11 National Championships 34 Bowl Victories 168 All-Americans 6 Heisman Trophy Winners



516 NFL Players 82 NFL 1st Round Draftees 5 No. 1 Overall NFL Draft Picks 22 Academic All-Americans

2020 SCHEDULE (3-0)

<u>OPPONENT</u> DATE TIME/RESULT Nov. 7 Arizona State Nov. 14 at Arizona 34-30 Nov. 21 at Utah W 33-17 Nov. 28 Colorado 12:30 p.m. (ABC) Dec. 4 (Fri.) Washington St. 6:30 p.m. (FS1) Dec. 12 ТВА at UCLA Dec. 18/19 TBA (Pac-12 Championship Week)

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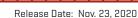
Live local radio: 10:30 a.m. (PT), AM 790 KABC Radio, Pete Arbogast, Shaun Cody, John Jackson, Jordan Moore, Sam Farber, Max Browne (includes 2-hour pre- and postgame shows). Also on the USC Trojan Radio Network--KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs and KSHP-AM 1400 in Las Vegas--as well as USCTrojans.com and KABC.com, SiriusXM satellite radio (channels 206/197 and 959 on internet) and the TuneIn Radio app.

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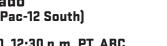
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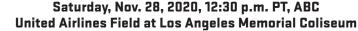




GAME 4 No. 19 USC (3-0 overall, 3-0 Pac-12 South)

Colorado (2-0 overall, 2-0 Pac-12 South)





NO. 19 USC FOOTBALL RETURNS HOME TO COLISEUM TO HOST COLORADO

THEMES

*No. 19 USC returns home to the Coliseum after a 2-game road trip to host Colorado on ABC in a battle of

Troy has never lost to the Buffaloes in 14 meetings.

*Historically, it's rare that Troy's opponent the week of Thanksqiving isn't either Notre Dame or UCLA. It's also the 17th time that the Trojans enter Thanksqiving week without a blemish on their record (and half the time, USC stayed unbeaten the rest of the way).

*This will be just the fourth time that USC has faced an undefeated Colorado squad.

In all 4 of USC's games in 2020 the Trojans will have faced a rested opponent, as the Buffaloes' home! game last week against Arizona State was cancelled because of COVID issues with the Sun Devils.

Now home, USC gets to stay in the Southern California area for the rest of its announced 2020 schedule.* *Coach Clay Helton's USC squad is coming off a defensively-dominant showing at Utah (its first win there since 2012) to move to 3-0 in 2020. USC's offense, Top 25 nationally in total and passing yards per game, is directed by QB **Kedon Slovis**, who continues to top the country in completions and rank in the Top 12 in passing yards, completion percentage (nearly 71%) and total offense. Troy's wideouts are among the game's best, individually and collectively: WRs Amon-Ra St. Brown and Tyler Vaughns (both in USC's Top 20 career receiving list) along with 2-sporter Drake London and Bru McCoy. TE Erik Krommenhoek has emerged as a scoring threat. A pair of 1,000-yard career runners, TBs Stephen Carr and Vavae Malepeai, along with TBs Markese Stepp and speedy Kenan Christon, man the ground attack. The Trojan defense, which had 5 takeaways at Utah, features vets such as Ss Talanoa Hufanga and Isaiah Pola-Mao, DL Marlon Tuipulotu and ILB Kana'i Mauga, plus impressive younger players like OLB Drake Jackson, ILB Ralen Goforth and DL Tuli Tuipulotu (Marlon's brother). Strong-legged freshman PK Parker Lewis nailed 4 field goals at Utah (one shy of the USC record) and none of his 8 kickoffs were returned.

Karl Dorrell, who previously coached across town at UCLA, is in his first year as Colorado's head coach. QB Sam Nover, who spent time last year as a safety, pilots the Buffaloes' high-scoring offense (third nationally at 41.5 points per game), most often throwing to WR Dimitri Stanley. TB Jarek Broussard, who missed the past 2 seasons with a knee injury, is third nationally in rushing, averaging 154.0 yards per game. ILB **Nate Landman**, a 2019 All-Pac-12 first teamer, leads CU's defense (+2.0 in turnover margin, second in the nation), joined by the likes of CB Christian Gonzalez and OLB Carson Wells.

The USC men's and women's basketball teams start their 2021 seasons this week, including a men's game against Montana on Saturday after the football game.

RANKINGS

*USC is ranked No. 19 in the current AP sports media poll and 18th in the Amway coaches poll. Colorado is not ranked.

- *USC has won all 14 of its meetings with Colorado while outscoring the Buffaloes, 485-220.
- *USC is 7-0 against the Buffaloes in Los Angeles games. *In 2018 in the last meeting in the Coliseum, QB JT Daniels threw 3 touchdown passes, including a pair to WR Michael Pittman Jr., and CB Ajene Harris returned an interception for a TD to punctuate a stifling Trojan defensive effort as USC beat undefeated No. 19 Colorado, 31-20. It was Troy's 19th straight victory in the Coliseum, including its 14th consecutive at home against Pac-12 foes.
- *Last year at Colorado, WR Michael Pittman Jr. caught a pair of late touchdown passes from QB **Kedon Slovis**--including a 37-yard game winner with 2:15 to play--to help USC overcome a 10-point fourth quarter deficit and capture its first road win of 2019, 35-31, on a chilly (mid-40s) Friday night. USC played without its top 3 running backs and 4 defensive starters, all out with injuries. The offense went primarily with a 5-wideout formation. See page 4 for a complete recap of that most recent matchup.





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FUN FACT I

USC WR **Tyler Vaughns** is currently tied for fifth on USC's career receptions list (207). With whom is he tied? His current position coach, **Keary Colbert**.

FUN FACT II

Colorado head coach **Karl Dorrell** won just 1 of 5 meetings against USC when he was the head coach at UCLA (2003-07). Conversely, he was 4-1 versus the Trojans as a wide receiver for the Bruins (1982-86).

FUN FACT III

In its history, USC has had only 11 lettermen from Colorado, including 4 from Boulder's Fairview High in CU's backyard (ILB **Joe Barry** lettered in 1992-93, OT **Tony Boselli** in 1991-94, C Chris Foote in 1977-79 and FB-TB Scott Lockwood in 1987-88 and 1990-91). The other Trojan Coloradoans: T Ward Bond in 1928-30, FB **Rory Brown** in 1990 and 1992-93, OG-C **Jeff Byers** in 2004 and 2007-09, CB-S **Brian Kelly** in 1994-97, WR **Ryan Lenderman** in 1993-94, OG-OT Butch Lewis in 2007-10 and TB LenDale White in 2003-05. Of those, 4 were on USC national championship squads (Bond in 1928, Foote in 1978, Byers in 2004 and White in 2003-04), Boselli was a 2-time All-American first teamer, 6 played in the NFL (Boselli, Byers, Foote, Kelly, Lockwood and White), Lewis was on NFL practice squads and Barry is an NFL assistant coach. Bond became an actor best known for his role in "Wagon Train."

VERSUS PAC-12

*USC has won 70.1% (477-195-29) of its games against current Pac-12 opponents (not including 9 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 486-195-29, 70.5%).

IN NOVEMBER

*USC has a 266-134-20 (.657) all-time record while playing in the month of November (not including 3 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty: original record: 269-134-20, .660).

VERSUS UNDEFEATED CU

*This will be just the fourth time that USC has faced an undefeated Buffalo squad. CU was 5-0 in 2018 and the teams opened the 1963 and 1964 seasons against each other (the Trojans won all of those).

UNDEFEATED/UNTIED USC BY THANKSGIVING

*This will be the 17th time that USC enters Thanksgiving week undefeated and untied. The others: 1888-89-91-93-97-1907-18-20-32-52-62-68-72-88-2004-05. On 8 of those occasions, USC remained undefeated through the end of its season (1888-89-1920-32-62-72-2004-05), including winning 4 national championships (1932-62-72-2004). In 10 other seasons, USC was undefeated but had ties on its record entering Thanksgiving week (1900-06-10-27-28-39-44-47-69-79), with the 1928 and 1939 teams going on to win national titles. Note that the 1891 team was playing its first game entering Thanksgiving week, the 1910 squad had ended its season the week prior and the 2005 team later vacated its wins due to NCAA penalty.

NON-ND/UCLA IN THANKSGIVING WEEK

*This will be just the 14th time since 1926 that USC will not face either Notre Dame or UCLA when the Trojans had a game scheduled during Thanksgiving week (the Irish first came on Troy's schedule in 1926, the Bruins in 1929). The other years: 1926 (Montana), 1929 (Washington State), 1930-32-34-39-41 (Washington), 1933 (Georgia), 1965 (Wyoming), 1978 (Hawaii), 1985 (Oregon), 1999 (Louisiana Tech) and 2017 (Stanford).

USC-COLORADO CONNECTIONS

*USC has 1 player from Utah (OL **Joe Bryson** of Rock Canyon HS and Colorado Mesa), while Utah has 30 Californians on its roster.

*USC ILB **Clyde Moore** originally signed with Colorado out of high school and participated in the first week of 2018 fall camp with the Buffs, but he did not eenroll full-time in school and left the team for personal/family reasons.

*UŚC TE **Josh Falo's** brother, **Nu'umotu Falo Jr.**, was an outside linebacker at Colorado (2015-16, 18-19).

*USC wide receivers coach **Keary Colbert** spent part of the 2008 season playing for the Denver Broncos.

*USC associate sports information director Darcy Couch is a 2000 graduate of Colorado.

*Colorado defensive line coach Chris Wilson held a similar position at USC in 2014 and 2015.

*Colorado cornerbacks coach **Demetrice Martin** was a defensive graduate assistant coach at USC in 2006 and 2007.

LAST GAME

*Go to page **27** for a recap of USC's 33-17 victory at Utah on Nov. 21.

2020 SCHEDULE

*USC's 2020 schedule was revised twice from its original iteration. The original 2020 schedule comprised 12 games, with 3 non-conference foes (Alabama, New Mexico, Notre Dame) and 9 league opponents (all but Washington State and Oregon State), with a Sept. 5 opener. In late July, the schedule was revised to 10 games versus conference-only opponents (kicking off on Sept. 26) to better deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Several weeks later, however, the Pac-12 postponed sports competitions until 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns. In late September, the league resumed the football, basketball and winter sports seasons based on updated Pac-12 COVID-19 Medical Advisory Committee recommendations. Now, USC's schedule features 7 games against conference-only opponents, including all 5 Pac-12 South Division foes. Fans will not be allowed at any Pac-12 sports competitions until at least 2021, per league guidelines.

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*This is the fewest regular season games USC has played since 1920, when the Trojans went 6-0. This is USC's fewest home games in a season since playing 2 in 1910 (if Troy hosts a fourth home contest on the last weekend of this regular season, it would be its fewest since also hosting 4 in 1918). This also is the first time ever that USC plays a regular-season schedule composed only of conference opponents. The last time that USC opened its season against a conference opponent was in 1994 versus Washington. This is the first interruption since 1943-44-45 in the historic intersectional series between USC and Notre Dame. This also is the first time since 1914 that USC has not played at least California or Stanford in a season.



<u>USC VS. COLORADO</u> (14-0-0)							
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1964	W	21- 0	Н				
2000	W	17-14	Н				
2002	W	40-3	Α				
2011	W	42-17	Α				
2012	W	50-6	Н				
2013	W	47-29	Α				
2014	W	56-28	Н				
2015	W	27-24	Α				
2016	W	21-17	Н				
2017	W	38-24	Α				
2018	W	31-20	Н				
2019	W	35-31	Α				

THE LETTER

*A letter that USC's players wrote to California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Sept. 15 is credited by many as being the catalyst for the resumption of Pac-12 football in 2020. Until that point, state health guidelines restricted college sports competition in California in the fall of 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic (thereby effectively precluding football from being played by any Pac-12 school). Soon after the USC players' letter, Newsom loosened the state's restrictions. The players' letter reads:

"The reason we are writing this appeal directly to you is that the state of California and its legislators have been the staunchest advocates for student-athlete rights. Over the last few months, athletics departments across the country have started listening to the voices of their student-athletes. It is a credit to your leadership that the state of California has been listening to our voices for years, and we are counting on you to hear us now we want to play

to hear us now: we want to play.

"As we watched the NFL kick off over the weekend and our fellow college football players compete the past few weeks, it left us wondering why we cannot join them. Though it may have been misconstrued, the Pac-12 players' #WeAreUnited movement did not reflect any desire not to play this fall. Instead, we simply wanted to ensure that health and safety would be at the forefront of our conference's planning. The movement helped us secure some important commitments from the conference, such as guaranteed scholarships for those who choose to opt-out of the season. We believe the players in the Pac-12 want to play football as soon as possible.

"The current reality is that there are too many restrictions imposed by state and local public health officials in California that prevent us from resuming practices and competition. We cannot practice in groups larger than 12, we cannot gather as a team, and we cannot utilize any of our indoor facilities. From the onset of this pandemic, the Pac-12 has rightfully and responsibly maintained that their decisions would be based on science, and now it appears that the science and technology have turned in our favor of playing.

"According to the Pac-12's Medical Advisory Committee, daily antigen testing with a turnaround time of less than one hour reduces COVID-19 infectiousness by 100%. With the Pac-12's commitment to daily testing via its new partnership with the Quidel Corporation and the continued dedication to comprehensive health and safety protocols locally on our campus, we feel comfortable proceeding with the season. We are fortunate to receive a level of care from our school that achieves the highest standard in sports, and we should take pride in the Pac-12's Medical Advisory Committee being the first conference in college athletics to form such a significant partnership.

"Governor Newsom, our request of you is that you work with us -- urgently and purposefully -- to find a path forward for us to resume competitions later this fall so that we can have the same opportunity as other teams around the country to play for a national championship. We respect the careful and cautious approach you have taken to college athletics, and we have the utmost confidence that we can partner together to quickly develop a plan that allows us to compete in a 2020 fall football season. Let's find a way to say 'Yes!' Please let us play.

"Ás California goes, so too does the Pac-12 Conference," the letter states. "You can be the champion for the conference of champions and, most importantly, its student-athletes. We believe that if the state of California endorses our season, the conference, other states, respective county and public health officials, and university leaders will follow.

"Thank you for your consideration and leadership during this unprecedented time. We look forard to working with you."

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

*Seven starters returned on offense from 2019: quarterback Kedon Slovis, wide receivers Tyler Vaughns, Amon-Ra St. Brown and Drake London, tailback Vavae Malepeai, offensive linemen Jalen McKenzie and Brett Neilon and tight end Erik Krommenhoek. London and Krommenhoek split starts. Other offensive players back with starting experience are quarterback Matt Fink, tailbacks Stephen Carr and Kenan Christon, tight end Josh Falo and offensive linemen Alijah Vera-Tucker, Andrew Vorhees, Liam Jimmons and Justin Dedich.

*USC brought back most of its 2019 offensive production: its 2 leading passers, top 6 rushers and 7 of its top 8 pass catchers. Last fall, the Trojans averaged 455.4 yards of total offense, including a school-record 335.8 passing yards, and 32.5 points a game. USC was in the national Top 25 in 6 offensive categories last fall: fourth in completion percentage (.710), sixth in passing offense, 12th in passing efficiency (159.0), 20th in total offense, 21st in third down conversions (.456) and 24th in first downs (301). The 2019 Trojans also set school season pass marks for total passing yards (4,365), completion percentage (71.0%), completions (365) and attempts (514). But Troy's 119.6 rushing yards last year were its fewest since 2001.

QUARTERBACKS

*USC has 3 quarterback with starting experience...and wins.

*However, USC did lose JT Daniels to transfer. After starting in 2018 as a true freshman and throwing for 2,672 yards with 14 TDs, he started 2019 on fire (73.5% completions and 215 yards in the first half of the opener) but then tore knee ligaments and was sidelined the rest of the season.

*The incumbent is precocious sophomore **Kedon Slovis** (94-of-133, 70.7%, 970 yds, 5 TD, 2 int in 2020, plus 12 tcb, 1 yds, 0.1 avg), who had a record-setting debut last fall as a true freshman and now is showing up in various 2020 Heisman Trophy projections (he was the nation's most accurate returning passer). He currently is first nationally in completions (31.3, first in Pac-12), eighth in both passing yards (323.3, first in Pac-12) and completion percentage (.707, first in Pac-12) and 12th in total offense (323.7, second in Pac-12). He already is 11th on USC's career passing list with 376 completions. He has completed at least 70.0% of his passes in 7 of his 14 career games. He has 7 career 300-yards passing games (including in 5 of the past 7 outings). He has thrown 30 TDs in the past 11 games. In the fouth quarter in his career, he has thrown 11 TDs with no interceptions. The 2019 Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year and Freshman All-American first teamer took over when starter Daniels went down late in the first half of last year's opener and never looked back, completing a USC, Pac-12 and freshman NCAA record 71.9% of his passes for a USC frosh record 3,502 yards with 30 TDs and just 9 picks. His 167.6 passing efficiency mark was a school record, while his 282 completions and 3,445 yards of total offense were Trojan freshman standards. His 4 games with 400-plus passing yards-including a USC record 515 versus UCLA—set a USC season record and ties the school career mark. Slovis completed at least 67% of his passes in all but 1 of the 12 games he played last fall. He ranked in the nation's Top 20 in completion percentage, passing yards, completions, passing efficiency, passing TDs and total offense.

*Slovis wasn't immune to injury, either. When he suffered a concussion on the second play of last year's Utah game, senior **Matt Fink** took over and led USC to a victory over the No. 10 Utes by throwing for 351 yards and 3 scores. He started the next game at Washington as Slovis remained sidelined and also played most of the second half against lowa in the Holiday Bowl when Slovis hurt his throwing elbow.



THE LAST MEETING: 2019 USC VS. COLORADO

GAME 8 - October 25, Boulder, Colorado USC 35, Colorado 31

Att: 48,913

USC	7	7	7	14	 35
Colorado	3	14	14	0	 31

WR Michael Pittman Jr. caught a pair of late touchdown passes from QB Kedon Slovis--including a 37-yard game winner with 2:15 to play--to help USC overcome a 10-point fourth quarter deficit and capture its first road win of 2019, 35-31 at Colorado, on a chilly (mid-40s) Friday night in front of 48,913 fans and an ESPN2 audience.

The win kept USC undefeated (14-0) against the Buffaloes. It was Troy's second Friday game of 2019, the first time that has occurred in the regular season since 1977.

USC played without its top 3 running backs and 4 defensive starters, all out with injuries. The offense went primarily with a 5-wideout formation.

USC scored on the game's opening drive, as WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** lined up in the backfield and took a handoff 37 yards for a score. Colorado then scored the next 17 points, first on a 22-yard field goal by PK James Stefanou, then on a pair of 7-yard TD passes from QB Steven Montez to WR K.D. Nixon (the first coming after Slovis was intercepted in Buffalo territory and the second late in the first half). But USC got it to 17-14 at halftime on Slovis' 3-yard scoring pass to TB **Kenan** Christon.

Two plays into the second half, Colorado WR Laviska Shenault took a Montez pass 71 yards for a TD, but USC countered right back with a 21-yard Slovis touchdown pass to WR **Tyler Vaughns**. The Buffs responded on the ensuing possession, with Montez scring on a 17-yard run to make it 31-21 midway into the

But Colorado would not get inside USC's 40 on its final 5 possessions and managed just 45 total yards in the fourth quarter (and went 1-of-5 on third downs)

Slovis hit Pittman on a 44-yard scoring bomb early in the fourth quarter and

Slovis hit Pittman on a 44-yard scoring bomb early in the fourth quarter and then directed the Trojans on the 12-play, 89-yard game-winning drive.

Slovis was 30-of-44 for 406 yards and 4 TDs overall (all career highs) with an interception, including going 9-of-13 for 148 yards and the 2 TDs in the fourth quarter. Pittman had 7 catches for 156 yards (4 for 104 in the final period), Vaughns had 8 receptions for 104 yards, St. Brown had 5 catches for 55 yards and ran for 50 yards on 3 tries and Christon had a game-best 76 yards on 14 rushes. Pittman and Vaughns were the first Trojan duo to both get 100 receiving yards in a game since Deontay Burnett had 139 and Vaughns had 119 against Ohio State in the 2018 Cotton Bowl.

ILB **John Houston Jr.** had a game-high 9 tackles with a deflection, while ILB Kana'i Mauga added 8 stops (1 for loss).

Both teams' offenses were productive, with USC getting a season-best 518 total yards to Colorado's 520, a Trojan opponent season high (the Buffs ran for 196 yards). USC's 30 first downs were its most since getting 30 against Arizona in 2017. Colorado had 25 first downs and held the ball 34:07, but had 13 penalties for 109 yards and converted just 5-of-14 third downs

Montez completed 27-of-43 passes for 324 yards and ran for 45 yards on 7 carries, Shenault had 9 catches for 172 yards and Buff TB Alex Fontenot gained 57

yards on 16 rushes.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC -- St. Brown 37-yard run (McGrath kick)

COLO -- Stefanou 22-yard field goal

Second Quarter

COLO -- Nixon 7-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)
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USC -- Christon 3-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

Third Quarter COLO -- Sheanault 71-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)

USC -- Vaughns 21-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

COLO -- Montez 17-yard run (Stefanou kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Pittman 44-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick) USC -- Pittman 37-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)

USC	STATISTICS	COLORADO
30	First Downs	25
112	Net Yards Rushing	196
406	Net Yards Passing	324
44	Passes Attempted	43
30	Passes Completed	27
1	Had Intercepted	0
70	Total Plays	77
518	Total Yards	520
4/46.0	Punts/Avg	6/42.3
2/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
5/50	Penalties/Yards	13/109
25:53	Time of Possession	34:07

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Christon (USC) 14-76; Fontenot (COLO) 16-57; St. Brown (USC) 3-50; Montez (COLO) 7-45; Mangham (COLO) 7-38.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 30-44-406; Montez (COLO) 27-43-324.

RECEIVING - Shenault (COLO) 9-172; Vaughns (USC) 8-104; Pittman (USC) 7-156;

ondon (USC) 7-85; Brown (CÓLO) 5-67; St. Brown (USC) 5-55; Fontenot (COLO). 5-29; Nixon (COLO) 3-20.

*Coming this fall as walk-ons were senior graduate transfer **Mo** Hasan, who spent the past 2 years as a backup at Vanderbilt (throwing just 17 passes) but started in a victory over Missouri in 2019, and true freshman Isaac Ward. Soph walk-on Brad Aoki moves from wideout.

--Slovis hit 72.7 percent of his passes as he completed a USC game record 40 passes on 55 attempts (2 shy of the school mark) for 381 yards and 2 TD's with an interception and ran for 21 yards on 6 tries, against <u>Arizona State</u>, with both scoring tosses coming on fourth down in the final 3 minutes for a comeback victory to earn <u>Davey O'Brien National</u>

Quarterback Award Great 8, Manning Award Star of the Week and

<u>CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week</u> honors.

--Slovis started slowly at <u>Arizona</u> but finished on fire, as he completed 30-of-43 passes (69.8%) for 325 yards with a TD, but he was 13-of-15 in the fourth quarter for 143 yards and the TD, including hitting his last 12

aerials (with the TD) on USC's final 2 scoring drives.

--Slovis was 24-of-35 for 264 yards with 2 short TDs with an interception at <u>Utah</u> (he was 14-of-17 for 125 yards in the second half, including hitting all 5 of his throws in the fourth quarter).

RUNNING BACKS

*USC returned its entire stable of productive and effective tailbacks, and each supplies a different running style. Together, they combined for more than 1,500 rushing yards with 16 TDs in 2019.

*Seniors Vavae Malepeai [33 tcb, 130 yds, 3.9 avg, 2 TD in 2020, plus 13 rec, 57 yds, 4.4 avg) and **Stephen Carr** [23 tcb, 122 yds, 5.3 avg, 2 TD in 2020, plus 5 rec, 12 yds, 2.4 avg) are the veterans of the corps, able to carry and catch the ball equally well. The hard-charging Malepeai has 1,394 running yards with 16 scores in his career, including a teamhability 100 years and 6 TDs in 2019 with 7 starts despite mission 5 autings. high 503 yards and 6 TDs in 2019 with 7 starts despite missing 5 outings with a knee issue. He also has 46 receptions at USC (15 in 2019). The explosive <u>Carr</u>, who has 1,276 career rushing yards with 11 TDs as well as 52 receptions, ran for 396 yards with 5 TDs last fall and caught 22 passes, but missed 3 mid-season games with a hamstring strain. He

also has returned 15 kickoffs in his career.

*Sophomore Markese Stepp (26 tcb, 135 yds, 5.2 avg, 2 TD in 2020, plus 2 rec, 12 yds, 6.0 avg) is a bruising runner at 235 pounds. He rumbled for 307 yards and 3 touchdowns in 2019 before missing the last 6 games with an ankle sprain. Adding lightning to Stepp's thunder is soph speedster **Kenan Christon** (6 tcb, 59 yds, 9.8 avg in 2020, plus 1 rec, -3 yds, -3.0 avg), who brought his 10.30 time in the 100 meters to USC's track team this past spring (until the track season was cancelled due to the coronavirus) after winning the California state 100 and 200 meters as a high school senior. He played in USC's last 7 games of 2019 and collected 373 rushing yards (he also caught 11 passes) while getting 3 starts. He had 103 second-half yards with 2 scores off the bench against Arizona when Malepeai, Carr and Stepp were sidelined by injuries.

*Senior **Quincy Jountti** (1 FR in 2020), a one-time walk-on who was awarded a scholarship last fall, adds depth to the tailback rotation and also is a key special teams performer.

*There's also senior **Grant Jones**, a converted inside linebacker, and fellow walk-on Ben Easington, a junior who has yet to carry the ball at USC (he missed last season with a torn knee ligament after a shoulder injury downed him for most of 2018). Senior Samuel Oram-Jones, a graduate transfer from Vanderbilt who also played in college in his native England, and true freshman **Matt Colombo**, both walk-ons, enrolled this

fall (Jones is out with a broken leg). -Malepeai led USC with 60 yards on 8 carries and added 4 receptions for 23 yards against <u>Arizona State</u>, Stepp added 53 yards on 14 carries with a short TD and had 2 catches for 12 yards, Carr had 45 yards on 10 carries with a short TD and caught 5 passes for 12 yards and Jountti recovered a fumble.

--Stepp led USC with 82 yards on 12 carries with a short TD at Arizona, Carr added 81 yards on 11 tries with a TD, Malepeai had 7 yards on 6 carries with the game-winning 8-yard TD run with 25 seconds to play and he also caught 5 passes for 20 yards and Christon had a 4-yard run and had a reception for minus 3 yards.

--Malepeai had a game-high 62 yards on 20 carries with a short TD and caught 4 passes for 14 yards at <u>Utah</u>, while Christon jetted for 55 yards on 5 carries (including a 47-yard run) and Carr had a carry for minus . 3 yards.

WIDE RECEIVERS

*Although USC lost its leading pass catcher from 2019, its receiving corps is well stocked with the returning wideouts having accounted for 194 receptions and 18 touchdowns last fall.

*But the loss of All-Pac-12 first teamer Michael Pittman Jr. can't be overlooked. The winner of the 2019 Pop Warner College Football Award and a finalist for the Biletnikoff and Witten Awards caught 101 passes with 11 TDs last season and was in the national Top 20 in receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs. He ended his career 12th on USC's career receptions list (171). And gone as a transfer to Tennessee is Velus Jones Jr., who grabbed 36 career passes (6 in 2019) but made his mark as a kickoff returner the last 3 years (he had a USC career record 81 kickoff runbacks and was second on the school's all-time kickoff return yardage chart).



WATCH LISTS

TB Stephen Carr

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

Talanoa Hufanga

Bednarik Award (top defensive player) Nagurski Award (top defensive player) Thorpe Award (top defensive back)
Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player)
Witten Award (College Man of the Year)*

OLB Drake Jackson

Bednarik Award (top defensive player) Nagurski Award (top defensive player)

SNP Damon Johnson

Mannelly Award (top long snapper) TE **Erik Krommenhoek**

Campbell Trophy (top scholar-athlete)*

TB Vavae Malepeai

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

OL Brett Neilon

Rimington Trophy (top center)

QB Kedon Slovis

Maxwell Award (top player)

Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback) Manning Award (top quarterback)

NR Amon-Ra St. Brown

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver) Hornung Award (most versatile player) WR **Tyler Vaughns**

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

OL Alijah Vera-Tucker Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)

Head Coach Clay Helton Good Works Team (top community service)
Bear Bryant Award (top head coach) Dodd Trophy (top head coach)

PRE-SEASON HONORS

SNP **Damon Johnson** (Phil Steele) and P **Ben Griffiths** (Pro Football Focus) were named 2020 pre-season All-American first teamers. OL **Alijah** Vera-Tucker was a pre-season All-American second team pick, while QB **Kedon Slovis** (Phil Steele) and WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (Athlon, Phil Steele) were fourth teamers. Johnson, Griffiths, Vera-Tucker, Slovis, St. Brown, WR Tyler Vaughns, OLB Drake Jackson and S Talanoa Hufanga were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-12 first teams. In early November, 6 Trojans--more than any other school--were selected to the Pre-Season All-Pac-12 first team chosen by the media who cover Pac-12 Football: Slovis, St. Brown, Vaughns, Vera-Tucker, Jackson and Hufanga. Griffiths made the second team, while DL **Marlon Tuipulotu**, CB **Olaijah Griffin** and S Isaiah Pola-Mao were honorable mention.

IN-SEASON HONORS

QB **Kedon Slovis** CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Off, Player of Week (11/8) Davey D'Brien Award Great 8 (11/9) Manning Award Star of Week (11/9) DL Marlon Tuipulotu

Pac-12 Defensive Lineman of Week (11/9)

*Headlining USC's 2020 receiver group are senior Tyler Vaughns (18 rec, 185 yds, 10.3 avg, 1 TD in 2020, plus 1 PR, -4 yds, -4.0 avg], a 3-year starter entering 2020, and junior **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (19 rec, 266 yds, 14.0 avg in 2020, plus 2 KOR, 43 yds, 21.5 avg and 4 PR, 32 yds, 8.0 avg). The vets each had 4 100-yard receiving games in 2019. Vaughns is tied for fifth on USC's all-time receptions list (207), which is tied for 24th on the Pac-12 career chart, and has 7 100-yard receiving outings and 18 TDs in his career. Last fall, he caught 74 passes with 6 scores. St. Brown joined Pittman as a 1,000-yard receiver in 2019 (he had 1,042) while snagging 77 passes with 6 TDs. St. Brown currently is 24th nationally in punt returns (8.0, first in Pac-12) and 25th in receptions (6.3, fourth in Pac-12). In his career, St. Brown has 156 receptions with 9 scores to rank 16th on USC's all-time list. He had a streak of 4 consecutive 100-yard receiving outings (last 2 games in 2019, first 2 in 2020). Both also are experienced punt returners (Vaughns has 28 in his career, St. Brown 17).

*Also back is promising sophomore **Drake London** (15 rec, 238 yds, 15.9 avg, 1TD in 2020), who emerged by the middle of last season as a key option in USC's passing attack. In 2019, he caught 39 passes (all but 3 in the final half of the season) with 5 TDs (1 in each of the final 5 games). London, also a standout basketball

player, joined the Trojan hoops team soon after 2019 football season ended.

Four other young receivers from last year's roster will battle for increased action: sophomores John **Jackson III** (1 réc, 23 yds, 23.0 avg in 2020) and **Munir McClain** and redshirt freshmen **Kyle Ford** and **Bru** McCoy (13 rec,142 yds, 10.9 avg, 1 TD in 2020, plus 1 FR). Jackson appeared in 11 games last fall but did not have a catch, McClain was off to a nice start in 2019 (he had 3 receptions) but tore knee ligaments in midseason, Ford had a TD on his only catch of 2019 and was able to redshirt after seeing action in only 4 late-

season games (however, he likely will miss this season with another knee injury) and McCoy sat out 2019.
*There also are 6 walk-ons in senior **Kohl Hollinquest**, a grad transfer from Penn whose father (Lamont) played at USC, junior Jack Webster, soph Zach Wilson, redshirt freshman Chase Locke and true freshmen Danny Ryan and Ty Shamblin. Webster and Wilson have seen brief action in USC games, but have not

caught a pass.

Two receivers graduated a semester early from high school and joined the Trojans as freshmen this spring: prep All-Americans **Gary Bryant Jr.** (1 rec, 3 yds, 3.0 avg in 2020, plus 2 KOR, 36 yds, 18.0 avg) and

Joshua Jackson Jr.

-London had a game-high 8 catches for 125 yards against <u>Arizona State,</u> including a game-winning 21yard grab over 2 defenders on fourth down with 1:20 to play, while St. Brown added 7 grabs for 100 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 43 yards and 2 punt returns for 15 yards, Vaughns had 7 receptions for 53 yards and McCoy had 5 catches for 51 yards with a 26-yard TD on fourth down with 2:52 to play off a tipped ball and then he recovered the ensuing onside kick that led to USC's game-winning drive. --St. Brown had 7 catches for 113 yards and 2 punt returns for 17 yards at <u>Arizona</u>, while Vaughns added 7

receptions for 70 yards, London had 4 grabs for 68 yards, McCoy caught 3 passes for 25 yards, John Jackson

had a 23-yard reception and Bryant had a 3-yard catch.

--McCóy (66 yards) and St. Árown (53 yards) each had a game-high 5 receptions at <u>Utah,</u> while Vaughns had 4 catches for 62 yards with a short TD and returned a punt for minus 4 yards, London had 3 grabs for 45 vards and Bryant had 2 kickoff returns for 36 yards.

TIGHT ENDS

Most of USC's tight end crew from 2019 is back. Look for the position to become more involved in the passing attack in 2020.

*Seniors **Erik Krommenhoek** (4 rec, 30 yds, 7.5 avg, 2 TD in 2020) and **Josh Falo** manned the position last year, but were used primarily as blockers. <u>Between them, they have 37 career receptions</u>, including 15 in 2019. Krommenhoek was a comificion of the state of 2019. Krommenhoek was a semifinalist for the 2020 Campbell Trophy

*Two redshirt freshmen, **Jude Wolfe** (2 catches, 5 yds, 2.5 avg in 2020) and **Ethan Rae**, will push to get into the mix. Wolfe saw limited time in À games in 2019 and was able to rédshirt, while Rae sat out last fall while recuperating from a high school knee injury (he could continue to be slowed in 2020)

*There also are a pair of untested walk-ons in senior **Scott Voigt** and redshirt freshman **Sean Mahoney**.

--Wolfe caught 2 passes for 5 yards against Arizona State.

--Krommenhoek's reception at <u>Arizona</u> was a 6-yard TD with 3:30 to play (the first of his career).

--krommenhoek had 3 catches for 24 yards at <u>Utah</u>, including a 10-yard TD.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

*USC had to replace both offensive tackles, and they were good ones. Left tackle Austin Jackson was a 2-year starter who earned All-Pac-12 first team honors last season. He declared for the NFL as a junior. Drew Richmond, the right tackle, came to USC in 2019 as a graduate transfer after starting for 3 seasons at Tennessee.

But there are plenty of talented offensive linemen remaining. In fact, five linemen came into 2020' having notched quality starts.

Leading the way is junior **Alijah Vera-Tucker**, who Pro Football Focus ranked as the conference's top* guard in 2019 (he was on the left side). Versatile junior Jalen McKenzie started primarily at right guard last year, but he also was used at right tackle. Fellow junior **Brett Neilon** started 11 games at center in 2019, a steady anchor to the line.

*Sénior **Liam Jimmons**, who came to USC as a defensive lineman but moved to offense last year, rotated often with McKenzie at guard, starting twice. Junior **Andrew Vorhees** started 2017 and 2018 at right guard, but an early-season ankle injury knocked him out last season. Sophomore **Justin Dedich** started twice last year at center when Neilon was hurt.

Looking to get into the playing rotation are a number of returning linemen with limited experience' to date: sophomores Liam Douglass and AJ Mageo and redshirt freshmen Jason Rodriguez and Gino Quinones.

*Also available are walk-ons **Mark Zuvich**, a sophomore, and juniors **Damian Lopez** and **Joe Bryson**, a transfer from Colorado Mesa.

Senior linemen Frank Martin II and Bernard Schirmer both opted out this season.

Half of USC's 2020 signing class was offensive linemen. Coming aboard in the fall as freshmen were* prep All-American **Jonah Monheim**, along with Casey Collier, Andres Dewerk, Courtland Ford, Andrew Milek and Caadyn Stephen.

--Vera-Tucker, Vorhees, Neilon, Jimmons and McKenzie started against <u>Arizona State</u> and <u>Utah</u>.

--Vera-Tucker, Vorhees, Dedich, Jimmons and McKenzie staarted at Arizona.



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WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY

**No media availability. **7 p.m. PT--Coach Helton on Tro-jans Live, 790KABC Radio.

TUESDAY

**7:45 a.m. PT--Coach Helton, offensive coach, two players available to media via Zoom.

**4 p.m. PT--USC practice closed to media due to COVID-19 protocols.

WEDNESDAY

**8 a.m. PT--Defensive coach, two players available to media via Zoom.

*4 p.m. PT--USC practice closed to media due to COVID-19 protocols.

THURSDAY

**8 a.m. PT--Coach Helton available to media via Zoom.

**4 p.m. PT--USC practice closed to media.

FRIDAY

**No media availability.

SATURDAY

**12:30 p.m. PT--USC vs. Colorado, Los Angeles Coliseum.

**Post-game Zoom media interviews with coach Helton, players.

SUNDAY

**6 p.m. PT--Coach Helton available to media via Zoom. All times subject to change (NDTE: Contact USC SID Tim Tessalone for the media-only Zoom link)

USC ONLINE MEDIA CENTER-An online media center at USCTrojans.com/ fb-media includes photos and video of USC practices, as well as links to recordings of Zoom pressers and weekly game notes. On game days, the media center houses media guides, flip card, game program, photos, video, Zoom post-game presser links, final stats, notes and quotes. Contact USC SID Tim Tessalone for the login/password.

USC WEBSITE-USC's athletic website is **USCTrojans.com**. Live Stats are available there. USC Athletics also can be followed on Twitter (Twitter.com/ USC_Athletics), Facebook (Facebook. com/USCTrojans), Instagram [Instagram.com/USC_Athletics] and YouTube (YouTube.com/USCAthletics). The USC Trojan Text Alert program allows fans to get real-time Trojans news (text "Trojans" to 51234). There also are free apps for USCTrojans.com and USC Game Day.

PAC-12 ONLINE-The Pac-12's official website is Pac-12.com

COLLEGE PRESS BOX-The official media website for Division I football is CollegePressBox.com. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for each conference and its member schools. For access, go to collegepressbox.com/register.

DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Eight defensive starters returned from 2019: outside linebacker Drake Jackson, defensive lineman Marlon Tuipulotu, safeties Talanoa Hufanga and Isaiah Pola-Mao, co-starting inside linebackers Palaie Gaoteote IV and Kana'i Mauga, cornerback Olaijah Griffin, co-starters at cornerback Isaac Taylor-Stuart and Chris Steele and safety Greg Johnson. Other defensive players back with career starts are inside linebacker Jordan losefa, defensive linemen Brandon Pili, Caleb Tremblay, Connor Murphy and Jacob Lichtenstein, safety Chase Williams, safety Max Williams, cornerback Dorian Hewett, outside linebacker Hunter Echols and inside linebacker Eli'jah Winston.

*The Trojan defense has 11 of its top 13 tacklers back from 2019, as well as its leaders in sacks, tackles for loss, interceptions, deflections and forced fumbles. But last year the defense allowed a USC opponent record 408.7 total yards (including 246.2 through the air) and 29.4 points (the most since 2000) while getting just 16 takeaways.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The defensive front should be a position of strength for USC despite losing linemen Jay Tufele, an All-Pac-12 first teamer in 2019 when he made 41 tackles with 4.5 sacks (he declared for the NFL this summer as

a junior), and Christian Rector, who started 23 games in his career and made 107 tackles.

*Plugging the middle is effective junior **Marlon Tuipulotu** (20 tac, 3.5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF in 2020), a starter the past 2 years with 81 tackles and 11.5 stops for a loss coming into 2020. Experienced senior

Brandon Pili (2 tac in 2020) has filled in often at various line spots.

*Several of the backups have seen key playing time, including seniors Caleb Tremblay (2 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2020) and Connor Murphy (1 tac, 1 FR in 2020), who each own career starts, and juniors Nick Figueroa (12 tac, 3 for loss, 0.5 sack in 2020) and Jacob Lichtenstein. Then there are sophomore Trevor Trout (a back injury likely will sideline him in 2020) and redshirt freshmen De'jon Benton, Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (1 tac in 2020) and converted inside linebacker Maninoa Tufono, all who saw brief action last fall.

*Prep All-American **Kobe Pepe** graduated from high school a semester early and enrolled at USC as a freshman this spring. Joining in the fall as frosh were prep All-American Jamar Sekona and Tuli Tuipulotu

(8 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2020), Marlon's younger brother.

--Marlon Tuipulotu had 8 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack), against <u>Arizona State</u> to earn <u>Pac-12</u> Defensive Lineman of the Week honors, while Figueroa added 5 tackles (with 1.5 for losses) and Tremblay had 2 tackles (0.5 for losses).

-Marlon Tuipulotu led USC with 8 tackles (0.5 for loss) at <u>Arizona</u>, Tuli Tuipulotu added 5 tackles, Figueroa

had 4 tackles and Murphy and Ta'ufo'ou each had a tackle.

--Marlon Tuipulotu ˈhad 4 tackles with a sack at <u>Utah</u>, Tuli Tuipulotu had 3 tackles with a sack while starting, Figueroa had 3 tackles (1 for a loss), Pili had 2 tackles and Murphy recovered a fumble.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

*USC's cadre of outside linebackers is led by sophomore **Drake Jackson** (10 tac, 3 for loss, 2 sacks, 1 int in 2020), a 2019 Freshman All-American first teamer when he led the Trojans in tackles for loss (11.5) and sacks

(5.5). He attacked from the edge as a defensive lineman in 2019.*Juniors Hunter Echols (7 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2020) and Juliano Falaniko are experienced. Echols started

twice last year, but is coming off late-season shoulder surgery.

Sophomore **Abdul-Malik McClain**, Munir's older brother, showed well in 2019 when healthy. Shoulder» and knee injuries limited him to 5 games last year (he had post-season surgery on his shoulder)

*There also are 2 walk-ons: junior **Bryce Matthews**, who is coming off a back injury that knocked him out all of 2019, and Peter Esparza.

-Jackson had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) against <u>Arizona State</u> and Echols added a tackle.

--Jackson had 5 tackles, including 2 sacks, at <u>Arizona</u>, while Echols added 2 tackles. --Echols had 4 tackles (0.5 for loss) at <u>Utah</u> and Jackson had 2 tackles and an interception.

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Gone is 3-year starting inside linebacker John Houston Jr., who led the Trojans in tackles in 2019 with"

104. He had 271 stops in his career. But USC is deep at the inside linebacker spot.

*Juniors **Palaie Gaoteote IV** (9 tac in 2020) and **Kana'i Mauga** (15 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 sack in 2020) shared starts inside in 2019 next to Houston, with Mauga getting 8 and Gaoteote 7. Mauga was fourth on the Trojans in tackles last fall with 61 and Gaoteote was right behind with 58 despite missing 5 games with ankle injuries.

*Several other returnees have some playing experience and will compete for time: sophomores Ralen Goforth (23 tac, 1.5 for loss, 2 dfl in 2020), Raymond Scott (3 tc, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2020), who can also play safety, and Eli'jah Winston, who missed the first half of 2019 with an ankle sprain (he started once), and redshirt freshman Tuasivi Nomura, who appeared briefly in 4 games in 2019 but did not make a tackle. Winston likely will miss the 2020 season with an ankle injury.

*Senior **Jordan losefa**, who has 16 career starts at inside and outside linebacker, was in line to start on the inside last fall but he dislocated his kneecap in fall camp and missed the 2019 season. Another knee injury

at the start of 2020 fall camp will keep him out this season.

*After being sidelined his first 2 seasons at USC with a foot injury, sophomore **Solomon Tuliaupupu** was hopeful of getting back on the field in 2020 before a knee injury in 2020 fall camp sidelined him. And soph Tayler Katoa is back after a 2-year Mormon mission.

Three walk-ons bolster the inside linebacker unit: soph Spencer Gilbert, redshirt freshman Clyde Moore, who sat out last year with a knee injury, and true freshman Danny Lockhart Jr.

-Gaoteote had 7 tackles against <u>Arizona State</u>, Goforth added 5 stops (0.5 for loss) and Mauga had 1 tackle.

--Goforth had 6 tackles (0.5 for loss) at <u>Arizona</u>, Scott had 3 tackles (with a sack), Mauqa added 3 tackles and Gaoteote had 2.

--Goforth had a game-best 12 tackles (0.5 for loss) and 2 deflections at <u>Utah,</u> while Mauga started and had 11 tackles (1.5 for loss, with a sack).

DEFENSIVE BACKS

*USC's secondary, which was young in 2019 but is now experienced and deep, welcomed almost everyone back in 2020.

The Trojans feature one of the nation's top safety duos in juniors **Talanoa Hufanga (**24 tac, 0.5 for loss, * 2 int, 1 FF, 1 dfl in 2020) at strong safety and Isaiah Pola-Mao (18 tac, 1 for loss, 3 dfl, 2 FR in 2020) at free safety. Hufanga (90) and Pola-Mao (73) were second and third on the team in tackles last year. Hufanga's 18 tackles against UCLA were the most by a Trojan since Troy Polamalu's 20 against Utah in 2001. Pola-Mao had a team-best 4 picks last fall, including 1 in 3 consecutive games (the first Trojan to do so since 1998) and 2 of his thefts were in the end zone. <u>In their careers, Hufanga has 165 stops and Pola-Mao has</u>



99. Hufanga had 2019 post-season shoulder surgery. Hufanga currently is sixth nationally in interceptions (0.7, third in Pac-12) and Pola-Mao is

fourth in fumbles recovered (2, first in Pac-12).

Three players who shared time at cornerback in 2019 returned: junior Olaijah Griffin (12 tac, 0.5 for loss, 3 dfl in 2020, plus 3 KOR, 52 yds, 17.3 avg), who led the Trojans in deflections last fall with 9, and sophomores Isaac-Taylor Stuart (2 tac in 2020) and Chris Steele (9 tac, 2 dfl, 1 int in 2020), who split starts in 2019. Taylor-Stuart suffered torn knee ligaments in last year's Holiday Bowl.

'Junior safety **Greg Johnson** (13 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl in 2020), who was

USC's nickelback last fall, also returned.

There are plenty of tested backups in the secondary. At safety, there are sophomores **Chase Williams**, who had 5 career entering 2020, Briton Allen (1 tac in 2020) and Kaulana Makaula, and redshirt frosh Max Williams (5 tac, 0.5 for loss, 0.5 sack in 2020), who started twice last year at nickelback. At corner, there are sophomores Dorian Hewett (1 tac in 2020) who started once in 2019, and Jayden Williams (1 tac in 2020) and redshirt freshman Adonis Otey

*Four walk-ons also are available: senior graduate transfer safety Micah Croom from Dartmouth, soph safety Jordan McMillan, junior cornerback Jack Drake and true freshman safety Tommy Maurice.

--Hufanga had a team-best 10 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a forced fumble against <u>Arizona State</u>, Pola-Mao added 7 tackles (1 for loss), 2 deflections and 1 fumble recovery, Griffin had 4 tackles and a deflection, Johnson had 4 tackles, Steele had a tackle and 2 deflections and Taylor-Stuart and Max Williams had a tackle.

--Johnson had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection at <u>Arizona</u>, Pola-Mao had 5 tackles, Hufanga had 4 tackles and an interception, Griffin had 4 tackles and a deflection, Max Williams had 3 tackles (0.5 for a loss) and Jayden Williams, Allen and Hewett each had a tackle.

--Hufánga had 10 tackles, an interception and a deflection at <u>Utah</u>, Pola-Mao added 6 tackles, a fumble recovery and a deflection, Steele had 5 tackles and an interception, Griffin had 4 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a deflection, Johnson had 3 tackles and Max Williams and Taylor-Stuart each had a tackle.

SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

*USC returned all but its kickoff returner on special teams: its punter (Ben Griffiths), placekickers (Chase McGrath, Michael Brown), kickoff specialist (Alex Stadthaus), long snapper (Damon Johnson), holder (Ben Griffiths) and punt returners (Amon-Ra St. Brown, Tyler Vaughns)

Troy's punting average (41.2) last year was its highest since 2012 and only 10 of the team's 52 punts were returned (just 3 were touchbacks). USC's 14 field goals were its fourth most since 2008. The Trojans had a punt return for a TD in 2019 and they blocked 2 field goals. But USC's 5.6-yard punt return average was its lowest since 1986 and its 21.2-yard kickoff return mark was its fifth lowest since 2002. Its kickoff return defense (29.8) ranked last nationally in 2019 and USC allowed 2 scoring kick returns for the first time since 2011.

*At punter, USC brought back strong-legged sophomore **Ben Griffiths** (45.6 P avg in 2020), who played professional Australian rules football before arriving at USC last season. He averaged 41.2 yards per boot in 2019, with 22 of his 52 punts pinning opponents within the 20-yard line. He only had 3 touchbacks. Behind him are 3 walk-ons: redshirt freshmen Will Rose and Michael Shahidi and true frosh Michael McAllister.

*USC features a pair of placekickers with extensive experience. Junior **Chase McGrath**, Troy's kicker in 2017 and 2019 (and for 3 games in 2018 before getting hurt), has <u>32 career field goals and has missed just 1 PAT in 119 tries</u>. Last season, he was 14-of-17 on field goals and 54-of-54 on extra points. Senior Michael Brown was the kicker in 2018 after McGrath was injured, making 7-of-9 field goals and all 32 of his PAT tries. In 2019, he kicked off 17 times, with 8 touchbacks (he even recovered his own onside kick). Junior Alex Stadthaus handled most of USC's kickoffs in 2019 after doing so all of 2018. In his career, he has touchbacks on 48.8% of his kickoffs (60-of-123), including 19 times in 62 kickoffs last year. He has not done any placement kicks at USC. Prep All-American

Parker Lewis (11-of-11 PATs, 6-of-7 FGs in 2020) graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled as a USC freshman this spring. He currently is third nationally in field goals (2.0, first in Pac-12), 22nd in field goal percentage (.857, fifth in Pac-12) and 25th in scoring (9.7, third in Pac-12). He drilled touchbacks 82.6% of the time as a prep junior and senior, plus as a punter he averaged more than 50 yards per punt.

*Senior Damon Johnson returned for his fourth year as the starting long snapper, a job he has handled near-flawlessly. He is backed by walk-ons Jac Casasante, a sophomore who has yet to play at USC, and redshirt freshman Nathan Weneta, a Purdue transfer.

*Sophomore punter **Ben Griffiths** was USC's holder in 2019 and is doing so again in 2020.

*USC must replace reliable kickoff returner Velus Jones Jr., who ran back a USC record 81 kickoffs in his 3-year career and is second on the school's all-time kickoff return yardage chart. He had 29 kickoff returns for a 24.3-yard average in 2019, with a touchdown. He transferred to Tennessee. Among the candidates to take over the kick return duty are senior tailback Stephen Carr, the most experienced kickoff returner on the roster, fleet sophomore tailback Kenan Christon, senior wide receiver

Tyler Vaughns, junior wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (2 KOR, 43 yds, 21.5 avg in 2020), junior cornerback Olaijah Griffin (3 KOR, 52 yds, 17.3 avg in 2020) and freshman wide receiver Gary Bryant Jr. (2 KOR, 36 yds, 18.0 avg in 2020). Both of USC's primary punt returners from 2019 are back this season: junior wideout **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (4 PR, 32 yds, 8.0 avg in 2020) and senior wideout Tyler Vaughns (1 PR, -4 yds, -4.0 avg in 2020). Vaughns handled the punt return job in 2018, when his 10.5 average ranked 13th nationally (he had an 82-yard scoring runback that season).

--Lewis hit all 4 of his extra points (including the decisive point with 1:20 to play) and had touchbacks on 2 of his 4 kickoffs against <u>Arizona</u> State, while Griffiths averaged 46.0 yards on his 3 punts, with a pair of

50-yarders and 2 inside the 20-yard line.

--At <u>Arizona</u>, Griffiths averaged 47.7 yards on his 3 punts, with 2 traveling 50-plus yards (61 and 58 yards) and 1 pinning the Wildcats within the 20, while Lewis was 2-of-3 on field goals (making 30- and 28-yarders), 4-of-4 on PATs and had touchbacks on 3 of his 7 kickoffs.

--At <u>Utah</u>, Lewis hit all 4 of his field goals (1 shy of the USC game record), including progressive career longs of 35, 43 and 47 yarders, was 3-of-3 on PATs and all 8 of his kickoffs were not returned (7 were touchbacks), while Griffiths averaged 43.8 yards on his 4 punts, with a 50-yarder and 3 pinning the Utes within the 20.

STATS OF NOTE

RANKING

***USC has been ranked in the <u>AP Top 25</u> for 169 of its past 236 games.
***USC has been in the <u>AP Top 10</u> for 102 of its past 229 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.

***USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 221 games.

SCORING

***USC has scored at least 20 points in 207 of its past 240 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games).

*USC has scored at least 30 points in 145 of its last 230 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points 87 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 28 times with at least 50 points).

***USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 387 times since 2003.

***USC has scored in its past 275 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 290 games).

***USC has won 6 of its last 9 games by <u>8 points or less</u>.

***USC currently is sixth <u>nationally</u> in completion percentage (.707, first in Pac-12), 14th in passing offense (323.3, first in Pac-12), 19th in passes had intercepted (2, seventh in Pac-12) and 21st in total offense (470.3, third in Pac-

12).
***USC is averaging 174.0 <u>vards rushing</u> in 2020 after averaging just 119.6 yards on the ground in 2019 (its fewest since 2001).

***USC has had at least <u>400 yards of total offense</u> in 37 of its past 51 games (including 21 with 500-plus yards).

DEFENSE

***USC is 11th <u>nationally</u> in turnover margin (+1.0, third in Pac-12) and 22nd in first down defense (63, 10th in Pac-12).

***USC has allowed opponents to convert just 2-of-15 third downs in the second half (1-of-10 in the fourth quarter).

**USC has intercepted a pass in 157 of the last 234 games.

***USC has held 108 of its last 229 opponents to 100 rushing yards or less. ***Only 59 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the

past 218 games (most recently, Arizona's Gary Brightwell, 112 in 2020) **Since the 2001 season, USC is 75-9 when holding foes to 300 yards of

total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010, Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013, Washington in 2015, Ohio State in 2017 and California in 2018).

MISCELLANEOUS

*USC currently is 19th <u>nationally</u> in net punting (41.5, third in Pac-12)

***In 2020, USC has had 8 players see their <u>first action</u> as Trojans and 4 get their first starts.

***USC has won 36 of its last 51 games.

***USC has won 30 of its last 38 games against teams from the Pac-12.

***USC has <u>blocked 42 kicks/punts</u> since 2010.

***USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 537 times, including 400 of the past 402 games (Troy's last 241 games have been televised live, a school record).

PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS NUGGETS

*QB **Kedon Slovis** was the nation's <u>most accurate returning passer (</u>71.9% completion rate in 2019)

*QB **Kedon Slovis** had the nation's third-best accuracy rate (51.3%) on throws of 20-plus yards downfield in 2019.

*QB **Kedon Slovis** had the nation's <u>fourth-best adjusted completion rate</u> while under pressure (72.2%, minimum 50 attempts) in 2019. *CB **Chris Steele** was 1 of 2 returning cornerbacks in the nation who had

500-plus snaps in 2019 and didn't miss a tackle. WR **Tyler Vaughns** had <u>more receptions within a yard of the sideline</u> in 2019

than any player in the nation since 2017. *OL **Alijah Vera-Tucker** ranked as the Pac-12's <u>top offensive guard</u> in 2019.

*USC has the nation's <u>fifth most returning production rate</u> (82%) from 2019. *USC's <u>true freshman class</u> of 2019 was ranked No. 4 nationally.



RANDOM NOTES

***USC's <u>2020 team captains</u>, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are S Isaiah Pola-Mao, QB Kedon Slovis, WR Amon-Ra St. Brown and OL Alijah Vera-Tucker. All are first time Trojan captains. The last time that USC had only one defensive player as a captain was 2003 and the last time it had three offensive players as captains was 2014.

***USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back

***USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents nearly every season.

***USC's 624 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) are the third most that any FBS school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 705 in Bobby Dodd Stadium and Tennessee's 626 in Neyland Štadium.

***USC is 219-69-14 (.748) during presidential election years. The Trojans are 127-29-5 (.804) in years when Republicans won the White House and 92-40-9 (.684) when Democrats won. (Does not include 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record: 220-69-14, .749 overall and 128-29-5, .806 with Republicans.) USC has won 4 national championships (1928-32-72-2004) during présidential election years. Since 1929 (beginning with Herbert Hoover), USC has played in the Rose Bowl during the term of every U.S. President except Donald Trump.

***In USC's 128 seasons, the Trojans have <u>lost 4 or more games</u> 43 times. Following 9 of those 4-plus loss seasons, USC "turned it around" to win the Rose Bowl the next year (1938-43-62-67-72-76-78-84-16)

***Some tidbits about USC's 2020 schedule:•USC's 9 a.m. kickoff against Arizona State was the earliest kickoff time for a Trojan home game since at least the early 1950s when complete records are available (a home contest against Loyola in the 1891 season began at 9:30 a.m.), as well as USC's first pre-noon kickoff since an 11 a.m. home start against Utah State in 2016.

•USC's Nov. 7 opener against Arizona State marked the latest date that USC has started a season since 1918, when the Trojans opened against Stanford on Nov. 23 because public gatherings in Los Angeles were banned in October due to the Spanish flu.

•Troy's game against Arizona State was the 10th consecutive year that USC plays the Pac-12's first conference game of the year.

•The Arizona State game was the first time that USC opens a season

playing its Homecoming game.
•USC's Nov. 14 game at Arizona was the Trojans' latest road opener since 1918, when it played at Whittier Reform on Nov. 30).

•USC's game against Washington State is Troy's 14th Friday game since

•USC's Dec. 12 at UCLA ties the latest date that the teams have met (also in 1942)

•USC's Dec. 18 or 19 end of the regular season is the latest finish to USC's regular season since 1946, when the Trojans concluded against Tulane on Dec. 21.

•This is the fewest regular season games USC has played since 1920, when the Trojans went 6-0.

•This is USC's fewest home games in a season since playing 2 in 1910 (if Troy hosts a fourth home contest on the last weekend of this reqular season, it would be its fewest since also hosting 4 in 1918).

•This also is the first time ever that USC plays a regular-season schedule composed only of conference opponents.

•The last time that USC opened its season against a conference opponent was in 1994 versus Washington.

This is the first interruption since 1943-44-45 in the historic intersectional series between USC and Notre Dame.

•This is the first time since 1914 that USC has not played at least California or Stanford in a season.

***USC's <u>future non-conference schedule</u> features home games versus BYU (2021, 2023), San Jose State (2021, 2024), Fresno State (2022, 2025), Rice (2022) and Nevada (2023) and Mississippi (2025, 2026). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II and in 2020 because of COVID-19 limitations) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2026. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Texas, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, BYU, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, UNLV, Utah State, Western Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.

***Twelve Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: OL Joe Bryson (Colorado Mesa), S Micah Croom (Dartmouth), DL Nick Figueroa (Cal Poly), QB Mo Hasan (Syracuse, Vanderbilt), WR Kohl Hollinquest (Penn), TB Quincy Jountti (Sacramento State), QL Damian Lopez (UC Irvine), WR Bru McCoy (Texas), ILB Clyde Moore (Colorado), TB Samuel Oram-Jones (Durham, Vanderbilt), CB Chris Steele (Florida) and SNP Nathan Weneta (Purdue).

***USC currently has 23 players who <u>graduated at least a semester early</u> from high school and enrolled in college that spring. QB Matt Fink and OL Liam Jimmons enrolled in the spring of 2016. DL Marlon Tuipulotu and OL Andrew Vorhees enrolled in the spring of 2017. OL Justin Dedich, S Talanoa Hufanga, ILB Kana'i Mauga, ILB-S Raymond Scott and S Chase Williams all enrolled in the spring of 2018. S Briton Allen, ILB Ralen Goforth, OLB Drake Jackson, OL Gino Quinones, QB Kedon Slovis, DL Stanley Ta'ufo'ou, S Max Williams and TE Jude Wolfe all enrolled in the spring of 2019. WR Gary Bryant Jr., WR Joshua Jackson Jr., PK Parker Lewis and DL Kobe Pepe all enrolled in the spring of 2020. Two other early enrollees: WR Bru McCoy enrolled briefly at USC in the spring of 2019 before transferring to Texas (he returned to USC in the summer of 2019), while CB **Chris Steele** enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019 before transferring to USC in the summer of 2019. Since 1999, 62 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (2 graduated a full year early).

***Who's the <u>fastest</u> among the 2020 Trojans? TB **Kenan Christon** has bests of 10.30 (10.26 wind-aided) in the 100 meters and 20.55 in the 200 meters. At the 2018 CIF San Diego Division 2 meet, he won the 100, was second in the 200 and third in the long jump, then was sixth in the 100 and 200 at the 2018 California state meet. He won 4 events at the 2019 CIF San Diego meet (100, 200, long jump, 400 relay), then was the California state meet champion in the 100 (in a state meet record-tying 10.30) and 200. He was named the 2019 Gatorade California Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Christon sprinted for USC's track team in 2020 before the season was halted because of COVID-19. CB **Dorian Hewett** has a best of 10.51 (10.33 wind-aided) in the 100 meters. He was fifth in the 100 at the 2019 Texas 6A State Championship meet and ran legs on the 400- and 800-meter relay teams that placed third and fifth, respectively, in that meet.

***Besides TB **Kenan Christon** and CB **Dorian Hewett** (above), a number of other Trojans competed in track and field in high school: TB Matt Colombo (sprints), S Micah Croom (sprints), OL Liam Douglass, TB Ben Easington (shot put, discus), ILB Ralen Goforth, TB Quincy Jountti (triple jump, long jump), WR Chase Locke (sprints, long jump, high jump), ILB Kana'i Mauga (sprints, hurdles, weights, jumps), S Tommy Maurice (sprints, pole vault), OL Andrew Milek (shot put, discus), DL Connor Murphy (shot put, discus), OL Brett Neilon, CB Adonis Otey (sprints), DL Brandon Pili (shot put, discus), S Isaiah Pola-Mao (sprints, hurdles, long jump, high jump), DL Jason Rodriguez (shot put, discus), DL Jamar Sekona (shot put, discus), WR Ty Shamblin (sprints), DL Caadyn Stephen (shot put), CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart (sprints, long jump, triple jump), DL Trevor Trout (shot put, discus), WR Jack Webster (sprints) and S Max Williams (sprints).

***As high schoolers, USC football players also competed in a wide range of <u>other sports</u>. In addition to track and field (above), they played primarily <u>basketball</u> (OL Joe Bryson, OLB Peter Esparza, S Talanoa Hufanga, WR Chase Locke, WR Kohl Hollinguest, WR Drake London, S Kaulana Makaula, OLB Bryce Matthews, OLB Abdul-Malik McClain, WR Munir McClain, OL Brett Neilon, S Isaiah Pola-Mao, OL Gino Quinones, TE Ethan Rae, OL Jason Rodriguez, WR Danny Ryan, WR Ty Shamblin, PK Alex Stadthaus, OL Caleb Tremblay, DL Maninoa Tufono, WR Tyler Vaughns, QB Isaac Ward, TE Jude Wolfe) and baseball (PK Michael Brown, OL Liam Douglass, DL Nick Figueroa, WR John Jackson III, TB Grant Jones, S Tommy Maurice, TE Ethan Rae, P Will Rose, WR Tyler Vaughns, QB Isaac Ward, QL Mark Zuvich). They also participated in soccer (PK Michael Brown, QL Justin Dedich, PK Alex Stadthaus), lacrosse (S Briton Allen, TE Sean Mahoney, WR Danny Ryan), wrestling (QL Liam Douglass, S Tommy Maurice, DL Brandon Pili, QL Marlon Tribulated), collected (QL Al Marlon Reference). Tuipulotu), volleyball (OL AJ Mageo, P Michael Shahidi) and ice hockey (TE Scott Voigt).

***TB Kenan Christon (track), WR Drake London (basketball) and TB Grant Jones (baseball) are 2-sport athletes at USC. Christon joined the USC track team as a sprinter in the spring of 2020. He had indoor bests of 6.84 in the 60 meters and 21.55 in the 200 meters and an outdoor best of 10.39 in the 100 meters (it was his only outdoor race before the track season was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns). He also ran a leg on a 400-meter relay team that clocked 39.81. London joined the 2020 USC men's basketball team soon after the 2019 football season ended. He saw brief action in 3 games. He did not score, but he grabbed 3 rebounds (1.0 avg). Jones was on the USC baseball team in the fall of 2016 and 2017 as a lefthanded pitcher but did not continue with the team into either spring. Also, TE **Scott Voigt** was on USC's club ice hockey team in 2018 and 2019.



- ***DL **Marlon Tuipulotu** was the Oregon state Class 5A 285-pound wrestling champion as a junior in high school.
- ***P Michael Shahidi won the 2016 AAU Under-16 boy's <u>beach</u> volleyball national championship, represented the U.S. at the 2017 ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball International Championship in Tahiti, and then won the 2018 AAU Under-18 boy's beach volleyball national championship to qualify for the 2019 ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball International Championship in Sicily (finishing ninth).
- ***TB **Samuel Oram-Jones** was an award-winning kart and then race car <u>driver</u> from age 8 until 18.
- ***WR **Tyler Vaughns** credits a <u>ballet</u> class he took in high school with helping him with his pass catching ability.
- ***PK **Alex Stadthaus** started kicking after winning a <u>halftime fan field</u> <u>goal kicking contest</u> as a high school sophomore (he nailed a 60-yarder).
- ***PK Alex Stadthaus earned his pilot's license in the summer of 2020.
- ***P Ben Griffiths played forward for 8 seasons [2010-17] for the Richmond Tigers, a professional <u>Australian rules football</u> team in the Australian Football League. He was the team's second round draft pick in 2009. He played in 63 games in his career, getting 42 goals. He retired in early 2018 because of injuries and concussions. He then trained to punt with Prokick Australia, an Australian-based kicking academy. He is the Trojans' second Australian punter, joining former P Chris Tilbey (2016 and 2018).
- ***WR **Kohl Hollinquest** founded a <u>clothing brand</u>, Kholyghost, in 2017.
- ***DL **Brandon Pili** is USC's first football letterman from <u>Alaska</u>. OL **Caadyn Stephen** spent his sophomore year of high school in Alaska.
- ***OLB **Juliano Falaniko**, who attended Leone High in Pago Pago, American Samoa, is the first Trojan footballer who prepped in <u>American Samoa</u> since Travis Tofi (2003-06). ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV** spent his youth in American Samoa.
- *** DL Brett Neilon grew up in <u>Japan</u>, home of his mother, where he participated in baseball, basketball, soccer and the martial art of aikido.
- ***TB **Samuel Oram-Jones** is from <u>England</u>. He was a running back and special teamer on Durham (England) University's American football team (2017-19), his first seasons playing the sport.
- ***WR Amon-Ra St. Brown is <u>fluent</u> in German (his mother, Miriam, is from Germany) and French (he lived in Paris as a fourth grader). CB **Chris Steele** and OL **Jason Rodriguez** speak Spanish (they recorded videos in Spanish for 2020 Latinx Heritage Month to celebrate their Mexican heritage) and S **Micah Croom** speaks Japanese.
- ***DL **Trevor Trout**, a journalism major, wrote an <u>article</u> in June 2020 for Medium.com about his experience growing up in Ferguson, Mo. (the site of 2014 protests and riots after the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown) and the systemic racism that he has observed.
- ***WR John Jackson III's father, John Jr., who was a 2-time [1988-89] Academic All-American wide receiver and outfielder at USC before playing in the NFL and minor leagues, has recovered well from a massive stroke suffered in early December of 2018. Jackson Jr., whose father [John] was USC's running backs coach when Charles White [1979] and Marcus Allen [1981] won Heisman Trophies, has been part of the Trojan radio broadcast since 2003 (sideline reporter, then analyst). He continued on the radio team in a limited role at home games last season while he recovered.
- ***Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** is such a huge <u>WWE fan</u> that he named his son [Herschel Hawk Harrell] in honor of WWE star Triple H. Harrell also presents a WWE-type championship belt weekly to a USC quarterback who wins that week's skills competition.
- ***|LB **Solomon Tuliaupupu** cut his <u>long hair</u> in 2017 for the first time since the fifth grade as a show of support of cancer victims and survivors.
- ***While at Vanderbilt, QB **Mo Hasan** founded Second Spoon, a <u>non-profit organization</u> that distributes extra food from the student-athletes' training table to the homeless in Nashville and Miami through the Hunger ReliefMobile (a converted FedEx truck). P **Ben Griffiths** has <u>volunteered</u> with the Australian Working Dog Rescue.
- *** QB **Kedon Slovis'** quarterbacks coach at Desert Mountain High in Scottsdale [Ariz.] was NFL Hall of Famer <u>Kurt Warner</u>.

- ***CB **Olaijah Griffin's** father is <u>rapper</u> and hip-hop producer Warren G.
- ***SNP Nathan Weneta plays piano.
- *** OL **Andrew Vorhees** got <u>married</u> in March of 2018 (his wife's name is Samantha). PK **Michael Brown** was married in May of 2019 (his wife's name is Lauren).
- ***P **Ben Griffiths** is the fifth <u>oldest</u> player in college football this season (29, born Sept. 17, 1991) and one of the oldest Trojans ever. USC's youngest player is DL **Tuli Tuipulotu** (17, born Sept. 3, 2002).
- ***In February of 2020, WR **Amon-Ra St. Brown** participated in the <u>NCAA Elite Student-Athlete Football Symposium</u> in Indianapolis, which provides high-profile college athletes with information and networks to help them make decisions and understand issues surrounding a professional career in their sport.
- ***Both of TE **Erik Krommenhoek's** parents attended USC's <u>crosstown rival</u>, UCLA. ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, was an All-American sprinter at UCLA.
- ***ILB **Tayler Katoa**, who spent 2018 and 2019 on a <u>Mormon mission</u> in Virginia, was the first Trojan footballer to serve on a Mormon mission since Faaesea Mailo did so in 1997-98 in Japan.
- ***USC's <u>roster</u> features players who are a Jr. (WR **Gary Bryant Jr.**, WR **Joshua Jackson Jr.**, ILB **Danny Lockhart Jr.**), a II (DL **Frank Martin II**), a III (WR **John Jackson III**) and a IV (ILB **Palaie Gaoteote IV**). There also are 4 players with <u>hyphenated</u> surnames: S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, TB **Samuel Oram-Jones**, CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** and OL **Alijah Vera-Tucker**.
- ***No USC football letterman in history has a longer non-hyphenated single word surname than the 12-letter last name of DL **Jacob Lichtenstein**. Four former lettermen also have <u>12-letter surnames</u>: TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe (2016-17), WR Josh Imatorbhebhe (2017), TE Dean Lingenfelter (1973) and P Mike MacGillivray (1998-2001). Also on the Trojan roster are the 11-letter surnamed TE **Erik Krommenhoek** and WR **Kohl Hollinguest**. Fortunately, USC does not put players' last names on the back of its jerseys.
- *** DLB Abdul-Malik McClain/WR Munir McClain and DLs Marlon/Tuli Tuipulotu are USC's only <u>brothers</u>. DLs Marlon and Tuli Tuipulotu and S Talanoa Hufanga are <u>cousins</u>, as are TB Vavae Malepeai and OL Bernard Schrimer.
- ***USC has 3 players with the <u>same last name</u> of Williams (S Chase, CB Jayden, S Max) and 3 players named Jackson (DLB Drake, WR John III, WR Joshua Jr.), as well as 2 players named Johnson (SNP Damon, S Greg) and Ford (DL Courtland, WR Kyle), but none are related. Then there's DLB Drake Jackson and his <u>name opposite</u>: CB Jackson Drake (he goes by Jack).
- ***ILB Jordan losefa's <u>real first name</u> is Loveni, SNP Jac Casasante's is John, WR Bru McCoy's is Horace and head coach Clay Helton's is Charles. OL AJ Mageo's <u>initials</u> stand for Andrew James. WR Amon-Ra St. Brown's <u>full name</u> is Amon-Ra Julian Heru J. St. Brown (he was named after the Egyptian sun god Amon-Ra and sky god Heru), while ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu's is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliaupupu. ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu's <u>nickname</u> is "Solo," ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV's is "E.A.," OL Bernard Schirmer's is "Beeno" and S Briton Allen's is "Bam." DL Kobe Pepe was <u>named after</u> late legendary Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant.
- ***USC has 2 players who "<u>blueshirted</u>," which by a one-time NCAA rule allowed a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school had reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year. PK **Michael Brown** arrived in the fall of 2016 and OT **Jalen McKenzie** joined in the fall of 2017.
- ***There are 7 former Texas high school quarterbacks on USC's coaching staff: head coach Clay Helton (Clements HS), offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Graham Harrell (Ennis HS), running backs coach Mike Jinks (Judson HS), tight ends coach John David Baker (Lake View HS), safeties coach Craig Naivar (Taylor HS), offensive graduate assistant Stanton Keane (Cooper HS) and offensive quality control analyst Seth Doege (Crane HS, Frenship HS).
- ***Head coach **Clay Helton** <u>played for his father</u>, Kim, at Houston (1993-94). In 1993, Clay completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in the Cougars' 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.



***WR Kohl Hollinquest's father, Lamont, won Super Bowl XXXI, S Isaiah Pola-Mao's uncle, Troy Polamalu, played in Super Bowls XLIII and XLV with the Pittsburgh Steelers, OL Jalen McKenzie's uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, played in Super Bowls XXII and XXVI with the Washington Redskins, ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV's uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa, won Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII with the Denver Broncos, DL Jamar Sekona's uncle, Haloti Ngata, won Super Bowl XLVII with the Baltimore Ravens and ILB Ralen Goforth's brother, Randall, was on injured reserve with the Philadelphia Eagles when they won Super Bowl LII.

***The <u>Trojan Athletic Fund</u>, founded in 1923, provides the funding necessary to sustain USC's athletic excellence. The TAF motto is "Investing In Today's Champions and Tomorrow's Leaders." TAF members form a global group of more than 5,000 alumni, parents, former studentathletes and friends who directly contribute to the success of our student-athletes. TAF members who join the Trojan Club, Cardinal & Gold, Women of Troy, Cardinal & Gold Premier, Committee or Scholarship Club receive a variety of benefits and event invitations. For more information, go to: http://www.trojanathleticfund.com .

***Eight members of the Trojan coaching and support staff played at <u>USC</u>: assistant coach **Keary Colbert** (2000-03), offensive graduate assistant **Viane Talamaivao** (2014-17), **Lenny Vandermade** (2000-03) and Dane Stevens (2013), offensive quality control analyst Chris Claiborne (1996-98), defensive quality control analysts **Michael Hutchings** (2013-16) and **Hayes Pullard** (2011-13) and assistant strength and conditioning coach **Christian Tupou** (2007-09, 11).

***Offensive quality control analyst Chris Claiborne was USC's first Butkus Award winner in 1998.

***Assistant strength and conditioning coach Christian Tupou spent time as an actor after his NFL career ended.

***Several Trojan staffers have been part of national championship

·Assistant coach Keary Colbert set the since-broken USC career receptions record as a senior on Troy's 2003 national championship team, then was an offensive analyst on Alabama's 2015 national champs.

Offensive quality control analyst Lenny Vandermade was a starting

offensive guard on USC's 2003 national championship team.

 Head strength and conditioning coach Aaron Ausmus worked with the Trojans' 2003 national titlists (he also won the 1997 NCAA indoor shot put title while at Tennessee)

·Assistant coach Tim Drevno was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at San Diego when the Toreros were named backto-back NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major national champions in 2005 and 2006.

•Football executive assistant Cheryl Taplin was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.

·Assistant director of football video production Will Stout worked in the video department for LSU's 2019 national championship football

***Several Trojans have relatives with USC football connections.

•WR Kohl Hollinquest's father, Lamont, was a 4-year (1988-89, 91-92) letterman outside linebacker and safety at USC, playing on the Trojans' 1988 and 1989 Pac-10 champions that advanced both seasons to the Rose Bowl.

•WR John Jackson III's father, John Jr., set USC's career pass receptions record (163 catches) as a 4-year (1986-89) wide receiver, earning All-Pac-10 first team honors as a 1989 senior on the Rose Bowl champion Trojans and also being named a 2-time (1988-89) Academic All-American (he also won an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 1989) before playing in the NFL with the Phoenix Cardinals (1990-92) and Chicago Bears (1996) and also starring in baseball at USC as an outfielder (1988-90), setting the school career mark for stolen bases (54) and leading the team in hitting in 1989 (.356) when he made All-Pac-10 first team before playing minor league baseball (1990-95); he then became a sports broadcaster, including analyst (2012-20) and sideline reporter (2003-11) duties on USC's football radio and high school football coverage on FOX Sports West (in a well-documented story, his announcing was limited in 2019 while recovering from a late 2018 stroke). His grandfather, John Sr., was USC's running backs coach and offensive coordinator for 6 seasons (1976-81), helping Charles White (1979) and Marcus Allen (1981) win Heisman Trophies as the Trojans won 3 Rose Bowls; he also coached at Hofstra (1968-69), Dartmouth (1970), Illinois (1971-75) and UNLV (1999-2004) and worked 17 years with California Sports for Jerry Buss (running Forum Boxing and helping develop the Prime Ticket sports cable network). His aunt, Tracie, was employed at USC.

TB Quincy Jountti's brother, Corbin, was a tailback at USC in 2017

after transferring in from Northern Arizona (2014-16).

PK **Parker Lewis'** grandfather, Ben Butler, was set to play football at USC before suffering a career-ending shoulder injury as a 1948 high school senior.

•ILB Clyde Moore's brother, Grant, was an inside/outside linebacker at USC (2015-17) who earned USC's Joe Collins Walk-on Award in 2016 before earning a scholarship in 2017. His father, Rex, was a 4-year (1984-87) letterman linebacker at USC, leading the Trojans in tackles while earning team Most Inspirational Player accolades in 1986.

·S Isaiah Pola-Mao's uncle is former USC 2-time All-American safety Troy Polamalu (1999-2002), while his great uncle is former USC fullback (1982-85) and assistant coach (2000-03, 2010-12) Kennedy Polamalu.

•OL Bernard Schirmer's uncle, Titus Tuiasosopo, was an offensive guard at USC (1990-92

•DLs Marlon and Tuli Tuipulotu's cousin is former USC defensive tackle Fili Moala (2005-08).

•Assistant coach Keary Colbert is the cousin of former USC wide receiver Earl McCullouch (1967), who also ran track at USC (winning a pair of NCAA high hurdles titles and leading off the 1967 world record-setting NCAA champion sprint relay team), and ex-USC defensive lineman Tommie Townsend (who also played at Arizona State).

·Assistant coach Sean Snyder's father, Bill (the legendary longtime head coach at Kansas State), was on the USC coaching staff in 1966.

·Assistant coach Vic So'oto is a second cousin of USC Athletic and Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Junior Seau.

·Assistant coach Donte Williams' cousins are former USC defensive backs Kris Richard (1998-2001) and Darnell Lacy (1996-98)

·Director of high school relations Armond Hawkins Jr.'s brother, Chris, was a USC defensive back (2014-17) and graduate assistant coach (2019).

·Director of equipment operations Todd Hewitt and assistant equipment manager Travis Hewitt are the son and grandson, respectively, of former USC equipment manager Don Hewitt.

•Assistant athletic director/player development **Gavin Morris'** uncle is former USC defensive lineman Willard "Bubba" Scott (1967-69), a member of USC's famed 1969 "Wild Bunch" defensive line.

***Speaking of genes:

•OL Casey Collier's sister, Charli, is a junior center on the Texas women's basketball team.

•S Micah Croom's brother, Larry Jr., was a running back at UNLV and then played for the Arizona Cardinals (2004-05), Tennessee Titans (2005), Detroit Lions (2005), San Diego Chargers (2006) and Pittsburgh Steelers (2007), as well as in Europe with the Hamburg Sea Devils (2005), Amsterdam Admirals (2006), Dresden Monarchs (2011-12) and Berlin Adler (2013-2019).

•TE Josh Falo's brother, Nu'umotu Jr., was an outside linebacker at Colorado (2015-16, 18-19), while brother, Nate, was a defensive tackle at San Jose State (2013-15).

•ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV's uncle is Ma'a Tanuvasa, who played defensive end at Hawaii (1990-92), then with the Denver Broncos (1995-2000), where he won Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII, San Diego Chargers (2001) and Atlanta Falcons (2002), while his cousin, also named Ma'a Tanuvasa, was a safety at Boise State (2017) and another cousin, Haskell Garrett, is a senior defensive tackle at Ohio State.

•ILB Spencer Gilbert's mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, is USC's director of track and field (the Women of Troy won the 2018 NCAA outdoor title) after previously serving as Central Florida's women's head coach (2008-13) and a women's assistant at Tennessee (2003-07), Alabama (2000- 02) and Penn State (1998-99) following an All-American sprinting career at UCLA, while his father, Greg Gilbert, is a senior director of development in the USC athletic department who played linebacker at Alabama (1985-88) and in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1989), Indianapolis Colts (1990), Oakland Raiders (1990-91) and Philadelphia Eagles (1991) before playing in the World League of American Football with the San Antonio Riders (1991) and Barcelona Dragons (1991-92).

·ILB Ralen Goforth's brother, Randall, was a cornerback at UCLA (2012- 16) who spent 2017 on injured reserve with the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles and then was with the Arizona Hotshots of the Alliance of American Football in 2019.

•QB **Mo Hasan's** father, Anthony, ran track at Florida. •S **Talanoa Hufanga's** brother, T.J., was a linebacker at Oregon State in 2013 and 2014.

•ILB **Tayler Katoa's** father, Fotu, was a tight end at BYU (1985, 1988-90), his mother, Elizabeth, was a distance runner at BYU in 1990, his sister, Eliza, was an outside hitter on Utah's volleyball team (2014-16) and also played on the Utes' beach volleyball team in 2017, his brother-in-law, Rhett Nelson, pitched at Santa Clara (2010) and BYU (2014) and his uncle, Fred Katoa, was a nose guard at BYU (1989-90).

•TB Vavae Malepeai's uncles, Silila (1990-94), Pulou (1993-95) and

Tasi (1994-96), played football at Oregon.

•OLB Abdul-Malik McClain's and WR Munir McClain's grandfather, Lawrence Williams, played basketball at UNLV and then as an All-Conference player on the 1977 Texas Southern team that won the NAIA championship.

•WR Bru McCoy's father, Horace II, was a tight end at Northern Illinois (1994) and his mother, Shelby, was a record-setting 4-time (1991-94) All-Conférence setter for Northern Illinois volleyball.

•OL Jalen McKenzie's father, Reggie McKenzie, was a linebacker at Tennessee (1981-84) and then played in the NFL with the Los Angeles Raiders (1985-88), Phoenix Cardinals (1989-90) and San Francisco 49ers (1992) and in the World League of American Football with the Montreal Machine (1992), then was an assistant coach at Tennessee in 1993, worked in the Green Bay Packers' front office from 1994 to 2011, was the general manager of the Oakland Raiders (2012-18) and now is a senior personnel executive with the Miami Dolphins, while his brother, Kahlil, was a defensive lineman at Tennessee (2015-17) who played offensive line with the Kansas City Chiefs (2018) and Seattle Seahawks (2019-20), Cincinnati Bengals (2020) and the XFL's Los Angeles Wildcats (2020). His uncle, Raleigh McKenzie (Reggie's twin brother), was a center at Tennessee (1981-84) and then played in the NFL with the Washington Redskins (1985-94, where he won 2 Super Bowls), Philadelphia Eagles (1995-96), San Diego Chargers (1997-98) and Green Bay Packers (1999-2000), and then was a scout with the Dakland Raiders.

•ILB Clyde Moore's uncle, Rob, was a fullback at Stanford (1980-83) who then attended USC for an MBA. His grandfather, Robin, was the NCAA 50-yard freestyle swimming champion in 1956 for Stanford (he once set a world record) and then participated in team roping in rodeo

competitions.

•DL Connor Murphy's brother, Trent, was a consensus All-American outside linebacker at Stanford (2010-13) and played for the Washington Redskins (2014-17) and now Buffalo Bills (2018-20), while his sister, Kayli, played women's basketball at Arizona State (2007-10) and competed in the 2011 Miss Arizona USA pageant.

•OL Brett Neilon's aunts were on the USC golf team (Kim Saiki from 1985-88, who played on the LPGA Tour, and Laura Saiki from 1988-91).

•DL Brandon Pili's sister, Alissa, is a sophomore on the USC women's basketball team (she was the 2020 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year)

•S Isaiah Pola-Mao's father, Tracey, played football at San Diego State (1988-90, 1992, where he was the 1992 team captain and Most Inspirational Player) and with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers (1994-96).

•OL Bernard Schirmer's sister, Brooklyn, is a junior outside hitter on the USC women's volleyball team, while his cousin, Blake Sabol, was a catcher for the Trojan baseball team (2017-19) who is now in the Pittsburgh Pirates system. His uncle, Matt Toeaina, played defensive tackle at Oregon (2003-06) and for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals (2007) and Chicago Bears (2007-12).

•DL Jamar Sekona's uncle is Haloti Ngata, who played defensive line at Oregon (2003-05, earning All-American honors in 2005) and in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens (2006-14, including on the XLVII Super Bowl champs), Detroit Lions (2015-17) and Philadelphia Eagles (2018).

•WR Ty Shamblin's father, BJ, was a wide receiver at UC Santa Barbara in the early 1990s.

•WR Amon-Ra St. Brown's father, John Brown, was a bodybuilder who won 2 Mr. Universe and 3 Mr. World titles in the 1980s, while his brother, Equanimeous, was a wide receiver at Notre Dame (2015-17) who in his 3 meetings against USC blocked a punt that was returned for a TD in 2015, caught a TD pass among his 7 receptions in 2016 and caught another TD in 2017 (he now is with the Green Bay Packers), and his brother, Osiris, is a junior wide receiver at Stanford (he had 2 catches versus USC in 2019).

•TB Markese Stepp's father, Marcus Stepp, played football at Miami (Ohio) in 1994 and 1995, while his brother, Marcus Jr., was an outside linebacker at Saint Francis (2015-18), which won the 2016 and 2017 NAIA

national championships.

•DL Maninoa Tufono's father, Albert, played inside linebacker at Washington (1983-84, 1987), while his brother, Jack, is a junior offensive lineman at Idaho State.

•ILB **Solomon Tuliaupupu's** father, Turnbull, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2000-01)

•WR **Tyler Vaughn's** brother, Aaren, was a wide receiver at Mt. San Antonio JC and Utah State (2017-18), while brother, Geoffrey, was a defensive back at Mt. SAC and his brother, Jonathan, is a freshman defensive back at UCLA.

 SNP Nathan Weneta's brother, Jay, was a long snapper at UCLA (2011-12)

·ILB **Eli'jah Winston's** brother, La'Mar, was a linebacker at Oregon

•TE Jude Wolfe's father, Mark, played football at Western Michigan (1977-80), his brother, Jakob, was a tight end at Stony Brook (2014), his sister, Jacqueline, played volleyball at Hawaii Pacific (2015) and his cousin, Ryan Gutierrez, was a safety at California (2001-04).

·Head coach Clay Helton's father, Kim, was Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, as well as an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida. His brother, Tyson, is the head coach at Western Kentucky.

•Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** has 2 cousins who played college football--defensive back Clarence Oliver at San Diego State [1967-68] and tight end Josh Oliver at San Jose State (2015-18)--and 2 who played Major League Baseball: infielder/outfielder Bob Oliver (1965-75) and pitcher Darren Oliver (1993-2013).

·Assistant coach Graham Harrell's brother, Clark, played quarterback

at Tulsa (2007) and Abilene Christian (2008-10).
•Defensive quality control analyst **Brett Arce's** father, Mark, was the athletic director (2015-18) and head men's basketball coach (2001-18) at West Hills Community College in Coalinga (Calif.) after previously serving as an assistant coach at Utah State and Cal State Bakersfield and the head coach at Bakersfield Junior College.

·Offensive quality control analyst Seth Doege's brother, Jarret, is a quarterback at West Virginia (previously at Bowling Green), while his cousin, Kyle Herm, played quarterback at Rice (2000-03)

·Assistant director of football operations Gordon Thomas' father, Gordon, played football at Cheyney University.

·Assistant strength and conditioning coach Christian Tupou's brother, Fenuki, played at Oregon.

***<u>USC Gameday</u> is the official app for fans following the Trojans. The free app for iOS and Android devices is available for download on iTunes and Google Play. Among the app's features: customized sport selection, countdown to the next games, schedules and scores, live stats (for football and basketball), USC Athletics' social media links, USC Fan Shop and USC videos and photos. The app also incorporates information about USC teams, including rosters, biographical, statistical and historical information and exclusive videos, as well as a virtual tour of USC's athletic facilities, including the McKay Center and the Coliseum. USC merchandise and tickets also are available for purchase within the app, which has new video and elements added throughout the year

IN THE NFL

<u> Thirteen former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame</u> (most of any school).

*A Trojan has appeared in all but 7 of the 54 <u>Super Bowls</u> and Trojans

have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 241 times. *USC is tied with Notre Dame for most NFL draft picks (511). USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939. There have been 516 USC players who have played in the NFL or its sister leagues.

 $^{ar{ extsf{v}}}$ USC (82) is second behind Ohio State (84) for ${ extsf{most first round NFL}}$ draft picks. USC is tied with Notre Dame and Oklahoma for most players

selected as the top pick in the NFL draft (5).

*Going into 2020 training camp, there were <u>33 ex-Trojans on NFL</u>

<u>rosters</u>

*In 2020, there were 31 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters (since records were available, USC has been No. 1 in 20 of the last 44 years). USC players were on the rosters of 22 of the NFL's 31 teams. Most of the Trojans were wide receivers (7), defensive linemen (6), offensive linemen (6), defensive backs (4) and linebackers (4).

*Amonq <u>USC's current NFLers</u> are QB's Sam Darnold and Matt Barkley, RB Ronald Jones II, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Nelson Agholor and Marqise Lee, LBs Devon Kennard and Uchenna Nwosu, DBs Nickell Robey-Coleman and Adoree' Jackson, DLs Jurrell Casey, Leonard Williams, Rasheem Green and Antwaun Woods and OL Tyron Smith.

*<u>Two NFL head coaches have USC ties</u> (as former coaches): Seattle's

Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champ) and Arizona's Kliff Kingsbury.

*Thirteen current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: DL Connor Murphy (brother, Trent Murphy), DL SMarlon and Tuli Tuipulotu (cousin, Fili Moala), S Isaiah Pola-Mao (uncle, Troy Polamalu), OL Jalen McKenzie (father, Reggie McKenzie, uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, brother, Kahlil), WR John Jackson III (father, John Jr.), ILB Palaie Gaoteote IV (uncle, Ma'a Tanuvasa), OL Bernard Schirmer (uncle, Matt Toeaina), DL Jamar Sekona (uncle, Haloti Ngata), WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (brother, Equanimeous St. Brown), ILB Ralen Goforth (brother, Randall), ILB Spencer Gilbert (father, Greg Gilbert) and WR Kohl Hollinguest (father, Lamont). Also, S Isaiah Pola-Mao's father, Tracey, played football with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers. Assistant coach Keary Colbert's cousins, Earl McCullouch, Josh Oliver and Clarence Oliver, played in the NFL. Assistant coach Donte Williams' cousin, Kris Richard, played in the NFL. Assistant strength and conditioning coach Christian Tupou's brother, Fenuki, played in the NFL.

Some of USC's coaches and staff played pro football. Assistant coach Vic So'oto played in the NFL, as did offensive quality control analyst Chris Claiborne, defensive quality control analyst Hayes Pullard and assistant strength and conditioning coach Christian Tupou. Assistant coach Graham Harrell played in the NFL and CFL, as did offensive quality control analyst Seth Doege. Assistant coach Keary Colbert played in the NFL and the United Football League. Offensive quality control analyst Lenny Vandermade played in the NFL and NFL Europe. Assistant coaches John David Baker and Donte Williams played pro indoor football. Assistant coach **Tim Drevno** was an NFL assistant. . Associate director of football operations **Jon Blake** and assistant director of player personnel **Drew Fox** worked for NFL teams.



ANNIVERSARIES

The 2020 season marks the anniversary of several notable USC football teams:

--The 100th anniversary of USC's undefeated 1920 team. USC—under second-year head coach Elmer "Gloomy Gus" Henderson—went 6-0 in 1920 and outscored opponents (Cal Tech, Stanford, Occidental, Pomona, Nevada, Oregon) by a 170-21 margin, never allowing more than 7 points in a game. Although USC earlier had posted undefeated, untied seasons in 1888-89-94, this was the first time that the Trojans didn't lose when playing at least 4 games in a season. Troy played all 6 of its games in the Southern California area. The 20,000 fans who viewed the Thanksqiving Day shutout over Oregon in Pasadena's Tournament Park composed the then-largest documented crowd for a Trojans game in program history (dating to 1888).

-The 75th anniversary of USC's 1945 team that advanced to the Rose Bowl. During the last of the World War II-impacted seasons, the Trojans opened and closed the 1945 regular season with 3-game winning streaks. Head coach Jeff Cravath's squad faced only West Coast opponents in the regular season, including military teams St. Mary's Pre-Flight and San Diego Navy as well as coach Amos Alonzo Stagg's College of Pacific (a 52-0 shutout victory). As it had also done in 1943 and 1944, USC faced UCLA and California twice (winning all 4 meetings in 1945). The Pacific Coast Conference champion Trojans earned a berth into the Rose Bowl, but fell to No.-2 ranked Alabama.

--<u>The 25th anniversary of USC's Rose Bowl champion 1995 team</u>. Head coach John Robinson's team won its first 6 games of 1995, then held on the rest of the way to earn a Rose Bowl berth despite losses to traditional foes Notre Dame and UCLA and a tie with Washington. In Pasadena, USC came back in the fourth quarter to beat Northwestern, which was having its first winning season since 1971 and playing in just its second bowl ever. Trojan wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson was an All-American first teamer and the Rose Bowl MVP (12 catches for a game-record 216 yards with a TD).

OTHER USC ANNIVERSARIES

This is the <u>140th anniversary of USC's founding</u> in 1880. USC is the oldest private research university in the western United States.

*This is the <u>90th anniversary of the unveiling of the Tommy Trojan statue</u> in 1930. The bronzed Trojan warrior has served not only as a popular meeting place on campus, but as a symbol of the university's

fighting spirit. It is a composite of many USC players from the late 1920s.

*This is the 50th anniversary of USC's 42-21 victory over Alabama in Birmingham in 1970. The game is often credited with helping to integrate Southern football. In that contest, the dominating performances of 3 of USC's African-American players (fullback Sam Cunningham, tailback Clarence Davis and quarterback Jimmy Jones) against a nearly all-white Crimson Tide squad helped improve opportunities for Black athletes in the South. Cunningham ran for 135 yards and 2 touchdowns on just 12 carries in the game.

USCABLM ACTION TEAM

This past June in response to the national unrest from social injustices, the <u>USC Athletics Black Lives Matter Action Team</u> was established by athletic director **Mike Bohn** to guide USC Athletics through a process of continued listening, learning, leading and educating, with the ultimate goal of implementing a series of meaningful and substantive actions and reforms consistent with the essence of the Black Lives Matter movement. In solidarity with Black student-athletes, coaches and staff in USC Athletics and beyond, the USCABLM Action Team will examine and address social injustices experienced by Black The USCABLM Action Team's 7-member student-athletes at USC. steering committee is chaired by Julie Rousseau, former head coach of the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks and an adjunct professor in USC's gender and sexual studies department. The Action Team also has a 25-member advisory committee composed of USC student-athletes, coaches and staff. Football's representatives on the advisory committee are TB Ben Easington and assistant coach Mike Jinks.

*Among the groups that the Action Team interacts with is <u>USC's United</u> <u>Black Student-Athlete Association,</u> which was founded this summer to empower and protect Black student-athletes at USC by providing a community and giving them a voice to advocate for support within USC Athletics and USC as a whole. They strive to use their position of influence to improve circumstances for the Black community within USC and beyond.

ACADEMICS

The USC football team posted an NCAA Academic Progress Rate of 970, just 3 points off the program's best from two years ago and marks the third consecutive year with at least a 970 APR, according to data released by the NCAA in May of 2020. The 970 exceeded the national average. A team's APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation to generate a measure of academic performance of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR is a multiyear rate based on scores from the 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years. USC Athletics' 21-team multiyear APR of 985 was the seventh year in a row that Troy hit an all-time high.

*The Trojan football team posted an all-time high NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 84%, according to data released by the NCAA in November of 2020. The GSR measures how many players in the classes of 2010-13 graduated within 6 years of enrollment. The 2020 football rate was a program high for the fifth consecutive year. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2018 was at 91%, an all-time high for the seventh year in a row.

Twenty-seven Trojans have <u>cumulative grade point averages</u> of 3.00 or higher (through spring 2020 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2020 Trojan squad are: WR Gary Bryant Jr. (3.85), CB Jack Drake (3.83, accounting), QB Brad Aoki (3.82, business administration), PK Parker Lewis (3.80, real estate development), P Michael Shahidi (3.75, business administration), DL Nick Figueroa. (3.69, real estate development), WR Joshua Jackson Jr. (3.65), DL Kobe Pepe (3.65, communication), OL Liam Douglass (3.57, communication), TE Sean Mahoney (3.41, real estate development), OL Damian Lopez (3.32, political science), P Ben Griffiths (3.28, psychology), ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu (3.27, business administration), PK Alex Stadthaus (3.27, communication), QB Kedon Slovis (3.25, communication), TE Erik Krommenhoek (3.23, human biology), QL Brett Neilon (3.22, business administration), WR Munir McClain (3.21, sociology), TE Scott Voigt (3.17, accounting), TB Quincy Jountti (3.13, psychology), WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (3.09, business administration), WR John Jackson III (3.09, real estate development), ILB Tuasivi Nomura (3.08, business administration), ILB Ralen Goforth (3.06, communication), ILB Clyde Moore (3.01, real estate development), WR Kyle Ford (3.00, communication), TE Jude Wolfe (3.00, real estate

*OL **Liam Douglass** made the 2019 <u>Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll</u>. *Fifteen Trojans have already <u>earned their bachelor's degrees.</u> Each wears a "Graduate" patch on their uniform jersey. PK Michael Brown received his bachelor's degree in real estate development at USC in the spring of 2020 and is working on a master's in project management. S Micah Croom earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Dartmouth in the spring of 2020. QB Matt Fink received his bachelor's degree in communications from USC in the summer of 2019 and is now working on a master's degree in communication management. OB **Mo Hasan** received his bachelor's degree in economics and history from Vanderbilt in 2020. WR **Kohl Hollinquest** earned his bachelor's degree in philsophy/politics/economics from Penn in 2020 and now is working on a master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation from USC. SNP Damon Johnson received his bachelor's degree in sociology major at USC in the spring of 2020 and is now working on his master's in communication management. TB Grant Jones received his bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in the summer of 2020 and now is working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship. TB **Quincy Jountti** received his bachelor's degree in psychology from USC in the summer of 2020 with a 3.13 GPA and now is working on a master's degree in applied psychology. TB Vavae Malepeai received his bachelor's degree in communication at USC in the fall of 2019 and is now working on a master's in project management. TB Samuel Oram-Jones earned his bachelor's degree in business and management in 2019 from Durham in England and then worked on his master's degree in finance at Vanderbilt. DL **Brandon Pili** received his bachelor's degree in nongovernmental organizations and social change at USC in the spring of 2020. DL Caleb Tremblay received his bachelor's degree in sociology at USC in the summer of 2020. WR Tyler Vaughns received his bachelor's degree in communication at USC in the spring of 2020. TE Scott Voigt received his bachelor's degree in accounting at USC in the spring of 2020. OL Andrew Vorhees received his bachelor's degree in business administration at USC in the spring of 2019 and now is working on his master's degree in communications management.

*In its <u>history</u>, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tied for tops in the Pac-12 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 13 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 7 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top 10 winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar (Pat Haden) and 2 Academic All-American Hall of Famers (Haden and Dick Nunis).



BLVD STUDIOS

*In late October, USC football announced a partnership with marketing and branding agency J1S to launch BLVD Studios, an in-house creative lab that will help Trojan players build, promote and leverage their brands and maximize their market value in advance of the upcoming enactment of the NCAA's name, image and likeness legislation. BLVD Studios will direct and produce athlete-driven content elements, such as custom graphics and logos, photography, videos, podcasts and more. It will also provide education, data and reporting and brand management and narration related to NIL initiatives.

"UNPRECEDENTED TIMES" PODCAST

*"Unprecedented Times," a five-episode free podcast that takes an indepth look at the many challenges USC Athletics has faced in 2020 and how the athletic department is moving forward in to 2021, is available to download on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

*The podcast is hosted by Jordan Moore, who is one of the radio broadcasters on USC football and men's basketball games and also serves as co-host of the weekly "Trojans Live" radio show. "Unprecedented Times" was produced by Rich Rodriguez and Laura Wells of USC's athletic video production staff.

The five episodes feature:

•The history of the 1918 season when USC football dealt with the Spanish flu, eerily similar to what the 2020 Trojans face with the COVID-19 pandemic;

• An inside look at the medical timeline of 2020 as the Pac-12 COVID-19 Medical Advisory Committee made its decision on to play or not to play, including an interview with USC team physician Dr. Seth

·How USC Athletics responded to the racial and social justice issues that the country faced this summer, including the formation of USC's United Black Student-Athletes Association and the USC Athletics Black Lives Matter Action Team;

•The mental side of the pandemic and how it has affected USC student-athletes' mental health and well-being, including an interview with USC sports psychologist Dr. Robin Scholefield;

•And the inside story about how the Trojans were able to return to play this fall, including interviews with football wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown, athletic director Mike Bohn and senior associate athletic director/chief of staff Brandon Sosna.

*Plans for additional episodes of the podcast are being discussed.

<u>"TROJAN TAILGATE SHOW"</u>

*USC football fans can get access virtually into the Coliseum on Trojan game days this year by watching the "Trojan Tailgate Show Presented by Ralph's." The show, which provides a live look at the Trojans as they warm up for home games, begins two hours before kickoff on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Public health guidelines due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prohibit fans from attending USC home games in person this season. Complete information is available at USCTrojans.

*Former Trojans Shaun Cody and Max Browne, along with "Trojans Live" radio host Jordan Moore, will be inside the Coliseum providing pregame analysis and special guest interviews. There will be performances from the Trojan Marching Band and the Song Girls. On-demand videos and a social media feed featuring Trojan fans preparing for game day at home also will be part of the "Trojan Tailgate Show."

*Fans can participate in a virtual tailgate contest during each "Trojan Tailgate Show" by sharing photos on social media of their virtual or socially-distanced tailgates, using the #TrojanTailgate hashtag. Fans displaying the most Trojan spirit will win prizes from USC Athletics.

Fans also can take photos of themselves exhibiting Trojan spirit or supporting their favorite USC player, and post them on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #USCSelfie. The photos will be featured on the "Trojan Tailgate Show" and on the Coliseum videoboards during the games.

*The "Trojan Tailgate Show" will allow Trojan fans to come together virtually in a safe manner. In doing so, USC Athletics recommends that fans follow local health and safety guidelines. Tailgating at the Coliseum, on the USC campus or in University parking lots is not permitted.

SCOUTING COLORADO

*After posting wins in its first 2 games, Colorado's game against Arizona State last Saturday was cancelled due to COVID issues with the Sun Devils. Karl Dorrell returned to the Pac-12 this year as CU's new head coach, having previously done so at UCLA (2003-07).

'The Buffaloes' offense, which is 12th nationally in scoring offense (41.5, first in Pac-12), is guided by senior QB **Sam Noyer** (35-of-55, 63.6%, 512 yds, 3 TD, 1 int in 2020, plus 21 tcb, 100 yds, 4.8 avg, 3 TD), who spent part of 2019 playing safety. His top target is sophomore WR Dimitri Stanley (12 rec, 192 yds, 16.0 avg, 1 TD in 2020, plus 4 PR, 24 yds, 6.0 avg and 1 KOR, 3 yds, 3.0 avg). CU's top runner is soph TB Jarek Broussard (58 tcb, 308 yds, 5.3 avg, 3 TD in 2020, plus 3 rec, 22 yds, 7.3 avg and 1 KOR, 13 yds, 13.0 avg), who missed the last 2 seasons with a knee injury. He currently ranks third nationally in rushing (154.0, first in Pac-12)

*Senior ILB Nate Landman (26 tac, 1 for loss, 1 FR in 2020), a 2019 All-Pac-12 first teamer, leads the defense, which is second in the nation in turnover margin (+2.0, first in Pac-12). Other key defenders include freshman CB Christian Gonzalez (11 tac, 1 for loss in 2020) and junior OLB Carson Wells (10 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack, 4 dfl, 1 int in 2020).

NEXT GAME

*USC stays in the Coliseum next week for its North Division crossover game against Washington State in a Friday night contest on Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. PT on FS1. It will be USC's 14th Friday game since 1990 (fourth

OTHER USC SPORTS IN HOME ACTION

*The USC men's and women's basketball teams kick off their 2021 season with a home doubleheader on Wednesday (Nov. 25) in the Galen Center, with the women hosting Loyola Marymount at 1 p.m. PT and the men welcoming Cal Baptist at 6 p.m. PT.

*The men's hoopsters then host Montana on Saturday (Nov. 28) in the Galen Center following the football game. Time is TBA.

INJURY/STATUS UPDATE

*DUT: TB Samuel Oram-Jones (leg), ILB Jordan losefa (knee), ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu (foot), DL Trevor Trout (back), OL Frank Martin II (opt out), OL Bernard Schrimer (opt out), WR Munir McClain (suspended).

ROSTER UPDATES

Here are updates to the roster in the 2020 USC football media quide:

*Change position: Raymond Scott is now an ILB-S.
Add walk-on: #87 Kohl Hollinquest (WR, 6-4, 235, 3/7/98, Sr./Fr., TR, Granada Hills, CA, Sierra Canyon HS/Penn).

*Slip-on jersey numbers: WR **Tyler Vaughns** could wear #28 on punt returns; WR Gary Bryant Jr. could wear #82 on kickoff returns.

BEN GRIFFITHS PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
ASU	3	2 (0)	2
ARIZ	3	1 [1]	2
UTAH	4	3 (Ó)	0
TOTAL	10	3 (Ó) 6 (1)	4

PARKER LEWIS KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
ASU	4	0 (2)
ARIZ	7	0 (3)
UTAH	8	0 (7)
TOTAL	19	0 (12)

USC IN NCAA/PAC-12 STAT RANKINGS

Kedon Slovis Completions 31.3 1 1 Parker Lewis Field Goals 2.0 3 1 Isaiah Pola-Mao Fumbles Recovered 2 4 1 Talanoa Hufanga Interceptions 0.7 6 3 Kedon Slovis Completion Percentage .707 8 1 Kedon Slovis Total Offense 323.7 12 2 Parker Lewis Total Offense 323.7 12 2 Parker Lewis Scoring .857 22 5 Amon-Ra St. Brown Punt Returns 8.0 24 1 Parker Lewis Scoring 9.7 25 3 Amon-Ra St. Brown Receptions 6.3 25 4 Erik Krommenhoek Receptions 2 3 2 Quincy Joutti Fumbles Recovered 1 3 1 3 Brudcey Fumbles Recovered 1 3

RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME USC ASU 4-of-6 (fum, TD, TD, fail 4th, TD, TD) ARIZ 6-of-8 (TD, FG, TD, FG, miss FG, fail 4th, TD, TD) UTAH 5-of-6 (FG, TD, TD, int, TD, FG) 15-of-20 (.750) 11TD 4FG 1fum 2fail 4th 1miss FG 1int 1-int	OPPONENT 2-of-2 (FG, TD) 3-of-3 (FG, FG, TD) 2-of-3 (FG, TD, fail 4th) 7-of-8 (.875) 3TD 4FG 1fail 4th
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TROJANS IN THE NFL (33)

(As of 11/21/20)

ARIZONA CARDINALS
Devon Kennard, LB
BALTIMORE RAVENS
+Iman Marshall, CB HIMAIN MASTAIL, LB
BUFFALO BILLS
Matt Barkley, QB
CHICAGO BEARS
*+Darion Clark, TE
CLEVELAND BROWNS
Porter Gustin, DE
Malcolm Smith, LB
DALLAS COWBOYS
+Tyron Smith, T
Antwaun Woods, DT
DENVER BRONCOS
+Jurrell Casey, DL
DETROIT LIONS
Everson Griffen, DE
MARCUS MARTIN, OL
HOUSTON TEXANS
%Steven Mitchell Jr., WR
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
*Michael Pittman Jr., WR
+Marvell Tell III, CB
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS
Nelson Agholor, WR **BUFFALO BILLS** Nelson Agholor, WR
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
Uchenna Nwosu, LB
LOS ANGELES RAMS
Robert Woods, WR MIAMI DOLPHINS *Austin Jackson, T
MINNESOTA VIKINGS
+Cameron Smith, LB
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
+Marqise Lee, WR
NEW YORK GIANTS NEW YORK GIANTS
Leonard Williams, DL
NEW YORK JETS
Sam Darnold, QB
Chuma Edoga, T
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
Nickell Robey-Coleman, CB
%Deontay Burnett, WR
PITTSBURGH STEELERS
+7ach Banner T +Zach Banner, T JuJu Smith-Schuster, WR SEATTLE SEAHAWKS Rasheem Green, DE Jordan Simmons, G %Chad Wheeler, T
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
Ronald Jones II, RB
TENNESSEE TITANS
Adoree' Jackson, CB

*2020 Rookie +Injured Reserve or Opt Out %Practice Squad



CLAY HELTON



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*Clay Helton guided the Trojans to a Rose Bowl victory in 2016 and a Pac-12 Championship Game win in 2017 before seeing his team struggle in 2018, but USC rebounded well in 2019 (his fourth full season at Troy).

*The 48-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 43-22 (.662) as the Trojan head coach, with 12 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 in the Top 5 and 4 in the Top 10. He is 3-0 in 2020. He was 8-5 in 2019 with ranked wins over No. 23 Stanford and No. 10 Utah, was 5-7 in 2018 with a win over No. 19 Colorado, 11-3 in 2017 with wins over No. 14 Stanford twice (including in the Pac-12 Championship Game) and No. 23 Arizona, 10-3 in 2016 with wins over No. 4 Washington, No. 5 Penn State in a legendary Rose Bowl and No. 21 Colorado, 5-4 in 2015 with wins over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA, and 1-0 in 2013, beating No. 21 Fresno State.

*He was the first USC head coach to have 10-win seasons in each of his first 2 full seasons and he had more wins [21] in his first 2 full seasons than any USC coach. He led USC to a 19-game home winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001-04), a 14-game Pac-12 home game winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001 to 2004), a 13-game overall winning streak from 2016 to 2017 (its longest since 2003-04) and a 13-game winning streak over Power 5 opponents

from 2016 to 2017.

*He is 25-4 in the Coliseum. He is 34-12 (.739) versus Pac-12 foes, including 23-4 (.852) against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career losses came while he was serving as USC's interim head coach.

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*His <u>2019</u> Trojans, with only 4 senior starters and despite being marred by injuries in which 26 starters or key backups missed action, won 5 of their last 6 regular season games to go 8-5 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12 South, qualifying for the Holiday Bowl. The Trojans gave Utah its only regular season loss. Two of USC's losses were by a field goal, including one in overtime on the road. Troy did this despite starting 3 different quarterbacks and entering games down to a fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or both starting defensive ends.

*His <u>2018</u> Trojans--which featured young players in key spots--were 5-7 overall, with the last 4 losses all by 7 points or less, and 4-5 in Pac-12 play.

*In <u>2017</u>, his Trojans were 11-3 (ranked No. 12) despite playing all 12 regular season games without a bye. He led USC to an 8-1 Pac-12 record (the loss was by 3 points on Friday night on the road on a late field goal) and its first Pac-12 title since 2008 by winning the Pac-12 Championship Game (the first ever by a South Division team). Troy played in the Cotton Bowl Classic. He was the **2017 AP Pac-12 Coach of the Year and Athlon Pac-12 Coach of the Year Award** (the second consecutive year he was a finalist). After the 2017 season, Helton had his contract extended through the 2023 season.

*After his Trojans started off 1-3 in <u>2016</u> in his first full season as head coach (all 3 losses were to AP Top 25 teams away from home), USC closed with a 9-game winning streak (its longest since 2008-09) while rising to a final No. 3 national AP ranking (USC's highest since 2008 and the highest ever of any 3-loss team) and earning a berth in the Rose Bowl (finishing second in the Pac-12 South at 7-2) as it played a schedule ranked among the 10 most difficult in the nation. He was named a **finalist for the 2016 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** and won the **Football Writers First Year Co-Coach of the Year Award**.

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*He guided the 2015 Trojans to 5 wins in the last 6 regular-season games (including victories over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA), the co-championship of the challenging Pac-12 South Division, a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. He was named the 2015 Los Angeles Sports Council Coach of the Year.

*After starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Clay Helton was named USC's permanent head coach on Nov. 30 of that year, dropping the interim head coach title he had held for USC's final 7 regular season games.

*Helton joined the USC staff in February of 2010 as the quarterbacks coach. He added the passing game coordinator role in 2012 and became the Trojans' offensive coordinator in 2013 (he served as USC's interim head coach in its victory over No. 21 Fresno State in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl).

*He began his 10-year (2000-09) Memphis career as the running backs coach for 3 seasons, then coached the Tigers' receivers for the next 4

seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach the final 3 years. He served as Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery.

Before Memphis, he was the running backs coach at Houston, his alma mater, for 3 seasons (1997-99) under his father, head coach Kim Helton.

*He began his coaching career at Duke, serving as a graduate assistant in 1995 and then the running backs coach in 1996.

*He played quarterback at Houston in 1993 and 1994, playing for his father both seasons and captaining the Cougars as a 1994 senior. He spent 1991 and 1992 at Auburn, where he earned 1992 SEC All-Academic honors. He redshirted there in 1990. He prepped at Clements High in Sugar Land (Tex.). *He and wife, Angela, have 3 children. Besides being Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, his father, Kim, was an assistant in college, the NFL and CFL. His brother, Tyson, was USC's quarterbacks coach and pass game coordinator (2016-17) and now is the head coach at Western Kentucky.

*After bringing in **Graham Harrell** as USC's offensive coordinator in 2019 (with his "Air Raid" style attack), head coach Clay Helton made wholesale coaching changes on the defensive and special teams units for 2020. The Trojan defense gave up a school record in total yards in 2019.
*Todd Orlando, who has 15 years of experience as a collegiate defensive coordinator, including the past 3 seasons at Texas, will call the Trojan defense of the coordinator of the coordi defense and handle the linebackers. Craig Naivar, a 26-year coaching veteran at schools such as Houston, Kentucky and most recently Texas, was named safeties coach. Donte Williams, who spent the past 2 years at Oregon and is regarded among the nation's top recruiters, joins as the cornerbacks coach and defensive pass game coordinator. Vic So'oto, a former NFL player who coached Virginia's defensive line the past 3 seasons, is the new defensive line coach.

*Sean Snyder, whose special teams at Kansas State annually ranked among the nation's best, will be Troy's special teams coordinator (he is the son of legendary retired K-State head coach Bill Snyder).

Mike Jinks (running backs), Keary Colbert (wide receivers) and Tim Drevno (offensive line) return with Harrell on the offensive staff, while John David Baker was promoted from offensive quality control analyst to tight ends coach.



Graham Harrell

Off. Coordinator/Ouarterbacks

In the Booth



John David Baker

Tight Ends

In the Booth

Todd Orlando

Def. Coordinator/Linebackers



Donte Williams

Cornerbacks/ Def. Pass Game Coord.

In the Booth



Tim Drevno

Off. Line/Run Game, Pass Protect. Coord.

On the Field



Sean Snyder

Special Teams Coordinator

On the Field



Mike Jinks

Running Backs

Keary Colbert

On the Field



Craig Naivar

On the Field

Safeties

On the Field



Vic So'oto

Nefensive Line

On the Field



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Pos. X	No. 8 6	Name Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.) Joshua Jackson Jr. (6-1, 185, Fr.)	Twitter • Instagram @amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown @JoshuaJacksonJr • @jayyjacc	Major Business Administration –
Υ	15	Drake London (6-5, 210, So.)	@DrakeLondon_ • @drakelondon_	Real Estate Development
	80	John Jackson III (6-2, 205, So.)	@johnjack3_ • @johnjack.3	Real Estate Development
Z	21	Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 190, Sr.*)	@tswag03 • @tvaughns_21	Communication
	4	Bru McCoy (6-3, 210, Fr.)	@buhbuhbru • @brumccoy	-
A	8	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown	Business Administration
	1	Gary Bryant Jr. (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@Gary_Bryant01 • @gary_bryant1	–
Н	84	Erik Krommenhoek (6-5, 260, Sr.)	@ekromme11 • @erik_krommenhoek	Human Biology
	18	Jude Wolfe (6-5, 250, Fr.*)	@judewolfe25 • @jude_wolfe	Real Estate Development
LT	75	Alijah Vera-Tucker (6-4, 310, Jr.*)	@ALIJAHVT • @alijahveratucker	Communication
	69	Casey Collier (6-7, 290, Fr.)	@CaseyCollier54 • @cased.up	-
LG	72	Andrew Vorhees (6-6, 320, Jr.*)	@Andrew_Vorhees • @andrew_vorhees	Communication Management
	68	Liam Douglass (6-5, 315, So.*)	@Liamdouglass99 • @liam.douglass	Communication
C	62	Brett Neilon (6-2, 305, Jr.*)	@brettn110 • @brettneilon	Business Administration
	57	Justin Dedich (6-2, 300, So.*)	@Justin_BigDaddy • @justin_bigdaddy	Human Biology
	78	Andrew Milek (6-5, 290, Fr.)	@AndrewJMilek • @andrew.milek	Economics
RG	71	Liam Jimmons (6-4, 315, Sr.*)	@l_jimmons • @liam_jimmons	Sociology
	74	Courtland Ford (6-5, 305, Fr.)	@FordCourtland • –	—
RT	70	Jalen McKenzie (6-5, 315, Jr.*)	@pcBjaypeez_ • @jay_peez70	International Relations
	79	Jonah Monheim (6-5, 290, Fr.)	@JonahMonheim • @jonah_monheim	Business Administration
ŌВ	9	Kedon Slovis (6-2, 200, So.)	@Kedonslovis • @kedonslovis	Communication
	19	Matt Fink (6-3, 210, Sr.*)	@FinkMattfink • @matt_fink19	Communication Management
R	7	Stephen Carr (6-0, 215, Sr.) OR	@yt_deon • @yt_deon	Communication
	23	Kenan Christon (5-10, 185, So.)	@KChriston_Jr • @kenan_christon	Business Administration
В	29	Vavae Malepeai (6-0, 220, Sr.*) OR	@vavaeee • @vavaeee	Project Management
	30	#Markese Stepp (6-0, 235 So.*)	@markese_stepp • @markese_stepp	Communication
	27	Quincy Jountti (5-10, 215, Sr.*)	@QJountti • @quincyejountti	Applied Psychology

Players connected with "**OR**" are considered equal *Used redshirt year #Entered game week with an injury or uncertain status



DEPTH CHART

DEFENSE

Pos. DE	No. 50 49	Name Nick Figueroa (6-5, 260, Jr.*) Tuli Tuipulotu (6-3, 265, Fr.)	Twitter • Instagram @nickafigueroa1 • @nickafigueroa @TuipulotuTuli • @2lee.widdit	Major Real Estate Development –
NT	93	Marlon Tuipulotu (6-3, 305, Jr.*)	@marlont_51 • @mtuipulotu51	Political Science
	91	Brandon Pili (6-4, 325, Sr.)	@BrandonPili • @brandonpili_91	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	94	Kobe Pepe (6-1, 300, Fr.)	@pepe_kobe • @kobe.pepe	Communication
	47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (6-3, 280, Fr.*)	@TaufoouStanley • @stan_taufoou	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
DT	96	Caleb Tremblay (6-5, 270, Sr.*)	@ctremblay49 • @ctremblay5	Sociology
	90	Connor Murphy (6-7, 270, Sr.*)	@CMurph_90 • @cmurphy_90	Communication
B BACKE	R 99	Drake Jackson (6-4, 255, So.)	@The99Athlete • @the99athlete	Communication
	31	Hunter Echols (6-5, 245, Jr.*)	@hunter_tyb • @huntertyb	Communication
MAC	10	#Ralen Goforth (6-2, 235, So.)	@ralengoforth • @ralengoforth	Communication
	26	Kana'i Mauga (6-2, 245,Jr.)	@kanai_mauga • @squash_26	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	44	Tuasivi Nomura (6-1, 225, Fr.*)	@sivinomura • @_sivi_sivi_	Business Administration
ROVER	1	#Palaie Gaoteote IV (6-2, 250, Jr.)	@PalaieGaoteote • @palaiegaoteote.cc	Sociology
	18	Raymond Scott (6-2, 220, So.*)	@RayScott22_ • –	Communication
NK	9	Greg Johnson (5-11, 195, Jr.*)	@YKGthree • @ykg.three	Communication
	4	Max Williams (5-9, 180, Fr.*)	@maaaax_1 • @maaaax5	Real Estate Development
FS	21	lsaiah Pola-Mao (6-4, 205, Jr.*)	@Isaiah_Pola_Mao • @isaiahpolamao	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	7	Chase Williams (6-2, 190, So.*)	@_ujdkchase • @wavy_c5	Business Administration
SS	15	Talanoa Hufanga (6-1, 215, Jr.)	@HufangaTalanoa • tongantiger15	Communication
	17	Micah Croom (6-1, 210, Sr.*)	@captain_croom • @micah.croom	Communication ManagemenT
CB	2	Olaijah Griffin (6-0, 175, Jr.)	@DlaijahGriffin • @olaijah	Communication
	22	Dorian Hewett (6-0, 185, So.) DR	@thefuture124 • @hewettdorian	—
	14	Jayden Williams (6-1, 195, So.)	@DfficialxJayden • @jaydenwilliamss	Communication
CB	8	Chris Steele (6-1, 190, So.)	@KinggChris7 • @csteele.8	Communication
	6	Isaac Taylor-Stuart (6-2, 195, So.*)	@Kingathlete5 • @kingathlete	Communication

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DEPTH CHART

SPECIALISTS

Pos. P	No. 24 36	Name Ben Griffiths (6-5, 245, So.*) Will Rose (6-1, 180, Fr.*)	Twitter • Instagram @bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24 – • @will_ross	Major Psychology International Relations/Global Bus.
PK	48 40	Parker Lewis (6-3, 205, Fr.) Chase McGrath (6-0, 190, Jr.*)	@ParkerLewi • @parkerlewi_ @ChaseMcGrath • @chasemcgrath	Real Estate Development –
KO	48 49 38	Parker Lewis (6-3, 205, Fr.) Michael Brown (6-1, 205, Sr.*) OR Alex Stadthaus (6-2, 205, Jr.)	@ParkerLewi • @parkerlewi_ @michaelbrown15 • @michaelebrown49 @astadthaus • @astadthaus	Real Estate Development Real Estate Development Geological Sciences
SNP	59 39	Damon Johnson (6-0, 210, Sr.*) Jac Casasante (6-0, 215, So.*)	@damon_james24 • @damonjoh_ @casasante_jac • @casasante	Communication Management Business Administration
HLD	24 36	Ben Griffiths (6-5, 245, So.*) Will Rose (6-1, 180, Fr.*)	@bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24 – • @will_ross	Psychology International Relations/Global Bus.
			RETURNERS	
KOR	1 23 8 7	Gary Bryant Jr. (5-11, 170, Fr.) AND Kenan Christon (5-10, 185, So.) Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.) Stephen Carr (6-0, 215, Sr.)	@Gary_Bryant01 • @gary_bryant1 @KChriston_Jr • @kenan_christon @amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown @yt_deon •	- Business Administration Business Administration @yt_deon Communication
PR	8 21 2 1	Amon-Ra St. Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.) Tyler Vaughns (6-2, 190, Sr.*) Olaijah Griffin (6-0, 175, Jr.) Gary Bryant Jr. (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@amonra_stbrown • @amonra_stbrown @tswag03 • @tvaughns_21 @OlaijahGriffin • @olaijah @Gary_Bryant01 • @gary_bryant1	Business Administration Communication Communication –

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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PLAYERS	
ALLEN, Briton	BRIT-un
AOKI, Brad	ah-OE-key
BENTON, De'jon	BEN-tun, DAY-zjahn
BRYSON, Joe	BRY-sun
CARR, Stephen	CAR, STEEV-u
CARR, Stephen CASASANTE, Jac	cass-uh-SOHN-tay, JACK
CHRISTON, Kenan	KRIS-tun, KEY-nun
COLLIER, Casey	CALL-yur
COLOMBO, Matt	cuh-LÚM-boe
CROOM, Micah	CROOM, MY-kuh
DEDICH. Justin	DEED-itch
DEWERK, Andres	duh-WORK, ON-drus
DOUGLAŚS, Liam	DUG-lus, LÉE-um
EASINGTOŇ, Ben	EEZ-ing-tun
ECHOLS, Hunter	ECK-olz
ESPARZA, Peter	uh-SPAR-zuh
FALANIKO, Juliano	fah-lah-NEE-coe, jew-lee-AH-no
FALO, Josh	FALL-oe
FIGUÉROA, Nick	fig-uh-ROE-uh
GAUTEUTE IV, Palaie	nãh-OE-tay-OE-tay, pa-la-EE-ae
GOFORTH, Ralen	GOE-forth, RAY-lun
GRIFFIN, Ólaijah HASAN, Mo	GRIF-un, uh-LIE-jhuh
HASAN, Mo	huh-SAHN
HEWITT, Dorian	YOU-it, DOOR-ee-un
HOLLINQUEST, Kohl	HALL-en-gwest, COLE
HUFANGA, Talanoa	who-FAWN-guh, tal-uh-NOE-uh
IUSEFA. Jordan	ee-oe-SEF-uh
JIMMUNS. Liam	JIM-uns, LEE-um
JUHNSUN, Damon	JON-sun, DAY-mun
JOUNTTI, Quincy	JON-tee, KWIN-see
JOUNTTI, Quincy KATOA, Tayler	kuh-TOE-uh, TAY-lur
KRUMMENHUEK, Erik	krome-mun-HOKE
LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	LICK-tun-steen
LOCKE, Chase	LOCK
LOPEZ, Damian	LOW-pez, DAY-mee-un
MAGEÓ, AJ	mun-YAY-oe
MAGEO, AJ MAHONEY, Sean	muh-HO-nee
MAKAULA, Kaulana	muh-COW-luh, cow-LAWN-uh
MALEPEAÍ, Vavae	mah-lay-PAY-éye, vah-VYE
MATTHEWS, Bryce	MATH-úse, BRÍCÉ
MAUGA, Kana'i	MOW-guh, kuh-NYE-ee
MAUGA, Kana'i MAURICE, Tommy	moe-REECE
McCALLISTER, Michael	muh-CAL-us-tur
McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik/Munir	muh-CLAYN, ab-DOOL-muh-LEEK/moo-NEER
McCOY, Bru	muh-COY, BREW
McGRATH, Chase	muh-GRÁTH
McKENZIÉ, Jalen	muh-KEN-zee, JAY-lin
MILEK, Andrew	MILL-ick
MONHEIM, Jonah	MAHN-hime, JOE-nuh
NEILON, Brett	NEE-lawn
NOMURÁ, Tuasivi	no-MUR-uh, too-ah-SEE-vee 🦰

ORAM-JONES, Samuel
OTEY, Adonis
PEPE, Kobe
PILI, Brandon
POLA-MAO, Isaiah
QUINONES, Gino
RAE, Ethan
RODRIGUEZ, Jason
SCHIRMER, Bernard
SEKONA, Jamar
SHAHIDI, Michael
SHAMBLIN, Ty
SLOVIS, Kedon
STADTHAUS, Alex
ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra
STEPHEN, Caadyn
STEPP, Markese
TA'UFO'OU, Stanley
TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac
TREMBLAY, Caleb
TUFONO, Maninoa
TUIPULOTU, Marlon/Tuli
TULIAUPUPU, Solomon
VAUGHNS, Tyler
VERA-TUCKER, Alijah
VOIGT, Scott
VORHEES, Andrew
WENETA, Nathan
WILLIAMS, Jayden
WINSTON, Eli'Jah
WOLFE, Jude
ZUVICH, Mark

ZUVICH, Mark

CDACHES/STAFF

ARCE, Brett

AUSMUS, Aaron
COLBERT, Keary
DDEGE, Seth
DREVNO, Tim
DUSENBURY, Jake
HARRELL, Graham
HELTON, Clay
HOWE, Shawn
KEANE, Stanton
MURILLO, Steve
NAIVAR, Craig
ORLANDO, Todd
SO'OTO, Vic
TALAMAIVAO, Viane
VANDERMADE, Lenny
WILLIAMS, Donte

ORE-um JOENZ
OE-tay, uh-DON-is
PEP-pay, COE-bee
PEE-lee
POE-luh MOW (as in Cow), eye-ZAY-uh
cue-NOE-nez, GEE-noe
RAY
rod-REE-guz
SHER-mur
suh-COE-nuh, juh-MAR
shaw-HEE-dee
SHAM-blin
SLOW-vis, KEED-un
STAD-house
SAYNT BROWN, AW-mun-raw
STEEV-un, KAY-dun
STEEV-un, KAY-dun
STEP, mar-KEESE
tau-FOE-oh
TAY-lur-STEW-urt, EYE-zik
TREM-blay, KAY-lub
too-FOE-no, man-ee-NO-uh
TOO-ee-poo-LOE-too, MAR-lun/TOO-lee
too-lee-ow-POO-poo, SAUL-uh-mun
VONS
VARE-uh TUK-ur, uh-LIE-jhuh
VOYT
VORE-heez
wuh-NET-uh
WIL-yums, JAY-din
WIN-stun, uh-LIE-jhuh
WULF
ZOO-vitch

ARE-see
OSS-muss
COL-burt, CARE-ee
DAY-ghee
DREV-noe
DOOZ-un-burry
HAIR-ull
HELL-tun
HOW
KEEN
mer-RILL-oe
NYE-vur
ore-LAN-doe
soe-OE-toe
tal-uh-MY-vow, vee-ON-ee
VAN-dur-maid
WIL-yums, DON-tay

2020 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

NO. NA	ME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
	LEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	So./So.	1V	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
38 AO	IKI, Brad	QВ	5-9	170	4/24/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
79 BE	NTON, De'jon	DL	6-3	300	2/21/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
	lOWN, Michael	PK	6-1	205	12/23/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian)
	YANT JR., Gary	WR	5-11	170	11/19/00	Fr./Fr.		Riverside, CA (Centennial)
	YSON, Joe	OL	6-8	295	2/9/00	Jr./Jr.	TR	Castle Pines, CO (Rock Canyon/Colorado Mesa)
	RR, Stephen	TB	6-0	215	1/16/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Gardena, CA (Summit)
	SASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
	ULK, Chris	WR	6-3	210	10/27/97	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
	IRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	So./So.	1V	San Diego, CA (Madison)
	ILLIER, Casey	OL TB	6-7 5-11	290 105	6/18/02	Fr./Fr.		Baytown, TX (Barbers Hill)
	ILOMBO, Matt IOOM, Micah	S	6-1	185 210	11/3/01 11/17/97	Fr./Fr. Sr.*/Gr.	TR	El Segundo, CA (St. John Bosco) Cerritos, CA (La Mirada/Dartmouth)
	DICH, Justin	OL .	6-2	300	4/21/00	So.*/Jr.	17	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
	WERK, Andres	OL	6-7	295	2/18/02	Fr./Fr.		San Jose, CA (Los Gatos)
	UGLASS, Liam	OL	6-5	315	9/3/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
	AKE, Jack	CB	5-10	190	10/28/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
	SINGTON, Ben	ТВ	5-10	215	4/23/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SÓ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
	HOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	245	11/1/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
	PARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	215	4/6/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
	LANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	235	3/27/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83 FA	LO, Josh	TE	6-6	235	8/10/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
	GUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	260	8/1/99	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
	NK, Matt	QВ	6-3	210	12/13/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
	RD, Courtland	OL	6-5	305	9/6/01	Fr./Fr.		Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
	RD, Kyle	WR	6-2	210	1/20/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
	OTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
	BERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
	FORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	235	11/2/00	So./So.	10	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
	UFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	175	3/10/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
	RIFFITHS, Ben ASAN, Mo	P QB	6-5 6-3	245 205	9/17/91 4/17/98	So.*/Jr. Sr.*/Gr.	1V TR	Melbourne, Australia Miami, FL (Dillard/Syracuse/Coffeyville CC/Vanderbilt)
	WETT, Dorian	CB	6-0	185	6/13/01	So./So.	17	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
	ILLINQUEST, Kohl	WR	6-4	235	3/7/98	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Granada Hills, CA (Sierra Canyon/Penn)
	IFANGA, Talanoa	S	6-1	215	2/1/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley)
	SEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	235	9/20/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
	CKSON, Drake	OLB	6-4	255	4/12/01	So./So.	1V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
	CKSON III, John	WR	6-2	205	8/23/99	So./So.	1V	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
	CKSON JR., Joshua	WR	6-1	185	7/9/01	Fr./Fr.		Westminster, CA (Narbonne)
	MMONS, Liam	OL	6-4	315	1/6/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
59 JO	HNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	210	10/7/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
	HNSON, Greg	S	5-11	195	1/12/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
	NES, Grant	TB	6-2	225	3/14/98	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
	UNTTI, Quincy	ТВ	5-10	215	9/28/97	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
	TOA, Tayler	ILB	6-2	230	7/27/98	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
	OMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	260	11/12/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
	WIS, Parker	PK	6-3	205	6/28/01	Fr./Fr.	 1\/	Phoenix, AZ (Saguaro)
	CHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-5	265	11/6/98	Jr.*/Sr.	10	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
	CKE, Chase	WR	6-4	200	7/7/00 7/21/02	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
	CKHART JR., Danny NDON, Drake	ILB WR	6-0 6-5	220 210	7/24/01	Fr./Fr. So./So.	 1V	Redlands, CA (St. John Bosco) Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
	PEZ, Damian	OL	6-6	315	9/23/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/
03 LU	FLZ, Dailliall	UL	0-0	313	3/63/33	JI. /JI.	JΥ	Los Angeles Harbor JC)
64 MA	AGEO, AJ	OL	6-5	310	11/10/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
	AHONEY, Sean	TE	6-5	230	9/12/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
	AKAULA, Kaulana	S	6-3	210	12/18/99	Fr.*/So.	1V	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
	ALEPEAI, Vavae	ТВ	6-0	220	1/21/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
	ARTIN II, Frank	OL	6-4	310	9/5/97	Sr.*/Sr.	17	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
	ATTHEWS, Bryce	OLB	6-3	225	4/30/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery)
	AUGA, Kana'i [*]	ILB	6-2	245	1/8/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
37 MA	AURICE, Tommy	S	5-9	190	10/20/01	Fr./Fr.		Brookfield, WI (Brookfield Central)
35 Mc	ALLISTER, Michael	Р	6-2	230	3/3/02	Fr./Fr.		Carlsbad, CA (La Costa Canyon)
	:CLAIN, Abdul-Malik	OLB	6-4	245	10/10/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Atlanta, GA (JSerra Catholic (CA))
	CLAIN, Munir	WR	6-4	210	12/29/00	So./So.	1V	Atlanta, GA (JSerra Catholic (CA))
4 Mc	COY, Bru	WR	6-3	220	6/22/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.(ATH/A	C) EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OL	6-5	315	7/10/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	195	2/18/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	290	2/2/01	Fr./Fr.		Chandler, AZ (Brophy Prep)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	290	6/7/02	Fr./Fr.		Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
36	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7	270	10/29/97	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
62	NEILON, Brett	OL	6-2	305	7/7/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	ILB	6-1	225	1/23/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
26	ORAM-JONES, Samuel	ТВ	5-8	200	11/2/97	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Milton Keynes, England (Webber Independent/ Durham/Vanderbilt)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	185	3/12/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-1	300	3/31/01	Fr./Fr.		Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-3	290	4/5/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	245	7/12/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OL	6-6	320	3/9/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
36	ROSE, Will	Р	6-1	180	4/30/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
42	RYAN, Danny	WR	6-2	175	10/22/01	Fr./Fr.		Larkspur, CA (St. Ignatius)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OL	6-6	285	12/18/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB-S	6-2	220	4/19/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
77	SEKONA, Jamar	DL	6-2	300	4/8/02	Fr./Fr.		Fairfax, CA (Marin Catholic)
47	SHAHIDI, Michael	Р	6-0	180	3/3/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Westlake Village, CA (Westlake)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	6-0	185	12/16/01	Fr./Fr.		Carpinteria, CA (Oaks Christian)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QВ	6-2	200	4/11/01	So./So.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	205	12/13/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	So./So.	1V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
73	STEPHEN, Caadyn	OL	6-5	285	10/23/01	Fr./Fr.		Camas, WA (Camas)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	235	2/11/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	280	1/30/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	195	10/25/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
96	TREMBLAY, Caleb	DL	6-5	270	9/24/96	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Napa, CA (Vintage/American River CC)
95	TROUT, Trevor	DL	6-4	310	11/20/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
45	TUFONO, Maninoa	DL	6-3	245	6/28/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
93	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Independence, OR (Central)
49	TUIPULOTU, Tuli	DL	6-3	265	9/3/02	Fr./Fr.		Gardena, CA (Lawndale)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	240	3/20/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	190	6/1/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OL	6-4	310	6/17/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd)
46	VOIGT, Scott	TE	6-3	215	1/7/98	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Darien, CT (Darien)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OL	6-6	320	1/21/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
13	WARD, Isaac	QВ	6-0	175	12/6/01	Fr./Fr.		Athens, GA (Clarke Central)
22	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	190	8/20/98	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-2	215	6/28/00	Fr.*/So.	TR	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	S	6-2	190	12/9/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	So./So.	1V	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	S	5-9	180	8/28/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Carson, CA (Serra)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	ILB	6-3	240	4/8/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	250	2/11/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	OL	6-3	250	9/1/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
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HEAD COACH: Clay HELTON (Houston, 1994), Seventh Year (interim 1 game in 2013, 7 in 2015; permanent 2 games in 2015, all 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019)

ASSISTANT COACHES: John David BAKER, Tight Ends (Abilene Christian, 2014); Keary COLBERT, Wide Receivers (USC, 2006); Tim DREVNO, Offensive Line/Run Game and Pass Protection Coordinator (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Graham HARRELL, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, 2007); Mike JINKS, Running Backs (Angelo State, 1995); Stanton KEANE, Offensive Graduate Assistant (Texas Tech, 2018); Craig NAIVAR, Safeties (Hardin-Simmons, 1994); Todd ORLANDO, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Wisconsin, 1994); Sean SNYDER, Special Teams Coordinator (Kansas State, 1994); Vic SO'OTO, Defensive Line (BYU, 2010); Viane TALAMAIVAO, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2018); Aaron WILLIAMS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (Nebraska, 2018); Donte WILLIAMS, Cornerbacks/Defensive Pass Game Coordinator (Idaho State, 2006).

HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH: Aaron AUSMUS (Tennessee, 1998)



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NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.[ATH/AC]	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
1	BRYANT JR., Gary	WR	5-11	170	11/19/00	Fr./Fr.		Riverside, CA (Centennial)
1	GAOTEOTE IV, Palaie	ILB	6-2	250	5/11/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Las Vegas, NV (Bishop Gorman)
2	GRIFFIN, Olaijah	CB	6-0	175	3/10/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach, CA (Mission Viejo)
2	McCLAIN, Munir	WR	6-4	210	12/29/00	So./So.	17	Atlanta, GA (JSerra Catholic (CA))
4	WILLIAMS, Max	S	5-9	180	8/28/00	Fr.*/So.	10	Carson, CA (Serra)
4	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	220	6/22/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
6 6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac JACKSON JR., Joshua	CB WR	6-2 6-1	195 185	10/25/99 7/9/01	So.*/Jr. Fr./Fr.	2V 	San Diego, CA (Helix) Westminster, CA (Narbonne)
7	CARR, Stephen	TB	6-0	215	1/16/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Gardena, CA (Summit)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	S	6-2	190	12/9/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
8	ST. BROWN, Amon-Ra	WR	6-1	195	10/24/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Anaheim Hills, CA (Mater Dei)
8	STEELE, Chris	СВ	6-1	190	9/27/00	So./So.	1V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QВ	6-2	200	4/11/01	So./So.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
9	JOHNSON, Greg	S	5-11	195	1/12/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
10	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	235	11/2/00	So./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
10	HASAN, Mo	QВ	6-3	205	4/17/98	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Miami, FL (Dillard/Syracuse/Coffeyville CC/Vanderbilt)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	185	3/12/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
13	WARD, Isaac	QB CD	6-0 c 1	175 105	12/6/01	Fr./Fr.	 1\/	Athens, GA (Clarke Central)
14 15	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1 c 1	195	7/25/00	So./So.	1V 2V	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
15 15	HUFANGA, Talanoa LONDON, Drake	S WR	6-1 6-5	215 210	2/1/00 7/24/01	Jr./Jr. So./So.	2 v 1 V	Corvallis, OR (Crescent Valley) Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	205	12/4/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
17	CROOM, Micah	S	6-1	210	11/17/97	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Cerritos, CA (La Mirada/Dartmouth)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	250	2/11/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB-S	6-2	220	4/19/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Harbor City, CA (Narbonne)
19	FINK, Matt	QВ	6-3	210	12/13/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Glendora)
21	VAUGHNS, Tyler	WR	6-2	190	6/1/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Pasadena, CA (Bishop Amat)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	СВ	6-0	185	6/13/01	So./So.	1V	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
22	WEBSTER, Jack	WR	6-0	190	8/20/98	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	La Canada Flintridge, CA (Loyola)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	So./So.	1V	San Diego, CA (Madison)
23 24	MAKAULA, Kaulana	S P	6-3 6-5	210 245	12/18/99 9/17/91	Fr.*/So. So.*/Jr.	1V 1V	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
25	GRIFFITHS, Ben ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	185	5/20/00	So./So.	1V 1V	Melbourne, Australia Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	245	1/8/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
26	ORAM-JONES, Samuel	TB	5-8	200	11/2/97	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Milton Keynes, England (Webber Independent/
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27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-10	215	9/28/97	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
29	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
30	STEPP, Markese	TB	6-0	235	2/11/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
30	McMILLAN, Jordan	S	5-11	195	2/18/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	245	11/1/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	ILB	6-3	240	4/8/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
34	COLOMBO, Matt	TB	5-11	185	11/3/01	Fr./Fr.		El Segundo, CA (St. John Bosco)
35 36	McALLISTER, Michael MOORE, Clyde	P ILB	6-2 6-0	230 225	3/3/02 10/13/99	Fr./Fr. Fr.*/So.	 SQ	Carlsbad, CA (La Costa Canyon) Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
36	ROSE, Will	Р	6-1	180	4/30/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
37	EASINGTON, Ben	TB	5-10	215	4/23/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Evanston, IL (Evanston)
37	MAURICE, Tommy	S	5-9	190	10/20/01	Fr./Fr.		Brookfield, WI (Brookfield Central)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	205	12/13/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
38	AOKI, Brad	QВ	5-9	170	4/24/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Honolulu, HI (Punaĥou)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
40	McGRATH, Chase	PK	6-0	190	9/13/98	Jr.*/Sr.	ЗV	Newport Beach, CA (Mater Dei)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	6-0	185	12/16/01	Fr./Fr.		Carpinteria, CA (Oaks Christian)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	235	3/27/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
41 42	CAULK, Chris	WR	6-3 6-4	210	10/27/97	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ 1V	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/San Diego Mesa JC)
42 42	McCLAIN, Abdul-Malik RYAN, Danny	OLB WR	6-4 6-2	245 175	10/10/99 10/22/01	So.*/Jr. Fr./Fr.	1V 	Atlanta, GA (JSerra Catholic (CA)) Larkspur, CA (St. Ignatius)
42 44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	ILB	6-2 6-1	225	1/23/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
44	DRAKE, Jack	CB	5-10	190	10/28/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
45	TUFONO, Maninoa	DL	6-3	245	6/28/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
46	VOIGT, Scott	TE	6-3	215	1/7/98	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Darien, CT (Darien)
46	JONES, Grant	TB	6-2	225	3/14/98	Sr.*/Sr.	SÒ	Danville, CÅ (De Lá Salle)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	280	1/30/00	Fr.*/So.	1V	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
47	SHAHIDI, Michael	Р	6-0	180	3/3/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Westlake Village, CA (Westlake)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.[ATH/A	C) EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
48	LEWIS, Parker	PK	6-3	205	6/28/01	Fr./Fr.	·	Phoenix, AZ (Saguaro)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	215	4/6/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
49	TUIPULOTU, Tuli	DL	6-3	265	9/3/02	Fr./Fr.		Gardena, CA (Lawndale)
49	BROWN, Michael	PK	6-1	205	12/23/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Temecula, CA (Linfield Christian)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	260	8/1/99	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
51	SCHIRMER, Bernard	OL	6-6	285	12/18/96	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood/Mt. San Antonio JC)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
53	MATTHEWS, Bryce	OLB	6-3	225	4/30/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Montgomery)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-2	215	6/28/00	Fr.*/So.	TR	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
54	KATOA, Tayler	ILB	6-2	230	7/27/98	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	235	9/20/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	295	2/18/02	Fr./Fr.		San Jose, CA (Los Gatos)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	300	4/21/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
57	LOCKHART JR., Danny	ILB	6-0	220	7/21/02	Fr./Fr.		Redlands, CA (St. John Bosco)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	240	3/20/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	210	10/7/97	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
61	BRYSON, Joe	OL	6-8	295	2/9/00	Jr./Jr.	TR	Castle Pines, CO (Rock Canyon/Colorado Mesa)
62	NEILON, Brett	OL	6-2	305	7/7/98	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OL	6-6	315	9/23/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/
								Los Angeles Harbor JC)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OL	6-5	310	11/10/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OL	6-4	310	9/5/97	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-3	290	4/5/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
67	ZUVICH, Mark	OL	6-3	250	9/1/99	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OL	6-5	315	9/3/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
69	COLLIER, Casey	OL	6-7	290	6/18/02	Fr./Fr.		Baytown, TX (Barbers Hill)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OL	6-5	315	7/10/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OL	6-4	315	1/6/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OL	6-6	320	1/21/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
73	STEPHEN, Caadyn	OL	6-5	285	10/23/01	Fr./Fr.		Camas, WA (Camas)
74	FORD, Courtland	OL	6-5	305	9/6/01	Fr./Fr.		Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
75	VERA-TUCKER, Alijah	OL	6-4	310	6/17/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OL	6-6	320	3/9/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
77	SEKONA, Jamar	DL	6-2	300	4/8/02	Fr./Fr.		Fairfax, CA (Marin Catholic)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	290	2/2/01	Fr./Fr.		Chandler, AZ (Brophy Prep)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-3	300	2/21/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Oakland, CA (Pittsburg)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	290	6/7/02	Fr./Fr.		Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-2	205	8/23/99	So./So.	1V	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	210	1/20/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	235	8/10/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-5	260	11/12/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	245	7/12/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-4	200	7/7/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
87	HOLLINQUEST, Kohl	WR	6-4	235	3/7/98	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Granada Hills, CA (Sierra Canyon/Penn)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-5	230	9/12/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
90	MURPHY, Connor	DL	6-7 C 4	270	10/29/97	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Mesa, AZ (Brophy Prep)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
93	TUIPULOTU, Marlon	DL	6-3	305	5/31/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V 	Independence, OR (Central)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-1	300	3/31/01	Fr./Fr.		Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
95 96	TROUT, Trevor	DL DL	6-4 6-5	310 270	11/20/99	So.*/Jr. Sr*/Sr	SQ 2V	Ferguson, MO (Chaminade College Prep)
	TREMBLAY, Caleb LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob				9/24/96 11/6/98	Sr.*/Sr.	2 V 1 V	Napa, CA (Vintage/American River CC)
97 99	JACKSON, Drake	DL OLB	6-5 6-4	265 255	4/12/01	Jr.*/Sr. So./So.	1V 1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay) Corona, CA (Centennial)
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HEAD COACH: Clay HELTON (Houston, 1994), Seventh Year (interim 1 game in 2013, 7 in 2015; permanent 2 games in 2015, all 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019)

ASSISTANT COACHES: John David BAKER, Tight Ends (Abilene Christian, 2014); Keary COLBERT, Wide Receivers (USC, 2006); Tim DREVNO, Offensive Line/Run Game and Pass Protection Coordinator (Cal State Fullerton, 1992); Graham HARRELL, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, 2007); Mike JINKS, Running Backs (Angelo State, 1995); Stanton KEANE, Offensive Graduate Assistant (Texas Tech, 2018); Craig NAIVAR, Safeties (Hardin-Simmons, 1994); Todd ORLANDO, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Wisconsin, 1994); Sean SNYDER, Special Teams Coordinator (Kansas State, 1994); Vic SO'OTO, Defensive Line (BYU, 2010); Viane TALAMAIVAO, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2018); Aaron WILLIAMS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (Nebraska, 2018); Donte WILLIAMS, Cornerbacks/Defensive Pass Game Coordinator (Idaho State, 2006).

HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH: Aaron AUSMUS (Tennessee, 1998)



2020 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in bold face)

Name	Ariz. St.	Arizon	a Utah	Colorado	Wash. St.	UCLA	TBA
Rushing: TCB-	-NFT-TΠ						
Stepp	14 -53-1	12-82- 1					
Malepeai	8- 60 -0	6-7-1	20-62- 1				
Carr	10-45-1		1-(-30-0				
Christon		1-4-0	5-55-0				
Slovis	6-21-0		5-(-21)-0				
Team	2-(-4)-0						
Passing: PA-P	C-INT-YDS	5-TD					
Slovis		43- 30 -0	35- 24 -1				
	381 -2	325 -1	264 -2				
Receiving: NO	-YDS-TD						
St. Brown		7-113- 0	5 -53-0				
Vaughns	7-53-0	7 -70-0	4-62-1				
London	8-125 -1	4-68-0	3-45-0				
МсСоу	5-51-1	3-25-0	5-66- 0				
Malepeai	4-23-0	5-20-0	4-14-0				
Carr	5-12-0						
Krommenhoek		1-6-1	3-24-1				
Stepp	2-12-0						
Wolfe	2-5-0						
Joh. Jackson		1-23-0					
Bryant		1-3-0					
Christon		1-(-3)-0					
Punting: NO-Y	OS-LONG						
Griffiths	3-138-50	3-143-61	4-175-50				
Punt Returns:	NO-YOS-	LONG					
St. Brown	2-15-8	2-17-11					
Vaughns			1-(-4)-(-4)				
Kickoff Return	s: NO-YD	S-LONG					
Griffin	3-52-27						
St. Brown	2-43-23						
Bryant			2-36-18				
Interceptions:	NO-YOS-						
Hufanga		1-27-0	1-0-0				
D. Jackson			1-10-0				
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Steele

Name Ariz. St. Arizona Utah Colorado Wash. St. UCLA TBA

Defensive Statistics: TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC **10**-0.5-0-0 4-0-0-0 10-0-1-0 5-0.5-0-0 6-0.5-0-0 **12-**0.5-2-0 Hufanga Goforth 8-2-0-0 **8**-0.5-0-0 4-1-0-0 M. Tuipulotu 7-1-2-1 Pola-Mao 5-0-0-0 6-0-1-1 1-0-0-0 Mauga 3-0-0-0 11-1.5-0-0 6-1-1-0 3-0-0-0 4-0-1-0 4-0.5-1-0 G. Johnson 4-0-0-0 Griffin 4-0-1-0 4-0.5-0-0 3-1-0-0 Figueroa 5-1.5-0-0 5-2-0-0 2-0-0-0 3-0-0-0 5-0-0-0 D. Jackson 3-1-0-0 Steele 1-0-2-0 Gaoteote 7-0-0-0 2-0-0-0 5-0-0-0 3-1-0-0 2-0-0-0 4-0.5-0-0 T. Tuipulotu Echols 1-0-0-0 3-0.5-0-0 1-0-0-0 M. Williams 1-0-0-0 Scott 3-1-0-0 Tremblay 2-0.5-0-0 Taylor-Stuart 1-0-0-0 1-0-0-0 Pili 2-0-0-0 Allen 1-0-0-0 Hewett 1-0-0-0 J. Williams 1-0-0-0 ----Ta'ufo'ou 1-0-0-0 1-0-0-0 0-0-0-1 Murphy 0-0-0-1 0-0-0-1 Jountti МсСоу

USC TEAM STATISTICS

<u>Name</u>	Ariz. St.	Arizona	Utah	Colorado	Wash. St.	UCLA	TBA
First Downs	20	20	17				
First Downs	28	26 7	17 5				
Rush	12	-					
Pass	16	15	12				
Penalty	0	4	0				
Rush Attempts		32	31				
Yds Gain	200	185	133				
Yds Lost	25	12	40				
Net Yards	175	173	93				
Net Yds Pass	381	325	264				
Pass Att	51	43	35				
Pass Com	40	30	24				
Had Int	1	0	1				
Tot Off Plays	95	75	66				
Tot Net Yards	556	498	357				
Avg/Play	5.9	6.6	5.4				
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	0-0	3-1				
Penalties-Yds	5-59	11-110	5-49				
Punts-Yds	3-138	3-143	4-175				
Avg/Punt	46.0	47.7	43.8				
Punt Ret-Yds	2-15	2-17	1-(-4)				
KO Ret-Yds	5-95	0-0	2-36				
Int-Yards	0-0	1-27	3-13				
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0				
Poss Time	34:41	29:56	30:41				
3rd Down Con	7-19	5-13	4-13				
4th Down Con	5-8	1-2	0-0				
Sacks By-Yds	1-11	4-26	3-22				

Game-By-Game Starters

Offense WR WR WR LT LG C RG RT	Vaughns Vaughns McCoy St. Brown St. Brown London London London VTucker VTucker Vorhees Vorhees Neilon Dedich Neilon Jimmons Jimmons Jimmons
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QB TB <i>Defense</i>	Slovis Slovis Carr Carr Malepeai
DE NT DT OLB ILB ILB NB	Figueroa Figueroa Figueroa M. T'pulotu M. T'pulotu Tremblay M. Wil'ms* T. T'pulotu D.Jackson D. Jackson Gaoteote Gaoteote Mauga Goforth Goforth Goforth G. Johnson G. Johnson Echols**

Ariz. St. Arizona Utah Colorado Wash. St. UCLA TBA

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OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Ariz. St.	Arizona	Utah	Colorado	Wash. St.	UCLA	TBA
First Downs Rush Pass Penalty Rush Attempts Yds Gain Yds Lost Net Yards Net Yds Pass Pass Att Pass Com Had Int Tot Off Plays Tot Net Yards Avg/Play Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yds Punts-Yds Avg/Punt Punt Ret-Yds KO Ret-Yds Int-Yards Fum Ret-Yds Poss Time 3rd Down Con Sacks By-Yds	20 12 5 3	26 11 12 3 40 191 33 158 286 36 24 1 76 4444 5.8 1-0 7-80 3-136 45.3 1-1 2-44 0-0 0-0 30:04 6-15 1-1 0-0	17 6 10 1 28 150 31 119 216 34 19 3 62 335 5.4 2-2 6-52 4-144 36.0 1-18 0-0 1-23 29:19 3-11 1-3 2-2	Lolorado	wasn. St.	ULLA	184
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CB Steele Steele *USC started 5 defensive backs

^{**}USC started 2 outside linebackers

GAME 1 - November 7, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 28, Arizona State 27

Att: N

Arizona State	3	14	7	3	 27
USC	7	7	0	14	 28

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{QB}}$ Kedon Slovis threw a pair of fourth down touchdown passes in the game's final 3 minutes--the first 26 yards to WR Bru McCoy with 2:52 to go that tipped off of WR Amon-Ra St. Brown's hands and, after McCoy recovered the ensuing onside kick, the second a 21-yarder that WR Drake London snagged over 2 defenders with 1:20 to play--to help No. 20 USC dramatically come back to beat Arizona State, 28-27, in the Coliseum in its twice-delayed 2020 season opener.

The 13-point fourth quarter deficit was the largest that the Trojans overcame since a 14-point spread against Penn State in the 2017 Rose Bowl. It was USC's first one-point victory since beating Arizona State in 2010.

Because the COVID-19 pandemic twice delayed the Pac-12's season start, it was the latest USC began a season since 1918 (when Troy opened against Stanford on Nov. 23 because of crowd bans due to the Spanish flu). The game kicked off at 9 a.m. on FOX, the earliest for a USC home game since at least the early 1950s. It was the first time USC opened a season against a league opponent since 1994.

It also was the first time that USC began a season with its Homecoming game. However, no fans were allowed due to COVID-19 public health guidelines.

Slovis completed a USC game record 40 passes on 57 attempts 2 shy of his school game mark) for 381 yards, but he ended a streak of 151 passes without an interception with a second quarter pick. London caught a game-high 8 passes for 125 yards, St. Brown (100 yards) and WR Tyler Vaughns (53 yards) each had 7 receptions and McCoy grabbed 5 passes for 51 yards in his first game as a Trojan.

USC had 556 yards of total offense, held the ball for 34:41, got 28 first downs and converted 5-of-8 fourth downs. But the Trojans made life hard on themselves with 4 turnovers (3 were fumbles), including 3 in ASU territory (1 was at the goal line), and twice being stopped on fourth-and-1 (once at the ASÚ 6).

Arizona State scored on the game's opening drive, getting a 38-yard field goal from PK Cristian Zendejas. USC got on the board late in the first quarter on a 2-yard TD run by TB Stephen Carr.

RB DeaMonte Trayanum jetted 25 yards early in the second quarter for a Sun Devil score, but USC responded on the following possession with a 1-yard TD run by TB Markese Stepp. However, ASU answered with a 55-yard catch-and-run TD by RB Rachaad White on pass from QB Jayden Daniels to take a lead into halftime.

The Sun Devils extended the margin to 13 points on Trayanum's 17-yard scoring run midway through the third quarter and then a 41-yard Zendejas field goal early in the final quarter, setting up USC's late comeback.

Daniels completed 11-of-23 passes for 134 yards and led ASU in rushing with 111 yards on 11 carries, while Trayanum added 84 yards on 12 rushes and White had 76 yards on 12 tries.

ASU had 392 total yards, with 258 on the ground, but lost 3 fumbles. TB **Vavae Malepeai** ran for 60 yards on 8 carries for USC, with Stepp adding 53 yards on 14 attempts and Carr with 45 yards on 10 carries.

S Talanoa Hufanga topped USC with 10 tackles and a forced fumble, DL Marlon Tuipulotu added 8 stops (2 for losses, with a sack) and S Isaiah Pola-Mao had 7 tackles, 2 deflections and a fumble recovery.

SCORING First Quarter

ASII -- Zendeias 38-vard field gnal

USC -- Carr 2-yard run (Lewis kick)

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ASU -- Trayanum 25-yard run (Zendejas kick)

USC -- Stepp 1-yard run (Lewis kick)

ASU -- White 55-yard pass from Daniels (Zendejas kick)

Third Quarter

ASU -- Trayanum 17-yard run (Zendejas kick)

Fourth Quarter

ASU -- Zendejas 41-yard field goal

USC -- McCoy 26-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

USC -- London 21-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA STATE
28	First Downs	20
175	Net Yards Rushing	258
381	Net Yards Passing	134
55	Passes Attempted	23
40	Passes Completed	11
1	Had Intercepted	0
95	Total Plays	61
556	Total Yards	392
3/46.0	Punts/Avg	5/51.6
3/3	Fumbles-Lost	3/3
5/59	Penalties/Yards	4/34
34:41	Time of Possession	25:19

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Daniels (ASU) 11-111; Trayanum (ASU) 12-84; White (ASU) 12-76; Malepeai (USC) 8-60; Stepp (USC) 14-53; Carr (USC) 10-45. PASSING – Slovis (USC) 40-55-381; Daniels (ASU) 11-23-134.

RECEIVING - London (USC) 8-125; St. Brown (USC) 7-100; Vaughns (USC) 7-53; McCoy (USC) 5-51; Carr (USC) 5-12; Bunkley-Shelton (ASU) 4-28; Malepeai (USC) 4-23; White (ASU) 3-70.

GAME 2 - November 14, Tucson, Arizona USC 34. Arizona 20 Att: N

USC

Arizona

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For the second consecutive week, No. 20 USC came back to post a dramatic late victory, this time as TB Vavae Malepeai's 8-yard scoring run with 25 seconds to play gave the Trojans a 34-30 victory at Arizona in a game shown on FOX.

Coupled with the previous week's win over Arizona State when USC scored a decisive TD with 1:20 to go, it marked the first time in history that the Trojans captured back-to-back contests with game-winning scores in the final 2 minutes.

It was USC's eighth straight win over UA. It was the 20th time in the series' 44 meetings that the game was decided by 8 points or less.

After being relatively ineffective through the first 3 quarters, USC's offense twice overcame 3-point fourth quarter deficits, first when TE Erik Krommenhoek caught a 6-yard touchdown pass (the first of his career) from QB Kedon Slovis with 3:30 to play and then, after the Wildcats responded with a 6-yard TD pass from QB Grant Gunnell to WR Stanley Berryhill III with 1:35 on the clock, on Malepeai's game-winning score to cap a 75-yard drive. Some 150 of USC's 498 total yards in the game came on its final 2 drives.

Slovis came alive on those final 2 possessions, too. He was 13-of-14 for 143 yards with the TD in that span and hit his final 12 aerials to finish the game 30-of-43 for 325 yards.

USC got on the board first, converting an early interception by S ${\bf Talanoa}$ Hufanga into a 1-yard TD run by TB Markese Stepp less than 3 minutes into the game. Arizona responded with a 34-yard Gunnell TD toss to WR Jamarye Joiner, only to have the Trojans answer with a 30-yard field goal by PK Parker Lewis.

Late in the second quarter, UA tied it on a 25-yard field goal by PK Lucas Havrisik, but USC countered with TB Stephen Carr's 3-yard scoring run. Havrisik added a 32-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in the half to cut USC's lead to 17-13.

After Lewis hit a 28-yard field goal midway through the third quarter, WR Tayvian Cunningham hauled in a 75-yard TD bomb from Gunnell on UA's next play.

Havrisik nailed a 51-yard field goal midway through the final quarter to give the Wildcats their first lead of the day (23-20), setting up USC's late dramatics.

The stats were fairly even, with Arizona getting 444 total yards. Both teams had 26 first downs and UA held the ball 8 seconds more than Troy. But the Trojans converted just 5-of-13 third downs and were penalized 11 times. USC twice got inside the UA 5-yard line but came away empty (missed field goal and failed fourth down) and 2 other times made it to the AU 10 but had to settle for field goals.

, WRs **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (113 yards) and **Tyler Vaughns** (70 yards) each had 7 receptions, while Stepp rushed for 82 yards on 12 carries and Carr had 81 yards on 11 tries. Troy had no turnovers after losing the ball 4 times the previous week.

DL Marlon Tuipulotu led USC with 8 tackles, NB Greg Johnson had 6 stops and a deflection, ILB Ralen Goforth also had 6 tackles and OLB Drake Jackson had 2 sacks of USC's 4 sacks. UA was 0-of-5 on third downs in the second half.

Gunnell was 24-of-36 passing for 286 yards and the 3 TDs, Berryhill caught 8 of his passes for 70 yards and Cunningham had 5 receptions for 110 yards and RB Gary Brightwell ran for 112 yards on 21 carries.

SCORING First Quarter

USC -- Stepp 1-yard run (Lewis kick)

ARIZ -- Joiner 34-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)

USC -- Lewis 30-yard field goal

Second Quarter

ARIZ -- Havrisik 25-yard field goal

USC -- Carr 3-yard run (Lewis kick)

ARIZ -- Havrisik 32-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC -- Lewis 28-yard field goal

ARIZ -- Cunningham 75-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)

Fourth Quarter

ARIZ -- Havrisik 51-yard field goal

USC -- Krommenhoek 6-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

ARIZ -- Berryhill 6-yard pass from Gunnell (Havrisik kick)

USC -- Malepeai 8-yard run (Lewis kick)

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USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
26	First Downs	26
173	Net Yards Rushing	158
325	Net Yards Passing	286
43	Passes Attempted	36
30	Passes Completed	24
0	Had Intercepted	1
75	Total Plays	76
498	Total Yards	444
3/47.7	Punts/Avg	3/45.3
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
11/110	Penalties/Yards	7/80
29:56	Time of Possession	30:04

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Brightwell (ARIZ) 21-112; Stepp (USC) 12-82; Carr (USC) 11-81, Gunnell (ARIZ) 13-40.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 30-43-325; Gunnell (ARIZ) 24-36-286.

RECEIVING - Berryhill (ARIZ) 8-70; St. Brown (USC) 7-113; Vaughns (USC) 7-70; Cunningham (ARIZ) 5-110; Malépeai (USC) 5-20; London (USC) 4-68; McCoy (USC) 3-25; Brightwell (ARIZ) 3-20.



GAME 3 - November 21, Salt Lake City, Utah USC 33, Utah 17

Att: N

USC	3	21	6	3	 33
Utah	3	14	0	0	 17

No. 20 USC--behind a defense that had 5 takeaways and shut out the Utes in the second half--notched its first win at Utah since 2012 with a 33-17 victory on a night so cold (mid-to-lower 30s) in Salt Lake City that ESPN's telecast was knocked off the air for a few minutes in the third quarter.

The 8:30 p.m. kickoff was USC's latest in 65 years (since starting at the same time against Wisconsin in the Coliseum in 1955).

It was the third straight week that USC faced an opponent playing its first game of the season (Utah's first 2 scheduled games of 2020 were cancelled due to COVID issues). It was Utah's first loss in a home opener since 2007.

PK **Parker Lewis** nailed 4 field goals for USC and all 8 of his kickoffs were not returned (7 touchbacks) to help the Trojans snap a 3-game losing streak at Utah.

The teams traded field goals in the first quarter, first a 36-yarder by Utah PK Jadon Redding and then a 35-yarder by Lewis.

USC then took a lead it would never reliquish on TB Vavae Malepeai's 2-yard scoring run at the top of the second quarter, 2 plays after DL Connor Murphy recovered a fumble caused by DL Marlon Tuipulotu. After Ute LB Nephi Sewell scooped up a fumble on USC's next possession and ran it 23 yards for a TD, Troy countered on its ensuing drive as QB Kedon Slovis hit WR Tyler Vaughns for an 8-yard touchdown. USC upped its lead to 24-10 with less than 6 minutes to play in the half on Slovis' 10-yard scoring toss to TE Erik Krommenhoek. But Utah responded right back on a 7-yard TD pass from QB Jake Bentley to WR Samson Nacua in the half's final minute.

The only scoring for either team in the second half was a trio of Lewis field goals: 23 yards on USC's opening drive of the half) and 43 yards (after S Talanoa Hufanga's interception on Utah's first drive of the half) and a career-best 47-yarder late in the game.

The game stats were fairly even, with USC getting 357 total yards (just 93 rushing) to Utah's 335. Both teams had 17 first downs. USC held the ball 30:41, but converted just 5-of-13 third downs.

Slovis was 24-of-35 for 264 yards with the 2 TDs, but threw an interception. Malepeai has a game-best 62 yards on 20 carries and caught 4 passes for 14 yards, while TB **Keenan Christon** added 55 yards on 5 rushes. WRs **Bru McCoy** (66 yards) and **Amon-Ra St. Brown** (53 yards) each had a game-high 5 receptions, while WR Tyler Vaughns had 4 catches for 62 yards.

The Trojan defense limited Utah to 335 total yards, 3-of-11 third downs (0-of-4 in the second half) and just one offensive TD. ILB Ralen Goforth had a gamehigh 12 tackles with 2 deflections, ILB Kana'i Mauga had 11 stops (1.5 for losses with a sack) and Hufanga had 10 stops with the pick. USC's other takeaways were interceptions by OLB Drake Jackson and CB Chris Steele and a fumble recovery by S Isaiah Pola-Mao.

Bentley came off the bench for Utah to complete 16-of-28 passes for 171 yards, RB Jordan Wilmore had 38 yards on 10 carries and TE Brant Kuithe caught 4 passes for 23 yards.

SCORING First Quarter

UTAH -- Redding 36-yard field goal

USC -- Lewis 35-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC -- Malepeai 2-yard run (Lewis kick)

UTAH -- Sewell 23-yard fumble return (Redding kick)

USC -- Vaughns 8-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

USC -- Krommenhoek 10-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

Utah -- Nacua 7-yard pass from Bently (Redding kick)

Third Ouarter

USC -- Lewis 24 yard field goal

USC -- Lewis 43-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Lewis 47-yard field goal)

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
17	First Downs	17
93	Net Yards Rushing	119
264	Net Yards Passing	216
35	Passes Attempted	34
24	Passes Completed	19
1	Had Intercepted	3
66	Total Plays	62
357	Total Yards	335
4/43.8	Punts/Avg	4/36.0
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
5/49	Penalties/Yards	6/52
3∩.41	Time of Possession	29.19

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Malepeai (USC) 20-62; Christon (USC) 5-55; Wilmore (UTAH) 10-38;

Jordan (UTAH) 7-32; Brumfield (UTAH) 5-28; Bentley (UTAH) 4-24. PASSING - Slovis (USC) 24-35-264; Bentley (UTAH) 16-28-171; Rising (UTAH) 3-6-45

RECEIVING - McCoy (USC) 5-66; St. Brown (USC) 5-53; Vaughns (USC) 4-62; Kuithe (UTAH) 4-23; Malepeai (USC) 4-14; London (USC) 3-45; Enis (UTAH) 3-42; Krommenhoek (USC) 3-24; Nacua (UTAH) 3-29; Thompson (UTAH) 2-48.





2020 USC Football USC Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 21, 2020) All games



Team Statistics	USC	OPP
SCORING	95	74
Points Per Game	31.7	24.7
Points Off Turnovers	24	14
FIRST DOWNS	71	63
Rushing	24	29
Passing	43	27
Penalty	4	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	441	535
Yards gained rushing	518	632
Yards lost rushing	77	97
Rushing Attempts	103	106
Average Per Rush	4.3	5.0
Average Per Game	147.0	178.3
TDs Rushing	6	2
PASSING YARDAGE	970	636
Comp-Att-Int	94-133-2	54-93-4
Average Per Pass	7.3	6.8
Average Per Catch	10.3	11.8
Average Per Game	323.3	212.0
TDs Passing	5	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	1411	1171
Total Plays	236	199
Average Per Play	6.0	5.9
Average Per Game	470.3	390.3
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	7-131	2-46
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-28	3-21
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-40	2-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	18.7	23.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.6	7.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	6-4	6-5
PENALTIES-Yards	21-218	17-166
Average Per Game	72.7	55.3
PUNTS-Yards	10-456	12-538
Average Per Punt	45.6	44.8
Net punt average	41.5	40.8
KICKOFFS-Yards	19-1128	17-1101
Average Per Kick	59.4	64.8
Net kick average	41.2	42.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:45	28:15
3RD-DOWN Conversions	17/45	15/40
3rd-Down Pct	38%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/10	2/5
4th-Down Pct	60%	40%
SACKS BY-Yards	8-59	6-39
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	11	8
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	6-7	6-7
ON-SIDE KICKS	1-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(15-20) 75%	(7-8) 88%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(11-20) 55%	(3-8) 38%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(11-11) 100%	(8-8) 100%
ATTENDANCE	1	2
Games/Avg Per Game	1/1	2/1
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	Total
USC	20	35	9	31	0	95
Opponents	13	34	14	13	0	74



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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Stepp, Markese	2	26	138	3	135	5.2	2	49	67.5
Malepeai, Vavae	3	33	143	13	130	3.9	2	20	43.3
Carr, Stephen	3	23	129	7	122	5.3	2	37	40.7
Christon, Kenan	3	6	63	4	59	9.8	0	47	19.7
Slovis, Kedon	3	12	45	44	1	0.1	0	24	0.3
TEAM	2	3	0	6	-6	-2.0	0	0	-3.0
Total	3	103	518	77	441	4.3	6	49	147.0
Opponents	3	106	632	97	535	5.0	2	38	178.3

gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg avg/g
3	141.34	94-133-2	70.7	970	5	48 323.3
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3	124.65	54-93-4	58.1	636	5	75 212.0
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Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
St. Brown, Amon-Ra	3	19	266	14.0	0	48	88.7
Vaughns, Tyler	3	18	185	10.3	1	42	61.7
London, Drake	3	15	238	15.9	1	31	79.3
McCoy, Bru	3	13	142	10.9	1	26	47.3
Malepeai, Vavae	3	13	57	4.4	0	16	19.0
Carr, Stephen	3	5	12	2.4	0	12	4.0
Krommenhoek, Erik	3	4	30	7.5	2	12	10.0
Stepp, Markese	2	2	12	6.0	0	9	6.0
Wolfe, Jude	3	2	5	2.5	0	4	1.7
Jackson, John	3	1	23	23.0	0	23	7.7
Bryant, Gary	2	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.5
Christon, Kenan	3	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	3	94	970	10.3	5	48	323.3
Opponents	3	54	636	11.8	5	75	212.0

no.	yds	avg	td	lg
4	32	8.0	0	11
1	-4	-4.0	0	0
5	28	5.6	0	11
3	21	7.0	0	18
no.	yds	avg	td	lg
2	27	13.5	0	27
1	10	10.0	0	10
1	3	3.0	0	3
4	40	10.0	0	27
2	0	0.0	0	0
no.	yds	avg	td	lg
3	52	17.3	0	27
2	43	21.5	0	23
2	36	18.0	0	18
7	131	18.7	0	27
2	46	23.0	0	22
no.	yds	avg	td	lg
0	0	0.0	0	0
	4 1 5 3 no. 2 1 1 4 2 no. 3 2 2 7 2	4 32 1 -4 5 28 3 21 no. yds 2 27 1 10 1 3 4 40 2 0 no. yds 3 52 2 43 2 36 7 131 2 46 no. yds	4 32 8.0 1 -4 -4.0 5 28 5.6 3 21 7.0 no. yds avg 2 27 13.5 1 10 10.0 1 3 3.0 4 40 10.0 2 0 0.0 no. yds avg 3 52 17.3 2 43 21.5 2 36 18.0 7 131 18.7 2 46 23.0 no. yds avg	4 32 8.0 0 1 -4 -4.0 0 5 28 5.6 0 3 21 7.0 0 no. yds avg td 2 27 13.5 0 1 10 10.0 0 1 3 3.0 0 4 40 10.0 0 2 0 0.0 0 no. yds avg td 3 52 17.3 0 2 43 21.5 0 2 36 18.0 0 7 131 18.7 0 2 46 23.0 0 no. yds avg td



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				PAT				
Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv pass	dxp	saf	pts
Lewis, Parker	-	6-7	11-11	-		-	-	29
Malepeai, Vavae	2	-	-	-		-	-	12
Carr, Stephen	2	-	-	-		-	-	12
Stepp, Markese	2	-	-	-		-	-	12
Krommenhoek, Erik	2	-	-	-		-	-	12
London, Drake	1	-	-	-		-	-	6
McCoy, Bru	1	-	-	-		-	-	6
Vaughns, Tyler	1	-	-	-		-	-	6
Total	11	6-7	11-11	-		-	-	95
Opponents	8	6-7	8-8	-		-	-	74

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Slovis, Kedon	3	145	1	970	971	323.7
Stepp, Markese	2	26	135	0	135	67.5
Malepeai, Vavae	3	33	130	0	130	43.3
Carr, Stephen	3	23	122	0	122	40.7
Christon, Kenan	3	6	59	0	59	19.7
TEAM	2	3	-6	0	-6	-3.0
Total	3	236	441	970	1411	470.3
Opponents	3	199	535	636	1171	390.3

Field Goals	fg	pct. 01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Lewis, Parker	6-7	85.7 0-0	2-3	2-2	2-2	0-0	47	0
FG Sequence	USC			Орро	nents			
Arizona State	-			(38),(41)			
Arizona	(30),(2	8),28		42,(25),(32),(51)				
Utah	(35),(2	4),(43),(47)	(36)					

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20 50	+ blk
Griffiths, Ben	10	456	45.6	61	1	4	6	5 0
Total	10	456	45.6	61	1	4	6	5 0
Opponents	12	538	44.8	58	1	0	3	4 0
Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Lewis, Parker	19	1128	59.4	12	2			
Total	19	1128	59.4	12	2	23.0	41.2	23
Opponents	17	1101	64.8	10	0	18.7	42.4	22

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
St. Brown, Amon	3	0	266	32	43	0	341	113.7
London, Drake	3	0	238	0	0	0	238	79.3
Malepeai, Vavae	3	130	57	0	0	0	187	62.3
Vaughns, Tyler	3	0	185	-4	0	0	181	60.3
Stepp, Markese	2	135	12	0	0	0	147	73.5
McCoy, Bru	3	0	142	0	0	0	142	47.3
Carr, Stephen	3	122	12	0	0	0	134	44.7
Christon, Kenan	3	59	-3	0	0	0	56	18.7
Griffin, Olaijah	3	0	0	0	52	0	52	17.3
Bryant, Gary	2	0	3	0	36	0	39	19.5
Krommenhoek,	3	0	30	0	0	0	30	10.0
Hufanga, Talano	3	0	0	0	0	27	27	9.0
Jackson, John	3	0	23	0	0	0	23	7.7
Jackson, Drake	3	0	0	0	0	10	10	3.3
Wolfe, Jude	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Steele, Chris	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	1.0
Slovis, Kedon	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
TEAM	2	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-3.0
Total	3	441	970	28	131	40	1610	536.7
Opponents	3	535	636	21	46	0	1238	412.7



2020 USC Football USC Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 21, 2020) All games



				Tackles		Sacks	Pass o	defense		Fumbles		blkd		
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
15	Hufanga, Talanoa	3	14	10	24	0.5-0		2-27	1			1		
10	Goforth, Ralen	3	5	18	23	1.5-2			2					
93	Tuipulotu, Marlon	3	12	8	20	3.5-22	2.0-19					1		
21	Pola-Mao, Isaiah	3	10	8	18	1.0-14			3		2-0			
26	Mauga, Kana'i	3	6	9	15	1.5-2	1.0-2							
9	Johnson, Greg	3	7	6	13	1.0-6			1					
2	Griffin, Olaijah	3	6	6	12	0.5-1			3					
50	Figueroa, Nick	3	4	8	12	3.0-9	0.5-2							
99	Jackson, Drake	3	5	5	10	3.0-21	2.0-17	1-10						
8	Steele, Chris	3	7	2	9			1-3	2					
1	Gaoteote, Palaie	2	2	7	9									
49	Tuipulotu, Tuli	3	6	2	8	1.0-12	1.0-12							
31	Echols, Hunter	3	4	3	7	0.5-0								
4	Williams, Max	3	2	3	5	0.5-3	0.5-3							
18	Scott, Raymond	2	2	1	3	1.0-4	1.0-4							
96	Tremblay, Caleb	1		2	2	0.5-2								
6	Taylor-Stuart, Isaac	3		2	2									
91	Pili, Brandon	1		2	2									
25	Allen, Briton	3	1		1									
22	Hewett, Dorian	3	1		1									
14	Williams, Jayden	3	1		1									
47	Ta'ufo'ou, Stanley	2	1		1									
90	Murphy, Connor	3	1		1						1-0			
27	Jountti, Quincy	3									1-0			
<u>0</u> D	McCoy, Bru	3									1-0			<u>.</u>
	Total	3	97	102	199	19-98	8-59	4-40	12		5-0	2		
	Opponents	3	131	118	249	25-77	6-39	2-0	13		4-23	4		



2020 USC Football USC Team Game-by-Game (as of Nov 21, 2020) All games



TEAM STATISTICS

			Rushin	g	1	Receivir	ng	Pas	sing			Kic	k Reti	ırns		Pu	nt Ret	urns		tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td lo	no.	yds	td Ig	cmp-att-int	yds	td	g	no.	yds	td	Ig	no.	yds	td	Ig	off
11/07/20	ARIZONA STATE	40	175	2 24	40	381	2 36	40-55-1	381	2 3	6	5	95	0	27	2	15	0	8	556
11/14/20	at Arizona	32	173	3 49	30	325	1 48	30-43-0	325	1 4	8	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	11	498
11/21/20	at Utah	31	93	1 47	24	264	2 42	24-35-1	264	2 4	2	2	36	0	18	1	-4	0	0	357
		103	441	6 49	94	970	5 48	94-133-2	970	5 4	8	7	131	0	27	5	28	0	11	1411
Opponents	S	106	535	2 38	54	636	5 75	54-93-4	636	5 7	5	2	46	0	22	3	21	0	18	1171

Games: 3 • Avg/rush: 4.3 • Avg/catch: 10.3 • Pass effic: 141.34 • KR avg: 18.7 • PR avg: 5.6 • All purpose avg/game: 536.7 • Total offense avg/gm: 470.3

	Tackles			Sacks	Fun	nble	Pass I	Defens	е	blkd	PAT A	Attempt	S		off		
Date Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
11/07/2 ARIZONA STATE	30	30	60	7.0-37	1.0-11	1	3-0	0-0	0	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
11/14/2 at Arizona	46	22	68	6.0-33	4.0-26	0	0-0	1-27	0	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	34
11/21/2 at Utah	21	50	71	6.0-28	3.0-22	1	2-0	3-13	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	10	33
	97	102	199	19.0-98	8.0-59	2	5-0	4-40	0	12	0	11-11	0	0	0	24	95
Opponents	131	118	249	25.0-77	6.0-39	4	4-23	2-0	0	13	0	8-8	0	0	0	14	74

				Pun	iting					Field	Goals			Ki	ckoffs		
Date Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
11/07/2 ARIZONA STATE	3	138	46.0	50	0	0	1	2	2	0-0	0	0	4	228	57.0	2	1
11/14/2 at Arizona	3	143	47.7	61	0	1	0	2	1	2-3	30	0	7	405	57.9	3	1
11/21/2 at Utah	4	175	43.8	50	0	0	3	1	3	4-4	47	0	8	495	61.9	7	0
	10	456	45.6	61	0	1	4	5	6	6-7	47	0	19	1128	59.4	12	2
Opponents	12	538	44.8	58	0	1	0	4	3	6-7	51	0	17	1101	64.8	10	0



2020 USC Football USC Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Nov 21, 2020) All games



OPPONENT STATISTICS

			Rushin	g	Receiving			Pas	sing			Kid	k Reti	urns		Pu	nt Ret	urns		tot	
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td Ig	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	Ig	no.	yds	td	Ig	off
11/07/20	ARIZONA STATE	38	258	2 38	11	134	1	55	11-23-0	134	1	55	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	392
11/14/20	at Arizona	40	158	0 34	24	286	3	75	24-36-1	286	3	75	2	44	0	22	1	1	0	1	444
11/21/20	at Utah	28	119	0 33	19	216	1	30	19-34-3	216	1	30	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	18	335
		106	535	2 38	54	636	5	75	54-93-4	636	5	75	2	46	0	22	3	21	0	18	1171
USC		103	441	6 49	94	970	5	48	94-133-2	970	5	48	7	131	0	27	5	28	0	11	1411

Games: 3 • Avg/rush: 5.0 • Avg/catch: 11.8 • Pass effic: 124.65 • KR avg: 23.0 • PR avg: 7.0 • All purpose avg/game: 412.7 • Total offense avg/gm: 390.3

	Tackles			Sacks	Fur	nble	Pass I	Defens	e	blkd	PAT A	Attempt	S		off		
Date Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
11/07/2 ARIZONA STATE	56	48	104	7.0-29	3.0-19	3	3-0	1-0	0	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
11/14/2 at Arizona	34	36	70	8.0-15	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	30
11/21/2 at Utah	41	34	75	10.0-33	3.0-20	1	1-23	1-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
	131	118	249	25.0-77	6.0-39	4	4-23	2-0	0	13	0	8-8	0	0	0	14	74
USC	97	102	199	19.0-98	8.0-59	2	5-0	4-40	0	12	0	11-11	0	0	0	24	95

				Pun	ting				- 1	Field	Goals			Kid	ckoffs		
Date Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
11/07/2 ARIZONA STATE	5	258	51.6	58	0	1	0	3	3	2-2	41	0	6	383	63.8	1	0
11/14/2 at Arizona	3	136	45.3	53	0	0	0	1	0	3-4	51	0	7	455	65.0	7	0
11/21/2 at Utah	4	144	36.0	46	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	36	0	4	263	65.8	2	0
	12	538	44.8	58	0	1	0	4	3	6-7	51	0	17	1101	64.8	10	0
USC	10	456	45.6	61	0	1	4	5	6	6-7	47	0	19	1128	59.4	12	2



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
* 11/07/20	ARIZONA STATE	W	28-27	1-0	1-0	3:41	1
* 11/14/20	at Arizona	W	34-30	2-0	2-0	3:43	1
* 11/21/20	at Utah	W	33-17	3-0	3-0	3:15	1