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2003 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (7-1)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 30	at Auburn	W 23-0
Sept. 6	BYU	W 35-18
Sept. 13	Hawaii	W 61-32
Sept. 27	at California	L 31-34 (3OT)
Oct. 4	at Arizona State	W 37-17
Oct. 11	Stanford	W 44-21
Oct. 18	at Notre Dame	W 45-14
Oct. 25	at Washington	W 43-23
Nov. 1	Washington State	4 p.m. (ABC)
Nov. 15	at Arizona	TBA
Nov. 22	UCLA	TBA
Dec. 6	Oregon State	1:30 p.m. (ABC)

TICKETS—Tickets for the USC-Washington State game, priced at \$35, are available at the USC Ticket Office (213-740-GO SC), www.usctrojans.com, the L.A. Sports Arena box office and all Ticketmaster agencies. For group discounts (25 or more), call (213) 740-4170.

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Live local radio: 3 p.m. (PDT), KMPC-AM (1540 The Ticket), Pete Arbogast, Paul McDonald, Petros Papadakis, Mark Carrier and Mark Willard (includes 1-hour pre-game and 2-hour post-game shows). Seven other stations are included on the USC radio network: KPLS-AM 830 in Orange, XEMM-AM 800 in San Diego, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs, KGEO-AM 1230 in Bakersfield, KVEN-AM 1540 in Ventura, KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow and KSHP-AM 1400 in Las Vegas. Fans also can hear the live KMPC broadcast on the Internet as a "cybercast" on www.usctrojans.com or can pay to listen to it live by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

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USC FOOTBALL ENTERS NOVEMBER WITH KEY TOP 10 SHOWDOWN VERSUS PAC-10 CO-LEADER WASHINGTON STATE IN HOMECOMING GAME

THE FACTS

USC (7-1 overall, 3-1 Pac-10) vs. Washington State (7-1, 4-0), Saturday, Nov. 1, 4 p.m. PDT, Los Angeles Coliseum.

THEMES

USC enters its all-important stretch run of November—a month when **Pete Carroll** is undefeated at Troy—trying to knock off Pac-10 co-leader Washington State in a match-up of Top 10-ranked teams. In fact, it's not often that both teams are ranked when they meet. Both squads have grand post-season aspirations. Although USC owns a huge lead in its series with WSU, the Cougars have won 3 of the last 5 games (and the past 2 meetings in L.A.). It's Homecoming at USC. The Trojans—who play 3 of their final 4 regular season games in the Coliseum—are trying to protect a 12-game home winning streak, their longest since the 1930s. Both teams are riding modest winning streaks (6 games by WSU and 4 by USC). And both squads feature potent offenses and stingy defenses that show up all over the national stat rankings. USC, winner of 15 of its past 16 games, has scored at least 20 points in its past 21 games (and at least 30 in 15 of the last 16), including a convincing win at Washington last weekend. WSU is coming off a comeback home win over Oregon State. The Trojan offense, led by the hot hand of QB **Matt Leinart**, features dangerous receivers like **Mike Williams** and **Keary Colbert** and productive runners like **Hershel Dennis**, **Reggie Bush** and **LenDale White**. USC's defense features dominating DE **Kenechi Udeze**, who leads the Wild Bunch II line, and shut-down CB **Will Poole**. Then there's the nation's best punter in **Tom Malone**. WSU counters with talented QB **Matt Kegel** and a defense that leads the Pac-10 in every statistical category. After WSU, USC has a bye the following week. The game—in front of what could be the largest crowd ever to see a USC-WSU contest—will be shown live regionally on ABC-TV.

RANKINGS

USC is ranked third by AP and USA Today/ESPN. Washington State is sixth in both polls.

SERIES

USC leads its series with Washington State, which dates back to 1921, 50-8-4. The Trojans have won 27 of the last 31 meetings (and 33 of the past 38), but the Cougars have captured 3 of the last 5, including the past 2. USC is 35-5-2 versus WSU in Los Angeles. The Cougars have lost 24 of the last 27 in L.A., but have won the last 2 L.A. games.

Last year in Pullman (after a year's hiatus in the series), PK Drew Dunning hit a 35-yard field goal with 1:50 to play to tie the game and then hit another 35-yarder in the first overtime to give No. 17 Washington State a wild 30-27 win over No. 18 USC. The loss snapped USC's 6-game Pac-10 winning streak and was only Troy's third loss ever in Pullman. Dunning's final field goal—his third of the contest—came after USC PK **Ryan Killeen** missed a 52-yarder in overtime. USC had battled back from a 24-14 deficit midway through the fourth quarter to take a 27-24 lead as QB Carson Palmer scored on a 3-yard scramble with 7:54 to go and then, after **S Jason Leach's** interception, Palmer hit WR **Mike Williams** on a 55-yard scoring bomb with 4:10 left (however, Killen's PAT kick was wide). WSU, using its spread offense, picked up 516 total yards (315 passing) against a Trojan defense that was ranked first nationally in total defense (205.0) and passing defense (101.0). WSU averaged 7.1 yards per play. Troy was productive, too, getting 453 total yards (5.5 yards per play), including 381 through the air, plus 28 first downs while holding the ball 33:58. Palmer hit 32-of-50 passes (both career highs) for 381 yards and 2 TDs (but he was sacked 4 times), with WR Kareem Kelly catching 8 passes for 66 yards and Williams getting 6 for 112 yards. USC drove 80 yards on the game's opening series, with TB Sultan McCullough (who ran for a team-best 62 yards on 13 carries overall) scoring on a 6-yard run. But WSU responded with a 48-yard Dunning field goal on its first possession and then a 3-yard TD pass from QB Jason Gesser to SE Mike Bush on its next series. Neither team scored again until the third quarter when WSU fumbled away the opening kickoff and USC capitalized with a 15-yard Palmer TD pass to TB Malaefou MacKenzie. However, on WSU's next play from scrimmage, RB Jermaine Green raced 75 yards for a touchdown to give the lead back to the Cougars. A 2-yard Gesser scoring pass to FL Devard Darling early in the final quarter upped WSU's lead to 24-14. Both teams squandered scoring opportunities earlier in the game (Palmer threw an interception in the end zone from 9 yards out and Killeen had a field goal try bounce off an

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

PAC-10 SATELLITE FEED—The Pac-10 provides a weekly satellite feed featuring interviews with coaches and players regarding upcoming games along with highlight footage. The half-hour feed airs every Wednesday (through Nov. 26) at 11:30 a.m. (PDT). Coordinates are **Telestar 6C, Transponder 24 (C-Band)**. Trouble numbers: 310-779-3467, (805) 231-3229 (888-451-5861 pager) or 925-932-4411.

PAC-10 COACHES TELECONFERENCE—Pac-10 football coaches are available for 10 minutes each on a media teleconference beginning at 10 a.m. (PDT) every Tuesday (through Nov. 18) during the season. **USC coach Pete Carroll comes on at 10:40 a.m. (PDT)**. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. (PDT) each of those Tuesdays, a taped replay of the teleconference is available until the next call. Call the Pac-10 office (925-932-4411) or USC sports information office (213-740-8480) to obtain the media-only phone numbers for the Pac-10 Coaches Teleconference.

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

PAC-10 STANDINGS

	PAC-10		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
WSU	4	0	7	1
UCLA	4	0	6	2
USC	3	1	7	1
ORE	2	2	5	3
OSU	2	2	5	3
WASH	2	2	4	4
CAL	2	2	4	5
ASU	1	3	4	4
STAN	0	4	2	4
ARIZ	0	4	1	7

AP POLL

- Oklahoma
- Miami (Fla.)
- USC**
- Georgia
- Florida State
- Washington State
- LSU
- Ohio State
- Michigan State
- Virginia Tech
- Michigan
- Nebraska
- Iowa
- Oklahoma State
- TCU
- Texas
- Bowling Green
- Purdue
- Tennessee
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Northern Illinois
- Florida
- Minnesota
- Pittsburgh

USA TODAY/ESPN POLL

- Oklahoma
- Miami (Fla.)
- USC**
- Georgia
- Florida State
- Washington State
- Ohio State
- LSU
- Nebraska
- Michigan State
- Virginia Tech
- Michigan
- TCU
- Iowa
- Oklahoma State
- Texas
- Purdue
- Tennessee
- Minnesota
- Bowling Green
- Florida
- Northern Illinois
- Pittsburgh
- Missouri
- Louisville

upright, while WSU couldn't convert a fourth-and goal at the 1 and also missed a field goal). Gesser was 23-of-44 for 315 yards and the 2 TDs, while Green had a game-best 92 yards on 6 carries and RB John Tippins added 79 yards on 12 rushes. WR Jerome Riley caught 5 passes for 54 yards, while Bush (50 yards) and Darling (37 yards) each had 4 grabs. LB **Matt Grootegeod** led USC with 9 tackles and S DeShaun Hill added 8 (S Troy Polamalu sprained his ankle on WSU's first possession and only saw brief action late in the second half).

In 2000, in the teams' last meeting in the Coliseum, USC—hampered by turnovers, miscues, penalties, big plays and sacks—was eliminated from post-season bowl consideration as it dropped a 33-27 decision to Washington State. The loss guaranteed USC its first-ever last-place conference finish and gave the Cougars consecutive Coliseum wins over Troy for the first time ever. The Trojans fell behind 12-0 at halftime as FL Milton Wynn ran 25 yards for a touchdown on a reverse and then RB Jeremy Thielbahr pounced on a punt in the end zone that was blocked by MLB James Price, both in the second quarter. USC changed quarterbacks in the second half, as Mike Van Raaphorst—in his first action in 13 games—replaced an ineffective Carson Palmer, who was 12-of-26 for 145 yards and an interception. Van Raaphorst seemingly energized the Trojans and led them to a score (a 34-yard TD pass to WR Kareem Kelly) on the opening drive of the second half. He then drove USC to the Cougar 11 on Troy's next possession, but the Trojans couldn't convert on fourth-and-1. On WSU's ensuing play, QB Matt Kegel—making his first-ever start—hit WR Marcus Williams for an 88-yard TD (it was the longest pass against USC since 1992 and the second longest in Cougar history). Then, early in the fourth quarter, Van Raaphorst lost the ball as he was sacked and DE D.D. Acholonu raced 35 yards with the fumble for a TD. But USC closed to within 26-20, first when LB Zeke Moreno raced 56 yards for a TD with a fumble with 9:05 to go and then when Troy drove 95 yards on 14 plays, capped by Van Raaphorst's 30-yard scoring pass to WR Steve Stevenson with 4:28 left. USC forced a WSU punt on the next series, but turned the ball over on downs deep in its territory, leading to TB Dave Minnich's 2-yard TD run at 1:42. USC finished the scoring on Van Raaphorst's 21-yard TD pass to WR **Keary Colbert** at the gun. USC had the statistical edge, getting more total yards (470-372), first downs (29-18), total plays (95-70; USC's most plays in a game since getting 96 against Arizona State in 1988) and possession time (32:15-27:45). But the Trojans had 3 turnovers (2 led to WSU touchdowns and the other was a fumble out of the end zone as Kelly was tackled just short of the goal line in the first quarter), were penalized 13 times for 123 yards (same as WSU) and gave up 6 sacks. Van Raaphorst was 17-of-28 for 234 yards with the 3 TDs (tying a career best) and Kelly caught a game-high 7 passes for a team-best 114 yards. For WSU, Kegel was 12-of-32 for 242 yards, Minnich ran for a game-best 88 yards on 20 carries and Williams had 4 grabs for a game-leading 126 yards.

HOMECOMING RECORD

USC has a 51-24-4 record in its Homecoming games, dating back to the first such event in 1924.

IN NOVEMBER

USC has a 216-121-20 (.633) all-time record while playing in the month of November. USC head coach **Pete Carroll** is 7-0 in November while at Troy.

VERSUS RANKED WSU

This is just the seventh time that USC has played a Washington State team ranked by AP. On the first 5 occasions (1942, 1981, 1989, 1992 and 1994), the Trojans were victorious. But USC lost to a ranked Cougar squad last year.

HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 10 for its past 14 games, its longest string since 34 in a row in 1978-80. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 7 of the last 11 polls.

BEST START

At 7-1, USC is off to its best start since the 1988 team began at 8-0.

HOME WIN STREAK

The Trojans have captured their last 12 home games (with 2 shutouts). That's USC's longest Coliseum win streak since getting 19 in a row during the 1931 through 1933 campaigns.

IN THE COLISEUM

USC has a 371-122-27 (.739) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923.

CONNECTIONS

USC has 3 players who prepped in Washington—TB **David Kirtman** of Mercer Island HS, P **Tommy Huff** of Bellevue HS and TB **Sean Kelly** of Bellarmine Prep—while the Cougars have 35 California natives...USC LB **Melvin Simmons** played linebacker at Washington State in 1999 and 2000 (he started in 2000)...USC PK **Mario Danelo's** father, Joe, was a placekicker at Washington State (1972-74)...USC OT **Kyle Williams'** uncle, Eric Williams, was a 3-year letterman defensive lineman (1981-83) at Washington State, earning All-Pac-10 first team honors in 1983...USC LB-S **Dallas Sartz'** grandfather, also named Dallas, was a Golden Gloves boxer at Washington State...USC secondary coach **Greg Burns** was a 4-year letterman (1991-93, 1995) at Washington State, where he started at defensive back for 2 seasons.

USC VS. WASHINGTON STATE (50-8-4)

1921	W	28-7	N1	1958	W	14-6	N3
1922	W	41-3	N2	1967	W	49-0	H
1925	L	12-17	H	1969	W	28-7	H
1926	W	16-7	H	1970	W	70-33	N3
1927	W	27-0	H	1971	W	30-20	H
1928	W	27-13	H	1972	W	44-3	N4
1929	W	27-7	H	1973	W	46-35	H
1930	L	6-7	A	1974	W	54-7	N3
1931	W	38-6	H	1975	W	28-10	H
1932	W	20-0	H	1976	W	23-14	N5
1933	W	33-0	H	1977	W	41-7	H
1934	L	0-19	H	1979	W	50-21	H
1935	W	20-10	H	1981	W	41-17	H
1936	T	0-0	H	1983	W	38-17	H
1937	T	0-0	A	1984	W	29-27	A
1938	W	19-6	H	1985	W	31-13	H
1939	W	27-0	H	1986	L	14-34	A
1940	T	14-14	H	1987	W	42-7	H
1941	W	7-6	H	1989	W	18-17	A
1942	W	26-12	H	1990	W	30-17	H
1946	W	13-7	H	1991	W	34-27	A
1947	W	21-0	H	1992	W	31-21	H
1949	W	35-7	H	1993	W	34-3	H
1950	T	20-20	A	1994	W	23-10	A
1951	W	31-21	H	1995	W	26-14	H
1952	W	35-7	H	1996	W	29-24	A
1953	W	29-13	A	1997	L	21-28	H
1954	W	39-0	H	1998	W	42-14	A
1955	W	50-12	H	1999	W	31-28	A
1956	W	28-12	A	2000	L	27-33	H
1957	L	12-13	H	2002	L	27-30(10)A	

N1-Tournament Park, Pasadena, California
 N2-Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California
 N3-Spokane Memorial (Joe Albi) Stadium, Spokane, Washington
 N4-Husky Stadium, Seattle, Washington
 N5-Kingdome, Seattle, Washington

SCHEDULE

In terms of difficulty, it might be hard to match USC's 2002 schedule, which was ranked by the NCAA, USA Today/Sagarin and BCS as the nation's toughest—it featured 11 bowl-bound team, including 9 ranked by AP (and only 1 with a losing record) at the time of the game. But Troy's 2003 slate might not be far behind. USC—which has 3 byes in 2003—faces 8 teams that played in bowls last season, including 3 ranked in the final AP Top 20. USC currently has the nation's 14th most difficult 2003 schedule, according to the current USA Today/Sagarin ranking. The Trojans opened at SEC power Auburn, ranked No. 6 at the time. Then, after hosting BYU and Hawaii, USC ventured into the always-difficult Pac-10 campaign, with 4 of its next 5 games on the road (including its annual tilt with non-conference rival Notre Dame). The Trojans play at California, Arizona State, Washington and Arizona, and host Stanford, Washington State and crosstown foe UCLA. The Pac-10 finale is a home contest against Oregon State on "Championship Saturday" (Dec. 6, the latest USC regular season game since 1980).

LAST GAME

QB **Matt Leinart** threw 4 TD passes, including a pair to TB **Reggie Bush**, to guide No. 4 USC to a convincing 43-23 win at Washington before a capacity crowd of 72,015 and a regional ABC-TV audience. Troy's 43 points were the third most ever in the series. It was USC's first win in Seattle since 1993. Leinart exactly duplicated his previous week's 351-yard, 4 TD, no interception performance (at Notre Dame) while hitting 19-of-29 passes. Bush had a USC freshman record 270 all-purpose yards, including 132 on 5 receptions (the most receiving yards ever by a Trojan running back), plus 81 yards on 12 carries and 57 yards on 2 kickoff returns. After TB Kenny James ran 15 yards for a TD to open the scoring midway through the first quarter, USC tallied the next 20 points on its next 3 possessions: a 20-yard Leinart pass to WR **Keary Colbert**, a 57-yard interception return by CB **Ronald Nunn** and a 21-yard run by TB **LenDale White**. The Huskies scored just before the half on a 10-yard pass from QB Cody Pickett to WR Reggie Williams to close to 20-14. But the Trojans opened the second half with a score (Bush raced 60 yards with a Leinart strike) on the initial drive. UW countered with a 40-yard field goal by PK Evan Knudson, but USC PK **Ryan Killeen** hit a 20-yard field goal late in the third quarter. Then, FB **Brandon Hancock** (52 yards) and Bush (37 yards) took Leinart tosses into the end zone on USC's first drives of the fourth quarter to seal the victory (Pickett ran 2 yards for a TD late in the game). USC amassed 565 total yards (getting 7.8 per play), including 214 on the ground. TB **Hershel Dennis** had a game-best 98 yards on 14 carries. CB **Will Poole** had a USC-best 9 tackles, while S **Jason Leach** and DE **Froste Rucker** each added 8 stops. DE **Kenechi Udeze** had 5 tackles, of which 2.5 were for losses (including a sack, where he forced a fumble) and he added a deflection, while Nunn also recovered a fumble to go with his pick. Washington had 360 total yards (just 86 rushing) as Pickett was 22-of-42 for 274 yards. UW's Williams had 9 catches for 115 yards (all in the first half), while James rushed for 58 yards on 13 carries.

WATCH LISTS

The following Trojans have made the official "Watch Lists" for national 2003 post-season awards:

- LB Matt Grootegoed**
Butkus Award (top linebacker)*
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)
Lombardi Award (top lineman)
- OT Jacob Rogers**
Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)
Lombardi Award (top lineman)
- DT Shaun Cody**
Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)
- DE Kenechi Udeze**
Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)
Hendricks Award (top defensive end)
- WR Mike Williams**
Walter Camp Award (player of the year)
- DE Omar Nazel**
Hendricks Award (top defensive end)
- OT Winston Justice**
Lombardi Award (top lineman)
- C Norm Katnik**
Rimington Trophy (top center)
- P Tom Malone**
Ray Guy Award (top punter)
- PK Ryan Killeen**
Groza Award (top placekicker)
- TE Alex Holmes**
Mackey Award (top tight end)
- Coach Pete Carroll**
Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award
*semifinalist

FUN FACT I

This is the first time ever that USC has played Washington and then Washington State in consecutive games. However, on 5 occasions (1957-69-71-89-96), the Trojans met WSU first and then UW in the following game.

FUN FACT II

The attendance for Saturday's USC-WSU game (expected to be 70,000-plus) could be the most to ever see a USC-WSU game (68,282 in 1946).

PETE CARROLL

Pete Carroll brought big doses of experience, enthusiasm and leadership in his quest to revive the USC football program when he was named the Trojans' head football coach on Dec. 15, 2000 (he signed a 5-year contract). He is 24-9 (72.7%) as a college head coach (all at USC); his losses were by a total of 42 points (4.7 average) and only 1 was by more than a touchdown (it was by 11 points). After starting off his Trojan career 2-5, he has gone 22-4 (84.6%). He is 7-0 in November. His teams already have posted 3 shutouts. In 2002, just his second season at USC, his Trojans thrived despite playing what was ranked by the NCAA, Sagarin and the BCS as the nation's most difficult schedule (facing 9 AP-ranked teams and 11 bowl squads). USC—which beat Iowa in the Orange Bowl—posted an 11-2 overall record and a No. 4 ranking in the final polls, and won the Pac-10 championship while going 7-1. The Trojans also won their last 9 home games. It was USC's first 11-win season since 1979 and its highest ranking since 1988. Troy won its final 8 games (scoring at least 30 points in each), including blowouts of traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame (the first time USC beat both in the same season since 1981 and the first time in back-to-back games since 1978). USC led the Pac-10 in total offense (449.3) and total defense (284.9), as well as scoring offense (35.8) and scoring defense (18.5), and was in the NCAA's Top 25 in nearly every team statistical category on both sides of the ball. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer and safety Troy Polamalu were first team All-Americans. Carroll was 1 of 8 finalists for the 2002 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award and was 1 of 4 runners-up for the 2002 American Football Monthly Schutt Sports Division I-A Coach of the Year Award. After USC started off his opening 2001 season slowly at 1-4, Carroll stayed the course and got his troops to rally by winning 5 of their last 7 games (including the final 4 regular season contests) to finish at 6-6 overall. USC, which won its last 5 Pac-10 games after beginning league play at 0-3, placed fifth in the conference at 5-3 and earned a berth into the Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl. Putting an exclamation point on the regular season was a 27-0 blanking of No. 20 UCLA, USC's first shutout in the crosstown rivalry since 1947

and the series' biggest margin of victory since 1979. The 51-year-old Carroll has 28 years of NFL and college experience, including 12 on the college level. He was the head coach of the NFL's New England Patriots for 3 seasons (1997-99) and New York Jets for 1 year (1994). He guided the Patriots into the playoffs in his first 2 seasons, winning the AFC Eastern Division title at 10-6 in 1997 and advancing to the second round of the playoffs, then posting a 9-7 regular season mark in 1998. His overall record in New England was 27-21 in the regular season (including 8-8 in 1999) and 1-2 in the playoffs. He owns the franchise's second-best winning percentage (54.9%). After serving as the Jets' defensive coordinator for 4 seasons (1990-93), he became the team's head coach the following season. His 1994 Jets went 6-10. Only 3 other Jets head coaches won more games in their rookie campaign. He spent the next 2 years (1995-96) as the defensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers, who won the NFC Western Division title both seasons. The 49ers were 11-5 in the 1995 regular season when they had the NFL's top-ranked defense and then went 12-4 in 1996. Carroll began his coaching career at the college level, serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Pacific, for 3 years (1974-76), working with the wide receivers and secondary. He then spent a season as a graduate assistant working with the secondary at Arkansas (1977) under Lou Holtz as the Razorbacks won the 1978 Orange Bowl, and then a season each as an assistant in charge of the secondary at Iowa State (1978) under Earle Bruce (the Cyclones played in the 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl) and at Ohio State (1979) under Bruce. That Buckeye squad lost to USC in the 1980 Rose Bowl. He next spent 3 seasons (1980-82) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at North Carolina State, then returned to Pacific in 1983 as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. He entered the NFL in 1984 as the defensive backs coach of the Buffalo Bills, then held a similar position with the Minnesota Vikings for 5 seasons (1985-89). The Vikings advanced to the playoffs his last 3 years there, getting to the NFC Championship game in 1987. The 1988 team was 11-5 in the regular season and the 1989 squad won the NFC Central Division crown with a 10-6 mark. His secondary averaged 25 interceptions a season and led the NFL in passing defense in 1989. Carroll spent the 2000 season as a consultant for pro and college teams, doing charitable work for the NFL and writing a column about pro football for CNN.com. Carroll was a 2-time (1971-72) All-Pacific Coast Conference free safety at Pacific and earned his bachelor's degree in 1973 in business administration. He received his secondary teaching credential and a master's degree in physical education from Pacific in 1976. He was a 3-sport (football, basketball and baseball) standout at Redwood High in Larkspur, Calif., earning the school's Athlete of the Year award as a senior. He played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back. He then played football at Marin Junior College in Kentfield, Calif., in 1970. He was born on Sept. 15, 1951 in San Francisco. He and his wife, Glenna, who played volleyball at Pacific, have 3 children: sons Brennan, 24, who played tight end at Pittsburgh (he previously played at Delaware) and is now an assistant at USC, and Nathan, 14, and daughter Jaime, 19, a junior at USC who played on the Women of Troy's highly-ranked volleyball team which competed in the 2000 NCAA Final Four. His late father-in-law, Dean Goranson, received his master's degree from USC.

QUARTERBACKS

USC's No. 1 concern in 2003 was finding a replacement for quarterback Carson Palmer, the 2002 Heisman Trophy winner whose Pac-10 record 11,818 career passing yards and 11,621 yards of total offense were among the 33 Pac-10 and USC marks he set. The All-American first teamer completed 63.2% of his passes (309-of-489) in 2002 for 3,942 yards, 33 TDs and just 10 interceptions. Four players got a shot at the job in 2003 spring practice and the competition remained nearly even throughout the spring, but left-handed sophomore **Matt Leinart** (148-of-237, 62.4%, 2,175 yds, 21 TD, 7 int in 2003) emerged with an ever-so-slight edge—despite never having thrown a pass at USC while seeing brief action in 3 games in 2002—and he extended his hold on the job in this fall's practice (in Troy's 3 fall intrasquad scrimmages, he was 43-of-57, 75.4%, for 608 yards, 6 TDs and no interceptions). In fact, there appears to be little—if any—dropoff from last season's passing production (see table below). In his last 4 games (Arizona State, Stanford, Notre Dame, Washington), Leinart has thrown for 1,251 yards and 13 TDs with just 1 interception on 66.4% passing (75-of-113). He has a current streak of 104 consecutive passes without an interception. He currently is eighth nationally in passing effi-

ciency (162.9, first in Pac-10)—making him the highest rated sophomore in the country—and 23rd in total offense (268.5, fourth in Pac-10). His 148 completions is 16th on the USC season list and 19th on the Trojan career ladder. His 2,148 yards of total offense is 14th on the USC season chart. He has passed for more touchdowns (21) than any sophomore in USC history, he is the first USC soph to have back-to-back 300-yard passing games and he is just the fifth USC soph to have thrown for 2,000 yards in a season (joining Palmer, Rodney Peet, Todd Marinovich and Rob Johnson). Backing him now is heralded freshman **John David Booty** (2-of-5, 40.0%, 18 yds in 2003), believed to be the first football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major Division I-A university. Booty rose to the No. 2 role by mid-season. Also available are junior **Brandon Hance** (1-of-2, 50.0%, 13 yds in 2003), who sat out last season after transferring from Purdue (he started 9 games there in 2001) and saw limited reps in 2002 practice after having surgery on his throwing shoulder, and sophomore **Billy Hart**, whose only action was briefly in 2002 but he didn't throw a pass (he also plays on the Trojan baseball team). Also able to take snaps is walk-on freshman **Michael McDonald**, the son of ex-USC All-American Paul McDonald.

—In his first career start, Leinart was an efficient 17-of-30 for 192 yards with a touchdown (on his first career pass) at Auburn.

—Leinart threw 3 touchdown passes against BYU while hitting 19-of-34 passes for 235 yards (but he had 3 interceptions).

—Leinart completed 71.4% of his passes (15-of-21) for 220 yards and 2 TDs (with no picks) in 3 quarters of action against Hawaii, while Matt Cassel was 2-of-3 for 21 yards and Hance hit 1-of-2 throws for 13 yards.

—Leinart was 21-of-39 for 277 yards and 2 scores (but threw 3 interceptions) at California (in the second half, he hit 16-of-24 throws for 191 yards).

—Leinart completed 12-of-23 passes for 289 yards and 2 TDs (57 and 33 yards) with an interception despite missing most of the second quarter with a banged up knee and ankle at Arizona State (he played while hobbled during the second half), while Cassel came in as his replacement in the second quarter and was 4-of-10 for 42 yards (Hance came in for the game's final series, but did not throw a pass).

—Leinart was 18-of-27 for 260 yards and 3 TDs (all to WR Mike Williams) in 3 quarters of action against Stanford (in the first half, he was 16-of-20 for 249 yards and all 3 scores), while Booty saw his first collegiate action as he was 1-of-4 for 13 yards while playing the entire fourth quarter.

—Leinart completed 76.6% of his passes (26-of-34) for 351 yards and 4 TDs (career bests for completions, yards and TDs, as well as tying an Irish opponent record for TD passes) at Notre Dame (he hit his first 7 throws), while Booty completed a 5-yard pass.

—For the second week in a row, Leinart threw for 351 yards, 4 TDs and no interceptions, this time on 19-of-29 passing (65.5%) at Washington, while Booty got in for the final series.

CARSON WHO?

Here's an 8-game comparison between USC QB **Matt Leinart's** numbers and 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer's stats a year ago:

	PA	PC	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RATING	W-L
Leinart 2003	237	148	.624	2175	21	7	162.9	7-1
Palmer 2002	314	195	.621	2429	18	8	140.9	6-2

TAILBACKS

Last year, USC relied on 3 effective senior tailbacks to carry the load: Justin Fargas (who started 5 late-season games and rushed for 715 yards and 7 TDs), Sultan McCullough (a 5-game starter who led the Trojans with 814 yards and 8 TDs, and finished eighth on the school's career rushing list with 2,800 yards) and Malaefou MacKenzie (a 3-game starter at tailback and 7-game starter at fullback who ran for 939 yards and caught 76 passes in his career). In 2003, the only experienced tailback entering the season was promising sophomore **Hershel Dennis** (98 tcb, team-high 465 yds, 4.7 avg, 3 TD in 2003, plus 8 rec, 57 yds, 7.1 avg, 1 TD). He was USC's No. 3-leading rusher (198 yards) and its top kickoff returner (151 yards) in 2002. Joining him this fall as freshmen is a terrific trio of prep All-Americans in **LenDale White** (86 tcb, 392 yds, 4.6 avg, 8 TD in 2003, plus 2 rec, 8 yds, 4.0 avg and 2 tac), who emerged by midseason as USC's top runner, plus **Reggie Bush** (52 tcb, 320 yds, 6.2 avg, 3 TD in 2003, plus 8 rec, 192 yds, 24.0 yds, 2 TD and team-best 7 KOR, 168 yds, 24.0 avg) and **Chauncey Washington** (19 tcb, 65 yds, 3.4 avg in 2003, plus 1 rec, 6 yds, 6.0 avg and 3 tac) and, plus frosh **Jody Adewale**. Bush has had 11 plays of 20-plus yards in 2003 out of 67 touches (rushes of 23, 27 and 58 yards, receptions of 28, 37 and 38, and kickoff returns of 23, 25, 30, 34 and

35). Dennis and Bush are speedy, darting runners, while Washington and White are known as the "The Bruise Brothers." Combined in 2003, USC's 4 young tailbacks—Dennis, White, Bush and Washington—have 1,242 rushing yards (155.3 per game) and 14 rushing TDs (plus 3 receiving TDs). Prep All-American **Whitney Lewis** (3 tcb, 11 yds, 3.7 avg in 2003, plus 1 rec, 2 yds, 2.0 avg) came to USC as a wide receiver, but so far in 2003 he has mainly played as a running back, first at fullback (usually in motion) and then at tailback. Also available are 3 walk-ons: sophomore converted safety **Andre Woodert** (1 tcb, -3 yds, -3.0 avg in 2003) and freshmen **John Griffin** and **Sean Kelly**.

—In his first career start, Dennis ran for a career-best 85 yards on 21 carries at Auburn, including a second-effort 14-yard TD, while Washington added 24 yards on 3 attempts, Bush 9 yards on 5 carries and White 6 yards on 5 tries.

—Dennis ran for 40 yards on 16 carries, with an 11-yard TD, against BYU, while Bush had 19 yards on 6 tries (he also returned a kickoff 30 yards), Washington gained 8 yards on 3 attempts (he also made 2 tackles on special teams) and Lewis caught a 2-yard pass.

—Against Hawaii, White had a game-best 58 rushing yards on 10 carries with 2 TDs (5 and 20 yards) and made a tackle on special teams, Bush added 54 yards on 9 carries with 2 scores (23 and 27 yards), plus he caught a 28-yard pass and returned a kickoff 20 yards, Dennis ran for 54 yards on 9 attempts and caught 2 passes for 5 yards, and Washington ran for 8 yards on 3 tries and caught a 6-yard pass before going out with an ankle sprain.

—Dennis rushed for 53 yards on 14 carries at California (he also caught 2 passes for 7 yards), while Bush ran for 7 yards on 4 tries (he also returned 2 kickoffs for 38 yards) and White had 6 yards on 2 carries (with a 6-yard TD).

—White came off the bench to run for 140 yards—the most rushing yards ever by a Trojan first-year freshman—and 2 TDs (25 and 6 yards) on 21 carries at Arizona State (he became just the seventh USC true freshman to rush for 100 yards), while Bush added 27 rushing yards on 4 tries (he also returned a kickoff 23 yards) and Dennis ran for 19 yards on 4 carries (he also caught a 12-yard pass).

—White became the first freshman (true or redshirt) in USC history to have consecutive 100-yard rushing games when he ran for 108 yards on 23 carries (both game highs) with 2 TDs (6 and 3 yards) against Stanford, while Dennis started and had 80 yards on 10 tries and Bush added 34 yards on 6 attempts.

—At Notre Dame, Bush rushed for a game-best 89 yards on 6 carries (14.8 average), including a 58-yard cutback TD run (he was untouched), and he caught a 38-yard pass, while White added 75 yards on 16 carries, Dennis had 38 yards on 10 tries (with a 2-yard TD) and caught 2 passes for 23 yards (with a 3-yard score), Washington ran for 8 yards on 6 attempts and Woodert had a rush for minus 3 yards.

—Bush had 270 all-purpose yards at Washington (132 on 5 receptions—the most receiving yards ever by a Trojan running back—with TDs of 60 and 37 yards, plus 81 on 12 rushes and 57 on 2 kickoff returns), while Dennis had a game-high 98 rushing yards on 14 carries (he also had a 10-yard catch), White had 29 yards on 9 carries with a 21-yard TD (plus he had a 10-yard reception) and Washington had 18 yards on 4 carries.

FULLBACKS

With Malaefou MacKenzie gone, a new fullback must emerge. Sophomore **Brandon Hancock** (9 rec, 141 yds, 15.7 avg, 1 TD in 2003, plus 1 tac), who started twice last fall, was slated to be the starter, but an ankle sprain in fall camp slowed him in USC's first 3 games of 2003. So junior **Lee Webb** (6 tac in 2003), who also has played linebacker at USC, assumed the starting job until Hancock returned to the starting lineup in the fifth game. Sophomore **David Kirtman** (2 rec, 8 yds, 4.0 avg in 2003) sees action as a backup. Walk-on redshirt freshmen **Mike Brittingham**, a converted safety, and **Morgan Craig**, a one-time quarterback, also are in the mix.

—Kirtman had a 3-yard catch against Hawaii (on a key fourth down play).

—Hancock returned to the starting lineup at Arizona State and caught 2 passes for 42 yards (including a 33-yard TD on fourth down), while Webb made a tackle.

—Hancock caught 3 passes for 19 yards versus Stanford.

—Hancock had 3 catches for 28 yards at Notre Dame, while Kirtman added a 5-yard catch.

—Hancock caught a 52-yard TD pass at Washington.

COLBERT AND WILLIAMS

Even though USC career reception leader Kareem Kelly—he had 204 catches, including 46 last fall, and set an NCAA record by catching a pass in 47 consecutive games—is gone, the Trojans are in good shape in the wide receivers corps as a pair of 1,000-yard receivers (a first at Troy) are back. Both are playmakers who could

win 2003 post-season honors and they form the top receiving duo in the country. Underrated, yet consistent, senior **Keary Colbert** (40 rec, 649 yds, 16.2 avg, 6 TD in 2002, plus 2 tcb, 17 yds, 8.5 avg) starts for his fourth season. He has caught a pass in 31 consecutive outings. He is third on USC's career receptions ladder with 178 grabs (12th on the all-time Pac-10 chart) and a repeat of last season's 71-catch output (for 1,029 yards) will push him past Kelly as the school's all-time leading pass catcher. His 2,600 career receiving yards is 16th on the all-time Pac-10 list. He has 5 100-yard receiving games in his career (2 in 2003). Even if Colbert breaks Kelly's reception mark, Keyshawn-esque sophomore **Mike Williams** (54 rec, 786 yds, 14.6 avg, 8 TD in 2003, plus 1 tcb, 17 yds, 17.0 avg and 1 tac) is poised to shatter the standard before his career concludes. He already is seventh on USC's career receptions list (135) and has 10 100-yard receiving games in his young career (5 times in 2003). He has caught 22 touchdowns in his 21-game career (and he has had multiple TD games 6 times, including twice getting a USC game record-tying 3 TDs). Only Kevin Williams (25), Johnnie Morton and R. Jay Soward (23 each) have more career TD catches at USC. He is averaging a touchdown every 6.3 times he touches the ball (22 TDs on 139 touches, including his 3 rushes and 1 pass attempt). He currently is 10th nationally in receiving yards (98.3, second in Pac-10 and is tied for 14th nationally in receptions (6.8, second in the Pac-10)). His 8 TD catches is most in the Pac-10 in 2003. His 54 catches in 2003 is tied for 14th on the USC season ladder. His 135 career catches puts him 51st on the Pac-10 list and his 2,040 career receiving yards is 53rd on the Pac-10 chart. The 2003 pre-season All-American won Freshman All-American first team status last fall and was the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year when he set NCAA frosh records for receiving yards (1,265) and receiving touchdowns (14) and the Pac-10 frosh mark for receptions (81). He was 16th nationally in receiving yards (97.3) and 20th in receptions (6.2) while starting twice in 2002. Last year, he caught a TD pass in 7 consecutive games (including 3 against Washington to tie a USC game record) and his 14 TD catches not only were the second most in the nation, but tied the USC season mark. He also had 5 100-yard receiving games, including 4 in a row, in 2002. He caught 13 passes at Oregon in 2002, a USC frosh record.

—At Auburn, Williams had a game-best 8 catches for 104 yards (his sixth career 100-yard receiving game) with a 5-yard TD, while Colbert added 2 receptions for 13 yards.

—Williams grabbed a game-high 10 passes for 124 yards, including a pair of touchdowns (a 1-yarder to open USC's scoring and then an 18-yarder in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach) against BYU, while Colbert had 3 catches for 68 yards, including a nifty 48-yard catch-and-run for a TD.

—Colbert had 5 catches for 86 yards (with a 32-yard TD) against Hawaii and Williams added 3 grabs for 70 yards (with a 33-yard TD).

—Colbert had a game-best 8 catches for 81 yards (with a 10-yard TD) at California and Williams added 6 grabs for 96 yards (each were also credited with a run while catching a backwards pass, Williams for 17 yards and Colbert for 11).

—Williams (108 yards) and Colbert (100 yards) each had a 100-yard receiving day (the second they've combined to do that in their careers) at Arizona State, with Colbert grabbing a 57-yard TD (he also ran 6 yards on a reverse).

—Against Stanford, Williams tied a USC game record with 3 TD catches (40, 18 and 3 yards, all in the second quarter) while collecting 7 receptions for 129 yards, while Colbert added 6 catches for 90 yards.

—For the third time in their careers (and second time in 2003), Williams (9 catches, 112 yards) and Colbert (8 for 120) had a 100-yard receiving day, this time at Notre Dame (both also had a TD catch, with Williams getting a 7-yarder and Colbert an 18-yarder).

—At Washington, Williams led USC with 6 catches (for 43 yards), while Colbert caught 3 passes for 91 yards, including a 20-yard TD.

USC CAREER PASS CATCHING LEADERS (Includes Bowl Games)

	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD
1. Kareem Kelly	204	3104	15.2	15
2. Johnnie Morton	201	3201	15.9	23
3. Keary Colbert	178	2600	14.6	16
4. Keyshawn Johnson	168	2796	16.6	16
5. John Jackson	163	2379	14.6	17
6. R. Jay Soward	161	2672	16.6	23
7. Mike Williams	135	2040	15.1	22

Williams vaults into Heisman race

By Steve Bisheff, Orange County Register, Oct. 12, 2003

Don't look now, but USC's Mike Williams has vaulted into the middle of the Heisman Trophy race.

Mike Williams for the Heisman? If he wasn't a legitimate candidate before, the Trojans' 6-5, 230-pound sophomore pass catcher certainly is now...In less than a season and a half, this guy has established himself as the finest all-around receiver USC has put on a football field. He is faster than Keyshawn Johnson, bigger and stronger than Lynn Swann and a more complete package than Hal Bedsole...In a way, it would be fitting for him to be in the thick of this thing, because it was Williams' presence as a go-to receiver that had much to do with teammate Carson Palmer running away with the Heisman last year...Williams was Palmer's 6-5 security blanket. And if you don't believe it, ask Carson. He'll tell you. This season, Williams is serving in the same role for Matt Leinart...Nobody since Bedsole, who was a jumbo-sized, All-American receiver on John McKay's first national championship team in 1962, has broken more tackles after catching the ball than Williams. This is the best football player on a team with justified BCS aspirations. And no, you can't call him just another one of those Williams guys anymore. As of now, he is the only one left who is a serious Heisman candidate.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MIKE WILLIAMS

Sports Illustrated: "The Heisman Trophy race is as unsettled as a snow globe on a paint mixer. Among the players who have thrust themselves into contention is Mike Williams. The Trojans star has put some space between himself and the rest of the year's talented receiver crop."

Mike Ventre, MSNBC.com: "Is it blasphemous to suggest that Williams deserves Heisman consideration? At a school known for churning up more clods of dirt than a roto-tiller?...Williams' numbers are sick, twisted and perverse—if you're looking at it from the opponents' perspective. From a USC standpoint, they are wonderful, marvelous, extraordinary...And these days there are more defenders around him than there are bodyguards around Kobe Bryant...Some longtime USC observers think Williams may be the best wide receiver ever at the school, because of his unique amalgam of gifts. He is big, fast, smart, sure-handed, runs exact routes and is intensely competitive. Perhaps his value can best be up with one play that the Trojans run regularly, in which the quarterback drops back, fires a line drive laterally to Williams at his wide receiver spot, and Williams proceeds to deke, dodge, fake, fool, squeeze by and knock over anyone in his path. Unlike others at his position, Williams can turn nothing into something with the consistency of a power running back."

R.J. Oliver, Arizona State cornerback: "Not only would I pick Mike Williams over anyone else now, but I think he's the best wide receiver in college football in a long time."

Kyle Veltrop, The Sporting News: "Someone his size shouldn't have that burst, which is why he is like Terrell Owens."

Keary Colbert, USC wide receiver: "He's so big, a lot of people don't realize how much quickness he has. He is big, but he also has the ability to separate from the defense on his routes."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT KEARY COLBERT

Mike Williams, USC wide receiver: "He plays hard and he works hard. He's really fast, and he runs great routes. He doesn't get the credit or recognition he deserves. But he doesn't care. He just goes out and plays ball. He's such a good example and such an impact guy with the things he does off the field. He's not a big rah-rah guy. He's not a big talker. But he carries himself well."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MIKE AND KEARY

Ken Goe, Portland Oregonian: "Mike Williams casts such a long shadow, it's easy to forget about Keary Colbert, who unobtrusively works the other side of the field. Easy, but deadly, because Colbert can destroy a defense, too. In a conference full of superlative receiving tandems, the Williams and Colbert duo is the best. Williams already is a defensive coordinator's worst nightmare, imposingly tall, with hands the NFL covets. Double-cover the flashy Williams and the secondary opens wide for Colbert. Double-cover both, and the Trojans' running game springs free...Pick the poison."

OTHER WIDE RECEIVERS

Dependable backup receivers have emerged behind Keary Colbert and Mike Williams (even though no other wide receiver on the roster caught a ball last year). The cast includes such veterans as seniors **Sandy Fletcher** (1 tac in 2003) and **D. Hale**, a walk-on-turned-scholarship winner who has started once in his career (an ankle injury could sideline him this year), junior **Jason Mitchell** (1 rec, 6 yds, 6.0 avg in 2003, plus 2 KOR, 24 yds, 12.0 avg), sophomores **Greig Carlson** (team-best 13 PR, 128 yds, 9.8 avg in 2003) and **William Buchanon** (3 tac, 1 dfl, 1 int in 2003), who came to USC as a receiver before moving to cornerback in 2002 (he switched back to receiver by this mid-season), and sure-handed redshirt freshman **Chris McFoy** (1 rec, 15 yds, 15.0 avg in 2003). Carlson, a former walk-on who earned a scholarship this spring, was USC's top punt returner in 2002 (177 yards). Two walk-ons also figure in junior **Steve Levario Jr.** and redshirt freshman **John Zilka**. Adding to all of this, one of the nation's most highly sought-after high school pass catchers enrolled at USC this fall as a freshman: prep All-American **Steve Smith** (3 rec, 33 yds, 11.0 avg in 2003, plus 1 tcb, 8 yds, 8.0 avg).

—Smith (7 yards) and Wyatt (5 yards) each had a catch at Auburn, the first of their careers.

—Justin Wyatt had 2 catches for 15 yards versus BYU, while Smith had an 8-yard run on a backwards pass.

—McFoy caught a 15-yard pass against Hawaii, Mitchell had an 18-yard kickoff return and Wyatt had a 31-yard kickoff return.

—Smith had a 9-yard reception at California, while Carlson had a 5-yard punt return.

—Carlson returned 4 punts for 66 yards (with a 20-yarder) at Arizona State.

—Carlson returned 3 punts for 29 yards versus Stanford, while Wyatt had a 7-yard kickoff return.

—Smith caught a 17-yard pass at Notre Dame, while Carlson returned 3 punts for 11 yards.

—Mitchell caught a 6-yard pass and returned a kickoff 6 yards at Washington, while Carlson had 17 yards on 2 punt returns.

TIGHT ENDS

USC began 2003 well-stocked at tight end, with a returning starter and a pair of experienced backups. But that returning starter—senior **Alex Holmes**, who has caught 58 passes in his career (including 29 in 2002, the most by a Trojan tight end since 1993)—has been bothered in 2003 by a back injury and is redshirting. In his place, sophomore **Dominique Byrd** (14 rec, 268 yds, 19.1 avg in 2003) took over and was impressive, but he is out for the season with a mid-season knee injury. Playing often behind (or with) Byrd was junior **Gregg Guenther Jr.** (9 rec, 65 yds, 7.2 avg, 1 TD in 2003, plus 1 blk FG), who started once last fall and now has assumed the starting role this season. USC's tallest player at 6-8, he also stars on the Trojans men's basketball squad. Then there are redshirt freshmen **Kurt Katnik** (1 rec, 13 yds, 13.0 avg in 2003, plus 1 tac), a converted center (and the younger brother of starting center Norm Katnik) and walk-on **Nick Vanderboom**, a converted quarterback, plus walk-on junior **Owen Hanson**, who also is on the Trojan men's volleyball team. Junior **Matt Cassel** (6-of-13, 46.2%, 63 yds in 2003), Carson Palmer's backup at quarterback the past 2 seasons who had thrown just 6 passes in his career before this year, moved over to tight end this mid-season (he made a similar mid-season move to wide receiver in 2001).

—Byrd caught 3 passes for 63 yards at Auburn, including a 42-yarder, while Guenther added a 6-yard grab.

—Against BYU, Byrd caught 2 balls for 19 yards and Guenther added a 7-yard grab.

—Byrd had 3 catches for 28 yards against Hawaii, while Katnik grabbed a 13-yard pass.

—Byrd had 2 catches for 60 yards (with a 27-yard TD) at California, while Guenther caught 2 passes for 24 yards and blocked a field goal in the first overtime period.

—Byrd caught 2 passes for 68 yards at Arizona State, while Guenther had a 3-yard catch and Katnik made a tackle.

—Byrd had 2 catches for 30 yards against Stanford before going out with a knee injury, while Guenther caught a 5-yard pass.

—Guenther had 2 receptions for 13 yards (with a 7-yard TD) at Notre Dame.

—Guenther had a 7-yard catch at Washington.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The 2003 version of USC's offensive line might be Troy's best in years. Players returned at 4 positions—only 4-year starting right guard Zach Wilson is gone—and there are some big-potential younger players angling for time. Both tackles returned and they're good ones: senior **Jacob Rogers**, a 3-year starter who earned All-Pac-10 first team laurels in 2002, and sophomore **Winston Justice**, a 2002 Freshman All-American first teamer. Both are in line for 2003 post-season honors. They make up the nation's best book-end tackles (Rogers on the left and Justice on the right). Senior **Lenny Vandermade**, a 4-year starter, returned at left guard (he also has started at center in his career), while reliable center **Norm Katnik**, another 3-year starter, also returned (he also has started at guard and tackle in his USC tenure). Redshirt freshman **Fred Matua**, a guard who was set to start the 2002 opener before a knee sprain sidelined him, captured the starting job at Wilson's right guard spot for the first half of 2003. Versatile senior **Eric Torres**, who started 7 times in 2002 at every line spot except center (Torres started all of 2001 at right tackle), is finally contributing in 2003 after missing the first 4 games of the season. He broke his left ankle in the Orange Bowl and missed spring drills (he was slowed in fall camp, too). Returning squadmen looking to work into the rotation are senior tackle **Nate Steinbacher**, who worked some at defensive tackle last fall, junior guard **Travis Watkins**, and redshirt freshman guard-tackle **Kyle Williams**, plus walk-on junior center **Spencer Torgan**, a converted defensive tackle, and walk-on redshirt freshman center-guard **John Lanza**. Coming aboard this fall were tackle **John Drake**, a junior college transfer who is a junior (he has seen considerable action in 2003 at tackle and guard, even now emerging as a starter the second half of this season), plus a trio of freshmen who were prep All-Americans: **Sam Baker** and **Drew Radovich** at guard (Radovich can also play tackle) and **Ryan Kalil** at center. There's also freshman **Matt Spanos**, a converted defensive end.

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Matua and Justice started at Auburn, with Drake and Watkins seeing significant action as backups.

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Matua and Justice started versus BYU, with Drake getting some time.

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Matua and Justice started against Hawaii, with many backups also seeing action.

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Matua and Justice started at California (Drake also played some).

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik and Matua started at Arizona State, with Drake starting for an injured Justice (and Torres saw his first action of the year as Drake's backup).

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Matua and Drake started versus Stanford.

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Drake and Justice started at Notre Dame (Matua got lots of action off the bench).

—Rogers, Vandermade, Katnik, Drake and Justice started at Washington (Matua saw time off the bench).

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Simply put, USC's defensive line is the best in the nation. Nicknamed the "Wild Bunch II" in honor of USC's famous 1969 defensive front (Al Cowlings, Jimmy Gunn, Willard Scott, Tody Smith, Charlie Weaver and Tony Terry), 4 key veterans—each could win 2003 post-season honors—return from a unit that was sixth in the country last fall versus the rush (allowing just 83.2 yards per game) and let only 4 of 13 offenses run for more than 100 yards (no individual ever rushed for 100 yards). More than half of USC's 43 sacks last season were by defensive linemen. Both ends returned: senior **Omar Nazel** (19 tac, 5.5 for loss, 3 sack, 2 FR, 1 int for a TD in 2003) and junior **Kenechi Udeze** (34 tac, team-high 13 for loss, team-best 8.5 sack, 4 FF, 2 dfl, 1 blk FG in 2003). Udeze, a 3-year starter, set a USC record with his Pac-10 leading 6 forced fumbles in 2002 (he has 13 forced fumbled fumbles in his career). He currently is ninth nationally in sacks (1.1, second in Pac-10), tied for 10th in forced fumbles (0.4, second in Pac-10) and tied for 20th in tackles for loss (1.5, tied for fourth in Pac-10). In the past 3 games, Udeze has 6 sacks and 4 forced fumbles. Also back is junior **Mike Patterson** (36 tac, 10 for loss, 5 sack, 2 FR in 2003), who started 10 times at nose tackle (where he is in 2003) and 3 at defensive tackle last fall. His 4 fumble recoveries topped the Pac-10 in 2002. Although tackle Bernard Riley—he had 19 career starts, including the last 7 games of 2002, when he posted 25 tackles—is gone, a familiar face has re-assumed that defensive tackle spot. Junior **Shaun Cody** (14 tac, 6.5 for loss, 5 sack, 1 dfl, 1 blk FG in 2003), a 2001 Freshman All-American first teamer, started the first 6 games of 2002 before tearing knee ligaments. He missed spring drills, but

is fully recovered this fall. Among the returning squadmen pushing for time at end are junior **Van Brown** (2 tac in 2003) and sophomore converted linebacker **Frostee Rucker** (20 tac, 2.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 1 int, 1 dfl, 1 FF, 1 FR in 2003), who sat out last year after transferring from Colorado State, and at tackle are soph **Lajuan Ramsey** (5 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 FF in 2003) and redshirt freshman **Travis Tofi** (3 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl, 1 sack for a safety in 2003). Then there's junior walk-on **Jay Bottom** (2 tac in 2003) at end. Six new players enrolled at USC this fall as freshmen. The ends are prep All-Americans **Chris Barrett** (he's out with a shoulder injury), **Lawrence Jackson** and **Alex Morrow**, while the tackles are prep All-Americans **Sedrick Ellis** (he's sidelined with a foot injury) and **Manuel Wright** (2 tac, 1 for loss in 2003), plus **Ryan Watson**.

—The "Wild Bunch II" was dominant at Auburn, as Patterson had 7 tackles (1 for a loss) to earn Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week honors, Cody had 3 stops (1.5 for a loss, with a sack) and a deflection, Ramsey had 2 tackles for a loss (with a sack) and a forced fumble, Rucker had 2 tackles and a deflection, Udeze had 2 tackles (0.5 for a loss) and Nazel had a sack and fumble recovery.

—Against BYU, Patterson had 7 tackles (with 1.5 sacks), Rucker added 6 stops (including 1.5 for loss, with 0.5 sack), Nazel had 5 tackles (2 for a loss, with a sack) and returned a point-blank interception 16 yards for a TD, Udeze had 4 stops (1.5 sacks) and Ramsey had 2 stops (0.5 sacks).

—Udeze (with a sack), Tofi (with a sack for a safety) and Patterson had 3 tackles each against Hawaii, while Nazel (1 for a loss) and Bottom each added 2 stops, and Rucker grabbed an interception on a tipped pass at the Rainbow 4-yard line.

—At California, Patterson had 5 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack), and recovered a fumble, Nazel also had 5 stops, Udeze added 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and Cody made 3 stops (1.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack) and blocked a field goal.

—At Arizona State, Udeze had 6 tackles (1 for a loss), Patterson had 5 stops (2.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack), 2.5 of Cody's 4 tackles were sacks, Nazel had 2 tackles (with a sack) and Rucker and Ramsey each had a tackle (Rucker also forced a fumble).

—Udeze had 3 sacks for 22 yards (among his 4 tackles), plus forced 2 fumbles which USC recovered (to set up field goals) and blocked a field goal against Stanford to help him win Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week honors, while Patterson had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and recovered a fumble (he returned it 16 yards), Nazel, Brown and Wright each had 2 stops (1 of Wright's was for a loss), Rucker had a tackle and Tofi deflected a pass.

—At Notre Dame, Udeze had 6 tackles (2.5 were for losses, with 2 sacks), forced a fumble and deflected a pass, while Patterson (with 2 sacks) and Nazel (with 0.5 for a loss) each had 3 tackles, and Rucker and Cody each had 2 stops (Rucker also recovered a fumble).

—Rucker started at Washington for Nazel and had 8 tackles (1 for a loss), while Udeze had 5 tackles (2.5 for losses, with a sack), plus had a forced fumble and deflection, and Cody and Patterson each had 2 tackles (Cody had 1 for a loss).

GAME-BY-GAME WITH THE "WILD BUNCH II" IN 2003 (includes reserves)

GAME	TAC	TFL	SACK	DFL	FF	FR	INT
AUB	17	6	3	2	1	1	0
BYU	24	7	5	0	0	0	1*
HAW	13	3	2**	0	0	0	1
CAL	17	5	1.5	1***	0	1	0
ASU	19	7	4	0	1	0	0
STAN	15	5	3	2***	2	2	0
ND	16	5	4	1	1	1	0
WASH	17	4.5	2	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	138	42.5	24.5**	7***	6	5	2*

*Includes 1 TD

**Includes 1 for a safety

***Includes 1 blocked field goal

***Includes 2 blocked field goals

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE "WILD BUNCH II"

Auburn head coach Tommy Tuberville: "(Quarterback Jason Campbell) didn't have a chance. He was running around for his life. We just couldn't get any rhythm going. You could just feel our offensive line didn't feel good about being able to block those guys."

Collegefootballnews.com: "If this isn't the best defensive line in America, "The Wild Bunch II" is No. 1A... Omar Nazel, Kenechi Udeze, Mike Patterson and Shaun Cody should be a brick wall."

Tom Dienhart, The Sporting News: "Southern California has the nation's best defense. No doubt, Oklahoma's defense is formidable, but the Trojans' unit is better. It starts with the best line in the nation, aptly named the "Wild Bunch II."

LINEBACKERS

USC is solid at the outside linebacker spots, as junior **Matt Grootegoed** (40 tac, 4.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 dfl, 1 FR, 2 FF in 2003) returns on the strong side and senior **Melvin Simmons** (42 tac, 8 for loss, 2 FR, 1 dfl in 2003) is back on the weak side. Grootegoed, a 3-year starter and 2003 post-season honors candidate who has a knack for always being around the ball, is 1 of 11 semifinalists for the 2003 Butkus Award (the only Pac-10 selection). He won All-Pac-10 first team honors in 2002 when he led the Trojans in tackles (81), tackles for a loss (16.5) and sacks (8). Simmons was USC's No. 2 tackler last fall (71). But there's a new middle linebacker now that Mike Pollard—a 2-year starter who had 49 stops last year—has departed. The starter is sophomore **Lofa Tatupu** (team-high 53 tac, 8.5 for loss, 3 sack, 6 dfl, 1 int for a TD in 2003), who sat out last season after transferring from Maine, where he started in 2001 (he is the son of ex-USC and NFL fullback Mosi Tatupu). He currently is tied for 20th nationally in tackles for loss (1.5, tied for fourth in Pac-10). He is backed by junior **Daniel Urquhart** (20 tac in 2003), a converted defensive end (he's been sidelined with a neck nerve injury). Then there's sophomore **Oscar Lua**, who tore knee ligaments prior to the Orange Bowl and missed spring practice (he had surgery on his other knee early this fall and is sidelined). Other linebackers from last year's roster looking to get in the mix are junior **Bobby Otani** (5 tac in 2003) and sophomore **Dallas Sartz** (23 tac, 1.5 for loss in 2003), who can also play safety, plus walk-on sophomore **Collin Ashton** (10 tac in 2003). Prep All-American **Thomas Williams**, along with **Salo Faraimo** (8 tac in 2003), joined the linebacking corps this fall as freshmen. Walk-on junior **Marco Chavez**, who spent part of 2002 at Hawaii, will redshirt this year after transferring.

—Tatupu had a game-best 12 tackles (3.5 for losses of 19 yards, including 2 sacks) at Auburn while making his first career start, while Grootegoed added 5 stops (with a sack) and forced a fumble, Simmons had 3 tackles, Urquhart had 2 and Faraimo and Ashton each had 1.

—Tatupu had a game-high 11 tackles (with 2 for a loss, including a sack) and a deflection against BYU, while Grootegoed added 9 stops, a fumble recovery and a deflection, Simmons had 4 tackles and a fumble recovery, Urquhart had 2 tackles and both Ashton and Faraimo had 1.

—Tatupu (1 for a loss, with a deflection) and Grootegoed (1 for a loss, with a forced fumble) each had 4 tackles against Hawaii, while Otani, Sartz (playing safety) and Urquhart added 3 stops apiece and Ashton had 2.

—At California, Simmons had 9 tackles (3 for losses), recovered a fumble and broke up a pass, Tatupu had 8 stops, a deflection and returned an interception 26 yards for a TD, Grootegoed had 8 tackles (with 0.5 sack), Urquhart had 3 stops and Ashton had a tackle.

—Urquhart started for an injured Tatupu at Arizona State and posted a team-best 10 tackles, while Grootegoed added 9 stops (2 for losses), Simmons had 3 and Ashton had 1.

—Sartz came off the bench to post a team-high 7 tackles (1 for a loss) against Stanford (he also played briefly at safety for the second week in a row), while Grootegoed and Faraimo each had 4 stops, Simmons, Tatupu and Ashton each had 2 (Simmons had 1 for a loss), and Otani had 1.

—Simmons had a team-best 13 tackles (2 for losses) at Notre Dame, while Tatupu added 10 stops (2.5 for losses), Sartz had 7 (0.5 for a loss), and Grootegoed (slowed by an ankle sprain), Faraimo and Ashton each had 1.

—Simmons had 8 tackles (2 for losses) at Washington, while Tatupu added 6 stops (0.5 for a loss) and a deflection, Sartz started for an injured Grootegoed and also had 3 tackles, and Ashton, Faraimo and Otani each had 1.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

While the biggest holes to fill on USC's defense were in the secondary, the situation wasn't as dire as it might have appeared. Granted, the Trojans lost 3 quality starters in 2-time All-American strong safety Troy Polamalu (the 2002 Thorpe Award finalist was a 3-year starter who amassed 278 tackles and 6 interceptions in his career), free safety DeShaun Hill (he had 54 stops and a team-best 8 deflections last season) and cornerback Darrell Rideaux (he notched 46 tackles, 7 pass break-ups and 2 picks in 2002). Most critically, the void left from the loss of Polamalu's leadership cannot be discounted. Only senior cornerback **Marcell Allmond** (29 tac, 1 int, 3 dfl, 2 FF in 2003, plus 6 KOR, 136 yds, 22.7 avg) returned as a starter. The Trojans are 13-1 when he starts in the secondary. The one-time starting wide receiver also was a top-flight hurdler on USC's track squad. There were plenty of experienced options to fill the 3 open secondary spots. In fact, 3 players had starting experience at cornerback: senior **Kevin Arbet** (5 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl, FF in 2003, plus 4 PR, 19 yds, 4.8 avg), who missed all of last season

with a broken foot, junior **Ronald Nunn** (20 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack, 1 int for a TD, 2 dfl, team-high 3 FR with 1 for a TD in 2003) and sophomore **William Buchanan** (3 tac, 1 dfl, 1 int in 2003). Arbet—who started 4 times in 2000 and was an All-Pac-10 first teamer as a special teams player in 2001—won the job going into 2003 and started the first 2 games, but his foot injury flared up and has sidelined him the rest of this year. So **Will Poole** (48 tac, 2.5 for loss, 1 FF, team-best 3 int, team-high 10 dfl in 2003), a senior who started at Boston College in 2000 before earning J.C. All-American laurels last fall and then enrolling at USC this fall, has taken his place. Poole currently is tied for 11th nationally in deflections (1.7, first in Pac-10). He is backed by Nunn, while Buchanan moved back over to wide receiver by this mid-season. Nunn started USC's first 3 contests in 2002 before tearing knee ligaments (he missed most of 2003 spring drills) and then Buchanan started the next 3 games (after converting from wide receiver) before giving way to Allmond. The new starting free safety is junior **Jason Leach** (48 tac, 1 for loss, 3 dfl, 2 int with 1 for a TD in 2003), who started twice at strong safety last fall for an injured Polamalu, including in the Orange Bowl. He led Troy in interceptions in 2002 with 4. Taking over Polamalu's strong safety spot is freshman **Darnell Bing** (43 tac, 2 for loss, 1 FR, 1 int, 3 dfl in 2003), who originally signed with USC in 2002 after a prep All-American career at Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High but did not qualify for admission then (he enrolled at Troy this past spring). Other cornerbacks back from last year's group are sophomores **John Walker** (3 tac, 1 dfl in 2003) and **Justin Wyatt** (2 tac in 2003, plus 3 rec, 20 yds, 6.7 avg and 2 KOR, 38 yds, 19.0 avg), who began his career as a corner but moved to wide receiver in 2003 spring drills (he switched back to cornerback this mid-season), and walk-on sophomore **Alex Gomez**. Identical twin freshmen cornerbacks **Brandon Ting** (1 tac in 2003) and **Ryan Ting** (1 tac in 2003), who were 2002 prep All-Americans, graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this past spring (Brandon can also play safety). Battling for action at safety from last year's squad are sophomore **Mike Ross** (9 tac in 2003), plus 5 walk-ons in seniors **Greg Farr** (2 tac in 2003) and top special teams player **Forrest Mozart** and juniors **Chris Bocage** (1 tac in 2003), who is out with a knee injury, **Matt Lemos** and **Kyle Matthews**. This fall, joining the fray were 3 incoming freshmen who were prep All-Americans: safety-cornorback **Desmond Reed**, safety **Terrell Thomas** and cornerback **Eric Wright** (Thomas and Wright are out with injuries).

—At Auburn, Leach had 8 tackle, Bing had 4 stops, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble, Arbet had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection and also returned 2 punts for 11 yards, Poole made 3 stops and had a deflection in the nickel package, and Allmond and Nunn each made a tackle.

—Allmond had 4 tackles, an interception and a deflection against BYU and Poole also had 4 stops (1 for a loss), an interception and a deflection, while Bing had 3 tackles and a deflection, Leach also had 3 stops, and Arbet, Ross and Brandon Ting each had 1 tackle.

—Poole had a game-high 9 tackles against Hawaii (with 2 deflections and a forced fumble) while making his first USC start, Nunn returned a fumble 38 yards for a TD to go along with his 4 tackles, Leach returned an interception 25 yards for a TD to go with his 3 tackles, Bing and Allmond each had 4 stops, Ross had 3 tackles, and William Buchanan and Bocage added 1 tackle each.

—Leach had a game-high 11 tackles (with a deflection) at California, while Bing added 9 stops (1 for a loss), Poole had 7 tackles (1 for a loss), a deflection and an interception (in the end zone), Allmond had 3 stops, a deflection and a forced fumble and Nunn had 2 tackles.

—At Arizona State, Leach and Poole each had 8 tackles and a deflection (Leach also had an interception), Allmond and Bing each had 6 stops (1 of Bing's was for a loss), Nunn had 3 tackles (1 for a loss), a deflection and a fumble recovery, and Ross had a tackle.

—Nunn had 5 tackles and a deflection against Stanford, Poole had 4 stops, 3 deflections and an interception, Allmond, Walker, Bing and Ross each had 3 tackles (Walker had a deflection), Leach had 2 stops and Farr had 1.

—Bing posted 11 tackles and a deflection at Notre Dame, while Poole had 7 (0.5 for a loss), Leach added 6 (0.5 for a loss), Allmond had 2, and Nunn (with a deflection), Ross and Farr each had 1.

—At Washington, Poole had a team-best 9 tackles (and a deflection), Leach added 8 stops and a deflection, Allmond had 6 tackles and forced a fumble, Nunn had 4 stops, returned an interception 57 yards for a TD and recovered a fumble, Bing had 3 tackles and a deflection, Wyatt had 2 stops and Ryan Ting had 1.

SPECIALISTS

Sophomore **Tom Malone** (49.1 avg in 2003) has proven to be one of the nation's top punters. He currently leads the nation in punting (49.1, first in Pac-10)—for the fifth consecutive week—and is aiming to become only the second Trojan to lead the country in punting (Des Koch did so in 1952 with a 43.5 average). However, because of the efficiency of USC's offense, unless he punts 4 times against WSU this week, he will fall out of the national rankings because he will not have the required 3.6 punts per game minimum. His 49.1 punting average is way above Jim Wren's USC season record of 45.6, set in 1996 (and close to the Pac-10 season record of 49.3 set by UCLA's Kirk Wilson in 1956). So far in 2003, 19 of his 29 punts have gone at least 50 yards and 17 have pinned opponents within the 20-yard line. He earned Freshman All-American second team notice last fall when nearly half of his 62 punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line and 12 traveled at least 50 yards (including a 72-yarder). He is backed by a pair of walk-ons, senior **Tommy Huff** and sophomore **Zach Sherwood**. Junior **Ryan Killeen** (13-of-17 FG, 38-of-39 PAT in 2003, plus 2 tac) is in his second year as the placekicker. He currently is tied for 13th nationally in scoring (9.6, second in Pac-10) and is 15th in field goals (1.6, third in Pac-10). So far in 2003, 19 of his 60 kickoffs have been touchbacks. He was only supposed to handle the kickoff duty last year, but took over the placekicking job during the third game of 2002 and was impressive. His 16 field goals were 3 shy of the USC season record, he hit his last 30 PATs (and missed just 2 out of 49 all year), he led Troy in scoring (95 points) and 27 of his 89 kickoffs were touchbacks. Walk-on freshman **Mario Danolo** pushed him throughout 2003 fall camp. Both of USC's snappers—seniors **Joe Boskovich** (placekicks) and **Matt Hayward** (punts)—are back. It's the fourth season in that role for Boskovich, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this spring, and the third year for Hayward. Both have been near flawless in their careers. Walk-on freshman **Will Collins** can also snap. Sophomore punter **Tom Malone** returns as the holder on all placekicks, with junior tight end-quarterback **Matt Cassel** the backup. USC's top punt returner—sophomore wide receiver **Greig Carlson** (team-best 13 PR, 128 yds, 9.8 avg in 2003)—and kickoff returner—soph tailback **Hershel Dennis**—from last season are back (Carlson had 177 yards and Dennis had 151 in 2002). But in 2003, senior cornerback **Kevin Arbet** (4 PR, 19 yds, 4.8 avg in 2003)—who led USC in punt returns in 2001 (225 yards)—handled the chore before being sidelined with an injury, so Carlson and sophomore cornerback-wide receiver **Justin Wyatt** (1 PR, 0 yds, 0.0 avg in 2003) have taken over. Arbet and senior cornerback **Marcell Allmond** (6 KOR, 136 yds, 22.7 avg in 2003) were the kickoff returners in 2003 before Arbet's injury. So joining Allmond now are freshman tailback **Reggie Bush** (team-best 7 KOR, 168 yds, 24.0 avg in 2003) and Wyatt (2 KOR, 38 yds, 19.0 avg in 2003).

—At Auburn, Malone boomed 7 punts for a 45.1 average (including 5 within the 20-yard line and 3 that went 50-plus yards, with a 70-yarder and then nailing his last one out of bounds at the Auburn 2), while Killeen was perfect on his field goals (28, 42 and 35 yards) and both PATs, as well as having 2 touchbacks on 6 kickoffs.

—Malone rocketed 5 of his 6 punts more than 50 yards (including a 59-yarder) against BYU for a 52.0 average and 5 of his boots pinned the Cougars within the 20-yard line (he was named Pac-10 Special Teams Player of the Week), while Killeen hit all 5 of his PATs.

—Killeen hit his only field goal (a 24-yarder) and all 8 of his PATs against Hawaii, while Malone averaged 53.7 yards on 3 punts (with a 69-yarder).

—At California, Malone averaged 50.5 on his 4 punts (2 pinned the Bears within the 20) but had a punt blocked, while Killeen hit all 4 of his PATs and nailed a 33-yard field goal with 16 seconds to play in regulation to force the game into overtime (but he missed a 29-yarder in the third overtime period).

—Killeen hit all 3 of his field goals (45, 28 and 38 yards) and all 4 of his PATs, as well as having 5 touchbacks on 8 kickoffs at Arizona State (he was named Pac-10 Player of the Week for his performance), while Malone averaged 45.2 yards on his 5 punts (1 pinned ASU within the 20).

—Against Stanford, Killeen nailed all 3 of his field goals (20, 26 and 37 yards) for the second consecutive week and hit all 5 of his PATs (plus 4 of his 9 kickoffs were touchbacks), while Malone averaged 50.7 yards on his 3 punts (2 pinned the Cardinal within the 20).

—Killeen hit all 6 of his PATs and a 29-yard field goal (plus 4 of his 8 kickoffs were touchbacks) at Notre Dame, while Malone's only punt was partially blocked.

—At Washington, Malone's only punt traveled 54 yards, while Killeen hit 1-of-3 field goals (a 20-yarder) and 4-of-5 PATs (1 was blocked).

STATS OF NOTE

***USC has won 15 of its last 16 games, 16 of its last 18, 18 of its last 21 and 22 of its last 26.

***Defensively in 2003, USC is ninth nationally in rushing defense (79.9, second in Pac-10) and tied for ninth in turnover margin (+1.1, second in Pac-10).

***USC's defense has forced 24 turnovers in 2003 (12 interceptions, 12 fumbles).

***USC has intercepted a pass in 17 of the last 18 games, including 16 consecutive games before being blanked at Notre Dame.

***USC has held 3 opponents in 2003 under 300 yards of total offense. ***Opponents are averaging just 2.4 yards per carry against USC in 2003.

***USC has held 15 of its last 21 opposing teams to less than 100 rushing yards (6 games in 2003 and 9 times in 2002).

***USC had not allowed a rushing touchdown in 22 consecutive quarters (dating to 2002) until California ran for one in the first quarter this year.

***Only 1 opposing runner has rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 21 games (California's Adimchinobe Echemandu did so this year, breaking a streak of 16 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher). ***USC's defense has scored 5 touchdowns and a safety in 2003.

***USC has posted 30 sacks in 2003 and allowed just a Pac-10 low 10.

***USC is second nationally in net punting (43.8, first in Pac-10).

***Offensively in 2003, USC is eighth nationally in scoring offense (39.9, first in Pac-10), eighth in passing efficiency (155.5, first in Pac-10), 19th in total offense (444.1, first in Pac-10) and 19th in passing offense (283.6, third in Pac-10).

***In its last 4 games in 2003 (Arizona State, Stanford, Notre Dame, Washington), USC is averaging 534.5 yards of total offense—including 206.8 rushing—and 42.3 points (outscored them 169-75).

***USC has rushed for at least 195 yards in the last 4 games of 2003 (Arizona State, Stanford, Notre Dame, Washington), the most in a row since doing it five consecutive times in 1982.

***USC's current average of 6.5 yards per play is on pace for the best in school history (6.3 in 1979).

***USC's current average of 160.5 rushing yards per game is its best since 1991 (185.4).

***USC's current average of 4.4 yards per carry is its best since 1989's 4.6.

***USC has had drives of 80-plus yards 8 times in the past 2 games in 2003 (Notre Dame, Washington).

***USC has scored at least 20 points in its last 21 games, a school record (and 23 of its past 24).

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 15 of its last 16 games (the only exception was a 23-0 win at Auburn).

***USC has scored 95 points (12 TDs, 3 field goals, 1 safety) after getting a turnover in 2003.

***USC has a +20.0 scoring margin in 2003 (and in its 2003 wins, the margin has been 23.3).

***USC's last 12 victories have been by at least 17 points, the longest stretch since having it happen 16 times in a row in 1929-31.

***USC has outscored opponents 168-84 in the first half in 2003 and 141-75 (including overtime) in the second half.

***USC has started off each half impressively, outscoring foes 96-38 in the first quarter and 74-24 in the third quarter.

***In a 6-game span that began in 2002, USC beat UCLA, Notre Dame, Iowa, Auburn, BYU and Hawaii by a combined 152 points.

***USC has a knack for scoring unanswered points (23 at Auburn, 21 versus BYU, 42 against Hawaii, 27 at Arizona State, 27 against Stanford, 31 at Notre Dame and 20 at Washington) in 2003, continuing a trend from last year when Troy scored 20 or more consecutive points on 11 occasions.

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

***Seven of the 8 losses in the Pete Carroll era at USC have been by a touchdown or less (the other was by 11 points).

***USC's win against Stanford in 2003 was the 700th victory in its history, making Troy only the 10th Division I school with that many wins.

***USC played before at least 73,000 fans in 4 consecutive home games (Arizona State and Notre Dame in 2002 and BYU and Hawaii in 2003), averaging 78,581 in that span.

***With its 2003 season-opening win over No. 6 Auburn (following wins to close 2002 over No. 7 Notre Dame and No. 3 Iowa), USC defeated 3 consecutive AP Top 7 teams for the first time in its history.

***USC had an 11-game winning streak (its longest since also capturing 11 in a row over the 1979 and 1980 seasons) snapped this year at California (during that span, Troy defeated its opponents by an average score of 41-19).

***The last time USC received first place votes in the AP poll prior to getting 6 tallies in this year's Week 3 poll was in the 1989 pre-season poll (USC received first place votes in the USA Today/ESPN poll in the early weeks of the 1995 season, but not in any AP polls that year).

RANDOM NOTES

***WR **Keary Colbert** and LB **Melvin Simmons** have been selected by their teammates as season captains. Each game, they will join captains representing special teams and the service (scout) team.

***OT **Jacob Rogers** and WR **Keary Colbert** already have been invited to play in 79th annual East-West Shrine Game at Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco on Jan. 10, 2004.

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

***USC also has 5 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. Starting OT **Jacob Rogers** did so in the spring of 1999, while starting P **Tom Malone** and likely starting FB **Brandon Hancock** came to USC in the spring of 2002. Identical twin reserve CBs **Brandon and Ryan Ting** did so this past spring.

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

***Former USC All-American safety **Ronnie Lott** was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., this Aug. 7-9, while the late USC 2-time All-American tailback Ricky Bell will be inducted into the Hall at a Dec. 9 dinner in New York (he'll be enshrined in August of 2004). Lott, a 1980 All-American, had 250 tackles and 14 interceptions at USC before a 15-year NFL career that saw him land in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Bell, who earned All-American honors in 1975 and 1976 (he was the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 1976), ran for 3,689 yards at Troy and then was the No. 1 pick of the 1977 NFL draft (he played 6 years in the NFL) before dying in 1984 of heart disease. USC has 25 former players, 2 ex-head coaches, 4 one-time assistant coaches and a former athletic director in the College Football Hall of Fame.

***Tailback **Marcus Allen**, USC's 1981 Heisman Trophy winner, was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, this Aug. 3. A 1981 All-American, he was the first collegian to rush for more than 2,000 yards (he had 2,427 yards in 1981) and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000. He played 16 years in the NFL with the Raiders (1982-92) and Chiefs (1993-97). USC has 10 former players and 3 ex-assistant coaches in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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

***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.

***Traveler, USC's fabled white horse mascot, has a new trainer: **Joanne Asman** (she also will provide and house the horse for USC). She takes over for Patricia Saukko DeBernardi (the widow of original Traveler rider and owner Richard Saukko), who retired after last season. **Chuck O'Donnell** and USC junior **Brent Dahlgren** will continue as the horse's riders. Since 1961, Traveler—with a Trojan warrior astride—has galloped around the Coliseum field whenever USC scores.

***USC's oldest living football letterman is 103-year-old **James Pursell**. He lettered in 1921-22-23 as a 156-pound guard and was a member of USC's first Rose Bowl team.

***A new tradition at Troy's home games (started in 2001) sees the USC team buses unload the Trojan players amid the tailgaters in front of the Coliseum peristyle about 2 hours before kickoff. The players walk through the crowd into the Coliseum before going to dress in the locker room.

***Two Trojans—TE **Gregg Guenther Jr.** and WR **Sandy Fletcher**—have played on the USC basketball team. Guenther started 9 times at center in 2003, averaging 6.2 points and 5.0 rebounds in 19 games (he had 4 double-doubles and his free throws with 3.9 seconds to play won the Arizona State game). He also saw action in 9 games (starting 3) in 2002. Fletcher played in 4 games as a point guard in 2000. And, as a youngster, LB Collin Ashton was a ballboy for several years for the USC men's basketball team.

***Several other Trojans have participated in other sports at Troy. QB **Billy Hart** was on the USC baseball team in 2002 and 2003. He started 22 times in right field in 2003, hitting .238 in 42 games with 20 hits, 14 runs, 1 home run and 4 RBI (he redshirted in 2002). CB **Marcell Allmond** was a hurdler and decathlete on the Trojan track team the past 4 springs (2000-2003). With a 13.54 lifetime best in the high hurdles, he was second in the high hurdles at the 2000 Pac-10 meet (he tied for seventh at the 2002 Pac-10s) and was seventh in the 2000 Pac-10 decathlon. OG **Travis Watkins** and OT **Nate Steinbacher** also were shot putters for the 2001 Trojan track squad (Steinbacher competed in 2 meets, while Watkins redshirted). Walk-on CB **Justin Tolliver** was a sprinter for the 2002 and 2003 Trojans, but did not compete in a meet. Walk-on TE **Owen Hanson** was a reserve on the USC men's volleyball team the past 3 seasons (2001-03), seeing action in 1 match in 2003.

***Who's the fastest among the 2003 Trojans? It might be TB **Reggie Bush**, with bests of 10.42 in the 100 meters and 21.06 in the 200. He placed third in the 100 in the 2002 California state meet.

***USC's only married player is SNP **Matt Hayward**. He and his wife, Kristin, were married on June 19, 2003.

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

***TE-QB **Matt Cassel** played on the Northridge (Calif.) team that was a finalist at the 1994 Little League World Series, while LB **Bobby Otani** was a national champion in judo.

***Two Trojans have Hollywood connections. As a youngster, CB **John Walker** was a television actor who appeared in such shows as "E.R." and "7th Heaven" (in fact, he didn't play football until his sophomore year of high school because a clause in his acting contract prevented him from doing anything that could affect his appearance). USC linebackers 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 before starring in Hollywood as Tarzan, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers.

***Four Trojans have fathers who played on national championship USC football squads: S **Kyle Matthews** (father, 1977 All-American Clay, was on the 1974 team), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, 1979 All-American Paul, was on the 1978 team), LB **Lofa Tatupu** (father, Mosi, was on the 1974 team) and CB **Justin Tolliver** (father, Kevin Williams, was on the 1978 team).

***Several other Trojans have relatives with USC football connections. FB-QB **Morgan Craig** is the grandson of ex-USC 1939 All-American QB Grenville "Grenny" Lansdell. CB **Kevin Arbet** is the stepson of ex-Trojan (1980-82) Jeff Simmons. One Trojan has a cousin who played at USC—SNP **Joe Boskovich** (Martin Boskovich, 1993)—and four have uncles who were Trojan footballers: C **Norm Katnik**/TE-C **Kurt Katnik** (John Katnik, 1986-87), OG **Fred Matua** (Titus Tuiasosopo, 1990-92) and S **Kyle Matthews** (Bruce Matthews, 1980-82, 1982 All-American).

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

father, Johnny, played quarterback at Arkansas, Louisiana Tech and Mississippi State, while his brother, Josh, played quarterback at LSU for 2 seasons (1999-2000) following a 5-year (1994-98) baseball career as an infielder in the Florida Marlins organization (he then played with the NFL's Cleveland Browns) and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU (1997-99) and Valdosta State (2001). DE **Van Brown's** brother, Chad, is an All-Pro linebacker who has played with the Pittsburgh Steelers (1993-96) and Seattle Seahawks (1997-2001) after starting 4 seasons at Colorado (1989-92). WR-CB **William Buchanon** is the son of ex-NFL star Willie Buchanon, a 1971 All-American cornerback at San Diego State who was a 3-time Pro Bowler during his 11-year (1972-82) NFL career with the Green Bay Packers and San Diego Chargers. TE-QB **Matt Cassel's** older brother, Jack, is a pitcher in the San Diego Padres organization, while his younger brother, Justin, is a freshman on UC Irvine's baseball team. WR **Keary Colbert's** cousins are ex-Arizona State DT Tommie Townsend (1999-2001) and ex-Hawaii WR Justin Colbert (1999-2002). PK **Mario Danelo's** father, Joe, was a placekicker at Washington State (1972-74) before playing in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers (1975), New York Giants (1976-82) and Buffalo Bills (1983-84). TB **Hershel Dennis's** father, Hershel Sr., played tailback at North Carolina A&T. LB **Salo Faraimo's** brother, Preston, was a linebacker at Hawaii in 2000 and 2001. LB **Matt Grootegoed's** brother, John, was an offensive guard at San Jose State in 1994 and 1995. WR **D. Hale's** brother, Damon Boddie, played tailback at Montana in the mid-1990s. TE **Alex Holmes's** father, Mike, lettered at defensive end at Michigan in 1974 and 1975. DE **Lawrence Jackson's** brother, Keith, is a redshirt freshman offensive tackle at Arizona. C **Ryan Kalil's** father, Frank, was a center at Arizona (1980-82) and with the USFL's Arizona Wranglers (1983) and Houston Gamblers (1984). C **Norm Katnik's** and TE-C **Kurt Katnik's** father, Norman, was a 2-year starting center at Arizona (1978-79). FB **David Kirtman's** father, Louis, ran track at California and his uncle, Nate Kirtman, played football at Stanford in 1967. S **Jason Leach's** cousin is former Arizona State S Alfred Williams (1999-2002). OG **Fred Matua's** uncle, Navy Tuasosopo, played offensive line at Utah State and later with the Los Angeles Rams and a distant cousin, Manu Tuasosopo, was a 3-time All-Conference defensive lineman at UCLA (1976-78) who then played with the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers. WR **Jason Mitchell's** cousin, Christian Radley, was a coxswain on the USC women's rowing team in 2002. CB **Ronald Nunn's** sister, Natalie, is a freshman defender on the USC women's soccer team. OT-OG **Drew Radovich's** father, Mark, was a linebacker at Arizona State (1974-76). LB-S **Dallas Sartz's** father, Jeff, played safety at Oregon State and his grandfather, also named Dallas, was a Golden Gloves boxer at Washington State and a professional hydroplane racer. Twin CBs **Brandon and Ryan Ting's** brother, Rich, was a quarterback at Yale (1998-2001). DT **Travis Tofi's** cousin, Suaese "Pooch" Taase, played football at Louisiana Tech. OG **Travis Watkins's** brother, Todd, was a wide receiver on the 2001 Norfolk State football team, while his father, Don, was a lineman at Pasadena City College and his uncle, Tom Watkins, played 8 seasons in the NFL in the 1960s with the Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions and Los Angeles Rams. DT **Ryan Watson's** cousin is former Georgia Tech (1999-2002) wide receiver Kerry Watkins. TB **LenDale White** is the cousin of former Pitt (2000-01) wide receiver Darcey Levy (who plays in the NFL), ex-Wyoming (1998-2002) linebacker Herman White and former Colorado point guard Chauncey Billups, now in the NBA. OG-OT **Kyle Williams's** father, Scott, played college basketball, while an uncle, Eric Williams, was a defensive lineman with the Detroit Lions (1984-89) and Washington Redskins (1990-93, including on the 1991 Super Bowl champs) after earning 1983 All-Pac-10 first team honors in his 3 years (1981-83) at Washington State; his grandfather, Roy Williams, played for the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers, another uncle played professional basketball in Europe, while his other grandfather played 3 sports at Lehigh in the 1960. DT **Manuel Wright's** cousin is Arizona State senior tailback Mike Williams. WR **John Zilka's** grandfather, Jake Nagode, played basketball at Northwestern (1936-38) and then professionally in the late-1940s, while his sister, Allison, lettered on the Arizona women's soccer team in 1994. DB coach **Greg Burns's** brother, Dexter, was a defensive back at San Jose State in the mid-1990s. Head coach **Pete Carroll's** wife, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific, while his son, Brennan, was a tight end at Delaware and Pitt (he currently is a graduate assistant football coach at USC) and his daughter, Jaime, played on the 2000 USC women's volleyball team. LB coach **Nick Holt's** wife, Julie, was the head women's basketball at Nevada Reno, Pacific, Gonzaga and Idaho (she currently is the

head coach at Los Angeles Harbor Junior College). WR coach **Lane Kiffin's** father, Monte, is the defensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (he is a longtime NFL and collegiate assistant coach who also served as North Carolina State's head coach in the early 1980s), while his brother, Chris, is a junior defensive lineman at Colorado State. S coach **Rocky Seto's** wife, Sharla, played soccer at USC. OFF/TE coach **Brennan Carroll** is the son of USC head coach Pete Carroll.

***How about these names: DE **Frostee Rucker**. Walk-on S **Forrest Mozart**. DE **Kenechi Udeze** (he goes by BKU, as in Big Kenechi Udeze; he's 6-4 and 280). LB **Lofa Tatupu**. DE **Travis Tofi**. LB **Salo Faraimo**. WR **D. Hale** (it's for Donald, but he goes by D.; he says only his mother calls him Donald). LB **Melvin Simmons** goes by the nickname "Champ." Then, there's S **Darnell Bing** and the **Ting twins** (CBs Brandon and Ryan).

TAKEAWAYS

USC has been effective in the takeaway department during head coach **Pete Carroll's** 3 seasons. In 2003, USC is +1.1 in turnover margin (tied for ninth in the U.S., second in the Pac-10) by getting 12 interceptions and 12 fumbles. USC's +1.33 turnover margin over Carroll's first 2 regular seasons (2001 and 2002) was the best in the nation and its +69 takeaways during that span were third most (slightly behind Virginia Tech's +71 and Tulane's +70). In 2002, the Trojans had 36 takeaways (19 fumbles and 17 interceptions) and ranked fifth nationally in turnover margin (+1.4). In 2001 (including the bowl), Troy had 35 takeaways (20 picks, 15 fumbles) and ranked fifth in the nation in turnover margin at +1.3. USC's ball security was impressive, too, those first 2 seasons: only 19 turnovers in 2001 and just 18 in 2002.

ASSISTANT COACHES

USC's assistant coaching staff stayed relatively intact from 2002, with some slight positional changes. **Tim Davis**, who last year handled the offensive guards and centers, took over the entire line. **Rocky Seto**, a Trojan graduate assistant last fall, is now a full-time coach in charge of the safeties. **Ed Orgeron**, USC's defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator, this year added the title of assistant head coach. **Dennis Slutak** is the only newcomer on the staff; the one-time Florida State punter and North Carolina State graduate assistant is a graduate assistant working with the special teams.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF LAST NATIONAL TITLE

The 2003 season marks the 25th anniversary of USC's last national football championship. The 1978 Trojans, coached by John Robinson and led by such players as TB Charles White, QB Paul McDonald, OT Pat Howell, OG Brad Budde, OT Anthony Munoz, S Ronnie Lott, S Dennis Smith and LB Riki Gray, went 12-1 and beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. Troy took the top spot in the UPI (coaches) poll, but finished second in the AP (writers) poll to Alabama despite beating the Crimson Tide earlier in the season. It was USC's eighth national championship.

1969 DÉJÀ VU?

There are some interesting similarities between the 1969 USC team (which went 10-0-1 and beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl) and the 2003 Trojans. Entering 1969, Troy lost a Heisman Trophy winner who was the first pick in the NFL draft (O.J. Simpson), had a new quarterback with no experience (Jimmy Jones), debuted a new tailback (Clarence Davis), featured a top incoming recruiting class (the 1972 seniors, who ended up helping USC to the national title), had a great defensive line (Wild Bunch I), had an offensive line featuring a returning all-conference tackle who was an All-American candidate and wore No. 77 (Sid Smith), faced a tough non-conference foe in its opener (Nebraska)...and the year prior saw Ohio State win the national title. The 2003 Trojans entered this season having lost a Heisman winner who was the NFL's first draft pick (Carson Palmer), had a new quarterback with no experience (Matt Leinart), debuted a new tailback (Hershel Dennis), had a top incoming recruiting class (ranked No. 1 by some), have a great defensive line (Wild Bunch II), have an offensive line featuring a returning All-Pac-10 tackle who is an All-American candidate and wears No. 77 (Jacob Rogers), met a challenging non-conference opponent in its opener (Auburn)...and saw Ohio State win last year's national title.

ROSTER UPDATES

There are a number of updates from the roster in the [2003 USC football media guide](#).

***There are 3 new scholarship players (complete bios below): #41 **Jody Adewale** (TB, 6-0, 210, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, Roosevelt HS), #46 **Salo Faraimo** (LB, 6-0, 210, Fr./Fr., Vista, Vista HS) and #92 **Manuel Wright** (DT, 6-6, 285, Fr./Fr., Compton, Poly HS).

***Seven other players have joined the team as walk-ons: #85 **Marco Chavez** (LB, 6-3, 245, Jr./Sr., Pico Rivera, St. Paul HS/Palomar JC/Hawaii), #70 **Will Collins** (SNP, 6-2, 225, Fr./Fr., Laguna Beach, Mater Dei HS), #19 **Mario Danelo** (PK, 5-10, 200, Fr./Fr., San Pedro, San Pedro HS), #29 **John Griffin** (TB, 6-0, 195, Fr./Fr., Saratoga, Saratoga HS), #47 **Sean Kelly** (TB, 6-0, 200, Fr./Fr., Gig Harbor, WA, Bellarmine Prep HS), #16 **Michael McDonald** (QB, 6-1, 180, Fr./Fr., Newport Beach, Newport Harbor HS) and #21 **Justin Tolliver** (CB, 5-8, 160, So./Jr., New Orleans, LA, De La Salle HS). Tolliver, who was on the 2001 Trojan football team (he had a tackle and an interception), did not play football last season at USC while competing on Troy's track team.

***Seven players have changed numbers: WR-TB **Whitney Lewis** is now #4, QB **Brandon Hance** is now #8, TB-S **Andre Woodert** is now #9, PK **Ryan Killeen** is now #16, S **Greg Farr** is now #26, P **Tommy Huff** is now #48 and TE-C **Kurt Katnik** is now #85/61 (he'll wear #85 when playing tight end, #61 when playing center).

***Thirteen players have switched positions: **Matt Cassel** is now a TE-QB, **William Buchanon** is now a WR-CB, **Justin Wyatt** is now a CB-WR, **Dallas Sartz** is now a LB-S, **Kurt Katnik** is now a TE-C, **Kyle Williams** is now an OG-OT, **Spencer Torgan** is now a C, **Morgan Craig** is now just a FB, **Desmond Reed** is now a S-CB, **Whitney Lewis** is now a WR-TB, **Brandon Ting** is now a CB-S, **Drew Radovich** is now an OT-OG and **John Lanza** is now a C-OG.

***Delete PK **Jon-Luke Del Fante**, LB **Matt Newhouse** and CB **Kirk Shepherd**, all who quit the team, LB **Drean Rucker**, who drowned tragically this summer, and OT **Travis Draper**, OT-DT **Fili Moala** and LB **Johnathan Turner**, who did not qualify for admission.

BIOS OF NEW SCHOLARSHIP TROJANS

JODY ADEWALE—He was named a 2002 Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West honorable mention, Tom Lemming All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best of the Rest, All-L.A. City second team and Los Angeles Times All-Central City first team (as a defensive back) selection as a senior at Roosevelt High in Los Angeles (Calif.)...He ran for 1,400-plus yards and 26 TDs as a running back and made 27 tackles with an interception as a defensive back...As a junior in 2001, he made All-L.A. City, Los Angeles Times All-Central City first team and All-League first team while running for 1,660 yards and 25 TDs and posting 144 tackles and an interception at linebacker...He also competed in basketball and track at Roosevelt...His last name is pronounced "add-uh-WALL-lee."

SALO FARAIMO—He was a 2002 Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best of the Rest, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, All-CIF San Diego Section Defensive MVP, San Diego Union-Tribune All-San Diego first team and All-Palomar League (as a running back and linebacker) pick as a senior at Vista (Calif.) High...He ran for 1,039 yards on 179 carries (5.8 avg.) with 21 TDs and had 128 tackles (69 solo) with 3 sacks in 2002...His brother, Preston, was a linebacker at Hawaii in 2000 and 2001...His name is pronounced "SAL-low fuh-RAY-moe."

MANUEL WRIGHT—He actually signed with USC in 2002, but did not qualify for admission, so he attended Long Beach (Calif.) City College that season as a part-time student (he didn't play football there)...He earned 2001 Super Prep All-American, Prep Star All-American, Tom Lemming All-American, Max Emfinger All-American, Student Sports All-American second team, Super Prep Elite 50, Prep Star Dream Team, Super Prep All-Far West, Prep Star All-Western Region, Student Sports All-West first team, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Las Vegas Sun Super 11 first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Southern Section first team, All-CIF Division I Defensive MVP, Los Angeles Times All-Southeast/South Coast first team and Long Beach Press-Telegram Dream Team first team Defensive MVP honors as a senior defensive lineman at Poly High in Long Beach (Calif.)...He had 142 tackles (60 solo), including 16 sacks, plus 4 fumble recoveries, 3 forced fumbles, 20 deflections and an interception...As a junior in 2000, he made Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Underclass first team, All-CIF Division I first team and Long Beach Press-Telegram Dream Team first team while recording 95 tackles (57 solo), with 25 sacks...He was a 3-year starter as Poly went 39-1-1 and won 3 CIF Division I titles...Current Trojans Darnell Bing, Hershel Dennis and Winston Justice also prepped at Poly...His cousin is Arizona State senior tailback Mike Williams...Wright's first name is pronounced "MAN-you-ull."

TRAGEDY

Incoming scholarship freshman linebacker **Drean Rucker**, a 2002 prep All-American from Canyon Springs High in Moreno Valley (Calif.), drowned in the ocean off of Huntington Beach (Calif.) on July 21, just 2 weeks before he was to report to USC for fall practice. He was 18. His body was found on July 26. "This is an extraordinary tragedy for Drean's family and for the Trojan Family," said USC head coach Pete Carroll. "Drean was a wonderful young man with a great spirit. He would light up a room with his smile. He was a highly-competitive and talented football player who was going to make an impact at USC on and off the field. It's just a terrible loss. The hearts and prayers of the Trojan Family go out to his family." In his memory, the 2003 Trojans will wear a football-shaped sticker on their helmets with "54" inside in gold lettering (that was the number he was assigned at USC); also, that jersey number will not be worn this season.

IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 39 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 29 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as LBs Junior Seau and Chris Claiborne, OL Tony Boselli, DL Willie McGinest, WRs Keyshawn Johnson, Johnnie Morton and Curtis Conway, QB Rob Johnson and DBs Jason Sehorn, Sammy Knight, Rashard Cook and Daylon McCutcheon. Six NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): New York Giants' Jim Fassel, Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Seattle's Mike Holmgren, San Francisco's Steve Mariucci, Miami's Dave Wannstedt and Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio. Twelve current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: QB **John David Booty** (brother, Josh Booty), DE **Van Brown** (brother, Chad Brown), WR-CB **William Buchanon** (father, Willie Buchanon), PK **Mario Danelo** (father, Joe Danelo), OG **Fred Matua** (cousin, Manu Tuiasosopo), S **Kyle Matthews** (grandfather, Clay Sr.; father, Clay Matthews; uncle, Bruce Matthews), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, Paul McDonald), LB **Lofa Tatupu** (father, Mosi Tatupu), CB **Justin Tolliver** (father, Kevin Williams), OG **Travis Watkins** (uncle, Tom Watkins), TB **Lendale White** (cousin, Darcey Levy) and OG-OT **Kyle Williams** (uncle, Eric Williams; grandfather, Roy Williams). OG **Sam Baker's** father, David, is the commissioner of the Arena Football League. And C **Ryan Kaili's** father, Frank, played in the USFL. Additionally, head coach **Pete Carroll** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach, and assistant **Lane Kiffin** was an NFL assistant. Three assistant coaches played professionally: **Norm Chow**, **Steve Sarkisian** and **Tim Davis** in the CFL (Davis also played in the USFL).

ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 316 times, including 182 of the past 184 games. In fact, USC had an amazing streak of 111 consecutive games on some form of live television from 1988 to 1997 (snapped against Oregon State) and another streak of 48 in a row from 1997 to 2001 (broken against California).

ACADEMICS

Two of USC's most recent graduation rates for football were the highest in USC history. The 2001 official NCAA graduation rate for Trojan football players was 82%, an all-time high (topping the previous USC high of 80% in 2000). That rate compared to 73% for the general USC student body...and it was about 30 percentage points higher than the national football average for Division I schools. Among the top scholars on the 2003 Trojan squad are: CB-S **Brandon Ting** (4.00 GPA), CB **Ryan Ting** (4.00), FB **Brandon Hancock** (3.82, business major), WR **John Zilka** (3.48), TB-S **Andre Woodert** (3.37, kinesiology), TE **Nick Vanderboom** (3.32, business), TE-QB **Matt Cassel** (3.28, communication), QB **Billy Hart** (3.22, business), QB **Brandon Hance** (3.09, music industry), FB **Mike Brittingham** (3.01), SNP **Matt Hayward** (2.93, business), C **Spencer Torgan** (2.89, business), OT **Winston Justice** (2.78) and WR **Chris McFoy** (2.75). Hayward and LB **Melvin Simmons** were 2002 Pac-10 All-Academic second team picks. In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tops in the Pac-10 and sixth in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 12 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 4 NCAA Today's Top Six winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar and 1 Academic All-American Hall of Famer.

USC IS THE PLACE TO BE

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

SCOUTING WASHINGTON STATE

Washington State, under rookie coach **Bill Doba**, has won its last 6 games (including a 36-30 comeback victory versus Oregon State last Saturday), with its only loss coming in overtime at Notre Dame. WSU has won 10 of its last 11 Pac-10 road contests. The Cougars have an explosive offense and a staunch defense, plus a potent kicking game. WSU is 15th nationally in passing offense (295.0, first in Pac-10) and 22nd in scoring offense (33.3, second in Pac-10). Senior QB **Matt Kegel** (158-of-287, 55.1%, 2,231 yds, 16 TD, 9 int in 2003)—20th nationally in total offense (275.9, second in Pac-10)—directs the offense, throwing to the likes of junior FL **Devard Darling** (31 rec, 575 yds, 18.5 avg, 4 TD in 2003), redshirt freshman FL **Chris Jordan** (24 rec, 307 yds, 12.8 avg, 2 TD in 2003), sophomore TE **Troy Bienemann** (21 rec, 192 yds, 9.1 avg, 1 TD in 2003) and senior SE **Sammy Moore** (18 rec, 428 yds, 23.8 avg, 4 TD in 2003, and 28 PR, 232 yds, 8.3 avg and 12 KOR, 348 yds, 29.0 avg, 1 TD). Moore is sixth nationally in kickoff returns (29.0, first in Pac-10). Senior RB **Jonathan Smith** (121 tcb, 515 yds, 4.3 avg, 5 TD in 2003, plus 18 rec, 175 yds, 9.7 avg rec and 5 KOR, 87 yds, 17.4 avg) is dangerous as a runner and receiver. The Cougar defense—tops in the Pac-10 in every category—ranks third nationally in rushing defense (68.1), fourth in pass efficiency defense (94.1), 18th in scoring defense (16.9) and 18th in total defense (303.8). Plus, WSU is tied for third nationally in turnover margin (+1.5, first in Pac-10), getting 31 turnovers (18 interceptions and 13 fumbles). Soph ILB **Will Derting** (52 tac, 9 for loss, 6.5 sack, 1 dfl, 1 FR, 2 FF in 2003) headlines the defense, along with seniors such as senior FS **Erik Coleman** (51 tac, 1 for loss, 4 int, 2 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2003), MLB **Don Jackson** (50 tac, 4 for loss, 2 sack, 1 int, 2 dfl, 1 FF in 2003) and CB **Jason David** (29 tac, 5 int, 10 dfl, 1 FF in 2003), who has 15 career interceptions. Senior PK **Drew Dunning** (19-of-21 FG, 23-of-26 PAT in 2003) is second nationally in field goals (2.4, first in Pac-10) and tied for ninth in scoring (10.0, first in Pac-10).

GAME PROMOTIONS

It's **Homecoming** at USC, with activities beginning on campus at noon...Trojan fans attending the game are urged to show their Trojan spirit by **wearing cardinal** to the game...The first 15,000 fans will receive a **free water bottle holder** in the shape of a USC jersey...The **ADT National Championship Trophy**, which appears on the sidelines at key national games during the season, will be displayed on the field during the game...The **USC men's basketball team**, finalists in the past 2 Pac-10 tournaments, will be recognized during the **Team Trojan Spotlight**...Senior 5-time All-American diver **Nicci Fusaro**, a fine arts major with a 3.71 GPA who has won a pair of Pac-10 titles, will be honored during the **Verizon Academic Salute**.

USC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Following the USC-WSU football game, the top-ranked USC women's volleyball team will host Washington State on Saturday (Nov. 1) at 8 p.m. in the Lyon Center on campus.

INJURY UPDATE

OUT: TE **Dominique Byrd** (knee), DT **Sedrick Ellis** (ankle), LB **Marco Chavez** (foot), DE **Chris Barrett** (shoulder), S **Chris Bocage** (knee), LB **Oscar Lua** (knee), CB **Kevin Arbet** (foot), TE **Alex Holmes** (back), WR **D. Hale** (ankle), S **Terrell Thomas** (shoulder), CB **Eric Wright** (hamstring).

QUESTIONABLE CB **Ronald Nunn** (eye socket), TB-S **Andre Woodert** (shoulder), LB **Daniel Urquhart** (neck).

PROBABLE: LB **Matt Grootegoed** (ankle), DE **Omar Nazel** (thumb), S **Mike Ross** (ankle), WR **Chris McFoy** (ankle).

USC IN NCAA/PAC-10 STAT RANKINGS

NAME	CATEGORY	AVG	NCAA RANK*	PAC-10 RANK**
Tom Malone	Punting	49.1	1	1
Matt Leinart	Passing Efficiency	162.9	8	1
Kenechi Udeze	Sacks	1.1	9	2
Mike Williams	Receiving Yards	98.3	10	2
Kenechi Udeze	Forced Fumbles	0.4	10T	2
Will Poole	Pass Deflections	1.7	11T	1
Ryan Killeen	Scoring	9.6	13T	2
Mike Williams	Receptions	6.8	14T	2
Ryan Killeen	Field Goals	1.6	15	3
Kenechi Udeze	Tackles For Loss	1.5	20T	4T
Lofa Tatupu	Tackles For Loss	1.5	20T	4T
Matt Leinart	Total Offense	268.5	23	4
Omar Nazel	Fumbles Rec.	0.4	—	2T
Ryan Killeen	PAT Percentage	97.4	—	4
Ryan Killeen	Field Goal Pct.	76.5	—	4
Melvin Simmons	Fumbles Rec.	0.3	—	4T
Ronald Nunn	Fumbles Rec.	0.3	—	4T
Mike Patterson	Fumbles Rec.	0.3	—	4T
Matt Leinart	Passing Yards	271.9	—	4
Greig Carlson	Punt Returns	9.8	—	5
USC	Net Punting	43.8	2	1
USC	Scoring Offense	39.9	8	1
USC	Pass Efficiency	155.5	8	1
USC	Rushing Defense	79.9	9	2
USC	Turnover Margin	+1.1	9T	2
USC	Passing Offense	283.6	19	3
USC	Total Offense	444.1	19	1
USC	Sacks Allowed	10	—	1
USC	Fewest Penalties	53.1	—	2
USC	Fourth D. Conv.	63.6	—	2
USC	Sacks By	30	—	2
USC	Red Zone Offense	81.1	—	3
USC	Scoring Defense	19.9	—	3
USC	Field Goals	76.5	—	4
USC	Rushing Offense	160.5	—	1
USC	Total Defense	337.6	—	4
USC	First Downs	169	—	4
USC	Pass Eff. Defense	1127	—	4
USC	PAT Kicking	97.4	—	4

*Top 25 only **Top 5 only

RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
AUB	4 of 4 (TD, FG, FG, TD)	0 of 0
BYU	3 of 3 (TD, TD, TD)	2 of 2 (TD, FG)
HAW	3 of 4 (FG, lost fum, TD, TD)	5 of 5 (FG, FG, TD, TD, TD)
CAL	3 of 5 (TD, FG, lost fum, TD, miss FG)	4 of 6 (TD, TD, int, block FG, TD, FG)
ASU	2 of 2 (FG, TD)	3 of 3 (TD, FG, TD)
STAN	7 of 8 (FG, FG, TD, TD, TD, TD, fail 4 th , FG)	2 of 3 (block FG, TD, TD)
ND	6 of 7 (TD, TD, TD, TD, FG, TD, end game)	1 of 2 (TD, fail 4 th)
WASH	2 of 5 (FG miss, TD, FG miss, FG, end game)	4 of 5 (TD, TD, FG, punt, TD)
TOTAL	30 of 38 (78.9%)	21 of 26 (80.8%)
	20—TD 10—FG	15—TD 6—FG
	2—lost fum 3—miss FG	1—int 2—block FG
	2—end game 1—fail 4th	1—fail 4th 1—punt

TOM MALONE PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
AUB	7	5	3
BYU	6	5	5
HAW	3	2	2
CAL	4	2	3
ASU	5	1	3
STAN	3	2	2
ND	0	0	0
WASH	1	0	1
TOTAL	29	17	19

RYAN KILLEEN KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
AUB	6	4 (2)
BYU	7	5 (1)
HAW	10	4 (2)
CAL	4	1 (1)
ASU	8	6 (5)
STAN	9	6 (4)
ND	8	5 (4)
WASH	8	2 (0)
TOTAL	60	29 (19)

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE –	1 15 31	Mike Williams (6-5, 230, So.) Jason Mitchell (6-1, 200, Jr.*) William Buchanon (6-3, 180, So.*)
LT –	77 73 76	Jacob Rogers (6-6, 305, Sr.*) John Drake (6-4, 350, Jr.) Nate Steinbacher (6-5, 305, Sr.*)
LG –	78 63 73	Lenny Vandermade (6-3, 275, Sr.*) Travis Watkins (6-3, 305, Jr.*) OR John Drake (6-4, 350, Jr.)
C –	62 67 78	Norm Katnik (6-4, 280, Sr.*) Ryan Kalil (6-4, 270, Fr.) OR Lenny Vandermade (6-3, 275, Sr.*)
RG –	73 57	John Drake (6-4, 350, Jr.) OR Fred Matua (6-2, 300, Fr.*)
RT –	74 73 66 75	Winston Justice (6-6, 300, So.) John Drake (6-4, 350, Jr.) Eric Torres (6-5, 300, Sr.*) Kyle Williams (6-6, 290, Fr.*)
TE –	44 85 86 10	Gregg Guenther Jr. (6-8, 245, Jr.*) Kurt Katnik (6-4, 255, Fr.*) Nick Vanderboom (6-4, 220, Fr.*) OR Matt Cassel (6-5, 220, Jr.*)
QB –	11 17 8	Matt Leinart (6-5, 220, So.*) John David Booty (6-3, 200, Fr.) Brandon Hance (6-1, 95, Jr.*)
FB –	40 35 37	Brandon Hancock (6-1, 235, So.) Lee Webb (6-0, 240, Jr.*) David Kirtman (6-0, 220, So.*)
TB –	34 21 5 25	Herschel Dennis (5-11, 190, So.) OR LenDale White (6-2, 225, Fr.) OR Reggie Bush (6-0, 190, Fr.) Chauncey Washington (6-1, 205, Fr.)
FL –	83 2 89 7	Keary Colbert (6-2, 210, Sr.) Steve Smith (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR Chris McFoy (6-1, 190, Fr.*) OR Sandy Fletcher (6-1, 195, Sr.*)

SPECIALISTS

P –	14 48	Tom Malone (6-0, 190, So.) Tommy Huff (6-2, 230, Sr.*)
PK –	16 19	Ryan Killeen (5-11, 200, Jr.) Mario Danelo (5-10, 200, Fr.)
SNP –	50 64	Matt Hayward (6-1, 225, Sr.)–P Joe Boskovich (6-4, 240, Sr.*)–PAT, FG
HLD –	14 10	Tom Malone (6-0, 190, So.) Matt Cassel (6-5, 220, Jr.*)

DEFENSE

DE –	94 91	Kenechi Udeze (6-4, 285, Jr.*) Van Brown (6-5, 265, Jr.*)
NT –	99 52 95	Mike Patterson (6-0, 285, Jr.) LaJuan Ramsey (6-3, 270, So.) OR Travis Tofi (6-4, 255, Fr.*)
DT –	84 52	Shaun Cody (6-4, 285, Jr.) LaJuan Ramsey (6-3, 270, So.)
DE –	56 90	Omar Nazel (6-5, 245, Sr.*) Frostee Rucker (6-4, 240, So.*)
SLB –	6 42 51	Matt Grootegoed (5-11, 215, Jr.*) Dallas Sartz (6-5, 220, So.) Melvin Simmons (6-1, 220, Sr.*)
MLB –	58 53 51 59	Lofa Tatupu (6-0, 225, So.*) Daniel Urquhart (6-2, 250, Jr.*) OR Melvin Simmons (6-1, 220, Sr.*) Collin Ashton (6-1, 215, So.*)
WLB –	51 36 6	Melvin Simmons (6-1, 220, Sr.*) Bobby Otani (6-0, 215, Jr.) OR Matt Grootegoed (5-11, 215, Jr.*)
CB –	28 24 23	Will Poole (6-0, 190, Sr.*) Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.) OR Ronald Nunn (5-11, 180, Jr.*)
FS –	27 42	Jason Leach (5-11, 210, Jr.*) Dallas Sartz (6-5, 220, So.)
SS –	20 42 43	Darnell Bing (6-2, 220, Fr.) Dallas Sartz (6-5, 220, So.) OR Mike Ross (6-0, 175, So.)
CB –	8 24 23	Marcell Allmond (6-0, 200, Sr.*) Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.) Ronald Nunn (5-11, 180, Jr.*)

RETURNERS

KOR –	8 5 15 24 83	Marcell Allmond (6-0, 200, Sr.*) AND Reggie Bush (6-0, 190, Fr.) Jason Mitchell (6-1, 200, Jr.*) OR Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.) OR Keary Colbert (6-2, 210, Sr.)
PR –	19 24 5 83	Greig Carlson (5-10, 195, So.*) Justin Wyatt (5-10, 180, So.) Reggie Bush (6-0, 190, Fr.) OR Keary Colbert (6-2, 210, Sr.)

2003 USC Trojans Football Team Statistics (as of Oct. 25, 2003)

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(7-1-0)	(3-0-0)	(4-1-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(3-1-0)	(1-0-0)	(2-1-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-0-0)	(2-0-0)	(2-0-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP
Aug 30, 2003	at #6 Auburn	W	23-0	86063	FIRST DOWNS.....	169	155
Sep 06, 2003	BYU	W	35-18	75315	Rushing.....	67	49
Sep 13, 2003	HAWAII	W	61-32	73654	Passing.....	90	91
*Sep 27, 2003	at California	LOT	31-34	51208	Penalty.....	12	15
*Oct 04, 2003	at Arizona State	W	37-17	56527	RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1284	639
*Oct 11, 2003	STANFORD	W	44-21	68341	Yards gained rushing...	1404	972
Oct 18, 2003	at Notre Dame	W	45-14	80795	Yards lost rushing.....	120	333
*Oct 25, 2003	at Washington	W	43-23	72015	Rushing Attempts.....	291	269
					Average Per Rush.....	4.4	2.4
					Average Per Game.....	160.5	79.9
					Tds Rushing.....	14	6
					PASSING YARDAGE.....	2269	2062
					Att-Comp-Int.....	259-157-7	330-183-12
					Average Per Pass.....	8.8	6.2
					Average Per Catch.....	14.5	11.3
					Average Per Game.....	283.6	257.8
					Tds Passing.....	21	12
					TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3553	2701
					Total Plays.....	550	599
					Average Per Play.....	6.5	4.5
					Average Per Game.....	444.1	337.6
					KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS...	18-371	41-826
					PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	19-147	13-90
					INT RETURNS: #-YARDS...	12-131	7-38
					FUMBLES-LOST.....	10-8	18-12
					PENALTIES-YARDS.....	48-425	60-492
					PUNTS-AVG.....	31-46.7	49-40.2
					TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	29:03	30:57
					3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	35/101	52/130
					4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	7/11	5/9

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Dennis, Hershel	8	98	479	14	465	4.7	3	34	58.1
White, LenDale	8	86	440	18	422	4.9	8	25	52.8
Bush, Reggie	8	52	336	16	320	6.2	3	58	40.0
Washington, C.	6	19	67	2	65	3.4	0	10	10.8
Colbert, Keary	8	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	11	2.1
Williams, Mike	8	1	17	0	17	17.0	0	17	2.1
Lewis, Whitney	5	3	11	0	11	3.7	0	6	2.2
Smith, Steve	7	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	1.1
Cassel, Matt	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Woodert, Andre	4	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.8
Team	7	5	0	9	-9	-1.8	0	0	-1.3
Leinart, Matt	8	22	29	56	-27	-1.2	0	12	-3.4
Total.....	8	291	1404	120	1284	4.4	14	58	160.5
Opponents.....	8	269	972	333	639	2.4	6	36	79.9

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Leinart, Matt	8	162.87	237	148	7	62.4	2175	21	60	271.9
Cassel, Matt	3	86.86	13	6	0	46.2	63	0	39	21.0
Booty, J. D.	3	70.24	5	2	0	40.0	18	0	13	6.0
Hance, Brandon	2	104.60	2	1	0	50.0	13	0	13	6.5
Team	7	0.00	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Colbert, Keary	8	0.00	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	8	155.56	259	157	7	60.6	2269	21	60	283.6
Opponents.....	8	112.67	330	183	12	55.5	2062	12	44	257.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Williams, Mike	8	54	786	14.6	8	40	98.2
Colbert, Keary	8	40	649	16.2	6	57	81.1
Byrd, Dominique	6	14	268	19.1	1	55	44.7
B. Hancock	5	9	141	15.7	2	52	28.2
Guenther Jr, G	8	9	65	7.2	1	18	8.1
Bush, Reggie	8	8	192	24.0	2	60	24.0
Dennis, Hershel	8	8	57	7.1	1	20	7.1
Smith, Steve	7	3	33	11.0	0	17	4.7
Wyatt, Justin	8	3	20	6.7	0	8	2.5
White, LenDale	8	2	8	4.0	0	10	1.0
Kirtman, David	7	2	8	4.0	0	5	1.1
McFoy, Chris	4	1	15	15.0	0	15	3.8
Katnik, Kurt	8	1	13	13.0	0	13	1.6
Mitchell, Jason	8	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.8
Washington, C.	6	1	6	6.0	0	6	1.0
Lewis, Whitney	5	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Total.....	8	157	2269	14.5	21	60	283.6
Opponents.....	8	183	2062	11.3	12	44	257.8

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Lg	Blk
Killeen, Ryan	13-17	76.5	0-0	7-8	4-6	2-3	0-0	45	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Killeen, Ryan	0	13-17	38-39	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	77
White, LenDale	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Williams, Mike	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Colbert, Keary	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Bush, Reggie	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Dennis, Hershel	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Nunn, Ronald	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
B. Hancock	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nazel, Omar	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Tatupu, Lofa	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Guenther Jr, G	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Byrd, Dominique	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Leach, Jason	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Tofi, Travis	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Leinart, Matt	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total.....	40	13-17	38-39	0-0	0	0-1	0	1	319
Opponents.....	19	9-14	16-19	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	159

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
USC Trojans.....	96	72	74	70	7	319
Opponents.....	38	46	24	41	10	159

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Poole, Will	3	0	0.0	0	0
Leach, Jason	2	25	12.5	1	25
Buchanon, W	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nazel, Omar	1	16	16.0	1	16
Allmond, M	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rucker, Frostee	1	2	2.0	0	2
Nunn, Ronald	1	57	57.0	1	57
Bing, Darnell	1	5	5.0	0	5
Tatupu, Lofa	1	26	26.0	1	26
Total.....	12	131	10.9	4	57
Opponents.....	7	38	5.4	0	15

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Malone, Tom	29	1423	49.1	70	9	1	8	2
Team	2	24	12.0	24	0	0	0	0
Total.....	31	1447	46.7	70	9	1	8	2
Opponents.....	49	1970	40.2	66	6	7	15	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Carlson, Greig	13	128	9.8	0	20
Arbet, Kevin	4	19	4.8	0	10
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wyatt, Justin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	19	147	7.7	0	20
Opponents.....	13	90	6.9	0	17

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bush, Reggie	7	168	24.0	0	35
Allmond, M	6	136	22.7	0	33
Wyatt, Justin	2	38	19.0	0	31
Mitchell, Jason	2	24	12.0	0	18
Team	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	18	371	20.6	0	35
Opponents.....	41	826	20.1	0	51

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Williams, Mike	8	17	786	0	0	0	803	100.4
Bush, Reggie	8	320	192	0	168	0	680	85.0
Colbert, Keary	8	17	649	0	0	0	666	83.2
Dennis, Hershel	8	465	57	0	0	0	522	65.2
White, LenDale	8	422	8	0	0	0	430	53.8
Byrd, Dominique	6	0	268	0	0	0	268	44.7
B. Hancock	5	0	141	0	0	0	141	28.2
Allmond, M	8	0	0	0	136	0	136	17.0
Carlson, Greig	8	0	0	128	0	0	128	16.0
Washington, C.	6	65	6	0	0	0	71	11.8
Total.....	8	1284	2269	147	371	131	4202	525.2
Opponents.....	8	639	2062	90	826	38	3655	456.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Leinart, Matt	8	259	-27	2175	2148	268.5
Dennis, Hershel	8	98	465	0	465	58.1
White, LenDale	8	86	422	0	422	52.8
Bush, Reggie	8	52	320	0	320	40.0
Washington, C.	6	19	65	0	65	10.8
Cassel, Matt	3	14	-2	63	61	20.3
Booty, J. D.	3	5	0	18	18	6.0
Colbert, Keary	8	3	17	0	17	2.1
Williams, Mike	8	1	17	0	17	2.1

2003 USC Trojans Football - Overall Defensive Team Statistics

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	Tackles				Sacks		Pass Def			Fumbles		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
58 Tatupu, Lofa	7	33	20	53	9.5-36	3.0-25	1-26	6	.	.	.	.
28 Poole, Will	8	31	20	51	2.5-5	.	3-0	10	.	.	1	.	
27 Leach, Jason	8	32	17	49	1.0-2	.	2-25	3	.	.	.	.
20 Bing, Darnell	8	24	19	43	2.0-3	.	1-5	3	.	1-0	.	.	
51 Simmons, Melvin	8	19	23	42	8.0-17	.	.	1	.	2-0	.	.	
6 Grootegoed, M	7	30	10	40	4.5-24	1.5-12	.	1	.	1-0	2	.	
99 Patterson, Mike	8	25	11	36	10.0-45	5.0-27	.	.	.	2-16	.	.	
94 Udeze, Kenechi	8	19	15	34	13.0-72	8.5-61	.	2	.	.	4	1	
8 Allmond, M	8	22	7	29	.	.	1-0	3	.	.	2	.	
42 Sartz, Dallas	8	11	12	23	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 Urquhart, D.	5	14	6	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56 Nazel, Omar	8	14	6	20	5.5-26	3.0-23	1-16	.	.	2-0	.	.	
23 Nunn, Ronald	8	13	7	20	1.0-7	1.0-7	1-57	3	.	3-38	.	.	
90 Rucker, Frostee	8	9	11	20	2.5-13	0.5-2	1-2	1	.	1-0	1	.	
84 Cody, Shaun	8	8	6	14	6.5-39	5.0-36	.	1	.	.	1	.	
59 Ashton, Collin	8	3	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Ross, Mike	8	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4F Faraimo, Salo	8	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Webb, Lee	8	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Arbet, Kevin	2	4	1	5	1.0-2	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	
52 Ramsey, LaJuan	7	3	2	5	2.5-15	1.5-10	.	.	.	.	1	.
36 Otani, Bobby	7	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 Wyatt, Justin	8	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Walker, John	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
31 Buchanon, W.	7	3	.	3	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
25 Washington, C.	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Tofi, Travis	3	1	2	3	1.0-21	1.0-21	.	1	.	.	.	1	
16 Killeen, Ryan	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Farr, Greg	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 White, LenDale	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Wright, Manuel	4	2	.	2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 Bottom, Jay	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Van Brown	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38 Ting, Brandon	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Fletcher, S.	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 B. Hancock	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Ting, Ryan	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1G Bocage, Chris	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Williams, Mike	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85 Katnik, Kurt	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Guenther Jr, G	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	8	352	226	578	73-334	30-224	12-131	38	.	12-54	12	3	
Opponents.....	8	342	167	509	38-113	10-55	7-38	18	.	8-22	5	3	

2003 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

Name	Auburn	BYU	Hawaii	Cal	Ariz. St.	Stanford	No. Dame	Wash.	Wash. St.	Arizona	UCLA	Ore. St.
Rushing: TCB-NET-TD												
Dennis	21-85-1	16-40-1	9-52-0	14-53-0	4-19-0	10-80-0	10-38-1	14-98-0				
White	5-6-0	--	10-58-2	2-6-1	21-140-2	23-108-2	16-75-0	9-29-1				
Bush	5-9-0	6-19-0	9-54-2	4-7-0	4-27-0	6-34-0	6-89-1	12-81-0				
Washington	3-24-0	3-8-0	3-8-0	--	--	--	6-8-0	4-17-0				
Colbert	--	--	--	1-11-0	1-6-0	--	--	--				
M. Williams	--	--	--	1-17-0	--	--	--	--				
Lewis	--	--	--	--	3-11-0	--	--	--				
Smith	--	1-8-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Cassel	--	--	--	--	1-(-2)-0	--	--	--				
Woodert	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-3)-0	--				
Team	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-2)-0	2-(-3)-0	2-(-4)-0				
Leinart	2-(-1)-0	7-(-4)-0	2-(-8)-0	2-5-0	1-(-3)-0	1-0-0	4-(-9)-0	2-(-7)-0				
Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD												
Leinart	30-17-0	34-19-3	21-15-0	39-21-3	23-13-1	27-18-0	34-26-0	29-19-0				
	192-1	235-3	220-2	277-2	289-2	260-3	351-4	351-4				
Cassel	--	--	3-2-0	--	10-4-0	--	--	--				
	--	--	21-0	--	42-0	--	--	--				
Booty	--	--	--	--	--	4-1-0	1-1-0	--				
	--	--	--	--	--	13-0	5-0	--				
Hance	--	--	2-1-0	--	--	--	--	--				
	--	--	13-0	--	--	--	--	--				
Colbert	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--				
	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	--				
Team	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--				
	--	--	--	--	0-0	--	--	--				
Receiving: NO-YDS-TD												
M. Williams	8-104-1	10-124-2	3-70-1	6-96-0	5-108-0	7-129-3	9-112-1	6-43-0				
Colbert	2-13-0	3-68-1	5-86-1	8-81-1	5-100-1	6-90-0	8-120-1	3-91-1				
Byrd	3-63-0	2-19-0	3-28-0	2-60-1	2-68-0	2-30-0	--	--				
Hancock	--	--	--	--	2-42-1	3-19-0	3-28-0	1-52-1				
Guenther	1-6-0	1-7-0	--	2-24-0	1-3-0	1-5-0	2-13-1	1-7-0				
Bush	1-(-6)-0	--	1-28-0	--	--	--	1-38-0	5-132-2				
Dennis	--	--	2-5-0	2-7-0	1-12-0	--	2-23-1	1-10-0				
Smith	1-7-0	--	--	1-9-0	--	--	1-17-0	--				
Wyatt	1-5-0	2-15-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
White	--	--	--	--	1-(-2)-0	--	--	1-10-0				
Kirtman	--	--	1-3-0	--	--	--	1-5-0	--				
McFoy	--	--	1-15-0	--	--	--	--	--				
K. Katnik	--	--	1-13-0	--	--	--	--	--				
Mitchell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-6-0				
Washington	--	--	1-6-0	--	--	--	--	--				
Lewis	--	1-2-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Punting: NO-YDS-LONG												
Malone	7-316-70	6-312-59	3-161-69	4-202-57	5-226-61	3-152-56	--	1-54-54				
Team	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	1-24-24	--				
Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG												
Carlson	--	--	--	1-5-5	4-66-20	3-29-12	3-11-6	2-17-13				
Arbet	2-11-10	2-8-4	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Wyatt	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--				
Team	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--				
Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG												
Bush	--	1-30-30	1-20-20	2-38-24	1-23-23	--	--	2-57-35				
Allmond	--	2-51-30	1-33-33	1-13-13	--	2-39-23	--	--				
Wyatt	--	--	1-31-31	--	--	1-7-7	--	--				
Mitchell	--	--	1-18-18	--	--	--	--	1-6-6				
Team	--	--	1-5-5	--	--	--	--	--				
Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD												
Poole	--	1-0-0	--	1-0-0	--	1-0-0	--	--				
Leach	--	--	1-25-1	--	1-0-0	--	--	--				
Nunn	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-57-1				
Tatupu	--	--	--	1-26-1	--	--	--	--				
Nazel	--	1-16-1	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Bing	1-5-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Rucker	--	--	1-2-0	--	--	--	--	--				
Allmond	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Buchanan	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--				

Name	Auburn	BYU	Hawaii	Cal	Ariz. St.	Stanford	No. Dame	Wash.	Wash. St.	Arizona	UCLA	Ore. St.
Defensive Statistics: TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC												
Tatupu	12-3.5-0-0	11-2-1-0	4-1-1-0	8-0-1-0	--	2-0-2-0	10-2.5-0-0	6-0.5-1-0				
Poole	3-0-1-0	4-1-1-0	9-0-2-0	7-1-1-0	8-0-1-0	4-0-3-0	7-0.5-0-0	9-0-1-0				
Leach	8-0.5-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	11-0-1-0	8-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	8-0-1-0				
Bing	4-0-0-1	3-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	9-1-0-0	6-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	11-0-1-0	3-0-1-0				
Simmons	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-1	--	9-3-1-1	3-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	13-2-0-0	8-2-0-0				
Grootegoed	5-1-0-0	9-0-1-1	4-1-0-0	8-0.5-0-0	9-2-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--				
Patterson	7-1-0-0	7-1.5-0-0	3-0-0-0	5-2-0-1	5-2.5-0-0	4-1-0-1	3-2-0-0	2-0-0-0				
Udeze	2-0.5-0-0	4-1.5-0-0	3-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-1-0-0	4-3-1#-0	6-2.5-1-0	5-2.5-1-0				
Allmond	1-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	6-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-0-0-0				
Sartz	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	--	7-1-0-0	7-0.5-0-0	6-0-0-0				
Urquhart	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	10-0-0-0	--	--	--				
Nazel	1-1-0-1	5-2-0-0	2-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	2-0-0-1	3-0.5-0-0	--				
Nunn	1-0-0-0	--	4-0-0-1*	2-0-0-0	3-1-1-1	5-0-1-0	1-0-1-0	4-0-0-1				
Rucker	2-0-1-0	6-1.5-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-1	8-1-0-0				
Cody	2-1.5-1-0	--	--	3-1.5-1#-0	4-2.5-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	2-1-0-0				
Ashton	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0				
Ross	--	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--				
Faraimo	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0				
Webb	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0				
Arbet	4-1-1-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Ramsey	2-2-0-0	2-0.5-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--				
Otani	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0				
Walker	--	--	--	--	--	3-0-1-0	--	--				
Wyatt	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0				
Buchanon	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	2-0-1-0	--	--				
Washington	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Tofi	--	--	3-1**-0-0	--	--	0-0-1-0	--	--				
Killeen	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--				
Farr	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--				
White	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--				
M. Wright	--	--	--	--	--	2-1-0-0	--	--				
Bottom	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--				
Brown	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--				
B. Ting	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Fletcher	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0				
Hancock	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--				
R. Ting	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0				
Bocage	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--				
M. Williams	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--				
K. Katnik	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--				
Guenther	--	--	--	0-0-1#-0	--	--	--	--				

*Returned for a TD

**Sack for a safety

#Blocked field goal

USC TEAM STATISTICS

	Auburn	BYU	Hawaii	Cal	Ariz. St.	Stanford	No. Dame	Wash.	Wash. St.	Arizona	UCLA	Ore. St.
First Downs	16	17	21	18	20	22	29	26				
Rush	8	4	7	5	10	11	10	12				
Pass	7	10	12	13	10	11	16	11				
Penalty	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	3				
Rush Attempts	36	33	33	24	36	41	45	43				
Yds Gain	142	98	184	104	205	224	213	239				
Yds Lost	19	27	20	5	7	4	18	25				
Net Yards	123	71	164	99	198	220	195	214				
Net Yds Pass	192	235	254	277	331	273	356	351				
Pass Att	30	34	26	39	34	31	36	29				
Pass Com	17	19	18	21	17	19	27	19				
Had Int	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0				
Tot Off Plays	66	67	59	63	70	72	81	72				
Tot Net Yards	315	306	418	376	529	493	551	565				
Avg/Play	4.8	4.6	7.1	6.0	7.6	6.8	6.8	7.8				
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0	3-2	1-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-1				
Penalties-Yds	4-43	7-69	5-41	8-73	3-12	9-95	6-42	6-50				
Punts-Yds	7-316	6-312	30-161	5-202	5-226	3-152	1-24	1-54				
Avg/Punt	45.1	52.0	53.7	40.4	45.2	50.7	24.0	54.0				
Punt Ret-Yds	2-11	2-8	0-0	1-5	5-66	4-29	3-11	2-17				
KO Ret-Yds	0-0	3-81	5-107	3-51	1-23	3-46	0-0	3-63				
Int-Yards	1-5	3-16	2-27	2-26	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-57				
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	1-38	0-0	0-0	1-16	0-0	0-0				
Poss Time	32:15	28:45	27:17	21:34	28:55	30:22	33:30	29:43				
3rd Down Con	4-15	5-16	3-10	3-12	4-13	6-13	4-11	6-11				
4th Down Con	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-4	1-1				
Sacks By-Yds	6-46	6-37	2-27	2-11	5-43	3-22	4-17	2-21				

Game-By-Game Starters

	Auburn	BYU	Hawaii	Cal	Ariz. St.	Stanford	No. Dame	Wash.	Wash. St.	Arizona	UCLA	Ore. St.
Offense												
SE	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms	M. Wil'ms
LT	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers
LG	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made	Van'made
C	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik	N. Katnik
RG	Matua	Matua	Matua	Matua	Matua	Matua	Matua	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake
RT	Justice	Justice	Justice	Justice	Drake	Drake	Justice	Justice	Justice	Justice	Justice	Justice
TE	Byrd	Byrd	Byrd	Byrd	Byrd	Byrd	Byrd	Guenther	Guenther	Guenther	Guenther	Guenther
QB	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart	Leinart
FB	Webb	Webb	Webb	Webb*	Hancock*	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock
TB	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis
FL	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	McFoy	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert
	*Guenther actually started in double tight end formation											

	Auburn	BYU	Hawaii	Cal	Ariz. St.	Stanford	No. Dame	Wash.	Wash. St.	Arizona	UCLA	Ore. St.
Defense												
DE	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze	Udeze
NT	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson	Patterson
DT	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody	Cody
DE	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Nazel	Rucker
SLB	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Gr'teg'd	Sartz	Sartz
MLB	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu	Urquhart	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu	Tatupu
WLB	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
CB	Arbet	Arbet	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole
FS	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach	Leach
SS	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing	Bing
CB	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond	Allmond

OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

	Auburn	BYU	Hawaii	Cal	Ariz. St.	Stanford	No. Dame	Wash.	Wash. St.	Arizona	UCLA	Ore. St.
First Downs	11	19	26	24	20	18	16	21	21	21	21	21
Rush	6	3	5	7	9	7	4	8	8	8	8	8
Pass	4	13	18	16	11	7	11	11	11	11	11	11
Penalty	1	3	3	1	0	4	1	2	2	2	2	2
Rush Attempts	36	26	16	48	44	31	36	32	32	32	32	32
Yds Gain	106	96	93	173	127	119	142	116	116	116	116	116
Yds Lost	63	50	30	30	66	33	31	30	30	30	30	30
Net Yards	43	46	63	143	61	86	111	86	86	86	86	86
Net Yds Pass	121	313	399	326	305	156	168	274	274	274	274	274
Pass Att	26	46	67	37	38	40	34	42	42	42	42	42
Pass Com	12	29	40	27	19	19	115	22	22	22	22	22
Had Int	1	3	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Tot Off Plays	62	72	83	85	82	71	70	74	74	74	74	74
Tot Net Yards	164	359	462	469	366	242	279	360	360	360	360	360
Avg/Play	2.6	5.0	5.6	5.5	4.5	3.4	4.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-2	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-2	1-1	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yds	4-30	10-91	7-65	7-60	6-33	9-65	9-85	8-63	8-63	8-63	8-63	8-63
Punts-Yds	10-363	6-266	4-162	3-113	8-361	5-218	7-246	6-241	6-241	6-241	6-241	6-241
Avg/Punt	36.3	44.3	40.5	37.7	45.1	43.6	35.1	40.2	40.2	40.2	40.2	40.2
Punt Ret-Yds	2-14	2-2	0-0	4-36	2-20	2-3	0-0	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-15
KO Ret-Yds	4-76	6-111	8-139	4-72	2-29	5-135	4-115	8-149	8-149	8-149	8-149	8-149
Int-Yards	0-0	3-23	0-0	3-15	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Poss Time	27:45	31:15	32:43	38:26	31:05	29:38	26:30	30:17	30:17	30:17	30:17	30:17
3rd Down Con	3-15	4-14	6-16	11-18	5-18	7-16	7-16	9-17	9-17	9-17	9-17	9-17
4th Down Con	1-1	0-0	2-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Sacks By-Yds	1-5	4-22	1-8	0-0	2-6	0-0	1-6	1-8	1-8	1-8	1-8	1-8