

GAME NOTES



2008 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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2008 SCHEDULE (2-1)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 30	at Virginia	W 52-7
Sept. 13	Ohio State	W 35-3
Sept. 25	at Oregon State	L 21-27
Oct. 4	Oregon	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Oct. 11	Arizona State	TBA
Oct. 18	at Washington State	12:30 p.m. (FSN)
Oct. 25	at Arizona	7:15 p.m. (FSN)
Nov. 1	Washington	TBA
Nov. 8	California	5 p.m. (ABC)
Nov. 15	at Stanford	4 p.m. (Versus)
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Dec. 6	at UCLA	1:30 p.m. (ABC)

PAC-10 STANDINGS

	PAC-10		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
ORE	2	0	4	1
STAN	2	1	3	2
ARIZ	1	0	3	1
CAL	1	0	3	1
ASU	1	0	2	2
OSU	1	1	2	2
USC	0	1	2	1
UCLA	0	1	1	3
WSU	0	2	1	4
WASH	0	2	0	4

AP POLL

- Oklahoma
- Alabama
- LSU
- Missouri
- Texas
- Penn State
- Texas Tech
- BYU
- USC**
- South Florida
- Georgia
- Florida
- Auburn
- Ohio State
- Utah
- Kansas
- Boise State
- Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt
- Virginia Tech
- Oklahoma State
- Fresno State
- Oregon
- Connecticut
- Wake Forest

USA TODAY POLL

- Oklahoma
- LSU
- Missouri
- Alabama
- Texas
- Penn State
- BYU
- Texas Tech
- USC**
- Georgia
- South Florida
- Ohio State
- Florida
- Auburn
- Utah
- Kansas
- Wisconsin
- Boise State
- Vanderbilt
- Oregon
- Fresno State
- Oklahoma State
- Connecticut
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest

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11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
30 BOWL VICTORIES
151 ALL-AMERICANS
7 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS
414 NFL PLAYERS
22 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

NO. 9 USC FOOTBALL HOSTS NO. 23 OREGON IN FIRST PAC-10 HOME GAME

FACTS

USC (2-1 overall, 0-1 Pacific-10) vs. Oregon (4-1 overall, 2-0 Pacific-10), Saturday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m. PDT, Los Angeles Coliseum

THEMES

No. 9-ranked USC, looking to bounce back from its stunning loss at Oregon State, returns to the sold-out Coliseum to play its first Pac-10 home contest of 2008 as it hosts No. 23/20 Oregon. The Trojans will not only have that Oregon State nightmare in their craw, but they'll surely remember that Oregon beat them last season in Eugene. The Ducks are always a challenging foe for USC, as they have won 6 of their last 10 meetings against the Trojans. However, the Trojans have won 25 straight night games in the Coliseum. USC has posted 6 consecutive seasons of AP Top 4 finishes, BCS bowl trips, Pac-10 titles and 11 wins. This is the 82nd consecutive game that USC has been in the AP Top 25. The game will feature 2 sets of brothers on opposite sidelines (the **Tupous** and the **Matthews**). USC's **Pete Carroll**, college football's winningest active coach (84.8%), has won 80% of his games against AP Top 25 teams (29-7). USC's defense, which ranks in the national Top 25 in every statistical category, features Butkus Award candidates **Rey Maua** and **Brian Cushing** at linebacker and Thorpe Award nominee **Taylor Mays** (a 2007 All-American first teamer) and **Kevin Ellison** at safety. QB **Mark Sanchez**, with 10 touchdown passes in 3 games, directs the Trojan offense. USC's stable of versatile tailbacks features **Joe McKnight**, **C.J. Gable**, **Stafon Johnson** and **Allen Bradford**, while its receiving corps includes WRs **Damian Williams**, **Patrick Turner**, **Vidal Hazelton** and **Ronald Johnson**. Veteran OG-C **Jeff Byers**, an Academic All-American candidate in his second year in the M.B.A. program, anchors an offensive line that has given up just 2 sacks. Oregon, coming off a dominating victory at Washington State last Saturday and with only 1 loss to date, is guided by the Pac-10's senior head coach, **Mike Bellotti** (14th year). The Ducks have been grappling with injuries to their quarterbacks, but their offense still is the best statistically in the Pac-10 (and in the Top 7 nationally in rushing offense, total offense and scoring offense). Getting the quarterbacking call last week were soph JC transfer QB **Jeremiah Masoli** and true freshman QB **Darron Thomas**, who was fifth string at the start of 2008 camp. But they has lots of talented players around him, including TBs **LeGarrett Blount** and **Jeremiah Johnson**, TE **Ed Dickson** and WRs **Jaision Williams** and **Terence Scott**. DE **Nick Reed** and ROV **Patrick Chung**, both All-Pac-10 first teamers last season, highlight Oregon's aggressive defense. The game will be shown live nationally on ABC/ESPN/ESPN2. USC's 2008 Olympians will be saluted at halftime.

RANKINGS

USC is ranked ninth by both AP and USA Today. Oregon is 20th by USA Today and 23rd by AP.

SERIES

USC holds a 36-16-2 record in its series with Oregon, dating to 1915. In the last 27 meetings, Troy is 19-7-1 against the Ducks, but has won just 3 of the last 8 and 4 of the past 10. USC has a 22-6-1 mark against Oregon in Los Angeles (and 1-0 in Pasadena).

RADIO-TV—Live national TV: 5 p.m. (PDT), ABC/ESPN/ESPN2, Mark Jones, Bob Davie, Todd Harris.

Live local radio: 9 a.m. (PDT), 710 ESPN Radio (KSPN-AM), Pete Arbogast, Paul McDonald, John Jackson, Steve Mason, John Ireland, Colin Cowherd, Dave Denholm, Brandon Hancock, Curtis Conway, Darrell Rideaux, Steve Bisheff, Harvey Hyde, Garry Paskwietz, Drew Belzer, CJ Newton, Mark Willard, A. Martinez, Dave Joseph (includes 8-hour pre-game and 3-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, KPSP-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, on SIRIUS satellite radio (Channel 127) or by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

Live internet streaming: USC Trojans.com, live pre- and post-game show, live game stats and delayed game telecast.

Trojan Talk: Noon-3 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays, 710 ESPN Radio (KSPN-AM), John Ireland, Steve Mason, Pete Carroll (replayed on Saturdays, 8 hours before kickoff).

Trojan Chat Room: 7-9 p.m. (PDT), Thursdays, 710 ESPN Radio (KSPN-AM), Brian Long, Dave Denholm, Curtis Conway, Steve Bisheff, Garry Paskwietz (replayed on Saturdays, 7 hours before kickoff).

Trojan Brunch: 8-10 a.m. (PDT), Sundays, 710 ESPN Radio (KSPN-AM), Mark Willard, Harvey Hyde, Darrell Rideaux, Dave Joseph.

FSN Playbook/Lexus Gauntlet Live: 9 p.m. (PDT), Mondays, FSN Prime Ticket, Bill Macdonald, Petros Papadakis, Jeremy Hogue, Anthony Davis, James Washington, John Jackson, Sean Farnham.

USC Trojan Talk: 7 p.m. (PDT), Thursdays, KSHP-AM (1400), Harvey Hyde, Kevin Shaw. Fans also can hear the live KSHP broadcast on www.kshp.com.

USC VS. OREGON (36-16-2)

1915	L	0-34	H	1972	W	18-0	A
1920	W	21-0	N1	1973	W	31-10	H
1931	W	53-0	H	1974	W	16-7	A
1932	W	33-0	H	1975	W	17-3	H
1933	W	26-0	H	1976	W	53-0	A
1934	W	33-0	H	1977	W	33-15	H
1936	W	26-0	H	1978	W	37-10	A
1937	W	34-14	H	1980	T	7-7	A
1938	W	31-7	N2	1982	W	38-7	H
1939	T	7-7	H	1984	W	19-9	A
1940	W	13-0	H	1985	W	20-6	N3
1941	L	6-20	H	1986	W	35-21	H
1942	W	40-0	H	1987	L	27-34	A
1946	W	43-0	H	1988	W	42-14	H
1948	L	7-8	N2	1991	W	30-14	A
1949	W	40-13	H	1992	W	32-10	H
1950	W	30-21	H	1993	W	24-13	A
1953	L	7-13	N2	1994	L	7-22	H
1954	W	24-14	N2	1997	W	24-22	H
1955	W	42-15	H	1998	L	13-17	A
1956	L	0-7	N2	1999	L	30-33(30T)	A
1957	L	7-16	H	2000	L	17-28	H
1958	L	0-25	N2	2001	L	22-24	A
1967	W	28-6	H	2002	W	44-33	A
1968	W	20-13	A	2005	W	45-13	A
1970	L	7-10	A	2006	W	35-10	H
1971	L	23-28	H	2007	L	17-24	A

N1-Tournament Park, Pasadena, California
 N2-Multnomah Stadium, Portland, Oregon
 N3-Tokyo Olympic Memorial Stadium, Tokyo, Japan

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.

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

PAC-10 ONLINE—Pac-10 information, press releases, statistics and links to all league schools are available online at www.pac-10.org.

PAC-10 SATELLITE FEED—The Pac-10 provides a weekly 30-minute satellite feed featuring interviews with coaches and players regarding upcoming games along with highlight footage. The half-hour feed airs every Wednesday (through Dec. 3) at 11:30 a.m. (PDT). Coordinates are **Galaxy 28 (C), Transponder 119, Audio 6.2, 6.8, Uplink Frequency 6,350.00-H, Downlink Frequency 2 04,080.00-V**. Trouble numbers: (310) 779-3467, (310) 200-9907, (925) 932-4411 or (310) 845-3825.

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. 25) 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.

Last year in Eugene, TB Jonathan Stewart ran for a pair of touchdowns and FS Matthew Harper intercepted a pair of passes to help No. 5 Oregon hold off No. 9 USC, 24-17. The outcome kept the Ducks alive in the national championship hunt and virtually eliminated Troy. USC's defense, ranked in the Top 10 nationally in every statistical category, held the Ducks' highly-ranked spread offense—which was averaging 46.6 points and 550.9 total yards—to its lowest output of the year (339 yards). But the Trojans had 3 costly second-half turnovers (leading to 14 points by Oregon), some crucial penalties (6 for 80 yards, including a holding call that negated a 65-yard first quarter TD run by TB **Joe McKnight**) and some key missed opportunities (USC WR Brad Walker recovered a Duck fumble at the Oregon 21-yard line on the opening kickoff, but Troy couldn't score, and then USC got to the Oregon 9 in the second quarter after another fumble recovery, but managed just a field goal). Oregon QB Dennis Dixon, who completed 16-of-25 passes for 157 yards and ran for another 76 yards on 17 carries while running a no-huddle offense, got the Ducks on the board first on a 2-yard scamper late in the first quarter. Early in the second quarter, LB **Rey Mauluga** recovered a fumbled Oregon punt return, but USC had to settle for a 30-yard field goal from PK **David Buehler**. The Trojans defense stiffened twice in the second quarter, first stopping Oregon on downs on the USC 13 and then late in the first half limiting the driving Ducks to a 41-yard field goal by PK Matt Evensen. USC tied the game at 10-10 on the opening possession of the second half, as QB **Mark Sanchez** hit WR **Patrick Turner** for a 9-yard score. But Oregon then capitalized on a pair of Trojan miscues, as Stewart first ran for a 16-yard TD after the Ducks recovered a fumble deep in USC territory late in the third quarter and then he went 1 yard early in the fourth quarter to cap a 58-yard drive after Harper picked off Sanchez at the Ducks' 16. USC drove 85 yards and scored on a 14-yard Sanchez pass to WR **David Ausberry** with 4:44 to play to pull within a touchdown. The Trojans got the ball back and were driving at the Oregon 33 before Harper's pick ended Troy's hopes. USC had 378 yards of total offense, with Sanchez throwing for 277 yards while completing 26-of-41 aeriels. WR **Vidal Hazelton** had a game-high and career-best 8 catches for 88 yards and Turner added 7 for 107 yards. TB Chauncey Washington had 42 yards on 11 carries, while McKnight rushed for 34 yards on 10 tries and caught 4 passes for 30 yards. Five Trojans were in double figures for tackles: LB Keith Rivers, DT Sedrick Ellis (2 for a loss) and S **Taylor Mays** each had 12, while Mauluga and DE Lawrence Jackson each had 11. For Oregon, Stewart had 103 yards on 25 carries for the Ducks and TE Ed Dickson caught 5 passes for 69 yards. It was the first meeting of AP Top 10 teams in Autzen Stadium history and the highest rated Oregon team USC had ever faced.

In 2006 in the last meeting in the Coliseum, TB Chauncey Washington ran for 3 touchdowns and the USC defense controlled Oregon's high-powered offense as the No. 7 Trojans beat the No. 21 Ducks, 35-10. It was USC's 31st consecutive home victory and its 21st straight Pac-10 home win, both extending league records, as well as its 18th November win in a row. It also was Troy's 61st consecutive game scoring at least

20 points, advancing its NCAA record. Oregon, making its first visit to the Coliseum since 2000, scored its fewest points since early in the 2004 season and its fewest against USC since 1992. After a scoreless first quarter, USC drove 80 yards early in the second quarter as TB **C.J. Gable** ran for a 2-yard TD. Then, after S **Taylor Mays** intercepted QB Dennis Dixon on the Ducks' next play and returned the ball to the Oregon 7, Washington scored on a 5-yard run. Oregon got on the board midway through the third quarter on a 22-yard field goal by PK Paul Martinez. But later in that quarter, USC took advantage of a fumble recovery by LB Dallas Sartz as Washington ran in for a 3-yard score. On USC's next possession, Washington jettied a career-long 43 yards for a touchdown to make it 28-3. Oregon responded with an 80-yard drive early in the fourth quarter, capped by backup QB Brady Leaf's 7-yard TD pass to TB Jonathan Stewart, who caught the ball after it was deflected by a Trojan. But USC answered right away, with QB John David Booty hitting WR Dwayne Jarrett for a 12-yard score. Washington rushed for a career-best 119 yards on 15 attempts (7.9 yards per carry), Booty was 16-of-25 for 176 yards, Jarrett caught 7 passes for 91 yards and WR Steve Smith had 7 receptions for 88 yards. USC averaged 6.2 yards per play, getting 343 total yards on 55 plays. USC limited Oregon, which was ranked highly in most offensive statistical categories and was averaging 456.2 total yards (including 205.8 rushing) and 36.3 points, to just 358 total yards (only 102 on the ground). The Ducks, who were penalized 12 times and converted only 8-of-19 third downs, were just 2-of-5 in the red zone, getting stopped on their opening drive on fourth-and-1 on the Trojan 13, then missing a second quarter field goal and then getting stopped again on fourth down at the USC 4 late in the game. But Oregon had 88 plays (to USC's 55) and held the ball 33:37. Dixon was 15-of-23 for 130 yards, Leaf was 13-of-22 for 104 yards, Stewart gained just 42 yards on 14 carries, TE Dante Rosario had 7 catches for 69 yards, and WRs Jaison Williams (71 yards) and Jordan Kent (44 yards) each had 6 grabs. For USC, DE Lawrence Jackson, CB **Cary Harris** and LB Keith Rivers each had 10 tackles, with Jackson getting 3 sacks (his first of 2006), while Sartz added 9 tackles.

VERSUS PAC-10
 USC has won 70.5% (397-158-29) of its games against Pac-10 opponents.

IN THE COLISEUM
 USC has a 398-123-27 (.751) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923.

IN OCTOBER
 USC has a 286-107-19 (.717) all-time record while playing in the month of October.

NIGHT GAMES
 USC owns a 129-34-4 (.784) record at night (games beginning after 5 p.m.), including 80-18-4 in the Coliseum, 35-11 in road contests and 14-5 at neutral sites. The Trojans have a 25-game night game winning streak at home (their last loss at night in the Coliseum was to Florida State in 1997).

CONNECTIONS

USC has no players from the state of Oregon, while the Ducks sport 60 players who hail from California...USC LB-DE **Clay Matthews** and Oregon LB **Casey Matthews** are brothers; their father, Clay, was a 4-year (1974-77) letterman linebacker at USC who played on Troy's 1974 national championship team and earned All-American honors in 1977, while their brother, Kyle, lettered at safety on USC's 2003 national championship team and their uncle, Bruce, was a 3-year (1980-82) letterman offensive guard at USC who earned All-American honors in 1982... USC DT **Christian Tupou** and Oregon OT **Fenuki Tupou** also are brothers...Oregon DE **Kenny Rowe** is the brother of former USC FB-S Alfred Rowe (2007)...DT **Fili Moala's** cousin is former Oregon DT Haloti Ngata...Oregon DT **Tonio Celotto** is the son of former USC LB Mario Celotto (1974-77)...Oregon WR **Jamere Holland** redshirted the 2006 football season at USC but did run track for the Trojans in 2007 before transferring to Oregon...Oregon offensive line coach **Steve Greatwood** was USC's offensive line coach for 2 years (1998-99)...Oregon executive senior associate athletic director **Renee (Mack) Baumgartner** captained the USC women's golf team in 1995 and served as the Women of Troy's coach for 2 years (1994-95).

WIN STREAKS

USC owns several active winning streaks:
—non-conference home games (12);
—non-conference road games (9, not including 5 neutral site wins and 1 neutral site loss);
—non-conference games (10);
—home night games (25);
—November games (23).

6 CONSECUTIVE

USC is riding a streak of 6 consecutive AP Top 4 finishes (including national championships in 2003 and 2004) and BCS bowls (an NCAA record) and Pac-10 crowns (a league record) and 11-win seasons (also an NCAA record).

PRE-SEASON HONORS

LB **Rey Mauluga** (Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News, Lindy's, Athlon, Playboy, Phil Steele's, Collegefootballnews.com), S **Taylor Mays** (Sports Illustrated, ESPN.com, Athlon, Playboy, Phil Steele's), LB **Brian Cushing** (Playboy, ESPN.com, Phil Steele's), DT **Fili Moala** (The Sporting News, Phil Steele's) and TB **Joe McKnight** (The Sporting News) have been named to various pre-season All-American first teams. OG-C **Jeff Byers** made an All-American second team. USC's linebacker and secondary position units are ranked No. 1 nationally by some of these media outlets. Besides the above-mentioned players, S **Kevin Ellison**, TB **Stafon Johnson** and DEs **Kyle Moore** and **Everson Griffen** have been selected to various pre-season All-Pac-10 first teams.

FUN FACT I

This is only the second time in history that USC has played 3 consecutive games against teams whose names start with the letter "O." The other time was in 1941 (Oregon State, Ohio State, Oregon).

FUN FACT II

This is just the third time that USC has played Oregon State followed by Oregon in consecutive games. The other years were 1936 and 1987.

WATCH LISTS

The following Trojans have made the official "Watch Lists" for national 2008 post-season awards, to date:

PK **David Buehler**
Lou Groza Award (top placekicker)
OG-C **Jeff Byers**
Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)
LB **Brian Cushing**
Butkus Award (top linebacker)
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Lombardi Award (top lineman)
Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)
S **Kevin Ellison**
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Thorpe Award (top defensive back)
TB **Stafon Johnson**
Maxwell Award (top player)
LB **Rey Mauluga**
Walter Camp Award (top player)
Butkus Award (top linebacker)
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Lombardi Award (top lineman)
S **Taylor Mays**
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Thorpe Award (top defensive back)
Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)
TB **Joe McKnight**
Maxwell Award (top player)
DT **Fili Moala**
Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player)
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Lombardi Award (top lineman)
DE **Kyle Moore**
Hendricks Award (top defensive end)
C **Kristofer O'Dowd**
Rimington Trophy (top center)
QB **Mark Sanchez**
Maxwell Award (top player)
Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback)
WR **Patrick Turner**
Maxwell Award (top player)

USC'S PAST 6-PLUS YEARS UNDER CARROLL

Eighth-year USC head coach **Pete Carroll** has a system in place that, after going 6-6 in his 2001 debut season, has made the past 6-plus years (since 2002) glorious ones for the Trojans:

—Six AP Top 4 finishes, including national championships in 2003 and 2004;
—Six BCS bowl appearances (an NCAA record);
—Six Pac-10 championships (a Pac-10 record);
—Six seasons with at least 11 victories (an NCAA record);
—A winning record of 88.9% (72-9), including 11-1 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA;
—An AP Top 25 ranking for the past 81 games, a school record;
—69 wins in the last 76 games, with the losses coming by just 26 points (by 3 points in triple overtime at California in 2003, 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, by 2 points on a failed 2-point conversion pass with 7 seconds to play at Oregon State in 2006, by 4 points at UCLA in 2006 to deny Troy an appearance in a third straight BCS Championship Game, by 1 point at home to Stanford, by a TD at No. 5 Oregon and by 6 points at Oregon State in 2008);
—Twenty-eight victories over AP Top 25 teams (28-4 overall, 87.5%);

—No-longer-active win streaks for home games (35), overall games (34), Pac-10 games (27), Pac-10 home games (24), road games (18), non-conference games (16), games against AP Top 25 teams (16), September games (15) and Pac-10 road games (13);

—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;

—A no-longer-active school record 63 consecutive games ranked in the AP Top 10;

—Twenty-nine All-American first teamers;

—Three Heisman Trophy winners;

—Forthy NFL draft picks, including 11 first rounders;

—Seven Top 10 recruiting classes.

HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for its past 81 games, a school record. Troy has been in the AP Top 10 for 69 of its past 73 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 73 of the last 87 polls (including 5 pre-season polls).

USC'S WINNINGEST 6-, 5-, 4-, 3-, 2- AND 1-YEARS

USC's 70 wins during the previous 6 years (11 in 2002, 12 in 2003, 13 in 2004, 12 in 2005, 11 in 2006 and 11 in 2007) is the winningest 6-year span in school history. Its 59 wins during the 5-year periods of 2003-07 and 2002-06 are tied for its best 5-year runs. 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 and 2007. Those 6 consecutive conference titles are unprecedented in Pac-10 history. USC has won the league title 37 times, more than twice as much as any other school.

LAST GAME

Unranked Oregon State—a 25-point underdog—got clutch performances on offense from the diminutive Rodgers brothers and QB Lyle Moevao, plus stout play from its defense, to stun No. 1 USC in Corvallis, 27-21, in Troy's Pac-10 opener before a loud crowd of 42,839 and a Thursday night ESPN national cable audience. It was the second time in history that the Beavers upset a top-ranked Trojan team in Corvallis, having also done so in 1967. And it was USC's third loss in its last 4 trips to Corvallis (its second in a row). USC's streak of 15 consecutive wins in September games was snapped. OSU true freshman TB Jacquizz Rodgers ran for a career-high 186 yards with 2 touchdowns on 37 carries (it was the most rushing yards against USC since Texas' Vince Young had 200 in the 2006 Rose Bowl). He had 117 yards in the first half. His sophomore brother, WR James Rodgers (also 5-7), caught 6 passes for 36 yards with 2 scores. Moevao hit on 18-of-28 passes for 167 yards and the 2 TDs (with

no interceptions). OSU opened up a 21-0 halftime lead, scoring on 3 of its 4 first-half possessions. It was the first time since the 2006 game at Oregon State that USC trailed by as much as 21 points in a game. It was also the first time since the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl against Utah that Troy was shut out in the first half. After USC went 3-and-out to open the game, the Beavers drove 60 yards to a score, capped by Moevao's 8-yard TD pass to James Rodgers. Midway through the second quarter, Jacquizz Rodgers scored on a 2-yard run to culminate an 11-play, 62-yard drive. Then, after a USC fumble, James Rodgers caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Moevao with 4 seconds left in the half (the pass bounced off a USC defender's hands). The Beavers dominated the first half statistics, getting more yards (220 to 75), plays (39 to 20) and first downs (16 to 3) while holding the ball 19:46. USC converted just 2-of-6 third downs in the half. But the Trojans came out on fire to start the second half, scoring on their first 2 drives on passes from QB **Mark Sanchez** to WRs **Ronald Johnson** (26 yards) and **Damian Williams** (29 yards). The Trojans, however, would get no closer. After a Sanchez interception late in the game, Jacquizz Rodgers went 2 yards for a TD with 2:39 left to play. USC responded quickly, however, as Sanchez hit WR **Patrick Turner** on a 14-yard scoring pass with 1:19 to go. But OSU recovered the ensuing onside kick to seal the victory. Sanchez was 18-of-29 for 227 yards, while Williams caught 6 passes for 94 yards, Turner grabbed 4 for 44 yards and Johnson had 3 for 44. TB **Stafon Johnson** gained 48 yards on 7 carries. USC managed just 86 rushing yards (and only 313 total yards), ran off just 51 plays (its fewest since getting 50 against California in 2004) to OSU's 73, converted just 2-of-10 first downs, was penalized 7 times and had the ball only 25:10. LB **Rey Mauualuga** had a game-high 12 tackles, LB **Kaluka Maiava** added 11 stops (1 for a loss), S **Kevin Ellison** had 9 tackles and 2 deflections and LB **Brian Cushing** had 8 tackles (1 for a loss).

SCHEDULE

USC's 2008 schedule features 7 teams that were in bowls last season. The Trojans face a challenging start, as their first 5 foes all were bowl teams and won at least 9 games in 2007. USC opened its campaign at Virginia in the first-ever meeting between the schools. Troy then hosted Ohio State—which has played in the last 2 BCS Championship Games—in the first battle between the teams since 1990 and the Buckeyes' first visit to the Coliseum in 19 years. USC then began its quest for a seventh consecutive Pac-10 crown when it played a Thursday night game at Oregon State. Troy's other Pac-10 road games are at Washington State, Arizona, Stanford and the Dec. 6 season-ender versus UCLA, while the Trojans host Oregon, Arizona State, Washington and California. USC will try to extend its 6-game winning streak over Notre Dame when the Irish visit the Coliseum on Nov. 29. The Trojans figure to remain a popular attraction. During head coach **Pete Carroll's** tenure, USC has set school attendance and sellout records, including Pac-10 marks for home total and average attendance. In 2007, USC's overall total (1,056,685) and average (81,283) attendance figures were school records. All 6 of USC's home games in 2008 are sold out (the games sold out by Aug. 4, 2008).

ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 376 times, including 242 of the past 244 games (USC's last 83 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).

PETE CARROLL

Eighth-year USC head football coach Pete Carroll has returned the Trojan football program to national prominence. He is 78-15 (83.9%) in 8 years (2001-2008) 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 reached 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of 65 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 75-10 (88.2%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 49-10 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 83.1% winning mark (a league record). His teams have been ranked in the AP Top 25 for the past 81 games, a school record. He is 23-0 in November. He has 29 victories over AP Top 25 teams (29-7 overall, 80.6%). His teams have won an unprecedented 6 consecutive Pac-10 titles and appeared in an NCAA record 6 consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games). His teams have recorded at least 11 victories in each of the past 6 seasons, an NCAA record, and finished ranked in the AP Top 4 in each of those seasons. USC's 13, 25, 37, 48, 59 and 70 wins during 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-year spans represent the winningest periods in Trojan history. Under Carroll, USC is riding winning streaks in 25 home night games, 23 November games, 12 non-conference home games, 10 non-conference games and 9 non-conference road games (not including 5 neutral site contests). His USC teams also had a number of other since-broken winning streaks: a Pac-10 record 35 consecutive home games, Pac-10-record 34 overall games, a Pac-10-record 27 Pac-10 games, a Pac-10 record 24 consecutive league home 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, 15 September games 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) and was ranked in the AP Top 10 for a school-record 63 consecutive games. He was named the 2003, 2005 and 2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year. Under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. Carroll has produced 30 All-American first teamers and 42 NFL draft picks (including 11 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His last 6 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 10 nationally (including first 5 times 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	8	78	15	0	.839
2.	Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	10	101	22	0	.821
3.	Urban Meyer, Florida	8	73	17	0	.811
4.	Mark Richt, Georgia	8	76	20	0	.792
5.	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	43	376	120	4	.756
6.	Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	17	148	48	0	.755
7.	Joe Paterno, Penn State	43	377	125	3	.750
8.	Jim Tressel, Ohio State	23	212	74	2	.740
9.	Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	19	166	58	2	.739
10.	Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	12	110	40	0	.733

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Only 4 starters returned on offense in 2008: wide receivers **Patrick Turner** and **Vidal Hazelton**, fullback **Stanley Havili** and guard-center **Jeff Byers**. Others back with starting experience are quarterbacks **Mark Sanchez** and **Mitch Mustain**, tailbacks **C.J. Gable** and **Allen Bradford**, wide receivers **David Ausberry**, **Ronald Johnson** and **Damian Williams**, center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, guard **Zack Heberer** and tackles **Butch Lewis** and **Charles Brown**. Mustain and Williams had their starts while at Arkansas. Although USC's top rusher, passer and receiver from 2007 are gone, its next 4 most productive runners, its next most productive passer and its next 5 most productive receivers returned in 2008. The Trojans aim to rev up an offense that—although much improved over the 2006 model—last year did not rank in the national Top 25 in any offensive statistical category for the first time since coach Pete Carroll's debut season in 2001.

QUARTERBACKS

Much like coach Pete Carroll and crew had to do—and did quite well—in 2003 (replacing Carson Palmer) and in 2006 (replacing Matt Leinart), USC again had to replace one of the top quarterbacks in school history in 2008. John David Booty is gone along with his 20-3 record as a starter (including 9-0 against Top 25 teams). He ended up ranked in USC's all-time Top 6 in passing completions (fifth with 518), passing yardage (fifth with 6,125), passing touchdowns (fourth with 55) and total offense (sixth with 5,945 yards). In 2007, the 62.3% career passer hit 215-of-340 (63.2%) of his throws for 2,361 yards and 23 TDs with just 10 interceptions. He was an NFL fifth round draft pick. Several players with outstanding pedigrees competed this past spring to replace Booty in 2008, with junior **Mark Sanchez** (61-of-92, 66.3%, 737 yds, 10 TD, 3 int in 2008) emerging as the starter. He currently is ranked 14th nationally in passing efficiency (162.9, second in Pac-10). In his career, Sanchez had thrown 17 touchdowns, with at least 2 TD passes in 5 consecutive starts, plus he has at least 3 TD passes in a game 4 times and at least 1 TD pass in all 6 of his career starts. When Booty missed 3 mid-season games (Arizona, Notre Dame and Oregon) with a broken finger in 2007, Sanchez stepped in and not only performed well, but gained valuable experience. He guided Troy last year to victories in his first 2

career starts (including a 38-0 shutout in South Bend) and had the Trojans positioned to come back at No. 5 Oregon before falling just a touchdown short of victory. In his time at USC, he has appeared in 17 games, with 6 starts. Behind Sanchez are sophomore **Mitch Mustain** (1-of-1, 1,000%, 10 yds, 1 TD in 2008), who sat out the 2007 season after transferring from Arkansas, and untested redshirt freshman **Aaron Corp** (2-of-4, 50.0%, 14 yds in 2008), who guided his high school team to the California state championship in 2006. Mustain was 8-0 as a true freshman starter for the Razorbacks in 2006 and, in fact, has a 61-2 record as a starting quarterback dating back to eighth grade. While appearing in 10 games for Arkansas in 2006, he completed 69-of-132 passes (52.3%) for 894 yards, 10 scores and 9 picks. Mustain (in 2005), like Sanchez (in 2004), was named the national prep player of the year as a high school senior. Corp possibly is the most mobile of the quarterbacks and could bring another dimension to the Trojan offense. In case of emergency, junior **Garrett Green** (2 tac in 2008), who came to USC in 2006 as a quarterback before being moved to safety and then spending last year as a wide receiver (he was moved back to quarterback in 2008 fall camp), is available. He will long be remembered for his 34-yard scoring toss off a lateral early in last year's Rose Bowl. New to the quarterback ranks this fall is walk-on redshirt freshman **Chris McCaffrey**, who was a reserve pitcher on the USC baseball team this past spring.

—Sanchez threw for a career-best 338 yards (the most by a Trojan in a season opener) with 3 TDs on 26-of-35 passing (tying his career high for completions) with an interception at Virginia, including hitting on 12 straight passes at one point and completing 16-of-19 passes in the first half (he was named Rivals.com National Player of the Week, O'Brien National Quarterback of the Week and Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week for his performance), while Corp played 1 series (1-of-2 for 2 yards), Mustain also played a series (he threw a 10-yard TD on his only pass) and Green took 1 snap.

—Sanchez tied a career high by throwing 4 TD passes while completing 17-of-28 passes for 172 yards with an interception against Ohio State to earn Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Corp was 1-of-2 for 12 yards in 1 series and Mustain played 2 plays (but did not throw a pass).

—Sanchez completed 18-of-29 passes for 227 yards and 3 TDs with an interception at Oregon State.

TAILBACKS

Although Chauncey Washington, USC's leading rusher the past 2 seasons (he had 969 yards and 10 TDs in 2007), has finished his Trojan career after piling up 1,778 yards and 19 scores (he was an NFL seventh round draft pick), there are plenty of returning tailbacks to fill in for him. This might be the best running back corps in America. Troy's 2008 tailback stable includes: junior **Stafon Johnson** (20 tcb, 99 yds, 4.9 avg, 1 TD in 2008), a consistent, dependable runner who had a trio of 100-yard outings last fall (at Nebraska and Washington and in the Rose Bowl versus Illinois); sophomore **Joe McKnight** (25 tcb, 175 yds, 7.0 avg in 2008, plus 7 rec, 53 yds, 7.6 avg, 1 TD and 6 PR, 46 yds, 7.7 avg), the exciting all-purpose breakaway back who can strike as a runner, receiver and returner (he had 3 games in 2007 with at least 100 all-purpose yards, including 206 in the Rose Bowl); soph **C.J. Gable** (16 tcb, 110 yds, 6.9 avg, 1 TD in 2008, plus 3 rec, 13 yds, 4.3 avg and 2 KOR, 31 yds, 15.5 avg), who has 9 career starts, including the first 2 contests of

2007 before being sidelined the rest of the way with abdomen surgery; junior **Allen Bradford** (14 tcb, 57 yds, 4.1 avg, 1 TD in 2008, plus 4 rec, 44 yds, 11.0 avg and 1 tac), a hard-charging runner who is particularly adept catching passes out of the backfield and who also shines on special teams; and redshirt freshmen **Broderick Green** (3 tcb, 1 yds, 0.3 avg in 2008) and **Marc Tyler** (2 tcb, 10 yds, 5.0 avg in 2008, plus 1 rec, 10 yds, 10.0 avg, 1 TD), who were both sidelined with injuries in 2007 (foot and leg, respectively). Joining this group this fall as a freshman was prep All-American **Curtis McNeal**, along with walk-on freshman **Chris Fornataro**.

—Gable had a game-best 73 yards on 9 carries, with a 33-yard TD, at Virginia, while McKnight had 112 all-purpose yards (60 on 6 carries, 24 on 4 receptions with a 10-yard TD and 28 on 3 kickoff returns), Bradford added 41 yards on 9 carries with a 2-yard score and also caught 2 passes for 15 yards, Johnson had 29 yards on 9 rushes with a 2-yard TD, Tyler caught a 10-yard TD pass (to become USC's fifth tailback to score in the game) to go along with an 8-yard run and Green had a rush for no yards.

—McKnight rushed for 105 yards on 12 carries (the second 100-yard game of his career) and a 5-yard punt return for 110 all-purpose yards against Ohio State, while Johnson added 23 yards on 4 carries, Gable had 18 yards on 4 carries, 13 yards on 3 receptions and an 18-yard kickoff return, Bradford had 16 yards on 5 rushes and 29 yards on 2 receptions, Tyler had a 2-yard run and Green gained 1 yards on 2 carries.

—Johnson ran for 48 yards on 7 carries at Oregon State, while Gable added 19 yards on 3 ties and also had a 13-yard kickoff return and McKnight rushed for 10 yards on 7 carries, caught 3 passes for 29 yards and returned 2 punts for 13 yards.

FULLBACKS

Sophomore **Stanley Havili** (4 tcb, 16 yds, 4.0 avg in 2008, plus 6 rec, 63 yds, 10.5 avg, 1 TD) returned as the fullback and could emerge among the best in the nation. He has proven to be not only a fine blocker, but an effective runner and receiver. Behind him are just a couple of untested players. Junior **Adam Goodman** (3 tac in 2008) was Havili's backup last fall and saw brief action (the one-time walk-on earned a scholarship this past spring). Then there's senior **Matt Hillier**, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in this fall and who also is on the USC men's volleyball team.

—At Virginia, Havili had a 5-yard run and a 14-yard catch, while Goodman had a tackle.

—Havili caught 5 passes for 49 yards, including a 35-yard TD, and added 9 yards on 2 carries against Ohio State, while Goodman made 2 tackles.

—Havili had a 2-yard run at Oregon State.

WIDE RECEIVERS

USC's entire corps of scholarship wide receivers from 2007 (except for 1 reserve) returns this season. They'll be counted on to up their production in 2008, as they accounted for less than half of USC's 286 receptions last year. Both starters—senior split end **Patrick Turner** (10 rec, 149 yds, 14.9 avg, 2 TD in 2008, plus 1 tac) and junior flanker **Vidal Hazelton** (5 rec, 33 yds, 6.6 avg in 2008)—are back. Turner's 99 career grabs puts him 18th on USC's career pass catching chart. He had 5 games with 5-plus receptions in 2007, including 9 versus Stanford. Hazelton caught a pass in every game last year. But hot on their heels are the likes of sophomores **David Ausberry**, who had 5 starts last fall, **Ronald Johnson** (6 rec, 122 yds, 20.3 avg., 2 TD in 2008, plus 5 KOR, 101 yds, 20.2 avg and 1 tac), who started once and also was Troy's top kickoff returner in 2007, and **Damian**

Williams (16 rec, 234 yds, 14.6 avg, 3 TDs in 2008), who sat out the 2007 campaign after transferring from Arkansas (where he started 5 times and caught 19 passes with 2 TDs as a true freshman in 2005). Also in the mix are sophomore **Travon Patterson**, who missed most of last fall with a foot injury, and redshirt freshman **Brandon Carswell** (3 PR, 20 yds, 6.7 avg in 2008). Then there are 6 walk-ons who have yet to catch a pass: sophomores **Sean Calcagnie**, **Preston Cavnignac**, **Scott Stephens** (1 tac in 2008), **Duron Sylvester** and **Spencer Vigoren** and redshirt freshman **Drew Ness**. A pair of talented freshmen enrolled this fall—prep All-Americans **Brice Butler** and **D.J. Shoemate**—along with junior college transfer **Jordan Cameron**, and walk-on freshman **Robbie Boyer**.

—Williams had 7 receptions for 91 yards (both game highs) at Virginia, Hazelton added 5 grabs for 33 yards, Johnson had 3 catches for 78 yards (with a 49-yard TD) and returned 2 kickoffs for 25 yards for 103 all-purpose yards, Turner had 2 catches for 62 yards with a 20-yard score and Carswell had a 14-yard punt return.

—Turner had 4 catches for 43 yards against Ohio State, while Williams caught 2 third-quarter TDs (24 and 17 yards) and ended up with 4 receptions for 43 yards, while Carswell returned 2 punts for 6 yards.

—Williams had a game-best 6 catches for 94 yards (with a 29-yard TD) at Oregon State, Turner had 4 receptions for 44 yards (with a 14-yard TD) and Johnson had 3 catches for 44 yards (with a 26-yard TD) and returned 3 kickoffs for 76 yards.

TIGHT ENDS

USC will be hard-pressed to replace Fred Davis, the most prolific tight end in Trojan history. Davis, Troy's first-ever Mackey Award winner, set school tight end records for career catches (117), receiving yardage (1,408) and touchdowns (13). His 2007 All-American first team showing also produced USC season tight end standards: a team-best 62 receptions with 881 yards and 8 TDs. He was drafted in the NFL's second round. Looking to fill his shoes are junior **Anthony McCoy** (3 rec, 26 yds, 8.7 avg 2008), redshirt freshman **Rhett Ellison**, the son of ex-USC and NFL linebacker Riki (Gray) Ellison, and senior **Jimmy Miller**, who missed most of 2007 with a back injury (he has 2 touchdowns among his 3 career receptions, all in 2005), plus soph **Cooper Stephenson**, who also will be a long snapper (the one-time walk-on earned a scholarship past this spring). Figuring to get an instant look at the position is **Blake Ayles** (3 rec, 14 yds, 4.7 avg, 1 TD in 2008), a prep All-American who came aboard this fall as a freshman.

—McCoy had 2 catches for 21 yards at Virginia, while Ayles added a 2-yard reception.

—Ayles caught a 1-yard TD against Ohio State.

—At Oregon State, Ayles had an 11-yard catch and McCoy had a 5-yard reception.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The Trojan offensive line has undergone a near-complete reconstruction in 2008, as only 1 starter returned. That veteran is left guard **Jeff Byers**, the line's only senior. He also has seen time at center. Now in his second year working on his M.B.A., he is an Academic All-American candidate. Departed are 3-time All-American first team left tackle Sam Baker (a first round NFL draft pick), 2007 All-Pac-10 first team right guard Chilo Rachal (he opted out after his junior season to enter the NFL draft, where he was a second rounder), center Matt Spanos and right tackle Drew Radovich, a 2-year starter. But things aren't as bleak as might be imagined. Because injuries forced all the

2007 starters but Byers to miss some games, a number of younger offensive linemen acquired valuable playing time last fall. That experience should propel them into starting jobs in 2008. Sophomore **Butch Lewis** (1 tac in 2008) started 3 mid-season games at left tackle for Baker last year (he's now at right tackle). Fellow sophomore **Zack Heberer** started twice in mid-2007 at right guard for Rachal. Soph **Kristofer O'Dowd**—a 2007 Freshman All-American first team selection—started 3 early contests at center for Spanos, 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). Junior **Charles Brown** started the 2007 opener at right tackle for Radovich, but he's now at left tackle). Also vying for playing time are 3 little-used juniors—guard **Thomas Herring**, tackle **Nick Howell** (his father, Pat, was a USC All-American and NFL star guard) and tackle-center-guard **Alex Parsons**—plus redshirt freshmen **Martin Coleman**, a guard-tackle, and tackle-center **Michael Reardon**. Sophomore **Derek Simmons** (2 tac in 2007) was moved this fall from defensive tackle to offensive guard. Freshman guard **Matt Meyer**, a prep All-American who graduated a semester early from high school, enrolled at USC this past spring and participated in spring drills. So did junior walk-on center-guard **Garrett Nolan**, an All-State junior college transfer who previously played at Holy Cross. Joining the fray this fall as freshmen was a trio of prep All-Americans: guard **Khaled Holmes** and tackles **Matt Kalil** and **Tyron Smith**. The older brothers of Holmes (Alex) and Kalil (Ryan) played football recently for the Trojans and then in the NFL. Also new this fall were a pair of walk-ons in junior center-tackle **Steve Gatena**, who started at UC Davis in 2007, and freshman center **Abe Markowitz**.

—Brown, Byers, O'Dowd, Heberer and Lewis started against [Virginia](#), [Ohio State](#) and [Oregon State](#).

DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Seven defensive starters returned from 2007: linebackers **Rey Mauluga** and **Brian Cushing**, safeties **Taylor Mays** and **Kevin Ellison**, cornerback **Cary Harris**, tackle **Fili Moala** and end **Kyle Moore**. Others back with starting experience are safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard**, linebackers **Kaluka Maiava** and **Clay Matthews**, end **Everson Griffen**, cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** and **Shareece Wright** and safety **Shane Horton** (while at UNLV). The 2008 Trojans are looking to replicate the stinginess of last year's unit, which was second nationally in both total defense (273.2) and scoring defense (16.0), as well as fourth in rushing defense (84.2) and sixth in pass efficiency defense (102.1). USC also was third nationally in sacks (3.5), 11th in tackles for a loss (7.7) and 15th in pass defense (189.0). Troy allowed a national-low 9 TD passes in 2007. Opponents averaged just 4.1 yards per play (including only 2.5 per rush) last fall. But performing at that level could be a challenge this year, as 5 of USC's top 9 tacklers from 2007 are gone, as are last year's leaders in interceptions, sacks, tackles for losses, fumble recoveries, forced fumbles and deflections. Most importantly, the Trojans are aiming to get back to the hallmark of coach Pete Carroll defenses: a high positive number in turnover margin (for the second year in a row, USC was just mediocre in this area in 2007).

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The biggest area of concern on defense in 2008 is rebuilding the line, which lost 2 of the best defensive linemen in school history: nose tackle Sedrick Ellis and end Lawrence Jackson. Ellis, a 2-time All-American who was the 2007 Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year and a 2-time Morris Trophy recipient, posted 28.5 tackles for a loss and 17.5 sacks in his career. Jackson, who owns the USC game records for tackles for a loss (5.5) and sacks (4), was a 4-year starter who had 52 tackles for a loss and 30.5 sacks in his career. Both were NFL first round draftees. Two starting linemen do return and both are steady seniors: tackle **Fili Moala** (9 tac, 3 for loss, 1.5 sack in 2008), who will be in the lineup for his third season, and end **Kyle Moore** (11 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 FR in 2008). Competing for time at the open nose tackle spot are junior **Averell Spicer** (4 tac, 1 for loss in 2008) and sophomore **Christian Tupou** (1 tac in 2008). Both have loads of potential but minimal experience. Also available at tackle is redshirt freshman **DaJohn Harris**. Sophomore **Everson Griffen** (7 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2008), a 2007 Freshman All-American first team choice, has the inside track at the vacant end job. He started twice last year and was the first USC true frosh defensive lineman to start an opener since 1986. Other ends looking to get in the mix are senior **Gerald Washington** (1 FR in 2008) and redshirt freshman **Trey Henderson** (he can also play tackle), plus senior **Andrew Weiss**, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in this fall (he's a converted offensive tackle). Also, senior linebacker **Clay Matthews** (17 tac, 2.5 for loss, 2 sack, 2 FR, 2 FF, 1 dfl, 1 BLK FG in 2008) might be used as a stand-up end in certain defensive formations. Coming aboard this fall as freshmen were tackles **Armond Armstead** (2 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2008) and **Jurrell Casey** (2 tac in 2008) and ends **Wes Horton**, **Malik Jackson** (2 tac, 1 tac for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF in 2008) and **Nick Perry**. Armstead, Horton and Perry were prep All-Americans.

—Jackson had 2 tackles (with a sack) and forced a fumble at [Virginia](#), while, Griffen also had 2 tackles, Armstead had 1 stop and Washington recovered a fumble.

—Moore had 8 tackles (2 for a loss, with a sack) and a fumble recovery against [Ohio State](#), while Moala added 4 tackles (with a sack), Griffen had 2 stops (with a sack), Spicer also had 2 tackles, Armstead had a sack and Casey had a tackle.

—Moala had 5 tackles (2 for a loss, with 0.5 sack) at [Oregon State](#), while Moore added 3 tackles (0.5 for a loss), Griffen had 3 tackles, Spicer had 2 tackles (1 for a loss), and Tupou and Casey each had 1 tackle.

LINEBACKERS

Once again, USC is loaded at every linebacker spot. That's saying a lot considering the Trojans lost 2007 All-American Keith Rivers, a 3-year starter on the weak side who had 240 career tackles, and utility man Thomas Williams, who made 14 career starts while playing every linebacker position. Rivers was chosen in the NFL draft's first round, while Williams was a fifth rounder. Headlining the linebacker corps are 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer **Rey Mauluga** (20 tac, 1 int with a TD in 2008) in the middle and **Brian Cushing** (21 tac, 2.5 for loss, 2 dfl in 2008) on the strong side. Both seniors have been honored as Rose Bowl Defensive MVPs (Mauluga last season and Cushing the previous year) and both are All-American and Butkus Award candidates in 2008. Mauluga, USC's tackle leader in 2007, has

[213 career stops](#). Senior **Kaluka Maiava** (20 tac, 3.5 for loss, 1 dfl in 2008), who has started 5 times in his career, has assumed Rivers' spot on the weak side. Pushing for time is junior **Luthur Brown**, who is able to play any linebacker position. Fellow senior **Clay Matthews** (17 tac, 2.5 for loss, 2 sack, 2 FR, 2 FF, 1 dfl, 1 BLK FG in 2008), the son of the former Trojan All-American and NFL star of the same name, started twice last year for an injured Cushing and is versatile enough to play any spot. He might also be used as a stand-up end in certain defensive formations. Other linebackers fighting to see action are junior **Nick Garratt** (1 tac in 2008), a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall, sophomores **Michael Morgan** (2 tac, 1 for loss in 2008) and **Malcolm Smith** (4 tac in 2008), the brother of ex-Trojan All-American wide receiver and Super Bowl champion Steve Smith, and redshirt freshmen **Chris Galippo**, who missed most of 2007 with a back injury, and converted fullback **Jordan Campbell** (2 tac in 2008). Also available is sophomore walk-on **Dan Deckas**. Galippo and Deckas are middle linebackers, while the others play on the outside. Freshman prep All-American **Uona Kaveinga** (1 tac, 1 for loss in 2008) and frosh walk-on **Ross Cumming** also got thrown into the mix this fall.

—At [Virginia](#), Matthews had 2 fumble recoveries and a forced fumble to go with his game-best 6 tackles (with a sack), while Maiava also had 6 tackles (1 for a loss), Smith added 3 stops, Mauluga and Cushing each had 2 tackles (Cushing had 0.5 for a loss), Kaveinga had a tackle for a loss and Campbell and Garratt each had a tackle.

—Cushing had a team-best 10 tackles (1 for a loss) against [Ohio State](#), while Matthews added 6 tackles (1.5 for losses, with a sack), a forced fumble and a deflection, Mauluga had 5 stops and returned an interception 48 yards for a TD to earn [Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week](#) honors, Maiava had 3 tackles (1.5 for losses), Morgan had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) and Campbell and Smith each had 1 tackle.

—Mauluga had a game-high 12 tackles at [Oregon State](#), while Maiava added 11 stops (1 for a loss) and a deflection, Cushing had 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection, Matthews had 5 tackles and blocked a field goal and Campbell had a tackle.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Trojan secondary is in good shape in 2008, despite losing lockdown cornerback Terrell Thomas, who had 8 career interceptions (he was chosen in the fifth round of the NFL draft). Seven defensive backs have starting experience. Both safeties are starting for their third seasons and could earn All-American and Thorpe Award acclaim in the fall: 2007 All-American first team free safety **Taylor Mays** (19 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 dfl in 2008), a junior, and 2007 All-Pac-10 first team strong safety **Kevin Ellison** (21 tac, 0.5 for loss, 1 int, 3 dfl in 2008), a senior. Dependable senior **Cary Harris** (11 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl in 2008) returned at a cornerback spot. Junior **Shareece Wright** (8 tac in 2008), who started once last year, has won the vacant corner job. But 2 others coming off injuries are challenging for time: senior **Josh Pinkard** (4 tac, 1 dfl in 2008), a 2005 starter (primarily at cornerback) who started the 2006 opener at free safety before knee injuries sidelined him since then (he can also play safety and figures to be USC's nickel back), and junior **Kevin Thomas** (3 tac, 1 int, 2 dfl in 2008), who started twice in 2006 but hasn't played since then because of foot, ankle and shoulder injuries. There are also 3

walk-on cornerbacks in junior **Matthew Jordan**, sophomore **Omari Crittenden** and redshirt freshman **Daniel Harper**. Other safeties battling for action are junior **Will Harris** (5 tac in 2008) and soph **Marshall Jones** (2 tac in 2008), plus walk-ons **Justin Hart**, a junior, sophomore **Robert Erickson** and redshirt freshman **Spencer Spiegel**. Sophomore safety **Shane Horton**, the older brother of Trojan defensive end Wes Horton, transferred to USC this past spring from UNLV, but he'll have to sit out the 2008 season because of NCAA transfer rules. He started 6 games for the Rebels as a first-year freshman last year, getting 35 tackles and an interception. This fall, **Brian Baucham** and prep All-American **T.J. Bryant** at cornerback and **Drew McAllister** at safety entered the competition as freshmen, along with walk-on freshman safety **Ryan McMahon**.

—At *Virginia*, Mays had a game-high 6 tackles (1.5 for losses) and a deflection, Wright added 5 tackles, Cary Harris had 3 tackles (1 for a loss), Ellison had 2 tackles and 2 deflections, Pinkard had 2 stops, Thomas had a tackle and an interception and Jones had a tackle.

—Ellison had a team-best 10 tackles and an interception against *Ohio State*, while Mays added 8 stops, Wright had 3 tackles, Thomas had 2 tackles and a deflection, Pinkard had a tackle and deflection and Cary Harris and McAllister each had a stop.

—At *Oregon State*, Ellison had 9 tackles (0.5 for a loss) and 2 deflections, Cary Harris had 7 tackles, Mays added 6 stops, Will Harris had 5 tackles, Jones and Pinkard each had 1 tackle and Thomas had a deflection.

SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

USC's punter (**Greg Woidneck**), placekicker (**David Buehler**) and top kickoff (**Ronald Johnson**) and punt (**Joe McKnight**) returners from last year are back in 2008, but there is a new snapper and holder. Troy is looking to improve in all facets of special teams, as none were exceptionally "special" in 2007. The Trojans were decent on kick returns and placekicking last year, but were in the nation's bottom 20 in net punting (partly because 3 punts were blocked) and punt returns and yielded a scoring kickoff return.

SPECIALISTS

Senior **Greg Woidneck** (37.2 avg in 2008) returned for his third season as USC's punter. Although 40% of his punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line last fall, he is looking to improve his distance and eliminate blocked punts (he's had 4 in his career, including 3 last year). Backing him is sophomore walk-on **Billy O'Malley**. Strong-legged senior placekicker **David Buehler** (15-of-15 PAT and 1-of-1 FG in 2008) is handling all the kicks again this year and could be among the top kickers in the nation. He has hit 18-of-21 field goals in his career, including 4-of-6 of 40-plus yards. In 2008, 7 of his 19 kickoffs were touchbacks and 12 pinned foes within the 20-yard line. Last season, 18 of his 84 kickoffs were touchbacks (including 5 in the Rose Bowl) and 35 pinned foes within the 20-yard line. Behind him are walk-ons **Jordan Congdon**, a junior who was Nebraska's kicker in 2004 and 2005, and sophomore **Joe Houston**. Believe it or not, a crucial position that USC needs to fill in 2008 is at long snapper now that 4-year starter Will Collins, who performed flawlessly in his career, is gone. Sophomore tight end **Cooper Stephenson** (the one-time walk-on earned a scholarship past this spring) emerged from spring practice with the job snapping to the punter. Enrolling this fall as a freshman was

Chris Pousson and he'll snap on placekicks. Like at snapper, USC is breaking in a new holder on placekicks in 2008 after the graduation of 2-year holder Michael McDonald. Senior punter **Greg Woidneck** takes over, backed by junior quarterback-wide receiver **Garrett Green**. USC's top returners from last season are back in 2008. Sophomore wide receiver **Ronald Johnson** (5 KOR, 101 yds, 20.2 avg in 2008) topped Troy in kickoffs and already rank eighth on the all-time Trojan kick return list (721 yards). Soph tailback **Joe McKnight** (6 PR, 46 yds, 7.7 avg in 2008) led the team in punt returns and was employed whenever punts were expected to reach midfield, although gone is sure-handed tailback Desmond Reed, who was used when punts had to be fielded deep in Trojan territory (he also returned some kickoffs and ended up ranked 17th on that USC career list). McKnight could also be used on kickoff returns. Also experienced on kickoffs is sophomore tailback **C.J. Gable** (2 KOR, 31 yards, 15.5 avg in 2008), who is 17th on the Trojan career kickoff return ladder (497 yards). Junior tailback **Stafon Johnson** and redshirt freshman wide receiver **Brandon Carswell** (3 KOR, 20 yds, 6.7 avg in 2008) are also available to return punts.

—At *Virginia*, Buehler hit all 7 of his PATs and a 20-yard field goal, plus 5 of his 9 kickoffs pinned the Cavaliers within the 20-yard line (with 3 touchbacks), while Woidneck averaged 36.0 yards on his 2 punts (1 pinning the Cavs within the 20).

—Buehler hit all 5 of his PATs and 5 of his 6 kickoffs pinned the Buckeyes within the 20 (with 3 touchbacks) against *Ohio State*, while Woidneck averaged 35.2 yards on his 5 punts (with 3 pinning the Buckeyes within the 20).

—Buehler hit all 3 of his PATs and 2 of his 4 kickoffs pinned the Beavers within the 20-yard line at *Oregon State*, while Woidneck averaged 39.3 yards on his 6 punts (with a 50-yarder).

ASSISTANT COACHES

USC's continuity in 2008 should be helped because the coaching staff remained intact from 2007, except for the loss of secondary graduate assistant Demetric Martin (he was replaced by former Trojan and NFL cornerback **Kris Richard**). USC's holdovers maintained their same job responsibilities as in 2007: **Steve Sarkisian** (assistant head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks), **Nick Holt** (defensive coordinator/defensive line), **Todd McNair** (running backs/special teams coordinator), **Pat Ruel** (offensive line), **Brennan Carroll** (tight ends/recruiting coordinator), **Ken Norton Jr.** (linebackers), **Rocky Seto** (secondary), **David Watson** (defensive line), **John Morton** (passing game coordinator/wide receivers) and **Yogi Roth** (quarterbacks graduate assistant).

STATS OF NOTE

WINS

***USC has won 58 of its last 64 games, 69 of its last 76, 70 of its last 78, 72 of its last 81 and 76 of its last 86.

***USC has won at least 11 games in each of the past 6 seasons, an NCAA record.

OFFENSE

***Offensively, USC is ranked 10th nationally in passing efficiency (163.1, first in Pac-10), 13th nationally in sacks allowed (0.7, first in Pac-10) and 22nd in scoring offense (36.0, fourth in Pac-10) in 2008.

***Of USC's 12 offensive scoring drives in 2008, 9 have taken 3 minutes or less (including 4 under 2 minutes), while 3 have gone 80-plus yards and 5 have taken 5 plays or less.

SCORING

***USC has scored at least 20 points in 81 of its past 84 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 55 of its last 74 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points 39 times under Pete Carroll (including 14 times with at least 50 points).

***Since trailing late in the third quarter at Oregon State in 2006, 33-10, USC has outscored its opponents, 735-309.

***USC has a knack for scoring 20 or more unanswered points in a game (3 times in 2008, 8 times 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 (1,696 to 776 points).

***Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 121 times.

DEFENSE

***Defensively in 2008, USC is ranked eighth nationally in scoring defense (12.3, first in Pac-10), 10th in total defense (245.7, second in Pac-10), 10th in pass defense (152.7, second in Pac-10), 14th in tackles for a loss (8.0, second in Pac-10), 19th in rushing defense (93.0, first in Pac-10), 21st in sacks (2.7, third in Pac-10), 22nd in pass efficiency defense (103.3, third in Pac-10) in 2008.

***USC has held 12 of its last 23 opponents to 14 points or less, dating back to mid-2006.

***USC has intercepted a pass in 60 of the last 78 games.

***USC has scored 21 points following opponent turnovers in 2008 (after 4 of the 7 times it came up with a turnover); conversely, opponents have scored 14 points following Trojan turnovers (after 2 of the 5 times the opponents came up with a turnover).

***After having turnover margins of +0.3 in 2006 and +0.2 in 2007, USC's margin of +0.7 in 2008 is leaning more towards 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 51 of its last 80 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less (2 times in 2008, 10 times in 2007, 6 times in 2006, 5 times in 2005, 8 times in 2004, 10 games in 2003 and 10 times in 2002).

***Only 10 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 76 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, Oregon State's Clinton Polk in 2006 with 100, Oregon's Jonathan Stewart in 2007 with 103, Cal's Justin Forsett in 2007 with 164, Illinois' Rashard Mendenhall in 2007 with 155 and Oregon State's Jacquizz Rodgers in 2008 with 186).

***Under Pete Carroll, USC is 43-2 when holding opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense (the losses were at UCLA in 2006 and Stanford in 2007).

MISCELLANEOUS

***All 6 of USC's home games in 2008 are sold out (they did so by Aug. 4, 2008).

***For the fourth consecutive year, USC ranked last in the Pac-10 in opponent penalty yardage average (44.8) in 2007 and it is last in 2008 (42.0).

***USC has played before crowds of at least 85,000 in 30 of its past 58 games.

***Eighteen of USC's last 24 home games (including a since-broken streak of 14 in a row) have been played in front of 90,000-plus crowds.

***USC is 38-4 in the final 6 regular-season games in head coach Pete Carroll's 8 years (the losses were to Notre Dame in 2001, Oregon State and UCLA in 2006 and Oregon in 2007).

***Fourteen of the 15 losses in the Pete Carroll era at USC were by a touchdown or less (the other was by just 11 points).

TAKEAWAYS

In head coach Pete Carroll's 8 seasons at USC, Troy is +102 overall (246 takeaways and 144 giveaways). Those 246 takeaways since 2001 are the most in the nation. Except for the 2006 and 2007 seasons, USC has been effective in the takeaway department during Carroll's tenure. Troy is +0.7 in turnover margin in 2008 (getting 4 fumbles and 3 interceptions while giving away 3 interceptions and 2 fumbles).

YEAR	TO MARGIN (NCAA/PAC)	TAKEAWAYS (INT/FUM)	GIVEAWAYS (INT/FUM)
2001	+1.3 (5/11)	35 (20/15)	19 (12/7)
2002	+1.4 (5/2)	36 (17/19)	18 (10/8)
2003	+1.5 (2/1)	42 (22/20)	22 (9/13)
2004	+1.5 (1/1)	38 (22/16)	19 (7/12)
2005	+1.6 (2/1)	38 (22/16)	17 (10/7)
2006	+0.3 (38/75)	22 (11/11)	18 (11/7)
2007	+0.2 (41/4)	28 (12/16)	26 (16/10)
2008	+0.7 (37/2)	7 (3/4)	5 (3/2)
TOTAL	—	246 (128/118)	144 (79/65)

CARROLL'S DEFENSE

Here's a look at the impressive defensive figures in the **Pete Carroll** era:

YEAR	RUSH D	PASS D	TOTAL D	SCORE D
2001	155.2	175.6	330.8	17.3
2002	83.2	201.8	284.9	18.5
2003	60.2	276.2	336.4	18.4
2004	79.4	199.9	279.3	13.0
2005	130.5	230.4	360.9	22.8
2006	91.1	204.8	295.8	15.2
2007	84.2	189.0	273.2	16.0
2008	93.0	152.7	245.7	12.3

IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 44 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 27 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as RB Reggie Bush, Justin Fargas and LenDale White, LBs Junior Seau and Lofa Tatupu, DLs Willie McGinest, Shaun Cody, Mike Patterson and Kenechi Udeze, QBs Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, WR Steve Smith and Keary Colbert, DBs Troy Polamalu, Sammy Knight and Brian Kelly and OL Taitusi Lutui and Ryan Kalil. Six NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): 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. Also, there's a former Trojan as head coach in the Arena League (Pat O'Hara of the Los Angeles Avengers). Fifteen current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: PK **David Buehler** (uncle, George Buehler), WR **Brice Butler** (father, Bobby), S **Kevin Ellison** (brother, Keith Ellison), TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison), TB **Broderick Green** (half-brother, Greg Wesley), OG **Khaled Holmes** (brother, Alex), OT **Nick Howell** (father, Pat Howell), OT **Matt Kalil** (brother, Ryan), C **Abe Markowitz** (cousin Jesse Sapolu), LB **Clay Matthews** (grandfather, Clay Matthews Sr.; father, Clay Matthews; uncle, Bruce Matthews), S **Taylor Mays** (father, Stafford Mays), DT **Fili Moala** (cousin, Haloti Ngata), LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, Steve Smith), SNP-TE **Cooper Stephenson** (father, Curt) and TB **Marc Tyler** (father, Wendell Tyler). Myke Horton, father of S **Shane Horton** and DE **Wes Horton**, played in the USFL and CFL, while OT **Matt Kalil's** father, Frank, played in the USFL. 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.**, **Todd McNair** and **Kris Richard** were in the NFL, while **Steve Sarkisian** was in the CFL and **John Morton** was in the CFL and NFL Europe.

RANDOM NOTES

***USC's 2008 team captains, as selected by their teammates at the end of fall camp, are: S **Kevin Ellison**, QB **Mark Sanchez**, LB **Brian Cushing** and OG-C **Jeff Byers**.

***The 2008 season marks the 80th anniversary of USC's first national championship team (1928) and the 30th anniversary of the 1978 national championship squad (USC's last title prior to the Pete Carroll era). The 1928 team went 9-0-1 (the blemish was a scoreless tie at California) under coach Howard Jones, posted Troy's first-ever win over Notre Dame and was led by the likes of All-Americans Jess Hibbs and Don Williams. Coach John Robinson's 1978 Trojans were 12-1 (losing at Arizona State), recorded victories over Top 10 teams Alabama, Notre Dame and Michigan and featured players such as All-Americans Charles White and Pat Howell, plus Paul McDonald, Brad Budde, Anthony Munoz, Dennis Johnson, Rich Dimler, Ronnie Lott and Marcus Allen.

***USC is 174-53-10 (.755) in seasons that the Summer Olympics have been held. The Trojans won 4 national championships (1928-32-72-2004) and played in 10 bowls (winning 7) during those Olympic seasons. Incidentally, 40 current and former USC athletes participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and they won 21 medals (9 golds).

***USC is 191-60-14 (.747) during presidential election years. The Trojans are 118-26-5 (.809) in years when Republicans won the White House and 70-33-9 (.663) when Democrats won. USC has won 4 national championships (1928-32-72-2004) during presidential election years. Since 1929, USC has played in the Rose Bowl during the term of every U.S. President.

***Head coach **Pete Carroll** has made it a practice to play first-year freshmen at USC. During Carroll's 8 years at Troy, 84 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, 8 in 2007 and 9 in 2008).

***USC currently has 3 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. S **Kevin Ellison** enrolled at USC in the spring of 2005, OG-OT **Martin Coleman** enrolled in the spring of 2007 and OG **Matt Meyer** enrolled in the spring of 2008. Since 1999, 12 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (including 1 who graduated a full year early).

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

***FB **Adam Goodman** is USC's only married player. Goodman and wife Jessica—she's the daughter of former USC and NFL tight end Mark Boyer—were married in the summer of 2007.

***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.

***Who's the fastest among the 2008 Trojans? It might be WR **Travon Patterson** (best 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 (he was the 2006 Louisiana state 100 champ and was second in 2007).

***Speaking of track and field, DE-DT **Trey Henderson**, who set a Canadian youth record in the hammer throw while in high school, recorded a personal-best mark of 196-3 while competing for USC in the event at the 2008 NCAA West Regional meet (he placed 13th). S **Taylor Mays** was a 2-time (2004-05) Washington state 3A champion in the 100 and 200 meters. CB **Brian Baucham** won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles title at the 2008 California state meet (his best was 37.26) despite taking up the event in just the final 6 weeks of his senior season. TE **Blake Ayles** was second at the 2008 California state meet in the discus throw (he also won the 2008 CIF Division III meet), posting a best of 193-6 (he also had a best of 51-7 ¾ in the shot put). C **Abe Markowitz** was second at the 2008 Hawaii state meet in the shot put and discus.

***Besides the previously-mentioned Henderson, there are several other multi-sport USC football players who have participated on other Trojan sports teams. WR **Travon Patterson** is also a sprinter on the USC track team, FB **Matt Hillier** is an opposite hitter on the men's volleyball team and QB **Chris McCaffery** is a pitcher on the baseball team.

***LB **Kaluka Maiava** participated in boxing in high school. DE **Gerald Washington** played tennis as a youth and competed in juniors tournaments. OG-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.

***OG-C **Jeff Byers** already has received his bachelor's degree (in business administration in the summer of 2007). In fact, the Academic All-American candidate is in the second year of working on his M.B.A.

***OG-OT **Martin Coleman** enjoys art and had one of his sculpture pieces displayed at the 2008 "Arletics" on-campus exhibit that featured the works of USC student-athletes.

***PK **Jordan Congdon** wears his normal-sized 10.5 cleated shoe on his left (non-kicking) foot, but a very tight 7.5-sized cleat on his right foot.

***In 2008, **Pete Carroll** was picked as the nation's top head coach and **Pat Ruel** as the nation's top offensive line coach by CBSsports.com.

***USC offensive administrative assistant **Albert Dorsey** spent part of the summer of 2008 serving a coaching internship with the Oakland Raiders as part of the NFL's Minority Fellowship program.

*****Noboru Hamabe**, the quarterbacks coach at Tokyo's Waseda University, is spending the season at USC observing the Trojan football program.

***Not only has head coach **Pete Carroll** produced numerous NFL draft picks (42) 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, while Oregon is now in the NFL).

***Seating capacity in the Coliseum has been upped from 92,000 to 93,607 with the addition of seats in the lower northeast (Sections 27 and 28) and southeast (Sections 1 and 2) areas of the stadium.

***The latest book about USC football is "Trojans Essential: Everything You Need To Know To Be A Real Fan" (Triumph Books) by Steven Travers. It was published in August of 2008.

***The newly-redesigned USCTrojans.com features live game broadcasts, replays of classic contests, exclusive behind-the-scenes video, blogs and original programming about USC athletics. It covers all 19 of USC's men's and women's sports, with an emphasis on football and basketball. Nearly all of USC's home sporting events are shown live, and 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, are replayed almost immediately upon their conclusion on Trojans All-Access. Also featured on Trojans 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 (USCTrojans.com/blogs) centered around key USC athletes and teams, as well as coverage of breaking news pertaining to Trojan athletics. A vault of historic USC football games, dating to the 1930s, is available for viewing, as is other archived Trojan sports programming. There is live "GameTracker" statistical coverage of many USC's events. USCTrojans.com also continues to feature extensive historical material and an online athletic merchandise store and ticket office.

***USC president **Steven Sample** has issued the following message to Trojan fans regarding good sportsmanship in the Coliseum: "Dear Friends of Trojan Football: The Coliseum is 'our house' on game days. I hope you are as committed as I am to being good hosts. You set the example: The way you cheer our team and show respect to your fellow fans (including those of the opposing team) has a powerful influence on everyone around you. Only a small number of fans—most of them *not* USC students or alumni—cause trouble at games. However, those being subjected to boorish behavior or abusive language certainly don't take the time to discover the offenders' affiliation to USC. Crass fans sully the game for everyone. The best way for us to be good hosts is, first, to model good sportsmanship and civility

and, second, to refuse to tolerate other spectators' bad or unruly behavior. If you see someone disrupting others' enjoyment of the game, please alert a Coliseum usher or security staff. You also can report inappropriate behavior by calling 213-765-8525. Let's enjoy the games and show our true Trojan spirit by setting a tone of sportsmanship and civility. Fight On!"

***Head coach **Pete Carroll** has his own website, PeteCarroll.com. It offers an exclusive window into the Trojan football program, complete with an hour-by-hour blog and behind-the-scenes photos and stories. Run by former Daily Trojan sportswriter-turned-USC walk-on wide receiver **Ben Malcolmson**, PeteCarroll.com features a variety of Carroll-related information, multimedia, merchandise, and fan club memberships that include exclusive benefits. Proceeds benefit "A Better LA," the non-profit organization the Carroll helped found to help reduce gang violence in Los Angeles.

***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. For more information, go to ABetterLA.com. In the fall of 2008, he helped organize "LA LivePeace 08," a march and rally at the Coliseum to promote gang intervention and non-violence in Los Angeles.

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

***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.

***Six Trojans have relatives who played on national championship USC football squads: TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison, was on the 1978 team), OG **Khaled Holmes** (brother, Alex, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams), OT **Nick Howell** (father, Pat Howell, was an All-American on the 1978 team), OT **Matt Kalil** (brother, Ryan was on the 2003 and 2004 teams), LB-DE **Clay Matthews** (father, 1977 All-American Clay Matthews, was on the 1974 team and brother, Kyle Matthews, was on the 2003 team) and LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, 2006 All-American Steve Smith, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams).

***Several Trojans have other relatives with USC football connections. LB-DE **Clay Matthews'** uncle, Bruce Matthews played on the offensive line at USC in 1980 to 1982 (he was a 1982 All-American). QB-WR **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). FB **Adam Goodman's** father-in-law is former Trojan tight end Mark Boyer (1982-84). C **Abe Markowitz's** grandfather, Larry, played football at USC in the early 1950s, while his cousin is former USC offensive lineman Faaesha Mailo (1997-99, 2000, 2002).

***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. PK **David Buehler's** father, John, was a 3-year (1969-71) letterman on USC's 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). WR **Brice Butler's** father, Bobby, was a 1980 All-American cornerback at Florida State who then played 12 years (1981-92) with the Atlanta Falcons, while his brother, Brenton, is a junior on Fordham's basketball team. WR **Jordan Cameron's** sister, Brynn, is a senior guard on USC's women's basketball team, while his grandfather, Jack Cravens, played basketball and baseball at BYU (1957-59). 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. LB **Brian Cushing's** father, Frank, was a member of Seton Hall's baseball team that played in the 1964 College World Series. 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. S **Shane Horton** and DE **Wes Horton** are the sons of Myke Horton, who lettered 2 years (1973-74) as an offensive tackle at UCLA, was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1975, played professionally in the USFL (with Washington and Memphis) and the CFL (with Calgary), then was one of the original members of the syndicated TV show "American Gladiators" (he was Gemini from 1989 to 1992). OT **Matt Kalil's** father, Frank, was a center at Arkansas (1978) and Arizona (1980-81-82), then was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 1982 before playing for the USFL's Arizona Wranglers in 1983 and Houston Gamblers in 1984. LB **Kaluka Maiava's** grandfather is ex-pro wrestler Neff Maiava, his father, Scott Mahoney, was an offensive lineman at

Colorado (1969-71), his uncle is pro wrestler/actor "The Rock" (Dwayne Johnson, who played football at Miami) and his brother, Kai, is a junior offensive lineman at UCLA (he formerly played at Colorado). C **Abe Markowitz's** father, Barry, lettered as a linebacker at UCLA in 1974 and his cousins include former Hawaii and San Francisco 49er offensive lineman Jesse Sapolu and Colorado freshman offensive lineman Max Tuioi-Mariner. LB-DE **Clay Matthews'** brother, Casey, is a sophomore linebacker at Oregon, his cousin, Ashley Nick, is a senior on the USC women's soccer team (the 2007 NCAA champions) and another cousin, Kevin Matthews, is a junior center at Texas A&M. 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 senior on the basketball (guard) and track (sprints/jumps) teams at Richmond. TE **Jimmy Miller's** brother, Jeff, is a sophomore defensive tackle at UCLA. DT **Fili Moala's** father, Fili Sr., was a heavyweight boxer in the 1970s who sparred with Ken Norton and lost a 1979 fight to Ron Lyle, while his 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). OT-C-OG **Alex Parsons'** brother, B. Jay Parsons, was a defensive end at Kentucky (2004-05). QB **Mark Sanchez's** brothers—Nick (Yale in 1992-93-94) and Brandon (DePauw in 1997)—played football in college. SNP-TE **Cooper Stephenson's** father, Curt, was a 3-year (1975-77) letterman wide receiver at Michigan (the 1976 Wolverine squad lost to USC in the Rose Bowl), where he twice made the Big Ten All-Academic team, while his cousin, Joe Robles, is a sophomore placekicker/punter at California. DT **Christian Tupou's** brother, Fenuki, is a senior offensive tackle at Oregon. 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. 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; his wife, Amber played volleyball at North Carolina, in Europe and on the AVP beach tour under her maiden name, Amber Willey. 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.

***OT **Butch Lewis'** real first name is Wendell, DE-DT **Trey Henderson's** is Nolan and offensive line coach **Pat Ruel's** is Golden. TB **C.J. Gable's** initials stand for Carl Jr., while WR **D.J. Shoemate's** stand for Dennis Jr.

ACADEMICS

Among the top scholars on the 2008 Trojan squad are: PK **Jordan Congdon** (3.48, American studies and ethnicity), QB-WR **Garrett Green** (3.43, business administration), OG-C **Jeff Byers** (3.27, business administration), QB **Mark Sanchez** (3.14, communication), LB **Clay Matthews** (3.06, international relations), FB **Adam Goodman** (3.05, public policy, management and planning), DT **Christian Tupou** (3.02), C-OG **Garrett Nolan** (3.00, public policy, management and planning), TE **Rhett Ellison** (2.97, international relations), PK **Joe Houston** (2.95, sociology), CB **Matthew Jordan** (2.93, communication), CB **Daniel Harper** (2.92, business administration), LB **Nick Garratt** (2.90, history), OT-C **Michael Reardon** (2.88), WR **Spencer Vigoren** (2.85), S **Robert Erickson** (2.83, business administration), SNP-TE **Cooper Stephenson** (2.81, public policy, management and planning), C **Kristofer O'Dowd** (2.80), PK **David Buehler** (2.76, public policy, management and planning), P **Greg Woitneck** (2.76, business administration) and LB **Dan Deckas** (2.76, public policy, management and planning). Byers made the 2007 Pac-10 All-Academic second team and Sanchez made honorable mention. 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.

ROSTER UPDATES

Here are updates from the roster in the 2008 USC football media guide:

—LB **Nick Garratt**, FB **Matt Hiller** and DE **Andrew Weiss** received scholarships this fall. Their bios are below.

—Add the following walk-ons: #49 **Robbie Boyer** (WR, 6-0, 175, 11/2/89, Fr./Fr., —, Newport Beach, Mater Dei HS); #46 **Ross Cumming** (LB, 6-1, 220, 9/28/87, Fr./Fr., —, Laguna Niguel, Santa Margarita HS/Naval Academy Prep); #39 **Chris Fornataro** (TB, 6-0, 200, 5/10/90, Fr./Fr., —, Richmond, VA, Mills Godwin HS); #73 **Steve Gatena** (C-OT, 6-5, 290, 12/15/85, Jr.*/Sr., TR, Westlake Village, Westlake HS/Air Force/UC Davis); #50 **Abe Markowitz** (C, 6-2, 280, 9/26/90/ Fr./Fr., —, Hawaii Kai, HI, Punahou HS); #19 **Chris McCaffery**, (QB, 6-3, 210, 11/2/88, Fr.*/So., —, Hillsborough, St. Ignatius HS); #49 **Ryan McMahon** (S, 6-0, 200, 10/15/89, Fr./Fr., —, Diamond Bar, Damien HS). Pronunciations are: for-nuh-TAR-oe, guh-TEN-uh, MAR-co-witz, muh-CAF-ree, muk-MAN.

—Change the positions of **Garrett Green** to QB-WR and **Derek Simmons** to OG.

—Change the jersey numbers of WR **Scott Stephens** to #42, OG **Derek Simmons** to #65, S **Justin Hart** to #28 and SNP **Chris Pousson** to #62.

—Change the hometown for TB **Marc Tyler** to Lancaster, Calif.

—Delete **Christian Putnam** (quit), **David Clinco** (quit), **Jonathan DeArmaral** (quit), OG **Daniel Campbell** (did not qualify) and LB **Maurice Simmons** (did not qualify).

—Delete football video assistant **Sam Anno**, who is now an assistant coach at Central Connecticut State.

BIOS

NICK GARRATT: Garratt, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2008, will serve as a backup linebacker and special teams player as a junior in 2008...He appeared in 5 games (Idaho, Washington State, Washington, Notre Dame and Illinois) on special teams as a sophomore walk-on linebacker in 2007, but did not make a tackle...He appeared in 4 games (Stanford, Oregon, California and Michigan) as a reserve linebacker and on special teams as a redshirt freshman walk-on in 2006, overall making 1 tackle (versus Michigan)...He redshirted as a reserve freshman walk-on linebacker in 2005, his first year at USC...He prepped at South Tahoe High in South Lake Tahoe (Calif.)...He's a history major at USC with a B- average (2.90 GPA).

MATT HILLIER: Hillier, a USC volleyball player who joined the football team as a walk-on in the spring of 2008 and earned a scholarship in the fall of 2008, will serve as a backup fullback as a senior in 2008...He was a middle blocker and opposite hitter on the USC men's volleyball team in 2007 (appearing briefly in 2 matches) and 2008 (he did not see any action)...He spent 2005-06 at Pasadena (Calif.) City College, but did not play football or volleyball...He played linebacker as a senior in 2003 at Loyola High in Los Angeles (Calif.) and helped the team to the 2003 CIF Division I championship...In volleyball, he was named the 2004 All-CIF Division I Co-MVP, Los Angeles Times All-Star first team and All-Mission League Co-MVP while leading Loyola to its second consecutive CIF Division I title. He also made the 2004 Volleyball Fab 50 team. He earned 2003 All-CIF Division I third team honors on Loyola's CIF Division I champion...He is a political science major at USC.

ANDREW WEISS: Weiss, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2008, will serve as a reserve defensive end as a senior in 2008. He was moved to from offensive tackle to defensive end in 2008 spring practice...He did not see any action as a reserve junior walk-on offensive tackle in 2007, his first year at USC...He came to USC from UC San Diego, but did not compete there...Before that, he attended Pasadena (Calif.) City College...He prepped at San Marino (Calif.) High, where he played football and basketball.

SCOUTING OREGON

Mike Bellotti, now in his 14th season at Oregon (the Pac-10's senior head coach), has his Ducks off to a good start. Last weekend, they bounced back from a home loss to Boise State by winning big at Washington State, 63-14. Despite injuries that have severely hampered the quarterback ranks, Oregon still sports a potent offensive attack, ranking fourth nationally in rushing offense (308.6, first in Pac-10), sixth in total offense (531.6, first in Pac-10) and seventh in scoring offense (47.4, first in Pac-10). Sophomore QB **Nate Costa** went down with a pre-season knee injury. Fellow soph QBs **Justin Roper** (40-of-76, 52.6%, 484 yds, 2 TD, 4 int in 2008) and **Jeremiah Masoli** (28-of-48, 58.3%, 381 yds, 4 TD in 2008) and first-year freshman QB **Chris Harper** (4-of-9, 44.4%, 40 yds, 1 TD, 2 int in 2008) also have suffered injuries, but Masoli has recovered from his and is now handling the signalcalling duties along with true frosh QB

Darron Thomas (13-of-28, 46.4%, 210 yds, 3 TD, 1 int in 2008). But they are surrounded by some capable skill position players, including junior RB **LeGarrette Blount** (66 tcb, 481 yds, 8 TD in 2008) and senior RB **Jeremiah Johnson** (65 tcb, 440 yds, 6.8 avg, 6 TD in 2008) and such pass catchers as junior TE **Ed Dickson** (20 rec, 266 yds, 13.3 avg, 2 TD in 2008), senior WRs **Jaison Williams** (20 rec, 288 yds, 14.4 avg, 3 TD in 2008)—he is sixth on Oregon's career receptions (158) and receiving yardage (2,361) lists—and **Terence Scott** (18 rec, 271 yds, 15.1 avg, 2 TD in 2008) and sophomore WR **Jeff Maehl** (18 rec, 205 yds, 11.4 avg, 2 TD in 2008). Senior C **Max Unger**, a 2007 All-Pac-10 first teamer, anchors an offensive front that is 19th nationally in sacks allowed (0.8, second in Pac-10). The Ducks' defense, which is eighth nationally in tackles for a loss (8.4, first in Pac-10) and 10th in sacks (3.2, first in Pac-10), features a pair of returning All-Pac-10 first team picks in senior DE **Nick Reed** (19 tac, 8.5 for loss, 5 sack, 1 FR in 2008), who is tied for sixth nationally in sacks (1.0, tied for first in Pac-10) and is 10th in tackles for a loss (1.7, second in Pac-10), and senior ROV **Patrick Chung** (31 tac, 4 for loss, 1 sack, 3 dfl in 2008, plus 5 KOR, 169 yds, 33.8 avg). Other key defenders are soph LB **Spencer Paysinger** (43 tac, 3 for loss, 1 sack, 3 dfl in 2008), junior S **T.J. Ward** (31 tac, 3 for loss, 1 sack, 1 int, 3 dfl in 2008), junior CB **Jarius Byrd** (27 tac, 1 int, 5 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2008, plus 14 PR, 225 yds, 16.1 avg, 1 TD), who is 19th nationally in punt returns (16.1, second in Pac-10), and junior DE **Will Tukuafu** (23 tac, 9.5 for loss, 5 sack, 1 dfl, 1 FR in 2008), who is tied for sixth nationally in sacks (1.0, tied for first in Pac-10) and is sixth in tackles for a loss (1.9, first in Pac-10).

GAME PROMOTIONS

USC's 2008 Olympians, who collected 21 medals (9 golds), will be saluted at halftime...The defending **NCAA champion USC women's soccer team** will be recognized on the field during the game...Swimmer **Rebecca Soni**, a gold medalist at the 2008 Olympics, will be honored during the **Lowe's Senior Salute** for excelling in the classroom and on the field.... More than 2,000 local disadvantaged youths will be in attendance as part of the "Touchdown For Youth" program conducted by USC and the Los Angeles Sports Council Foundation...Renowned sports artist **LeRoy Neiman** will participate in the pre-game coin toss...USC's 2008 football schedule posters will be given away at the end of the game.

OTHER USC SPORTS IN HOME ACTION

The Top 5-ranked **USC men's water polo team** hosts UC Santa Barbara on Saturday (Oct. 4) at 2:30 p.m. in the McDonald's Swim Stadium...The Top 5-ranked **USC women's soccer team**, the defending NCAA champion, hosts Cal State Bakersfield on Thursday (Oct. 2) at 3 p.m. and Cal State Northridge on Sunday (Oct. 5) at 1 p.m., both at McAllister Field.

INJURY UPDATE

PROBABLE: LB **Brian Cushing** (hand), S **Taylor Mays** (chest), LB **Chris Galippo** (back), LB **Luthur Brown** (back)
QUESTIONABLE: LB **Rey Mauluga** (knee), OG **Zack Heberer** (toe)
OUT: CB **Shareece Wright** (neck), OG-OT **Martin Coleman** (ankle), OT-C **Michael Reardon** (hip), OG **Matt Meyer** (foot), DE-DT **Trey Henderson** (knee)

USC IN NCAA/PAC-10 STAT RANKINGS

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-10 RANK**
Mark Sanchez	Passing Eff.	162.9	14	2
Clay Matthews	Fum. Rec.	0.7	—	1
Clay Matthews	Fum. Forced	0.7	—	1
David Buehler	PAT Kicking	1.000	—	1T
Kevin Ellison	Passes Def.	1.7	—	2
Kyle Moore	Fum. Rec.	0.3	—	4
G. Washington	Fum. Rec.	0.3	—	4
Mark Sanchez	Total Off.	246.7	—	4
Mark Sanchez	Passing Avg.	245.7	—	4
Clay Matthews	Sacks	0.7	—	5
USC	Scoring Def.	12.3	8	1
USC	Passing Eff.	163.1	10	1
USC	Total Def.	247.7	10	2
USC	Pass Def.	152.7	10	2
USC	Sacks Allow.	0.7	13	1
USC	Tac. For Loss	8.0	14	2
USC	Rushing Def.	93.0	19	1
USC	Sacks	2.7	21	3
USC	Pass Eff. Def.	103.3	22	3
USC	Scoring Off.	36.0	22	4
USC	Kickoff Cov.	48.3	—	1
USC	Field Goals	1.000	—	1
USC	4th D. Con.	66.7	—	1
USC	Opp. 4th D. Con.	0.0	—	1
USC	PAT Kicking	1.000	—	1T
USC	TO Margin	+0.7	—	2
USC	Opp. First D.	17.0	—	2
USC	Red Zone Def.	85.7	—	3
USC	Passing Off.	253.7	—	4
USC	Rushing Off.	152.7	—	4
USC	Net Punting	36.9	—	4
USC	Total Off.	406.3	—	5
USC	3rd D. Con.	38.9	—	5
USC	Time of Poss.	28:53	—	5

*Top 25 only

**Top 5 only

RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
VIRG	6-of-7 (TD, TD, FG, TD, TD, failed 4 th , TD)	1-of-1 (TD)
OHIO	2-of-4 (TD, int, TD, failed 4 th)	1-of-2 (FG, miss FG)
OREST	1-of-1 (TD)	4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD)
TOTAL	9-of-12 (.750)	6-of-7 (.857)
	8—TD	5—TD
	1—FG	1—FG
	2—failed 4 th	1—miss FG
	1—int	

GREG WOIDNECK PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
VIRG	2	1	0
OHIO	5	3	0
OREST	6	2	2
TOTAL	13	6	2

DAVID BUEHLER KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
VIRG	9	5 (3)
OHIO	6	5 (3)
OREST	4	2 (1)
TOTAL	19	12 (7)

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE —	1 18 9 80 23	Patrick Turner (6-5, 220, Sr.) OR Damian Williams (6-1, 190, So.)* David Ausberry (6-4, 235, So.)* Brandon Carswell (6-1, 185, Fr.)* OR Jordan Cameron (6-5, 220, So.)*
LT —	71 70 73	Charles Brown (6-6, 295, Jr.)* Tyron Smith (6-6, 270, Fr.) Steve Gatena (6-5, 290, Jr.)*
LG —	53 56 78	Jeff Byers (6-4, 285, Sr.)* Alex Parsons (6-4, 300, Jr.) Khaled Holmes (6-4, 305, Fr.)
C —	61 56 64	Kristofer O'Dowd (6-5, 300, So.) Alex Parsons (6-4, 300, Jr.) Garrett Nolan (6-4, 280, Jr.)*
RG —	74 56 65 77	Zack Heberer (6-5, 300, So.)* Alex Parsons (6-4, 300, Jr.) Derek Simmons (6-4, 285, So.)* OR Thomas Herring (6-6, 330, Jr.)*
RT —	68 76 75	Butch Lewis (6-5, 300, So.)* Nick Howell (6-5, 280, Jr.)* Matt Kalil (6-6, 290, Fr.)
TE —	86 40 89 88	Anthony McCoy (6-5, 255, Jr.) Rhett Ellison (6-5, 250, Fr.)* OR Blake Ayles (6-5, 255, Fr.) Jimmy Miller (6-5, 250, Sr.)*
FL —	7 8 17 10 83	Vidal Hazelton (6-2, 210, Jr.) Ronald Johnson (6-1, 185, So.) Travon Patterson (5-10, 175, So.)* D.J. Shoemate (6-0, 220, Fr.) OR Brice Butler (6-3, 215, Fr.)
QB —	6 14 15 16	Mark Sanchez (6-3, 225, Jr.)* Garrett Green (6-2, 210, Jr.) OR Aaron Corp (6-4, 195, Fr.)* OR Mitch Mustain (6-3, 210, So.)*
FB —	31 45	Stanley Havili (6-0, 225, So.)* Adam Goodman (6-1, 240, Jr.)*
TB —	4 2 13 21 29 26 22	Joe McKnight (6-0, 200, So.) OR C.J. Gable (6-0, 200, So.)* OR Stafon Johnson (5-11, 215, Jr.) OR Allen Bradford (5-11, 225, Jr.) Broderick Green (6-2, 235, Fr.)* OR Marc Tyler (6-0, 220, Fr.)* Curtis McNeal (5-8, 180, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

P —	44 25	Greg Woidneck (6-0, 200, Sr.)* Billy O'Malley (6-1, 195, So.)*
PK —	18 30 38	David Buehler (6-2, 225, Sr.) Joe Houston (5-8, 170, So.)* OR Jordan Congdon (5-9, 175, Jr.)*
SNP —	62 85	Chris Pousson (6-4, 240, Fr.)—FG, PAT Cooper Stephenson (6-3, 215, So.)*—P
HLD —	44 14	Greg Woidneck (6-0, 210, Sr.)* Garrett Green (6-2, 205, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE —	84 81 96	Kyle Moore (6-6, 270, Sr.) Gerald Washington (6-6, 255, Sr.)* Wes Horton (6-5, 245, Fr.)
NT —	99 44 91	Averell Spicer (6-2, 295, Jr.)* OR Christian Tupou (6-2, 280, So.) Jurrell Casey (6-1, 280, Fr.)
DT —	75 98 94	Fili Moala (6-5, 295, Sr.)* DaJohn Harris (6-4, 285, Fr.)* Armond Armstead (6-5, 290, Fr.)
DE —	93 47 97	Everson Griffen (6-3, 265, So.) OR Clay Matthews (6-3, 240, Sr.)* Malik Jackson (6-5, 230, Fr.)
SLB —	10 47 17 37 57 8	Brian Cushing (6-3, 255, Sr.) Clay Matthews (6-3, 240, Sr.)* OR Michael Morgan (6-4, 220, So.)* Jordan Campbell (5-11, 230, Fr.)* Nick Garratt (6-1, 235, Jr.)* Nick Perry (6-3, 240, Fr.)
MLB —	58 10 52 35	Rey Mauluga (6-2, 260, Sr.) Chris Gallippo (6-2, 255, Fr.)* OR Luthur Brown (6-2, 235, Jr.)* OR Uona Kaveinga (6-1, 235, Fr.)
WLB —	43 6	Kaluka Maiava (6-0, 230, Sr.) Malcolm Smith (6-1, 225, So.)
CB —	7 15 30	Cary Harris (6-0, 180, Sr.) Kevin Thomas (6-1, 185, Jr.)* Brian Baucham (5-11, 190, Fr.)
FS —	2 27 26	Taylor Mays (6-3, 230, Jr.) Marshall Jones (6-0, 185, So.) OR Will Harris (6-1, 200, Jr.)*
SS —	4 26 19	Kevin Ellison (6-1, 230, Sr.) Will Harris (6-1, 200, Jr.)* Drew McAllister (6-1, 200, Fr.)
CB —	36 1 25	Josh Pinkard (6-2, 210, Sr.)* T.J. Bryant (6-1, 190, Fr.) Daniel Harper (5-11, 185, Fr.)*

RETURNERS

KOR —	8 2 4	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 185, So.) AND C.J. Gable (6-0, 205, So.)* Joe McKnight (6-0, 200, So.)
PR —	4 80 13	Joe McKnight (6-0, 200, So.) Brandon Carswell (6-1, 185, Fr.)* Stafon Johnson (5-11, 215, Jr.)

2008 USC FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birthday	Cl.(Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown(High School/JC/College)
1	TURNER, Patrick	WR	6-5	220	5/19/87	Sr./Sr.	3V	Nashville, TN (Goodpasture)
1	BRYANT, T.J.	CB	6-1	190	10/9/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
2	GABLE, C.J.	TB	6-0	200	10/19/87	So.*/Jr.	2V	Sylmar (Sylmar)
2	MAYS, Taylor	S	6-3	230	2/7/88	Jr./Jr.	2V	Seattle, WA (O'Dea)
4	McKNIGHT, Joe	TB	6-0	200	4/16/88	So./So.	1V	River Ridge, LA (John Curtis)
4	ELLISON, Kevin	S	6-1	230	1/8/87	Sr./Sr.	3V	Inglewood (Redondo Union)
6	SANCHEZ, Mark	QB	6-3	225	11/11/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
6	SMITH, Malcolm	LB	6-1	225	7/5/89	So./So.	1V	Northridge (Taft)
7	HAZELTON, Vidal	WR	6-2	210	1/29/88	Jr./Jr.	2V	New York, NY (Hargrave Military Academy)
7	HARRIS, Cary	CB	6-0	180	3/22/87	Sr./Sr.	3V	Pacoima (Notre Dame)
8	JOHNSON, Ronald	WR	6-1	185	8/3/88	So./So.	1V	Muskegon, MI (Muskegon)
8	PERRY, Nick	DE	6-3	240	4/12/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Detroit, MI (King)
9	AUSBERRY, David	WR	6-4	235	9/25/87	So.*/Jr.	1V	Lemoore (Lemoore)
10	CUSHING, Brian	LB	6-3	255	1/24/87	Sr./Sr.	3V	Park Ridge, NJ (Bergen Catholic)
10	SHOEMATE, D.J.	WR	6-0	220	1/1/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Mira Loma (Servite)
13	JOHNSON, Stafon	TB	5-11	215	2/6/88	Jr./Jr.	2V	Compton (Dorsey)
14	GREEN, Garrett	QB-WR	6-2	210	5/21/88	Jr./Jr.	2V	Chatsworth (Notre Dame)
15	CORP, Aaron	QB	6-4	195	3/6/89	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Villa Park (Orange Lutheran)
15	THOMAS, Kevin	CB	6-1	185	9/20/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Oxnard (Rio Mesa)
16	MUSTAIN, Mitch	QB	6-3	210	2/27/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Springdale, AR (Springdale/Arkansas)
17	PATTERSON, Travon	WR	5-10	175	9/20/88	So.*/Jr.	2V	Long Beach (Poly)
17	MORGAN, Michael	LB	6-4	220	1/16/88	So.*/Jr.	1V	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
18	WILLIAMS, Damian	WR	6-1	190	5/26/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Springdale, AR (Springdale/Arkansas)
18	BUEHLER, David	PK	6-2	225	2/5/87	Sr./Sr.	2V	Anaheim (Canyon/Santa Ana JC)
19	McALLISTER, Drew	S	6-1	200	11/12/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Danville (Monte Vista)
19	McCAFFERY, Chris	QB	6-3	210	11/2/88	Fr.*/So.	—	Hillsborough (St. Ignatius)
21	BRADFORD, Allen	TB	5-11	225	8/31/88	Jr./Jr.	2V	San Bernardino (Colton)
22	McNEAL, Curtis	TB	5-8	180	12/3/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Venice)
23	HORTON, Shane	S	6-1	210	7/25/88	So./So.	TR	Chatsworth (Notre Dame/UNLV)
23	CAMERON, Jordan	WR	6-5	220	8/7/88	So.*/Jr.	JC	Newbury Park (Newbury Park/BYU/Ventura JC)
24	WRIGHT, Shareece	CB	6-0	180	4/8/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Colton (Colton)
25	HARPER, Daniel	CB	5-11	185	6/4/89	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Rancho Cucamonga (Damien)
25	O'MALLEY, Billy	P	6-1	195	8/19/87	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Novelty, OH (St. Ignatius)
26	TYLER, Marc	TB	6-0	220	9/27/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Lancaster (Oaks Christian)
26	HARRIS, Will	S	6-1	200	12/29/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Covina (Charter Oak)
27	JONES, Marshall	S	6-0	185	9/7/88	So./So.	1V	Agoura Hills (Oaks Chrisitan)
28	HART, Justin	S	6-0	175	4/3/87	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	West Covina (South Hills)
28	NESS, Drew	WR	6-0	190	1/24/87	Fr.*/So.	—	San Diego (Westview)
29	GREEN, Broderick	TB	6-2	235	5/22/89	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Little Rock, AR (Pulaski Academy)
30	BAUCHAM, Brian	CB	5-11	190	3/27/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Torrance (West Torrance)
30	HOUSTON, Joe	PK	5-8	170	9/4/86	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Redondo Beach (Mira Costa/El Camino JC)
31	HAVILI, Stanley	FB	6-0	225	11/14/87	So.*/Jr.	2V	Salt Lake City, UT (Cottonwood)
34	SPIEGEL, Spencer	S	5-11	175	5/4/89	Fr.*/So.	—	Los Angeles (Harvard-Westlake)
35	KAVEINGA, Uona	LB	6-1	235	2/2/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Hawthorne (Leuzinger)
36	PINKARD, Josh	S-CB	6-2	210	4/2/86	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Oxnard (Hueneme)
37	CAMPBELL, Jordan	LB	5-11	230	6/29/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Corona (Norco)
38	CONGDON, Jordan	PK	5-9	175	12/15/86	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Diego (St. Augustine/Nebraska)
38	ERICKSON, Robert	S	5-11	190	6/5/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Ojai (Nordhoff)
39	FORNATARO, Chris	TB	6-0	200	5/10/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Richmond, VA (Mills Godwin)
40	ELLISON, Rhett	TE	6-5	250	10/3/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Portola Valley (St. Francis)
41	HILLIER, Matt	FB	6-2	210	10/17/85	Sr.*/Sr.	—	La Canada (Loyola/Pasadena CC)
42	STEPHENS, Scott	WR	6-1	180	2/5/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Pasadena (St. Francis)
43	MAIAVA, Kaluka	LB	6-0	230	3/22/87	Sr./Sr.	3V	Wailuku, HI (Baldwin)
44	TUPOU, Christian	DT	6-2	280	5/7/89	So./So.	1V	Sacramento (Grant)
44	WOIDNECK, Greg	P	6-0	200	6/9/86	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Brea (Brea Olinda/Arizona State/Mt. San Antonio JC)
45	GOODMAN, Adam	FB	6-1	240	6/30/87	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Huntington Beach (Edison/Saddleback CC)
45	CRITTENDEN, Omari	CB	6-0	180	4/11/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Modesto (Johansen/Modesto JC)
46	CALCAGNIE, Sean	WR	6-0	190	4/6/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Coto de Caza (Tesoro)
46	CUMMING, Ross	LB	6-1	220	9/28/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Laguna Niguel (Santa Margarita/Naval Academy Prep)
47	MATTHEWS, Clay	LB-DE	6-3	240	5/14/86	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Agoura Hills (Agoura)
48	JORDAN, Matthew	CB	5-8	185	4/23/87	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Campbell Hall)
49	BOYER, Robbie	WR	6-0	175	11/2/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Mater Dei)
49	McMAHON, Ryan	S	6-0	200	10/15/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Diamond Bar (Damien)
50	MARKOWITZ, Abe	C	6-2	280	9/26/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Hawaii Kai, HI (Punahou)
52	BROWN, Luthur	LB	6-2	235	4/7/87	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Lakewood (Lakewood)
53	BYERS, Jeff	OG-C	6-4	285	9/7/85	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Fort Collins, CO (Loveland)
54	GALIPPO, Chris	LB	6-2	255	4/12/89	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona (Servite)
56	PARSONS, Alex	OT-C-OG	6-4	300	9/14/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Irvine (Woodbridge)
57	GARRATT, Nick	LB	6-1	235	6/16/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	South Lake Tahoe (South Tahoe)
58	MAUALUGA, Rey	LB	6-2	260	1/20/87	Sr./Sr.	3V	Eureka (Eureka)
59	DECKAS, Dan	LB	5-10	210	12/17/87	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Edina, MN (Edina)
61	O'DOWD, Kristofer	C	6-5	300	5/14/88	So./So.	1V	Tucson, AZ (Salpointe Catholic)
62	POUSSON, Chris	SNP	6-4	240	7/21/89	Fr./Fr.	—	San Diego (St. Augustine)
64	NOLAN, Garrett	C-OG	6-4	280	7/26/87	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Northridge (Chaminade/Holy Cross/Moorpark JC)
65	SIMMONS, Derek	OG	6-4	285	2/16/88	So.*/Jr.	1V	Suisun (Armijo)
66	MEYER, Matt	OG	6-7	295	12/19/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Stockton (Lincoln)
67	REARDON, Michael	OT-C	6-5	275	12/23/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Anaheim (Orange Lutheran)
68	LEWIS, Butch	OT	6-5	300	12/1/87	So.*/Jr.	1V	Denver, CO (Regis Jesuit)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hgt.</u>	<u>Wgt.</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Cl.(Ath/Ac)</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown(High School/JC/College)</u>
70	SMITH, Tyron	OT	6-6	270	12/12/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Moreno Valley (Rancho Verde)
71	BROWN, Charles	OT	6-6	295	4/10/87	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Chino Hills (Diamond Ranch)
72	COLEMAN, Martin	OG-OT	6-5	315	7/2/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Huntington Beach (Edison)
73	GATENA, Steve	C-OT	6-5	290	12/15/85	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Westlake Village (Westlake/Air Force/UC Davis)
74	HEBERER, Zack	OG	6-5	300	6/9/88	So.*/Jr.	1V	San Pedro (San Pedro)
75	MOALA, Fili	DT	6-5	295	6/23/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Buena Park (Western)
75	KALLI, Matt	OT	6-6	290	7/6/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Corona (Servite)
76	HOWELL, Nick	OT	6-5	280	10/10/86	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Fresno (Bullard)
77	HERRING, Thomas	OG	6-6	330	3/22/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Los Angeles (Fremont)
78	HOLMES, Khaled	OG	6-4	305	1/19/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
79	WEISS, Andrew	DE	6-9	230	4/11/86	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Marino (San Marino/Pasadena CC/UC San Diego)
80	CARSWELL, Brandon	WR	6-1	185	5/22/89	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Milpitas (Milpitas)
81	WASHINGTON, Gerald	DE	6-6	255	4/23/82	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Vallejo (Vallejo/Chaffey JC)
81	VIGOREN, Spencer	WR	6-4	220	3/14/87	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Dana Point (Dana Hills)
82	SYLVESTER, Duron	WR	6-3	210	3/31/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Westchester)
83	BUTLER, Brice	WR	6-3	215	1/29/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Norcross, GA (Norcross)
84	MOORE, Kyle	DE	6-6	270	10/25/86	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Kathleen, GA (Houston County)
85	STEPHENSON, Cooper	SNP-TE	6-3	215	6/2/88	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Diego (Torrey Pines)
86	McCOY, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	12/28/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Fresno (Bullard)
87	CAVIGNAC, Preston	WR	6-0	185	4/4/88	So.*/Jr.	—	San Diego (Francis Parker)
88	MILLER, Jimmy	TE	6-5	250	3/4/86	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Thousand Oaks (Westlake)
89	AYLES, Blake	TE	6-5	255	10/1/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
91	CASEY, Jurrell	DT	6-1	280	12/5/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Long Beach (Poly)
92	HENDERSON, Trey	DE-DT	6-3	280	10/10/89	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Vancouver, British Columbia (Vancouver College)
93	GRIFFEN, Everson	DE	6-3	265	12/22/87	So./So.	1V	Avondale, AZ (Agua Fria)
94	ARMSTEAD, Armond	DT	6-5	290	8/3/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Sacramento (Pleasant Grove)
96	HORTON, Wes	DE	6-5	245	1/18/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Chatsworth (Notre Dame)
97	JACKSON, Malik	DE	6-5	230	1/11/90	Fr./Fr.	—	Northridge (Birmingham)
98	HARRIS, DaJohn	DT	6-4	285	1/24/89	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Inglewood (Serra)
99	SPICER, Averell	DT	6-2	295	4/26/87	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)

*Used up redshirt year

HEAD COACH: Pete CARROLL (Pacific, 1973), Eighth Year

ASSISTANT COACHES: Brennan CARROLL, Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator (Pittsburgh, 2001); Nick HOLT, Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line (Pacific, 1986); Todd McNAIR, Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator (Temple); John MORTON, Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers (Western Michigan, 1997); Ken NORTON JR., Linebackers (UCLA, 1998); Kris RICHARD, Secondary Graduate Assistant (USC, 2002); 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)

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

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
Aug 30, 2008	at Virginia	W 52-7	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:27	64947
Sep 13, 2008	#5 OHIO STATE	W 35-3	2- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:05	93607
* Sep 25, 2008	at Oregon State	L 21-27	2- 1- 0	0- 1- 0	3:25	42839

* indicates conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP
SCORING.....	108	37
Points Per Game.....	36.0	12.3
FIRST DOWNS.....	64	51
Rushing.....	21	21
Passing.....	40	24
Penalty.....	3	6
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	458	279
Yards gained rushing.....	507	390
Yards lost rushing.....	49	111
Rushing Attempts.....	94	100
Average Per Rush.....	4.9	2.8
Average Per Game.....	152.7	93.0
TDs Rushing.....	3	3
PASSING YARDAGE.....	761	458
Att-Comp-Int.....	97-64-3	93-57-3
Average Per Pass.....	7.8	4.9
Average Per Catch.....	11.9	8.0
Average Per Game.....	253.7	152.7
TDs Passing.....	11	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1219	737
Total Plays.....	191	193
Average Per Play.....	6.4	3.8
Average Per Game.....	406.3	245.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards.....	7-132	12-196
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards.....	9-66	4-5
INT RETURNS: #-Yards.....	3-48	3-40
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	18.9	16.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	7.3	1.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	16.0	13.3
FUMBLES-LOST.....	5-2	5-4
PENALTIES-Yards.....	22-230	19-126
Average Per Game.....	76.7	42.0
PUNTS-Yards.....	13-484	21-829
Average Per Punt.....	37.2	39.5
Net punt average.....	36.8	35.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game.....	29:53	30:07
3RD-DOWN Conversions.....	14/36	15/43
3rd-Down Pct.....	39%	35%
4TH-DOWN Conversions.....	4/6	0/0
4th-Down Pct.....	67%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards.....	8-60	2-17
MISC YARDS.....	0	24
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	15	5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	1-1	1-4
ON-SIDE KICKS.....	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES.....	9-12 75%	6-7 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS.....	8-12 67%	5-7 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	15-15 100%	4-5 80%
ATTENDANCE.....	93607	107786
Games/Avg Per Game.....	1/93607	2/53893
Neutral Site Games.....		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
USC.....	28	17	42	21	108
Opponents.....	17	14	0	6	37

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
McKnight, Joe	3	25	182	7	175	7.0	0	24	58.3
Gable, C.J.	3	16	115	5	110	6.9	1	33	36.7
Johnson, Stafon	3	20	103	4	99	4.9	1	16	33.0
Bradford, Allen	3	14	57	0	57	4.1	1	15	19.0
Havili, Stanley	3	4	16	0	16	4.0	0	5	5.3
Tyler, Marc	2	2	10	0	10	5.0	0	8	5.0
Sanchez, Mark	3	7	20	17	3	0.4	0	6	1.0
Green, B.	2	3	4	3	1	0.3	0	4	0.5
Team	3	3	0	13	-13	-4.3	0	0	-4.3
Total.....	3	94	507	49	458	4.9	3	33	152.7
Opponents.....	3	100	390	111	279	2.8	3	20	93.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Sanchez, Mark	3	162.94	61-92-3	66.3	737	10	49	245.7
Corp, Aaron	2	79.40	2-4-0	50.0	14	0	12	7.0
Mustain, Mitch	2	514.00	1-1-0	100.0	10	1	10	5.0
Total.....	3	163.12	64-97-3	66.0	761	11	49	253.7
Opponents.....	3	103.30	57-93-3	61.3	458	2	22	152.7

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Williams, D.	3	16	234	14.6	3	29	78.0
Turner, Patrick	3	10	149	14.9	2	42	49.7
McKnight, Joe	3	7	53	7.6	1	15	17.7
Johnson, Ronald	3	6	122	20.3	2	49	40.7
Havili, Stanley	3	6	63	10.5	1	35	21.0
Hazelton, Vidal	3	5	33	6.6	0	9	11.0
Bradford, Allen	3	4	44	11.0	0	17	14.7
McCoy, Anthony	3	3	26	8.7	0	11	8.7
Ayles, Blake	3	3	14	4.7	1	11	4.7
Gable, C.J.	3	3	13	4.3	0	6	4.3
Tyler, Marc	2	1	10	10.0	1	10	5.0
Total.....	3	64	761	11.9	11	49	253.7
Opponents.....	3	57	458	8.0	2	22	152.7

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
McKnight, Joe	6	46	7.7	0	17
Carswell, B.	3	20	6.7	0	14
Total.....	9	66	7.3	0	17
Opponents.....	4	5	1.2	0	8

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Thomas, Kevin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Maua'luga, Rey	1	48	48.0	1	48
Ellison, Kevin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	3	48	16.0	1	48
Opponents.....	3	40	13.3	0	28

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Johnson, Ronald	5	101	20.2	0	50
Gable, C.J.	2	31	15.5	0	18
Total.....	7	132	18.9	0	50
Opponents.....	12	196	16.3	0	30

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	1	4	4.0	0	4

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
Williams, D.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Buehler, David	0	1-1	15-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Johnson, Ronald	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Turner, Patrick	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Tyler, Marc	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ayles, Blake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Johnson, Stafon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Havili, Stanley	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
McKnight, Joe	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Maua'luga, Rey	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Bradford, Allen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	15	1-1	15-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	108
Opponents.....	5	1-4	4-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	37

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Sanchez, Mark	3	99	3	737	740	246.7
McKnight, Joe	3	25	175	0	175	58.3
Gable, C.J.	3	16	110	0	110	36.7
Johnson, Stafon	3	20	99	0	99	33.0
Bradford, Allen	3	14	57	0	57	19.0
Havili, Stanley	3	4	16	0	16	5.3
Corp, Aaron	2	4	0	14	14	7.0
Mustain, Mitch	2	1	0	10	10	5.0
Tyler, Marc	2	2	10	0	10	5.0
Green, B.	2	3	1	0	1	0.5
Team	3	3	-13	0	-13	-4.3
Total.....	3	191	458	761	1219	406.3
Opponents.....	3	193	279	458	737	245.7

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

FG SEQUENCE	USC	OPPONENTS
Virginia	(20)	46
Ohio State	-	(29),46
Oregon State	-	41

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Woidneck, Greg	13	484	37.2	50	0	4	4	0
Total.....	13	484	37.2	50	0	4	4	0
Opponents.....	21	829	39.5	50	1	3	5	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Buehler, David	19	1253	65.9	7	0			
Total.....	19	1253	65.9	7	0	196	48.3	21
Opponents.....	9	555	61.7	2	0	132	42.6	27

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
McKnight, Joe	3	175	53	46	0	0	274	91.3
Williams, D.	3	0	234	0	0	0	234	78.0
Johnson, Ronald	3	0	122	0	101	0	223	74.3
Gable, C.J.	3	110	13	0	31	0	154	51.3
Turner, Patrick	3	0	149	0	0	0	149	49.7
Bradford, Allen	3	57	44	0	0	0	101	33.7
Johnson, Stafon	3	99	0	0	0	0	99	33.0
Havili, Stanley	3	16	63	0	0	0	79	26.3
Mauluga, Rey	3	0	0	0	0	48	48	16.0
Hazelton, Vidal	3	0	33	0	0	0	33	11.0
McCoy, Anthony	3	0	26	0	0	0	26	8.7
Tyler, Marc	2	10	10	0	0	0	20	10.0
Carswell, B.	2	0	0	20	0	0	20	10.0
Ayles, Blake	3	0	14	0	0	0	14	4.7
Sanchez, Mark	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
Green, B.	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Team	3	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-4.3
Total.....	3	458	761	66	132	48	1465	488.3
Opponents.....	3	279	458	5	196	40	978	326.0

2008 USC Football Team Statistics (as of Sept. 25, 2008)

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	|-----Tackles-----|				TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|	|Blkd	
		SoLo	Ast	Total	No-Yds			Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH		Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
4 Ellison, Kevin	3	10	11	21	0.5-1	.	1-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
10 Cushing, Brian	3	11	9	20	2.5-6	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
43 Maiava, Kaluka	3	11	9	20	3.5-9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
0B Mays, Taylor	3	14	5	19	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
58 MauaLuga, Rey	3	9	10	19	.	.	1-48	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Matthews, Clay	3	10	7	17	2.5-21	2.0-20	.	1	.	2-0	2	1	.
7 Harris, Cary	3	4	7	11	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
84 Moore, Kyle	3	4	7	11	2.5-23	1.5-19	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
75 Moala, Fili	3	3	6	9	3.0-14	1.5-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Wright, S.	2	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Griffen, E.	3	4	3	7	1.0-1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Harris, Will	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0F Smith, Malcolm	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 Pinkard, Josh	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
99 Spicer, Averell	3	1	3	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Goodman, Adam	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 Thomas, Kevin	3	3	.	3	.	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
37 Campbell, J.	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Jones, Marshall	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97 Jackson, Malik	2	2	.	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
91 Casey, Jurrell	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Armstead, A.	2	2	.	2	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14 Green, Garrett	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1G Morgan, Michael	2	1	1	2	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57 Garratt, Nick	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Turner, Patrick	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Tupou, C.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM Team	3	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68 Lewis, Butch	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Kaveinga, Uona	3	1	.	1	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Johnson, Ronald	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 Bradford, Allen	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 Stephens, Scott	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 McAllister, D.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81 Washington, G.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
Total.....	3	113	96	209	24-99	8-60	3-48	13	.	4-0	3	1	.
Opponents.....	3	97	96	193	8-35	2-17	3-40	10	.	2-4	1	.	.

