira Costa/El Camino JC)
31	HAVILI, Stanley	FB	6-1	225	11/14/87	Fr.*/So.	1V	Salt Lake City, UT (Cottonwood)
34	DENNIS, Hershel	TB	5-11	200	7/12/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Long Beach (Poly)
35	ADEWALE, Jody	FB	6-0	230	2/21/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Roosevelt)
35	HART, Justin	S	6-0	180	4/3/87	So.*/Jr.	SQ	West Covina (South Hills)
36	PINKARD, Josh	S-CB	6-1	215	4/2/86	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Oxnard (Hueneme)
37	CAMPBELL, Jordan	FB	6-0	225	6/29/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Corona (Norco)
38	ERICKSON, Robert	S	6-0	190	6/5/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ojai (Nordhoff)
38	CONGDON, Jordan	PK	5-9	180	12/15/86	Jr./Jr.	TR	San Diego (St. Augustine/Nebraska)
39	ROWE, Alfred	FB-S	6-0	205	2/2/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Poly)
40	ELLISON, Rhett	TE	6-5	235	10/3/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Portola Valley (St. Francis)
41	WILLIAMS, Thomas	LB	6-3	235	12/25/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Vacaville (Vacaville)
41	LAYNO-MOSES, Aubey	WR	6-1	185	1/20/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Andover)
42	CRITTENDEN, Omari	CB	6-0	180	4/11/88	So./So.	SQ	Modesto (Johansen/Modesto JC)
42	VAN MUIJEN, Brook	PK	5-11	175	10/21/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Danville (Monte Vista)
43	MAIAVA, Kaluka	LB	6-0	225	3/22/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Wailuku, HI (Baldwin)
44	TUPOU, Christian	DT	6-2	275	5/7/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Sacramento (Grant)
44	WOIDNECK, Greg	P	6-0	200	6/9/86	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Brea (Brea Olinda/Arizona State/Mt. San Antonio JC)
45	GOODMAN, Adam	FB	6-2	235	6/30/87	So.*/Jr.	JC	Huntington Beach (Edison/Saddleback CC)
45	SMITH, Brad	PK	6-0	180	11/20/84	Sr.*/Sr.	TR	Danville, PA (Bloomsburg/Davidson)
46	MORGAN, Michael	LB	6-3	220	1/16/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
46	CALCAGNIE, Sean	WR	6-0	190	4/6/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Trabuco Canyon (Tesoro)
47	MATTHEWS, Clay	LB	6-4	240	5/14/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Agoura Hills (Agoura)
47	STEPHENS, Scott	WR	6-1	180	2/5/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (St. Francis)
48	WALKER, Brad	WR	6-2	215	10/11/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Tustin (Foothill)
48	JORDAN, Matthew	CB	5-8	175	4/23/87	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Campbell Hall)
49	ELLIS, Sedrick	DT	6-2	305	7/9/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Chino (Chino)
50	COLLINS, Will	SNP	6-2	230	5/1/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Laguna Beach (Mater Dei)
52	BROWN, Luthur	LB	6-3	230	4/7/87	So.*/Jr.	1V	Lakewood (Lakewood)
53	BYERS, Jeff	OG-C	6-4	285	9/7/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Fort Collins, CO (Loveland)
54	GALIPPO, Chris	LB	6-2	235	4/12/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Corona (Servite)
55	RIVERS, Keith	LB	6-3	235	5/5/86	Sr./Sr.	3V	Lake Mary, FL (Lake Mary)
56	PARSONS, Alex	OT	6-4	285	9/14/87	So./So.	1V	Irvine (Woodbridge)
57	GARRATT, Nick	LB	6-1	230	6/16/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	South Lake Tahoe (South Tahoe)
58	MAUALUGA, Rey	LB	6-3	250	1/20/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Eureka (Eureka)
59	DECKAS, Dan	LB	5-10	215	12/17/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Edina, MN (Edina)
60	RADOVICH, Drew	OT	6-5	305	6/20/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
61	O'DOWD, Kristofer	C	6-5	300	5/14/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Tucson, AZ (Salpointe Catholic)
62	CLINCO, David	OT	6-5	270	1/19/87	So.*/Jr.	—	San Marino (San Marino)
63	PUTNAM, Christian	SNP	5-11	210	12/26/85	So.*/Jr.	TR	South Pasadena (South Pasadena/Pasadena CC)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hgt.</u>	<u>Wgt.</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Cl.(Ath/Ac)</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School/JC/College)</u>
66	RACHAL, Chilo	OG	6-5	315	3/15/86	Jr./Sr.	2V	Compton (Dominguez)
68	LEWIS, Butch	OT	6-5	280	12/1/87	Fr./So.	SQ	Denver, CO (Regis Jesuit)
69	SPANOS, Matt	C	6-5	305	12/31/84	Sr./Sr.	2V	Corona (Corona)
70	MALU, Alatini	OG	6-4	330	4/30/81	Sr./Sr.	2V	Torrance (Torrance/Long Beach CC)
71	BROWN, Charles	OT	6-6	290	4/10/87	So./Jr.	1V	Chino Hills (Diamond Ranch)
72	COLEMAN, Martin	OT	6-5	320	7/2/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Huntington Beach (Edison)
73	MULLEN, Will	OT	6-5	230	9/24/86	So./Jr.	SQ	Lake Forest, IL (Carmel Catholic)
74	HEBERER, Zack	OG	6-5	300	6/9/88	Fr./So.	SQ	San Pedro (San Pedro)
75	MOALA, Fili	DT	6-5	295	6/23/85	Jr./Sr.	2V	Buena Park (Western)
76	HOWELL, Nick	OG-C	6-5	275	10/10/86	So./Jr.	1V	Fresno (Bullard)
77	HERRING, Thomas	OT-OG	6-6	300	3/22/85	So./Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Fremont)
79	BAKER, Sam	OT	6-5	305	5/30/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Tustin (Tustin)
80	CARSWELL, Brandon	WR	6-2	175	5/22/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Milpitas (Milpitas)
81	WASHINGTON, Gerald	DE	6-6	260	4/23/82	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Vallejo (Vallejo/Chaffey JC)
81	VIGOREN, Spencer	WR	6-4	230	3/14/87	Fr./So.	SQ	Dana Point (Dana Hills)
82	SYLVESTER, Duron	WR	6-4	200	3/31/88	Fr./So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Westchester)
83	DAVIS, Fred	TE	6-4	250	1/15/86	Jr./Sr.	3V	Toledo, OH (Rogers)
84	MOORE, Kyle	DE	6-6	275	10/25/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Kathleen, GA (Houston County)
85	STEPHENSON, Cooper	FB	6-3	215	6/2/88	Fr./So.	SQ	San Diego (Torrey Pines)
86	McCOY, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	12/28/87	So./So.	1V	Fresno (Bullard)
87	NELAN, Caleb	WR	6-2	200	2/6/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Dallas, TX (Keller)
88	MILLER, Jimmy	TE	6-5	250	3/4/86	Jr./Sr.	2V	Thousand Oaks (Westlake)
89	THOMPSON, Dale	TE	6-4	255	4/22/86	Sr./Sr.	3V	Corona (Santiago)
90	SIMMONS, Derek	DT	6-4	275	2/16/88	Fr./So.	SQ	Suisun (Armijo)
91	REARDON, Michael	DE	6-5	265	12/23/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Anaheim (Orange Lutheran)
92	HENDERSON, Trey	DE	6-3	265	10/10/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Vancouver, British Columbia (Vancouver College)
93	GRIFFEN, Everson	DE	6-3	265	12/22/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Avondale, AZ (Agua Fria)
96	JACKSON, Lawrence	DE	6-5	270	8/30/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Inglewood (Inglewood)
97	MORROW, Alex	DE	6-6	270	2/4/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Rohnert Park (Rancho Cotate)
98	HARRIS, DaJohn	DT	6-4	270	1/24/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Inglewood (Serra)
99	SPICER, Averell	DT	6-2	290	4/26/87	So./Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Pete CARROLL (Pacific, 1973), Seventh Year

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Brennan CARROLL, Tight Ends (Pittsburgh, 2001); Nick HOLT, Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line (Pacific, 1986); Demetrice MARTIN, Secondary Graduate Assistant (Michigan State); Todd McNAIR, Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator (Temple); John MORTON, Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers (Western Michigan, 1997); Ken NORTON JR., Linebackers (UCLA, 1998); Yogi ROTH, Quarterbacks Graduate Assistant (Pittsburgh, 2004); Pat RUEL, Offensive Line (Miami, 1972); Steve SARKISIAN, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (BYU, 1997); Rocky SETO, Secondary (USC, 1999); David WATSON, Defensive Line (Western Illinois, 2001)

**STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH:** Chris CARLISLE (Chadron State, 1985)

**DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS:** Dennis SLUTAK (Florida State, 1995)

## 2007 USC Trojans Football Statistics (as of Sept. 1)

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

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
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Gable, C.J.	1	8	68	0	68	8.5	0	33	68.0
Johnson, Stafon	1	12	64	0	64	5.3	2	16	64.0
Reed, Desmond	1	5	36	0	36	7.2	0	12	36.0
McKnight, Joe	1	6	30	4	26	4.3	0	21	26.0
Bradford, Allen	1	8	20	5	15	1.9	0	6	15.0
Havili, Stanley	1	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Johnson, Ronald	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Booty, J.D.	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	2.0
McDonald, M.	1	1	0	11	-11	-11.0	0	0	-11.0
Total.....	1	43	234	20	214	5.0	2	33	214.0
Opponents.....	1	32	138	40	98	3.1	1	29	98.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
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Booty, J.D.	1	144.39	21-32-1	65.6	206	3	35	206.0
McDonald, M.	1	-50.00	1-2-1	50.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	1	132.95	22-34-2	64.7	206	3	35	206.0
Opponents.....	1	82.91	16-35-0	45.7	155	0	29	155.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
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Ausberry, David	1	5	46	9.2	0	17	46.0
Havili, Stanley	1	5	22	4.4	1	9	22.0
Hazelton, Vidal	1	4	44	11.0	1	19	44.0
Davis, Fred	1	2	49	24.5	0	35	49.0
Walker, Brad	1	2	22	11.0	0	13	22.0
Gable, C.J.	1	1	8	8.0	1	8	8.0
McKnight, Joe	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Johnson, Stafon	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Patterson, T.	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	1	22	206	9.4	3	35	206.0
Opponents.....	1	16	155	9.7	0	29	155.0

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Bkld
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Buehler, David	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	36	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
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Johnson, Stafon	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Buehler, David	0	1-1	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	8
Havili, Stanley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Hazelton, Vidal	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Gable, C.J.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	5	1-1	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	38
Opponents.....	1	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	10

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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USC.....	14	7	17	0	38
Opponents.....	0	3	0	7	10

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
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Booty, J.D.	1	33	2	206	208	208.0
Gable, C.J.	1	8	68	0	68	68.0
Johnson, Stafon	1	12	64	0	64	64.0
Reed, Desmond	1	5	36	0	36	36.0
McKnight, Joe	1	6	26	0	26	26.0
Bradford, Allen	1	8	15	0	15	15.0
Havili, Stanley	1	1	10	0	10	10.0
Johnson, Ronald	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Total.....	1	77	214	206	420	420.0
Opponents.....	1	67	98	155	253	253.0

TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP
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FIRST DOWNS.....	24	14
Rushing.....	14	5
Passing.....	8	9
Penalty.....	2	0
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	214	98
Yards gained rushing...	234	138
Yards lost rushing.....	20	40
Rushing Attempts.....	43	32
Average Per Rush.....	5.0	3.1
Average Per Game.....	214.0	98.0
TDs Rushing.....	2	1
PASSING YARDAGE.....	206	155
Att-Comp-Int.....	34-22-2	35-16-0
Average Per Pass.....	6.1	4.4
Average Per Catch.....	9.4	9.7
Average Per Game.....	206.0	155.0
TDs Passing.....	3	0
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	420	253
Total Plays.....	77	67
Average Per Play.....	5.5	3.8
Average Per Game.....	420.0	253.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	2-41	3-49
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	4-30	2-13
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	0-0	2-31
FUMBLES-LOST.....	2-1	1-1
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	3-25	6-55
PUNTS-AVG.....	2-43.0	8-43.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	32:34	27:26
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	8/17	4/17
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	2/3	2/2

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
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Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	2	31	15.5	0	25

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Bkld
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Woidneck, Greg	2	86	43.0	51	0	0	0	0
Total.....	2	86	43.0	51	0	0	0	0
Opponents.....	8	344	43.0	56	3	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
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Reed, Desmond	4	30	7.5	0	14
Total.....	4	30	7.5	0	14
Opponents.....	2	13	6.5	0	8

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
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Joseph, Vincent	2	41	20.5	0	27
Total.....	2	41	20.5	0	27
Opponents.....	3	49	16.3	0	20

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
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Gable, C.J.	1	68	8	0	0	0	76	76.0
Johnson, Stafon	1	64	7	0	0	0	71	71.0
Reed, Desmond	1	36	0	30	0	0	66	66.0
Davis, Fred	1	0	49	0	0	0	49	49.0
Ausberry, David	1	0	46	0	0	0	46	46.0
Hazelton, Vidal	1	0	44	0	0	0	44	44.0
Joseph, Vincent	1	0	0	0	41	0	41	41.0
McKnight, Joe	1	26	8	0	0	0	34	34.0
Havili, Stanley	1	10	22	0	0	0	32	32.0
Walker, Brad	1	0	22	0	0	0	22	22.0
Bradford, Allen	1	15	0	0	0	0	15	15.0
Johnson, Ronald	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Booty, J.D.	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Total.....	1	214	206	30	41	0	491	491.0
Opponents.....	1	98	155	13	49	31	346	346.0

## 2007 USC Trojans Football Defensive Statistics

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	-----Tackles-----				TFL/Yds	-Sacks-	---Pass Def---		-Fumbles-		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF
55 Rivers, Keith	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
0B Mays, Taylor	1	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 Maualuga, Rey	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Thomas, Terrell	1	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Wright, S.	1	4	.	4	2.0-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Moore, Kyle	1	1	3	4	1.0-12	1.0-12	.	1	.	1-0	1	.
49 Ellis, Sedrick	1	3	1	4	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
52 Brown, Luthur	1	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Matthews, Clay	1	4	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.
4 Ellison, Kevin	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
0I McCurtis, M.	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Williams, T.	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 Jackson, L.	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
7 Harris, Cary	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 Morgan, Michael	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Moala, Fili	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Galippo, Chris	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Bradford, Allen	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM Team	1	1	.	1	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Parsons, Alex	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0F Smith, Malcolm	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Spicer, Averell	1	1	.	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Simmons, Derek	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 Davis, Fred	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 McDonald, M.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	1	37	30	67	7-44	2-21	.	7	.	1-0	1	1
Opponents.....	1	53	22	75	4-20	1-11	2-31	3	.	1-0	2	.



# 2007 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in **bold face**)

**Name**                      **Idaho**            **Nebraska**    **Wash. St.**    **Wash.**            **Stanford**    **Arizona**    **No. Dame**    **Oregon**        **Ore. St.**        **Cal**                **Ariz. St.**        **UCLA**

### **Rushing: TCB-NET-TD**

Gable                      8-**68**-0  
S. Johnson                **12**-64-2  
Reed                        5-36-0  
McKnight                 6-26-0  
Bradford                 8-15-0  
Havili                     1-10-0  
R. Johnson                1-4-0

### **Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD**

Booty                     32-21-1  
                              **206**-3  
McDonald                2-1-1  
                              0-0

### **Receiving: NO-YDS-TD**

Ausberry                 5-46-0  
Havili                     5-22-1  
Hazelton                 4-44-1  
Davis                     2-**49**-0  
Walker                    2-22-0  
Gable                     1-8-1  
McKnight                1-8-0  
S. Johnson               1-7-0  
Patterson                1-0-0

### **Punting: NO-YDS-LONG**

Woidneck                2-86-51

### **Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG**

Reed                      4-30-14

### **Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG**

Joseph                  2-41-27

### **Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD**



## Game-By-Game Starters

	<i>Idaho</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>	<i>Wash. St.</i>	<i>Wash.</i>	<i>Stanford</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>No. Dame</i>	<i>Oregon</i>	<i>Ore. St.</i>	<i>Cal</i>	<i>Ariz. St.</i>	<i>UCLA</i>
<b>Offense</b>												
SE	Ausberry											
LT	Baker											
LG	Byers											
C	O'Dowd											
RG	Rachal											
RT	C. Brown											
TE	Davos											
QB	Booty											
FB	Havili											
TB	Gable											
FL	Hazelton											
<b>Defense</b>												
DE	Jackson											
NT	Ellis											
DT	Moala											
DE	Griffen											
SLB	Cushing											
MLB	Mauluga											
WLB	Rivers											
CB	C. Harris											
SS	K. Ellison											
FS	Mays											
CB	T. Thomas											

## OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

	<i>Idaho</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>	<i>Wash. St.</i>	<i>Wash.</i>	<i>Stanford</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>No. Dame</i>	<i>Oregon</i>	<i>Ore. St.</i>	<i>Cal</i>	<i>Ariz. St.</i>	<i>UCLA</i>
First Downs	14											
Rush	5											
Pass	9											
Penalty	0											
Rush Attempts	32											
Yds Gain	138											
Yds Lost	40											
Net Yards	98											
Net Yds Pass	155											
Pass Att	35											
Pass Com	16											
Had Int	0											
Tot Off Plays	67											
Tot Net Yards	253											
Avg/Play	3.8											
Fumbles-Lost	1-1											
Penalties-Yds	6-55											
Punts-Yds	8-344											
Avg/Punt	43.0											
Punt Ret-Yds	2-13											
KO Ret-Yds	3-49											
Int-Yards	2-31											
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0											
Poss Time	27:26											
3rd Down Con	4-17											
4th Down Con	2-2											
Sacks By-Yds	1-11											