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### 2021 SCHEDULE (2-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 4	San Jose State	W 30-7
Sept. 11	Stanford	L 28-42
Sept. 18	at Washington St.	W 45-14
Sept. 25	Oregon State	L 27-45
Oct. 2	at Colorado	Noon (P12N)
Oct. 9	Utah	TBA
Oct. 16	BYE DATE	
Oct. 23	at Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 30	Arizona	TBA
Nov. 6	at Arizona State	TBA
Nov. 13	at California	TBA
Nov. 20	UCLA	TBA
Nov. 27	BYU	TBA

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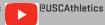




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Release Date: Sept. 27, 2021

# GAME 5 USC

(2-2 overall, 1-2 Pac-12 South)

Colorado (1-3 overall, 0-1 Pac-12 South)

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, Noon MT/11 a.m. PT, Pac-12 Network Folsom Field, Boulder, Colo.

### **THEMES**

- \*USC opens October play by facing its first Pac-12 South opponent of the year, traveling to Colorado for an early-in-the-day contest on Pac-12 Network (the Pac-12's live "The Pregame" show will be on site, also).

  \*Last year's meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 issues in the USC program.

  - \*Troy has never lost to the Buffaloes in 14 meetings.
- \*Both teams are looking to re-set their seasons and bounce back from double-digit losses this past weekend.

\*USC WR **K.D. Nixon** will line up against his former team (he played 4 years with the Buffs, ranking in several CU Top 10 career lists, and he even caught a pair of TDs versus the Trojans while there). It's also a homecoming for USC A.D. **Mike Bohn**, who prepped in Boulder and later was Colorado's athletic director.

'Interim head coach **Donte Williams'** USC team, which suffered its first Los Angeles loss to Oregon State in 61 years on Saturday, will aim to get more consistent production from its offense and and stouter play from it's defense, and also clean up it's turnovers and penalties. WR Drake London leads the nation in receptions and receiving yardage, and WR **Gary Bryant Jr.** has emerged, too. QB **Kedon Slovis** is moving up the USC career passing and total offense charts. TBs **Keaontay Ingram** and **Vavae Malepeai** both are 1,000yard career rushers; a more potent run game would help balance the Trojan offense, which has converted every red zone trip into points this season. Troy's defense--which is averaging 2.0 takeaways a game, including getting 6 picks to date--has been susceptible to the run lately. Ss Isaiah Pola-Mao and Chase Williams and DL Tuli Tuipulotu are USC's top tacklers, and OLB Drake Jackson provides constant pressure in opponent backfields. Aussie P **Ben Griffiths**, who is averaging more than 46 yards on his boots, has at least one punt of 56 yards or more in each of his past 6 outings. PK **Parker Lewis** has not missed any of his field goal or PAT attempts this season.

\*Colorado has dropped its last 3 games (including its Pac-12 opener at Arizona State last week) after winning its season opener. Dual-threat QB **Brendon Lewis** directs the Buffalo offense, which features 2020 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year TB Jarek Broussard and TB Alex Fontenot. WRs Brenden Rice and Dimitri Stanley and TE Brady Russell are the top pass catchers. CU's defense is led by ILB Nate Landman, a 2020 All-Pac-12 first teamer who has 380 career tackles. Buff head coach Karl Dorrell played and coached across town at UCLA.

#### RANKINGS

USC and Colorado are not ranked in the current AP sports media and USA Today coaches polls.

- \*USC has won all 14 of its meetings with Colorado while outscoring the Buffaloes, 485-220.
- \*USC is 7-0 against the Buffaloes in Boulder games.
- Last year's scheduled meeting in Los Angeles was not played because of COVID-19 issues in the USC+ program.

\*The teams last met in 2019 in Boulder, as 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.

"USC has won 69.9% (480-198-29) of its games against current Pac-12 opponents (not including 9 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 489-198-29, 70.3%).

\*USC has a 311-122-19 (.709) all-time record while playing in the month of October (not including 5 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record: 316-122-19, .712).



#### **PAC-12 STANDINGS** PAC-12 **OVERALL** SOUTH Π ASII 3 UCLA 0 UTAH 0 2 2 2 USC 2 2 COLO 0 3 **ARI7** 0 0 4 <u>NORTH</u> ORE 0 4 0 3 OSU 0 WASH Π 2 2 STAN 2

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#### **USC-COLORADO CONNECTIONS**

\*USC has 1 player from Colorado (OL **Joe Bryson** of Rock Canyon HS and Colorado Mesa), while the Buffaloes have 33 Californians on their roster.

\*USC WR **K.D. Nixon** played 4 seasons (2017-20) at Colorado, where he caught 104 passes for 1,250 yards with 7 TDs while starting 23 times and he also returned 33 kickoffs for a 23.0 average. He ranks in CU's alltime Top 20 in receptions, receiving yards, kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage.

\*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 enroll full-time in school and left the team for personal/

\*USC TE **Josh Falo's** brother, **Nu'umotu Falo Jr.**, was an outside linebacker at Colorado (2015-16, 18-19). \*USC director of recruiting operatons **Megan Mueller** graduated from Colorado in 2019, was a student manager in Colorado's football equipment office for 4 seasons (2015-18) and also was a student manager for the Buffs' women's basketball team in 2016 and 2017 and then was a football recruiting assistant there in

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

\*USC athletic director **Mike Bohn** was a 3-sport athlete at Boulder (Colo.) High and later was the athletic director at Colorado (2005-13)

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

\*Colorado defensive coordinator/defensive line coach Chris Wilson coached USC's defensive line in 2014

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

#### **LAST GAME**

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\*Go to page **28** for a recap of USC's 45-27 home loss to Oregon State last Saturday (Sept. 25).

# HELTON OUT, WILLIAMS INTERIM HEAD COACH, HUTCHINGS NOW FULLTIME ASSISTANT

\*On Sept. 13, two days after USC's 42-28 upset home loss to Stanford in the Pac-12 opener, the university parted ways with head coach Clay Helton. Helton went 46-24 overall while leading the Trojans over 8 seasons (including 5 full seasons). He was interim head coach twice. He won a Rose Bowl, a Pac-12 Championship Game and 3 South Division titles.

Assocate head coach/cornerbacks coach **Donte Williams** was named USC's interim head coach. The 39-year-old Williams, who came to USC in 2020, has more than a dozen years of experience coaching defensive backs and is regarded as one of the nation's top recruiters. Before USC, he was the cornerbacks coach at Oregon for 2 seasons (2018-19). He also was a full-time assistant at Nebraska (2017), Arizona (2016) and San Jose State (2013-15), as well as a graduate assistant at Washington (2011-12) and a quality control coach at Nevada (2010). He started his coaching career at the junior college level. After prepping at Culver City (Calif.) High, he played at Pasadena (Calif.) City College in 2002, Syracuse (2003) and Idaho State (2004-05), where he was an All-Big Sky first teamer both years. See page **16** for Williams' full bio.

\*With Williams' elevation, defensive quality control analyst **Michael Hutchings**, an inside linebacker and 2016 captain of USC's Rose Bowl champion team who began as a Trojan graduate assistant in 2018 and 2019, was named as a fulltime linebackers coach.

# **2021 SCHEDULE**

\*USC, which for the first time since 2009 will play all its regular season games on Saturdays, has a demanding 2021 schedule. Besides playing 9 Pac-12 opponents, Troy's 3 non-conference foes were ranked in the final AP Top 25 poll last year. The Trojans, however, do play 7 of their 12 contests at home in the Coliseum.

\*USC opened in the Coliseum on Sept. 4 of Labor Day weekend against defending Mountain West champion San Jose State. The teams last met in 2009. The Trojans remained at home the following week to start Pac-12 play with a visit from Stanford on Sept. 11. It was the Pac-12's first game of the 2021 campaign. USC then traveled to Washington State on Sept. 18, its first trip to Pullman since 2017. Troy returned home on Sept. 25 to host Oregon State. The teams had not played since 2018 (and not in the Coliseum since 2017). The Trojans begin October play by traveling to Colorado on Oct. 2, then are back in the Coliseum on Oct. 9 to battle Utah. Following a bye week, USC returns to action on Oct. 23 when it goes to South Bend for its traditional intersectional clash with Notre Dame, a 2020 College Football Playoff semifinalist. Arizona comes to the Coliseum on Oct. 30 for USC's Homecoming game before the Trojans embark on a two-game road trip to open up November, playing at Arizona State on Nov. 6 and at California on Nov. 13. USC concludes its regular season with a pair of home contests, first facing crosstown rival UCLA on Nov. 20 and then independent BYU on Nov. 27 of Thanksgiving weekend. It will be the first time since 2009 when it played Arizona that USC will end its regular season against a team other than UCLA or Notre Dame and the first since 1999 (when it hosted Louisiana Tech) doing so against a non-conference foe other than Notre Dame. The Pac-12 Football Championship Game is on Friday, Dec. 3, in Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nev.

Eight starters returned on offense from 2020: QB **Kedon Slovis**, WR **Drake London**, TB **Vavae Malepeai**, TE Erik Krommenhoek and OL Brett Neilon, Jalen McKenzie, Andrew Vorhees and Liam Jimmons. Other offensive players back with starting experience at USC are TB Kenan Christon, WR Bru McCoy, TE Josh Falo and OL Justin Dedich and Courtland Ford.

USC's Air Raid-style offense averaged 416.7 total yards in 2020 under second-year offensive coordinator Graham Harrell, including 319.3 passing to rank 11th nationally (Troy's second highest average since 2005). The Trojans scored 33.3 points per outing and ranked in the national Top 20 in completion percentage (.672) and fourth down conversions (.667). USC's leading passer and rusher, 8 players who caught a pass and 4 starting linemen from last year are back. But the rushing average of 97.3 was the program's lowest since 2001 (for the third consecutive year) and was the eighth lowest in the nation last year.



<u>USC VS. COLORADO</u> (14-0-0)				
1927	W	46- 7	Н	
1963	W	14- 0	A	
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	

#### **FUN FACT I**

USC WR K.D. Nixon faced the Trojans 3 times while playing for Colorado. In 2019, he caught 2 touchdowns (both 7 yards) while grabbing 3 passes for 20 yards and getting a 33-yard kickoff return and a 4-yard rush. In 2018, he had 6 receptions for 36 yards plus a 21yard kickoff return and a rush for minus yards. In 2017, he had an 18-yard kickoff return and 3-yard rush. In his 4-year Buffalo career, Nixon caught 104 passes for 1,250 yards with 7 TDs while starting 23 times and he also returned 33 kickoffs for a 23.0 average. He ranks in CU's all-time Top 20 in receptions, receiving yards, kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage.

#### **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 Tettered 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."

#### **FUN FACT IV**

It's Pac-12 Mental Health Awareness Week, with coaches and players from the league's football teams wearing mental health awareness ribbons and helmet decals.



#### **QUARTERBACKS**

'Junior **Kedon Slovis** (83-of-129, 64.3%, 842 yds, 4 TD, 4 int in 2021, plus 14 tcb, 7 yds, 0.5 avq), a bull's-eye accurate passer, is starting for his third season in 2021. In his career, he has hit 69.0%--above the school record--of his 785 passes for 6,255 yards with 51 TDs and 20 interceptions to rank eighth on <u>USC's all-time completions list [542] and ninth in total offense [6,158 yards]</u>. He was the All-Pac-12 first team signal caller last fall when he topped the nation in completions (29.5) and was in the Top 20 in passing yards (320.2), total offense (310.7) and completion percentage (.670). In 2020, he calmly led the Trojans to a trio of comeback victories in the games' final 2 minutes and he twice threw 5 TDs in a game.

With the graduation of Matt Fink, the backup quarterback the past 4 seasons, there was a battle for the No. 2 job. Senior Mo Hasan has the most experience, having completed 11 passes with a TD while at Vanderbilt in 2018 and 2019 (he started once there, leading the Commodores to a victory), and was likely going to be No. 2, but he tore knee ligaments in 2021 spring practice and will miss the 2021 season. He did not see action last year at USC, sidelined most of the season with a leg injury. Hasan was named a member of the 21-player 2021 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for his commitment to community service. Sophomore walk-on **Brendan Costello** transferred to USC this fall from Oklahoma State, where he redshirted in 2019. Walk-ons Brad Aoki, a junior who originally was a wideout, and redshirt freshman Isaac Ward have yet to play at USC

A pair of gifted freshmen who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring jockeyed for the backup role: Jaxson Dart (30-of-46, 65.2%, 391 yds, 4 TD, 2 int in 2021, plus 6 tcb, 32 yds, 5.3 avg and 1 tac), who was the National High School Player of the Year last season when he threw for 4,691 yards and a state-record 67 touchdowns while completing 69.6% of his aerials and ran for another 1,195 yards, and **Miller Moss**, who hit 67.4% of his throws for 3,118 yards and 28 TDs as a prep junior in 2019.

Dart emerged from 2021 fall camp as the No. 2 quarterback.

-Slovis hit 66.7% of his passes (24-of-36) for 256 yards and 2 TDs with no picks against <u>San Jose</u>

--Slovis was 27-of-42 (64.3%) for 223 yards with a short TD against <u>Stanford</u> and also had 25 yards on 5 rushes.

--After Slovis was knocked out on the game's opening series at <u>Washington State</u> (he was 1-of-2 for 8 yards), Dart came off the bench to guide USC's comeback victory by throwing for 391 yards (the most by a Trojan in his debut) with 4 TDs (including 3 of 30-plus yards) on 30-of-46 passing with 2 interceptions and he led USC with 32 rushing yards (the first USC quarterback to do so since Matt Barkley in 2010 versus Stanford) despite playing most of the way with a knee injury to earn <u>Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week,</u> Pac-12 Freshman of the Week, Manning Award Star of the Week, Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, while Moss got in for a snap.

--Slovis completed 31-of-49 passes (63.3%) for 355 yards with a TD, but threw 3 interceptions against

<u>Oregon State.</u>

#### **RUNNING BACKS**

USC has a stable of talented running backs, despite the loss of 2020 co-starter Stephen Carr (1,329career rushing yards with 12 TDs and 57 receptions), who was second on the Trojans last fall with 176 rushing yards and 2 scores along with 10 catches, and power back Markese Stepp (505 career yards with 6 TDs).

\*Senior tailback **Vavae Malepeai** (42 tcb, 180 yds, 4.3 avg in 2021, plus 7 rec, 33 yds, 4.7 avg), the óther co-starter in 2020, has 1,683 career rushing yards (32nd on USC all-time rushing ladder) with 17 TDs along with 56 receptions. He led USC in 2020 with 238 rushing yards, including the late game-winning 8-yard TD at Arizona, and added 16 catches

"Junior **Kenan Christon** (1 KOR, 17 yds, 17.0 avg in 2021) adds blazing speed to the backfield. He is the fastest Trojan (he sprints for USC's track team and has a lifetime best of 10.30 in the 100 meters that he posted when he won at the 2019 California state meet). He has <u>443 career yards on the ground</u>, including 70 in 2020. He spent the spring of 2021 solely with the track team. He currently is temporarily removed from team activities. Senior Quincy Jountti has seen limited action on offense, but contributes on special teams.

A pair of walk-ons--senior Samuel Oram-Jones, who missed most of last season with a broken leg,

and redshirt freshman Matt Colombo--have yet to see action.

\*Joining the running back corps this spring were senior **Keaontay Ingram** (46 tcb, 225 yds, 4.9 avg, 3 TD in 2021, plus 10 rec, 56 yds, 5.6 avg), who transferred to USC from Texas where in his 3 seasons he rushed for 1,811 yards and 11 TDs and caught 67 passes with 6 scores, and freshman Brandon Campbell, who graduated a semester early from high school where he totaled 1,555 yards and 23 TDs in 2018 and 2019

\*Sophomore **Darwin Barlow** (3 tcb, 22 yds, 7.3 avg, 1 TD in 2021), who ran for 428 yards with 4 touchdowns

last season at TCU, entered the running back mix this fall as a transfer.

-Ingram ran for a game-high 86 yards on 15 carries and caught a 5-yard pass against <u>San Jose State</u>, while Malepeai had 65 yards on 14 tries and 2 catches for 2 yards and Christon had a 17-yard kickoff return.

-Maĺepeai rushéd for a team-best 94 yards on 15 carriés and had an 8-yard receptión against <u>Stanford</u>, Ingram added 44 yards on 10 tries with a short TD and he caught 3 passes for 15 yards and Barlow had 22 yards on 3 carries with a short TD.

--Ingram had 16 yards on 7 carries and caught 2 passes for minus 1 yard at <u>Washington State</u>, while Malepeai added 9 yards on 9 carries and 2 catches for 6 yards.

--Ingram, in his first USC start, had a team-best 79 rushing yards on14 carries with 2 TDs (9 and 3 yards) and also caught 4 passes for 37 yards against <u>Oregon State</u>, while Malepeai added 12 yards on 4 carries and had 2 catches for 17 yards.

### **WIDE RECEIVERS**

Two of the finest wide receivers in USC history are gone, leaving big shoes to fill in 2021. Amon-Ra St. Brown, who declared for the NFL Draft after his junior campaign (he was a fourth rounder), ended up 11th on the USC career receptions ladder with 178 catches, including 16 TDs. He was selected to the 2020 All-Pac-12 first team after leading Troy in receptions (41) and TD catches (7). In the first quarter of last year's Washington State game, he tied an NCAA record with 4 TD grabs. Tyler Vaughns finished his Trojan tenure ranked No. 3 on USC's career receptions list with 222 catches and 20 scores. Last fall, he had 33 receptions with 3 TDs. He signed as an NFL undrafted free agent.

Despite these losses, the Trojan wideout room remains deep and talented. Start with ultra-athletic junior Drake London (39 rec, 540 yds, 13.8 avg, 3 TD in 2021, plus 1 tcb, 2 yds, 2.0 avg), a 2-year starter who is one of the college game's premier pass catchers. He currently leads the nation in both receptions [9.8, first in Pac-12] and receiving yards [135.0, first in Pac-12] and receiving yards [135.0, first in Pac-12]. He already has 111 career receptions with 11 TDs, including 33 catches for a team-high 502 yards last fall. He pulled down the game-winning 21-yard TD pass over 2 defenders late in the Arizona State opener and had a highlight reel 65-yard catch-and-run TD at UCLA where he bulled through most of the Bruin defense. He also played basketball as a freshman at USC, but is now focusing solely on the gridiron.



#### THE LAST MEETING: 2019 USC VS. COLORADO

GAME 8 - October 25, Boulder, Colorado USC 35, Colorado 31 Att: 48,913

USC 7 14 35 Colorado 14 14 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, 5-31 at Colorado, on a chilly (mid-40s) Friday night in front of 48,913 fans and an

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

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 scoring 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 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. Colórado 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) COLO -- Nixon 7-yard pass from Montez (Stefanou kick)

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 (CDL0) 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; London (USC) 7-85; Brown (COLO) 5-67; St. Brown (USC) 5-55; Fontenot (COLO) 5-29; Nixon (COLO) 3-20.

\*A number of tested returnees are competing for key roles, including sophomores Gary Bryant Jr., (12 rec, 89 yds, 7.4 avg, 2 TD in 2021, plus 1 tcb, 3 yds, 3.0 avg, 1 TD and 2 PR, 21 yds, 11.5 avg and 4 KOR, 100 yds, 25.0 avg), **Kyle Ford** [4 rec, 71 yds, 17.8 avg, 1 TD in 2021] and **Bru McCoy** and junior **John Jackson III** [2 rec, 12 yds, 6.0 avg in 2021]. The elusive Bryant, whose team-best 26.2-yard kickoff return average was 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally, will be remembered for his 56-yard kick runback at UCLA in the game's final minute to put the Trojans in position for the gamewinning score. Ford missed last season with a knee injury. McCoy, who sat out the 2019 season and currently has been temporarily removed from team activities, made an immediate impact in his Trojan debut in last year's Arizona State opener when he caught a 26-yard TD off a tipped ball on fourth down with less than 3 minutes to play and then recovered the ensuing onside kick that led to USC's game-winning scoring drive.

\*There also are 4 walk-on wide receivers--senior **Brandon Outlaw** (he transferred to USC this fall after running track at Virginia), junior Zach Wilson, sophomore Chase Locke, redshirt freshmen Danny Ryan and Ty Shamblin and true freshman Grant Zane--but none has caught a pass.

\*Senior **K.D. Nixon** (2 rec, 19 yds, 9.5 avg in 2021, plus 2 PR, 14 yds, 7.0 avg), who transferred from Colorado this spring, figures to make an instant contribution to the offense. He caught 104 passes for 1,250 yards with 7 TDs in his 4-year Buffalo career while starting 23 times and he also returned 33 kickoffs for a 23.0 average. He ranks in CU's all-time Top 20 in receptions, receiving yards, kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage. His 96-yard scoring catch against Nebraska in 2019 set a school record.

\*Two other fall transfers who could make an impact are sophomore **Tahj Washington** (15 rec, 175 yds, 11.7 avg, 1 TD in 2021) from Memphis and junior **Jake Smith** from Texas. Washington was a 2020 Freshman All-American first teamer after getting 43 receptions for 743 yards with 6 TDs. His receiving yardage was the most by any freshman in the nation last fall (he had a trio of 100-yard receiving games). Smith caught 48 passes with 9 TDs the past 2 seasons, however he'll likely be sidelined this year with a foot injury.

\*Three touted freshmen pass catchers are battling for playing time: Michael Jackson III, a 2020 prep All-American who graduated early from high school to enroll at USC this spring, plus fall enrollees **Joseph Manjack IV** (3 rec, 56 yds, 18.7 avg in 2021) and **Kyron Ware-Hudson**.

Freshman walk-on Josiah Zamora also joined this fall.

--London caught a career-high and game-best 12 passes for 137 yards against <u>San Jose State</u> and also had a 2-yard run, while Washington added 4 catches for 56 yards with a 29-yard TD where he outjumped the defender and Nixon had a 15-yard punt return.

-Washington had a game-high 6 receptions for 47 yards against <u>Stanford,</u> London added 4 catches for 68 yards with an 11-yard TD, Bryant caught 4 passes for 11 yards and also returned a punt 21 yards and a kick̃off 17 yards, Ford ha'd 3 grabs for 35 yards, Manjack had 2 receptions for 14 yards and Nixon had a 5-yard catch.

London had a game-best 13 catches for 170 yards with 2 TDs (5 and 31 yards)--all career bests--at Washington State and Bryant added 3 catches for 56 yards with a 38-yard TD on fourth-and-9 at the end of the half and also had a 3-yard TD run, 2 kickoff returns for 62 yards and a punt return for no yards to earn Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll honors, while Washington added 3 receptions for 31 yards, Jackson had 2 catches for 12 yards, Ford caught a 36-yard TD, Manjack had a 42-yard catch and Nixon returned a punt for minus 1 yard.

--London had 10 catches for 165 yards (both game highs) against <u>Oregon State</u>, while Bryant added 5 catches for 22 yards with a 7-yard TD and he also returned a kickoff 21 yards, Washington had 2 catches for 41 yards and Nixon had a 14-yard grab.

\*USC has a nice mix of experienced returners and promising newcomers among its tight ends roster.

\*Senior Erik Krommenhoek (7 rec, 64 yds, 9.1 avg, 1 TD in 2021), who has 31 catches with 2 TDs and 15 starts in his career, returned as the starter. Other veterans here are fellow senior Josh Falo, who has 18 career catches with 3 TDs and 5 starts, and sophomore **Jude Wolfe** (5 rec., 26 yds, 5.2 avg in 2021), who is coming off a broken foot late in the 2020 season (he missed 2021 spring drills).

Soph Ethan Rae has yet to see action at USC due to a lingering knee injury. Also available are walk-ons Sean Mahoney, a sophomore, and untested seniors Kohl Hollinquest and Grant Jones, who played tailback last season after coming to USC as a linebacker (he was slowed

in 2021 spring practice due to a knee injury).

\*Junior Malcolm Epps (3 rec, 41 yds, 13.7 avg in 2021) transferred in this fall from Texas, where he had 24 catches for 292 yards and 4 TDs in his 3-year career as a wide receiver and tight end. He had 20 receptions for 232 yards and 2 scores as a wideout in 2019, then added 3 grabs for 42 yards with 2 TDs last season as a tight end.

\*Then there is a pair of talented freshmen in Lake McRee, who enrolled at USC this spring after graduating high school a semester early, and Michael Trigg (4 rec, 51 yds, 12.8 avg in 2021), who came aboard in

the fall.



#### **WATCH LISTS**

DL **Nick Figueroa** Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player) Ben Griffiths

Ray Guy Award (top punter)

QB **Mo Hasan** 

Good Works Team (top community service)\*

TB **Keaontay Ingram** Doak Walker Award (top running back) Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (top Texas player)

#### OLB Drake Jackson

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Nagurski Award (top defensive player)
Butkus Award (top linebacker)
Lombardi Award (top lineman) Hendricks Award (top defensive end) Lott IMPACT Trophy (defensive impact player)

WR **Drake London**Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

#### TB Vavae Malepeai

Doak Walker Award (top running back) ILB **Kanai'i Mauga** 

Polynesian College Player of the Year Award WR K.D. Nixon

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (top Texas player) S Isaiah Pola-Mao

Polynesian College Player of the Year Award QB Kedon Slovis

### Maxwell Award (top player)

Walter Camp Player of the Year (top player)
CFPA National Performer of the Year (top player) Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback) Manning Award (top quarterback)
Unitas Golden Arm Award (top senior/upperclass QB)

# CB Chris Steele

Nagurski Award (top defensive player) Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

### DL Tuli Tuipulotu

Polynesian College Player of the Year Award WR Tahj Washington

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

Winner

#### **PRE-SEASON HONORS**

WR **Drake London** (The Athletic), OLB **Drake Jackson** (CollegeFootballNews.com) and SNP Damon Johnson (Phil Steele) were named 2021 pre-season All-American first teamers. CB Chris Steele (CollegeFootballNews.com) was a pre-season All-American third team pick, while P Ben Briffiths (Pro Football Focus) was a third teamer and QB **Kedon Slovis** (Phil Steele) was a fourth teamer. London, Jackson, Johnson, Griffiths, Slovis, Steele and S Isaiah Pola-Mao were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-12 first teams.

# PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

The 2021 Trojans are picked to finish in the Top 25 nationally and in the Top 2 in the Pac-12 South standings, according to many pre-season prognosticators. Here are the picks, to date:

	National	Pac-12 Sout
Sports Illustrated	9th	1st
Pro Football Network	10th	1st
Sporting News	12th	1st
College Sports Madness	12th	1st
Phil Steele	13th	1st
USA Today Coaches Poll	13th	1st
AP	15th	1st
Pro Football Focus	16th	1st
CollegeFootballNews.com	16th	1st
Athlon	18th	2nd
CBSSports.com	19th	1st
ESPN.com	21st	1st
Lindy's	22nd	2nd
Pac-12 Media		1st

### **IN-SEASON HONORS**

# WR Gary Bryant Jr.

Hornung Award Honor Roll (9/20) QB **Jaxson Dart** 

Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (9/20) Pac-12 Freshman of the Week (9/20) Manning Award Star of the Week (9/20) Rose Bowl Game Pac-12 Player of the Week (9/20) CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Def. Player of Week (9/19)

#### Ben Griffiths

Ray Guy Award Ray's 8 (9/13)

OLB **Drake Jackson**Pac-12 Defensive Lineman of the Week (9/20)

CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Off. Player of Week (9/7)

- --Krommenhoek had 2 catches for 26 yards, with a 20-yard diving TD, against <u>San Jose State</u>, while Wolfe added 2 grabs for 11 yards.
- --Wolfe had a 9-yard reception against <u>Stanford</u>, while Triqq had a 7-yard catch and Epps had a 4-yard arab.
  - --Krommenhoek had 3 catches for 29 yards at Washington State and Epps added an 18-yard grab.
- --Trigg caught 3 passes for 44 yards against <u>Oregon State</u>, while Krommenhoek (9 yards ) and Wolfe (6 vards) each had 2 receptions.

### **OFFENSIVE LINEMEN**

USC's offensive line returned nearly intact from 2020. But there are some hiqh-potential players" looking to break into the rotation.

\*The one starter who must be replaced was a really good one: Alijah Vera-Tucker, who declared for the NFL Draft as a junior and was a first round selection. He was a 2020 All-Pac-12 first teamer and won the Morris Trophy while starting at left tackle. In 2019 as the left guard, he was ranked as the Pac-12's top guard by Pro Football Focus.

The four returning starters are 3-year starting guard **Andrew Vorhees** (he was on the left side in 2020 after previously playing on the right), 2-year starting center **Brett Neilon**, 2-year starter **Jalen McKenzie** (he played right tackle last year after being mostly at right quard in 2019) and Liam Jimmons, last year's right quard.

\*Pushing them are juniors **Justin Dedich** (1 tac in 2021), who has 3 career starts at center, **Liam** Douglass and AJ Mageo (he has yet to play at USC), along with sophomores Jason Rodriguez and Gino Quinones (he hasn't played yet as a Trojan).

Several offensive linemen in last year's large freshman crop gained valuable experience in 2020 and" any of them could contend for playing time as redshirt freshmen in 2021. Courtland Ford started—and showed well—at left guard against Washington State, while Jonah Monheim (1 tac in 2021) saw significant action at right guard in that game. Both have earned starting tackle roles in 2021. Casey Collier at tackle and Andrew Milek at center also got into the WSU game briefly. Andres Dewerk and Caadyn Stephen did not play last fall.

\*Three walk-ons who have yet to get onto the field at USC are also available: senior **Damian Lopez** and juniors Joe Bryson and Mark Zuvich.

Three fréshmen linemen, who each stand 6-6, joined the Trojans in the fall: prep All-American **Mason\*** Murphy, as well as Ty Buchanan and Maximus Gibbs.

--Ford, Vorhees, Neilon, Jimmons and Monheim started against <u>San Jose State, Stanford, Washington</u> State and Oregon State.

#### **DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW**

USC's defense has starters who returned at 8 positions from 2020: OLB Drake Jackson, S Isaiah Pola-Mao, CB Chris Steele, ILBs Kana'i Mauga and Ralen Goforth, DLs Nick Figueroa and Tuli Tuipulotu and Ss Greg Johnson and Max Williams, who split starts at nickelback. Other defensive players back with career starts at USC are ILBs Jordan losefa and Eli'jah Winston, CBs Isaac Taylor-Stuart and Dorian Hewett, S Chase Williams, DLs Brandon Pili and Jacob Lichtenstein and OLB Hunter Echols.

\*The Trojan defense in 2020 allowed 369.7 total yards (its third fewest since 2009), including 216.3 passing yards (its second fewest since 2009), and averaged 2.7 takeaways a game (its best since 2005). Its 26.0 scoring defense was its best mark since 2016. The defense, under new coordinator **Todd Orlando**, was dramatically improved from 2019 when it allowed 408.7 total yards (246.2 passing) and 29.4 points. The Trojans' 16 takeaways in the shortened 6-qame 2020 season equaled their total in 13 games in 2019. Fifteen of ÚSC's top 19 tacklers from 2020 are back, as are its leaders in sacks, tackles for loss, pass deflections and forced fumbles. However, opponents rushed for more than 150 yards per game against USC for the fourth consecutive year (153.3 in 2020), something before then that had happened only 1 year since 2001.

#### **DEFENSIVE LINEMEN**

USC lost an elite defensive lineman from 2020 when Marlon Tuipulotu declared for the NFL Draft as a junior (he was picked in the sixth round). The 3-year starter had 104 tackles in his career and made the All-Pac-12 first team last season when he notched 23 stops.

But there are plenty of high-level returnees on the line along with some exciting newcomers.

\*Senior **Nick Fiqueroa** (4 tac, 2 for loss in 2021) had a breakout year in 2020 when he led the Trojans in tackles for loss (7) and sacks (3.5). He missed 2021 spring practice while recuperating from shoulder surgery. Fellow starting lineman **Tuli Tuipulotu** (21 tac, 0.5 for loss, 1 FR for TD in 2021), a sophomore (and Marlon's younger brother), also was impressive in 2020 when he earned Freshman All-American second team acclaim. Tuipulotu is currently 19th nationally in fumbles recovered (1, third in Pac-12)

\*Senior **Brandon Pili** and junior **Jacob Lichtenstein** (10 tac, 1.5 for loss in 2021), who did not see action in 2020 after opting out of USĆ's first 4 games, are tested veterans who have combined for 11 career starts. 95 tackles and 14.5 tackles for loss. Pill, however, tore his Achilles in 2021 spring practice and will miss the 2021 season. Then there are five underclassmen with promise: sophomores Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (8 tac, 1 for loss in 2021), De'jon Benton (2 tac in 2021) and Maninoa Tufono and redshirt freshmen Kobe Pepe and Jamar Sekona (1 tac in 2021).

This spring, soph Ishmael Sopsher joined the Trojans after transferring from Alabama. A leg injury kept Sopsher out of 2021 spring drills and could limit him in 2021.

\*Bolstering the D-line unit this fall as first-year freshmen are **Korey Foreman** (3 tac in 2021), ranked as the nation's No. 1 recruit, and Colin Mobley

--Ta'ufo'ou had 3 tackles (1 for a loss) against <u>San Jose State</u>, Tuipulotu also had 3 stops, Lichtenstein

had 2 tackles, Figueroa had a tackle for a loss and Sekona had a tackle.
--Tuipulotu led USC with 7 tackles (0.5 for loss) against <u>Stanford</u>, Ta'ufo'ou added 2 tackles, Figueroa had a tackle for loss and Lichensteen had a tackle (0.5 for loss).

--Lichtenstein had 5 tackles (1 for loss) at <u>Washington State</u>, Tuipulotu had 4 tackles and recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown and Formean and Benton each had 2 tackles.

-Tuipulotu had 7 tackles against <u>Oregon State</u>, while Ta'ufo'ou had 3 stops, Figueroa and Lichtenstein each had 2 tackles and Foreman had 1 tackle.



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#### **WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE**

#### MONDAY

\*\*USC practice closed to media, no interviews

\*\*Coach Williams on "Trojans Live"

#### **TUESDAY**

\*\*4 p.m. PT--USC practice, open to media, offensive players and assistant coaches and coach Williams available to media after practice

#### WEDNESDAY

\*\*4 p.m. PT--USC practice, open to media until 4:45 p.m., defensive/ special teams players and assistant coaches available to media after prac-

#### **THURSDAY**

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

\*\*USC practice closed to media, no interviews

#### **FRIDAY**

\*\*USC practice closed to media, no interviews

\*\*USC travels to Boulder, Colo.

#### SATURDAY

\*\*Noon MT/11 a.m. PT--USC vs. Colorado, Folson Field, Boulder, Colo.

\*Coach Williams, players and assistant coaches available to media after game

## **SUNDAY**

\*No USC practice

\*\*6 p.m. PT--Coach Williams available to media via Zoom All times subject to change (NOTE: 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 pressers and weekly game notes. On game days, the media center houses media guides, flip card, game program, photos, video, 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 is on Twitter (Twitter.com/USC\_Athletics), Facebook (Facebook.com/USCTrojans) (Instagram.com/USC\_ Instagram 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.

#### **OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**

USC is well-stocked at the outside linebacker spot. In fact, the Trojans sport one of the nation's most" dominant pass rushers in junior **Drake Jackson** (13 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF, 1 int in 2021), who <u>has 19 career</u>

\*Seniors Hunter Echols (4 tac in 2021), who has appeared in 27 games in his career (with 4 starts), and Juliano Falaniko (1 tac in 2021), who has played in 29 games as a Trojan, are plenty experienced.

Walk-on junior Peter Esparza (he has yet to play at USC) also is available.

--Jackson had 2 tackles and made a point-blank interception to set up a USC TD against <u>San Jose</u> <u>State,</u> while Echols and Falaniko each had a tackle.

--Jackson had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against <u>Stanford</u>.

--Jackson had 4 tackles at <u>Washington State,</u> including a sack where he forced a fumble in the end zone that USC recovered for a TD to earn <u>Pac-12 Defensive Lineman of the Week</u> honors.

--Jackson and Echols each had 3 tackles against Oregon State.

Inside linebacker is another position where USC is in good hands. Only Palaie Gaoteote IV, who in his! career had 105 tackles and 14 starts (including USC's first 2 contests of 2020), is gone.

Both of last year's starters returned: 2-year starting senior **Kana'i Mauga** (17 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF in 2021), who has 133 career tackles and was second on the Trojans in stops (41) last year, and junior Ralen Goforth (15 tac in 2021).

\*Senior **Jordan losefa**, who has 16 career starts at inside and outside linebacker (with 78 tackles), has missed the past 2 seasons with a knee injury. He sat out 2021 spring practice with it and likely will be slowed in the 2021 season.

\*Also battling for action are senior **Micah Croom** (2 tac, 1 FF in 2021), a converted safety who played often on special teams in 2020, juniors **Raymond Scott** (9 tac, 1 dfl in 2021), **Eli'jah Winston** (he missed 2020 with a broken ankle), Solomon Tuliaupupu (foot and knee injuries have prevented him from playing yet at USC and he missed 2021 spring drills while recuperating from last year's knee injury) and Tayler Katoa (he also has not played yet at USC due to a knee injury and a 2-year Mormon mission) and and sophomores Tuasivi Nomura (4 tác in 2021), a key special teamér in 2020 and soph Kaulana Makaula, a converted safety.

Then there are a trio of walk-ons: junior **Spencer Gilbert**, soph **Clyde Moore** and redshirt freshman, Danny Lockhart Jr.

\*Freshman **Julien Simon** graduated from high school a semester early and joined the Trojans this spring. This fall, highly-regarded Raesjon Davis joined the inside linebacker mix as a freshman.

Scott had 5 tackles against <u>San Jose State</u>, while Mauga added 3 stops and a forced fumble and Goforth had 1 tackle.

--Mauga, Goforth and Nomura each had 4 tackles against <u>Stanford</u>, while Scott had a tackle and deflection.

-Mauga had 4 tackles (including 2 for a loss, with a sack) at <u>Washington State</u>, Croom had 2 tackles and forced a fumble on the second half kickoff that USC recovered and Scott had a tackle.

--Goforth had 10 tackles against Oregon State, Mauga added 6 stops and Scott had 2 tackles.

\*USC lost a pair of standout starters in the secondary, so replacing them will be critical. Safety Talanoa Hufanga was an All-American first teamer, the Polynesian Co-College Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a Lott IMPACT Trophy finalist in 2020 when he led USC in tackles (62), interceptions (4) and forced fumbles (2) to rank in the national Top 20 in those categories. He notched 203 career tackles. Dlaijah Griffin was a 2-year starter at cornerback and had 67 tackles and 14 deflections in his career. Both declared for the NFL Draft after their junior seasons, with Hufanga going in the fifth round and Griffin signing as an undrafted free agent.

\*Senior free safety Isaiah Pola-Mao (19 tac in 2021), who has 140 tackles and 5 interceptions in his career, is USC's most experienced returning defensive back. The 2-year starter led USC last year in deflections (5) and fumble recoveries (3) while recording 40 tackles.

\*Junior cornerback **Chris Steele** (9 tac in 2021), who <u>has 73 tackles and 9 deflections in his career,</u> is another 2-year starter.

\*Senior **Greg Johnson** (14 tac, 2 for loss, 1 int for TD in 2021) and sophomore **Max Williams**, safeties who shared starts at nickelback last fall, both returned. However, Williams tore knee ligaments in 2021

spring practice and likely will miss the 2021 campaign.

\*Junior cornerback Isaac Taylor-Stuart (13 tac, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2021) has started 13 times in his career (including most of 2019) and has assumed Griffin's spot. Other returnees looking to break into the lineup at corner are juniors **Dorian Hewett** and **Jayden Williams** (3 tac, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2021), soph **Adonis Otey** and redshirt freshman **Joshua Jackson Jr.** (5 tac, 1 dfl in 2021), who converted from wide receiver this spring. Otey likely is out for the 2021 season after a wrist injury suffered in 2021 fall camp. There also is redshirt freshman **L Simpson**, who transferred to USC this fall after playing basketball Loyola Marymount.

'Among the returning safeties filling in Hufanga's position are senior **Chase Williams** (22 tac in 2021), who <u>owns 8 career starts,</u> and junior **Briton Allen**, who likely will miss the 2021 season after suffering a knee

injury in 2021 fall camp. There also is redshirt freshman walk-on safety **Tommy Maurice**.

\*There is a pair of redshirt frosh safeties who transferred to USC: **Xavion Alford** (9 tac, 1 dfl in 2021)

came this spring from Texas, where he made 4 tackles as a backup last season, while sophomore **Chris Thompson Jr.** (4 tac in 2021) joined the squad in the fall from Auburn (he had 8 tackles off the bench in

\*Three freshmen safeties enrolled at USC this spring after graduating a semester early from high school: Anthony Beavers Jr., Calen Bullock (15 tac, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2021) and prep All-American Xamarion Gordon.

Then in the fall, another 3 freshmen came aboard: prep All-American safety **Jaylin Smith** (3 tac, 1 for, loss, 1 sack, 1 int in 2021) and cornerbacks Prophet Brown and Ceyair Wright (2 tac in 2021)

--Bullock started at free safety against <u>San Jose State</u> (becoming the first USC true freshman to start an opener at safety since Su'a Cravens in 2013 versus Hawaii) and had a team-high 8 tackles, while Chase Williams added 6 tackles, Johnson had 4 tackles and returned an interception 37 yards for a TD to break open a tight game in the fourth quarter to earn <u>CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the</u> Week honors, Taylor-Stuart had 3 tackles and a deflection, Steele had 3 tackles, Alford had a tackle and deflection and Thompson, Wright and Smith each had a tackle.

-Johnson had 5 tackles (2 for losses) against <u>Stanford</u>, Taylor-Stuart also had 5 tackles, Pola-Mao, Steele and Chase Williams each added 4 tackles, Thompson had 3 stops and Bullock had 2 tackles and a deflection.



--Chase Williams and Alford each had a team-best 6 tackles at <u>Washington State</u>, Bullock had 4 tackles and an interception, Pola-Mao had 4 tackles, Johnson had 3 tackles, Smith had a sack, Steele and Wright each had a tackle and Jayden Williams had a late goal line interception.

--Pola-Mao had a game-high 11 tackles against <u>Oregon State</u>, Chase Williams added 6 tackles, Jackson had 5, Taylor-Stuart had 4 tackles and made an acrobatic end zone interception, Steele had 4 tackles, Jayden Williams had 3 tackles, Johnson and Alford each had 2 tackles, Smith had a tackle and an interception and Bullock had a tackle.

<u>SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW</u>
\*USC brought back all but its punt returner on special teams. The Trojans have their punter (Ben Griffiths), placekicker (Parker Lewis), long snapper (Damon Johnson) and primary kick returner (Gary Bryant Jr.) from 2020.

\*USC's special teams last year—under new coordinator **Sean Snyder**—were ranked No. 1 nationally by Football Outsider. Troy was 25<sup>th</sup> in net punting (40.8) in 2020 and its punting average of 46.4 was the highest since 2003. Only 5 of USC's 18 punts and 6 of its 38 kickoffs were returned last fall. The Trojans were 10th nationally in kickoff return defense (17.0) in 2020 after ranking last in 2019 and their kickoff return average of 23.5 was the best since 2012. However, Troy's punt return

average of 4.3 was its lowest since 1976.

Junior **Ben Griffiths** (46. P avg in 2021), a power punter from Australia who is in his late 20s, is back for his third season as the starter and he is one of the nation's best. <u>Griffiths currently is 17th nationally in punting [46.3, fourth in Pac-12]</u>. <u>Of his 15 punts in 2021, 7 have pinned</u> opponents within the 20, 4 have traveled 50-plus yards and only 1 has been a touchback. He has had a punt of at least 56 yards in each of his last 6 games. His 46.4-yard punting average last year was the highest by a Trojan since 2003. Half of his 18 punts last fall pinned opponents within the 20-yard line, 7 traveled at least 50 yards and only 2 were touchbacks. He twice had career-long 61-yard boots and he averaged 51.0 yards on his 3 punts at UCLA. Behind him are a pair of untested walk-ons in sophomore Will Rose and redshirt freshman Michael McAllister.

\*Strong-legged sophomore **Parker Lewis** (6-of-6 FG, 12-of-12 PAT in 2021, plus 1 FR) is back after winning the placekicking job as a true freshman last year when he beat out a pair of veterans no longer on the Trojan roster: Chase McGrath (32 field goals, 118 PATs in his career while starting in 2017 and 2019) and Michael Brown, who filled in when McGrath was hurt early in the 2018 season (he hit 7 field goals and 32 PATs that year). Lewis currently is first nationally in field goal percentage (1.000, first in Pac-12), 19th in field goals (1.5, first in Pac-12) and 19th in fumbles recovered (1, third in Pac-12). Of Lewis 17 kickoffs in 2021, 13 have been touchbacks. In 2020, Lewis was 20th nationally in field goals (1.6), had a long field goal of 48 yards, hit all 23 of his PATs, had touchbacks on nearly 60% of his 38 kickoffs and had a pair of successful onside kicks. He nailed 4 field goals against Utah (1 shy of the USC game record), including 3 that were career longs. The only other kicker on the roster with experience is junior **Alex Stadthaus** (2-of-2 field goals, 2-of-2 PATs in 2021), <u>Of Stadthaus' 5 kickoffs in 2021, 3 have been touchbacks</u> He handled most of USC's kickoffs in 2019 after doing so all of 2018 (he has touchbacks on 48.8% of his 123 career kickoffs), but he did not see action in 2020. Freshman walk-on **Denis Lynch**, a leftie, enrolled this

\*Senior **Damon Johnson** (1 tac in 2021) returned for his fifth season as USC's long snapper, taking advantage of an NCAA rule that permitted players to compete in the pandemic-affected 2020 season without it counting against their eligibility. One of the best and most experienced snappers in the nation (he has snapped in 47 games in his career), he was a Mannelly Award finalist in 2020. Behind him are walk-ons Jac Casasante, a junior, and redshirt freshman Nathan Weneta, but neither has snapped yet at USC.

\*Junior punter **Ben Griffiths** has been USC's holder the past 2 seasons and is doing so again in 2021. Sophomore punter Will Rose was

his backup last year, but didn't get in.

Coming into 2021, nobody on USC's roster had ever fielded a punt as a Trojan now that a pair of tested punt returners—wide receivers Tyler Vaughns and Amon-Ra St. Brown-are gone. Vaughns had 30 career punt returns for an 8.9 average. In 2019, his 10.5 punt return average was 13th nationally and he had an 82-yard TD return. St. Brown, who declared for the NFL as a junior, had 19 career punt returns for a 5.6. Cornerback Olaijah Griffin, another early entry into the NFL Draft, also had some returns last year, returning 3 kickoffs for 17.3 yards and a punt return. Sophomore wide receiver **Gary Bryant Jr.** (2 PR, 21 yds, 11.5 avg in 2021, plus 4 KOR, 100 yds, 25.0 avg) was 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally in kickoff returns last fall with a 26.2 average on his 8 runbacks. His dramatic 56yard kick return at UCLA in the game's final minute put USC in position for the game-winning score. Bryant was joined deep last year by junior tailback **Kenan Christon** (1 KOR, 17 yds, 17.0 avg in 2021) but he did not field any kicks in 2020. Senior wide receiver **K.D. Nixon** (2 PR, 14 yds, 7.0 avg in 2021), the transfer this spring from Colorado, is in the Buffaloes' career Top 20 in kickoff returns (33) and kickoff return yardage (758) while averaging 23.0 yards per runback. He also returned 3 punts while

at CU. Sophomore wide receiver Tahj Washington, the fall transfer from Memphis, returned 12 kickoffs for a 20.2-yard average last fall, while junior wideout Jake Smith had 6 career punt returns at Texas. Soph cornerback **Adonis Otey** also lined up deep a few times in last year but has yet to record a return. Smith and Otey are likely out for 2021 with injuries

--Lewis nailed all 3 of his field goal tries (27, 23 and 30 yards) and all 3 PATs and had 6 touchbacks on his 7 kickoffs against <u>San Jose State</u>, while Griffiths averaged 45.6 yards on his 5 punts, with a long of 58 yards

and pinned the Spartans inside the 20 once.

-Stadthaus came in when Lewis was ejected for targeting on the opening kickoff against <u>Stanford</u> and he made both of his field goals (24 and 33 yards) and both of his PATs (the first time he had done placement kicking at USC) and 2 of his 3 kickoffs were touchbacks, while Griffith averaged 48.5 yards on his 4 punts (with 2 pinning the Cardinal within the 20), including a 58-yarder.

At <u>Washington State</u>, Lewis hit all 6 of his PAT tries and a 34-yard field goal, had touchbacks on 4 of his 6 kickoffs and recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff of the second half, while Griffiths averaged 45. on his 3 punts (with a 57-yarder and 2 pinning the Cougars within the 20)

and Stadthaus had a touchback on 1 of his 2 late kickoffs.

--Against <u>Oregon State</u>. Lewis hit both field goal tries (26 and 46 yards) and all 3 PATs and all 3 of his kickoffs were touchbacks, while Griffiths averaged 45.0 yards on his 3 punts, with 2 pinning the Beavers within the 20-yard line and he had a 57-yarder.

### **STATS OF NOTE**

#### RANKING

\*\*USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 174 of its past 243 games.

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

\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 228 games.

\*\*USC has <u>scored at least 20 points</u> in 214 of its past 247 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games).

\*\*\*USC has <u>scored at least 30 points</u> in 149 of its last 237 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 89 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 28 times with at least 50 points).

\*\*USC has scored <u>touchdowns of 20-plus yards</u> 398 times since 2003.

\*\*\*USC has scored in its past 282 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 297 games).

\*USC currently is first <u>nationally</u> in both red zone offense (1.000, first in Pac-12) and fourth down conversion percentage (1.000, first in Pac-12), 11th in first downs offense (103, first in Pac-12), 17th in passing offense (308.2, first in Pac-12) and 25th in third down conversion percentage (.482, third in Pac-

12).
\*\*\*USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 42 of its past 58 games (including 21 with 500-plus yards).

### <u>DEFENSE</u>

\*USC currently is fourth <u>nationally</u> in defensive TDs (2, first in Pac-12), 10th in passes intercepted (6, third in Pac-12) and 15th in red zone defense (.647, first in Pac-12).

\*\*\*USC has <u>intercepted a pass</u> in 163 of the last 241 games.

\*\*\*USC has held 111 of its last 236 opponents to 100 rushing yards or less. \*\*\*Only 61 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the

past 225 games (most recently, Oregon State's B.J. Baylor, 158 in 2021). \*\*\*Since the 2001 season, USC is 77-10 when holding foes to <u>300 yards of total offense or less</u> (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, California in 2018 and Oregon in 2020).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

'USC's active 7-game winning streak in conference road contests is the second longest in the nation, behind Ohio State's 10.

\*\*USC has won 40 of its last 58 games.

\*\*\*USC has won 33 of its last 44 games against teams from the Pac-12.

\*\*\*USC has blocked 42 kicks/punts since 2010.

\*\*\*USC has appeared on <u>live national</u>, <u>regional or local telecasts</u> 544 times, including 407 of the past 409 games (Troy's last 248 games have been televised live, a school record).



#### **RANDOM NOTES**

\*\*\*USC's <u>2021 team captains</u>, elected by their teammates prior to the season, are S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, TB **Vavae Malepeai**, WR **Drake London** and P **Ben Griffiths**. This is Pola-Mao's second consecutive season as a captain, while the others are first timers. Griffiths is the first specialist to serve as a USC captain since placekicker Adam Abrams did so in 1998. This also is the second straight season that USC has had only one defensive player as a captain (before that, it last happened in 2003).

\*\*\*USC is the only FBS school never to have had <u>surnames on the back</u> <u>of its jerseys</u>.

\*\*\*USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has <u>never played an FCS</u> (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 629 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 710 in Bobby Dodd Stadium and Tennessee's 631 in Neyland Stadium.

\*\*\*Some 2021 schedule notes:

--For the first time since 2009, USC will play all its regular season games on Saturdays.

--USC's 7 home games are its most since 2017 (also 7).

--USC hosted San Jose State on Sept. 4, the 'teams' first meeting since 2009.

--USC's Sept. 11 home game against Stanford was the first Pac-12 game of the 2021 campaign.

--USC's game at Washington State on Sept. 18 was its first trip there since 2017.

--When USC hosted Oregon State on Sept. 25, it was their first

meeting since 2018 (and first in the Coliseum since 2017).

--ŪSC's home game against BYU on Nov. 27 will be the first time since 2009 (when it hosted Arizona) that Troy will end its regular season against a team other than UCLA or Notre Dame and the first since 1999 (when it hosted Louisiana Tech) doing so against a non-conference foe other than Notre Dame.

\*\*\*USC is 201-64-10 (.749) in seasons that the <u>Summer Olympics</u> have been held. The Trojans won 4 national titles (1928, 1932, 1972, 2004) and played in 11 bowls (winning 8) during those Olympic seasons. [Does not include 2 wins--including 1 bowl apperance and 1 bowl win--vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 203-64-10, .751.]

\*\*\*Speaking of the Olympics and Tokyo, USC actually played a football game in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium (beating Oregon, 20-6, in the regular season-ending Mirage Bowl in 1985). That stadium was demolished in 2015 and in its place is the new Tokyo National Stadium, home to the 2020 Olympics' opening and closing ceremonies and track and field events. USC also has played in two other stadiums that have hosted Olympics' opening/closing ceremonies: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (1932 and 1984 Summer Games) and Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City (2002 Winter Games).

\*\*\*Two USC football lettermen have won <u>Olympic gold medals</u>: Fred Kelly (1914, 15, 16 fullback) in the high hurdles in the 1912 Games (he is USC's first gold medalist) and Ken Carpenter (1934, 37 right tackle) in the discus in the 1936 Games. Although 2-time gold medalist Quincy Watts (400 meters and 1600-meter relay in the 1992 Games) never lettered in football, he was a receiver on the 1990 Trojans (he didn't get into a game).

\*\*\*USC's future non-conference schedule features games versus BYU (2021, 2023), San Jose State (2024), Fresno State (2022, 2025), Rice (2022), Nevada (2023), LSU (2024) 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.

\*\*\*Twenty-three Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: S Xavion Alford (Texas), TB Darwin Barlow (TCU), OL Joe Bryson (Colorado Mesa), QB Brendon Costello (Oklahoma State), ILB Micah Croom (Dartmouth), TE Malcolm Epps (Texas), DL Nick Figueroa (Cal Poly), QB Mo Hasan (Syracuse, Vanderbilt), TE Kohl Hollinquest (Penn), TB Keaontay Ingram (Texas), TB Quincy Jountti (Sacramento State), OL Damian Lopez (UC Irvine), WR Bru McCoy (Texas), ILB Clyde Moore (Colorado), WR K.D. Nixon (Colorado), TB Samuel Oram-Jones (Durham, Vanderbilt), WR Brandon Outlaw (Virginia), CB L Simpson (Loyola Marymount), WR Jake Smith (Texas), DL Ishmael Sopsher (Alabama), CB Chris Steele (Florida), S Chris Thompson Jr. (Auburn) and SNP Nathan Weneta (Purdue).

\*\*\*USC currently has 31 players who graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled in college that spring. OL Liam Jimmons enrolled in the spring of 2016. OL Andrew Vorhees enrolled in the spring of 2017. OL Justin Dedich, ILB Kana'i Mauga, ILB 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., CB Joshua Jackson Jr., PK Parker Lewis and DL Kobe Pepe all enrolled in the spring of 2020. S Anthony Beavers Jr., S Calen Bullock, TB Brandon Campbell, QB Jaxson Dart, S Xamarion Gordon, WR Michael Jackson III, TE Lake McRee, QB Miller Moss and ILB Julien Simon all enrolled in the spring of 2021. Four 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), CB Chris Steele enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019 before transferring to USC in the summer of 2019, QB Brendan Costello enrolled at Oklahoma State in the spring of 2019 and S Chris Thompson Jr. enrolled at Auburn in the spring of 2020. Since 1999, 75 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 and 2021. 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. CB **Ceyair Wright** has a best of 10.84 in the 100 meters and 21.74 in the 200 and he ran on the 2019 state champion 1600-meter relay team. CB **Prophet Brown** was a member of the California state champion 400-meter relay team and has personal bests of 10.90 in the 100 meters and 22.71 in the 200. WR **Brandon Outlaw** had personal bests of 21.62 in the 200 meters and 46.13 in the 400 meters while competing at Virginia (he won the New Jersey 400-meter title in high school).

\*\*\*Besides those mentioned above, other Trojans competed in track and field in high school: OL Ty Buchanan (discus), TB Matt Colombo (sprints), OB Brendan Costello, ILB Micah Croom (sprints), OL Liam Douglass, TE Malcolm Epps, ILB Ralen Goforth, TB Keaontay Ingram, WR Michael Jackson III (sprints), TB Quincy Jountti (triple/long jump), WR Chase Locke (sprints, long/high jump), WR Joseph Manjack IV (sprints, shot put), ILB Kana'i Mauga (sprints, hurdles, weights, jumps), S Tommy Maurice (sprints, pole vault), OL Andrew Milek (shot put, discus), OL Brett Neilon, WR K.D. Nixon, CB Adonis Otey (sprints), DL Brandon Pili (shot put, discus), S Isaiah Pola-Mao (sprints, hurdles, long/high jump), OL Jason Rodriguez (shot put, discus), DL Jamar Sekona (shot put, discus), WR Ty Shamblin (sprints), OL Caadyn Stephen (shot put), CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart (sprints, long/triple jump), S Chris Thompson Jr., WR Tahj Washington (sprints, long/triple jump) and S Max Williams (sprints).

\*\*\*As high schoolers, USC football players also competed in <a href="https://doi.org/li>
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\*\*\*TB Kenan Christon (track), WR Drake London (basketball) and TE Grant Jones (baseball) are 2-sport athletes at USC. Christon sprinted for the USC track team in the springs of 2020 and 2021. In 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 season was cancelled due to the pandemic). He also ran a leg on a 400-meter relay team that clocked 39.81. In 2021, he had outdoor bests of 10.51 in the 100 and 21.17 in the 200 (to win the UCLA dual). He also ran on the 400-meter relay team that clocked a best of 39.20 and also won at the Pac-12 meet. London joined the 2020 USC men's basketball team soon after the 2019 football season. He saw brief action in 3 games. He did not score, but he grabbed 3 rebounds (1.0 avg). Jones was USC's baseball team in the fall of 2016 and 2017 as a lefthanded pitcher but did not continue with them into either spring.



- \*\*\*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).
- \*\*\*QB **Jaxson Dart** was the 2020 <u>Gatorade National Football Player of the Year</u>, while WR **Jake Smith** won that honor in 2018. They are the sixth and seventh Trojans to have been so honored, joining OL Jeff Byers (2004) and QBs Mitch Mustain (2005), Matt Barkley (2007), Max Browne (2012) and J.T. Daniels (2017).
- \*\*\*CB **Ceyair Wright** has been an <u>actor</u> and model since he was a youngster. He has appeared in movies, television shows (including "2 Broke Girls," "Training Day," "Life in Pieces" and "Instant Mom"), commercials and music videos. He played the son of LeBron James in the 2021 movie, "Space Jam: A New Legacy."
- \*\*\*TB **Samuel Oram-Jones** was an award-winning kart and then race car <u>driver</u> from age 8 until 18.
- \*\*\*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).
- \*\*\* QB Mo Hasan hosts a college football <u>podcast</u>, Momentum. CB L Simpson hosted "The SLAM Show with Host LBoogz" on the SLAM Magazine online video platform, where he interviewed numerous current and former NBA players.
- \*\*\*PK Alex Stadthaus earned his pilot's license in the summer of 2020.
- \*\*\*TE **Kohl Hollinquest** founded a <u>clothing brand</u>, Kholyghost, in 2017. CB **L Simpson** has a clothing brand, Take No L's.
- \*\*\*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).
- \*\*\* 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.
- \*\*\*CB **Chris Steele** and OL **Jason Rodriguez** speak <u>Spanish</u> (they recorded videos in Spanish for 2020 Latinx Heritage Month to celebrate their Mexican heritage) and ILB **Micah Croom** speaks <u>Japanese</u>.
- \*\*\*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.
- \*\*\*ILB **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). Among his efforts, he and some USC teammates delivered leftover food from this year's USC-Oregon State game to the homeless on L.A.'s Skid Row, in conjunction with sustainability efforts at USC's annual Zero Waste Game. He was named to the 12-player 2021 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for his commitment to community service. The players, and their non-profits of choice, benefited from a \$1 million compensation from Allstate (permitted by NCAA NIL legislation) to help financially empower them to serve their communities and their personal community service initiatives.

- \*\*\*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>.
- \*\*\*S **Anthony Beavers Jr.**, OL **Maximus Gibbs** and S **Jaylin Smith** were in the Netflix show "<u>Coach Snoop</u>," about rapper Snoop Dogg and his Snoop Youth Football League.
- \*\*\*SNP Nathan Weneta plays piano.
- \*\*\* DL **Andrew Vorhees** got <u>married</u> in March of 2018 (his wife's name is Samantha).
- \*\*\*P **Ben Griffiths** is USC's <u>oldest</u> player (and among the oldest in college football this season), as he turned 30 on Sept. 17 (he is one of the oldest Trojans ever). USC's youngest player is S **Jaylin Smith** (17, born Nov. 5, 2003).
- \*\*\*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.
- \*\*\*WR **K.D. Nixon** has 13 <u>siblings</u> and TB **Keaontay Ingram** has 9 siblings.
- \*\*\*|LB **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. (S Anthony Beavers Jr., WR Gary Bryant Jr., CB Joshua Jackson Jr., ILB Danny Lockhart Jr., S Chris Thompson Jr.), a III (WR John Jackson III, WR Michael Jackson III) and a IV (WR Joseph Manjack IV). There also are 4 players with <a href="https://pyhenated.surnames">https://pyhenated.surnames</a>: S Isaiah Pola-Mao, TB Samuel Oram-Jones, CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart and WR Kyron Ware-Hudson.
- \*\*\*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 TE **Kohl Hollinquest**. Fortunately, USC does not put players' last names on the back of its jerseys.
- \*\*\*USC has 4 players with the <u>last name</u> of Jackson (OLB **Drake**, WR **John III**, CB **Joshua Jr.**, WR **Michael III**) and 3 named Williams (S **Chase**, CB **Jayden**, S **Max**), as well as 2 players named Johnson (SNP **Damon**, S **Greg**), Smith (WR **Jake**, S **Jaylin**) and Ford (OL **Courtland**, WR **Kyle**). None are related. However, there's only 1 Jones (TE **Grant**) and Brown (CB **Prophet**)!
- \*\*\*|LB Jordan losefa's real first name is Loveni, SNP Jac Casasante's is John, WR Bru McCoy's is Horace, QB Mo Hasan's is Anthony and WR K.D. Nixon's is Kadarrian. OL AJ Mageo's initials stand for Andrew James. ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu's full name is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliaupupu, while his nickname is "Solo," S Briton Allen's is "Bam," OL Maximus Gibbs' is "Big Max" and CB Prophet Brown's is "Peanut Butter." DL Kobe Pepe was named after late legendary Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant.
- \*\*\*There are 3 players who are in their <u>sixth season at USC</u>: RB **Vavae Malepeai**, OL **Liam Jimmons** and ILB **Jordan losefa**. Also, SNP **Damon Johnson** is <u>starting for his fifth season at USC</u> while OL **Andrew Vorhees** is starting for his fourth season at Troy.
- \*\*\*USC has 1 player 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. OL **Jalen McKenzie** joined in the fall of 2017.
- \*\*\*There are 6 <u>ex-Texas high school quarterbacks</u> on USC's coaching staff: offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** [Ennis HS], running backs coach **Mike Jinks** (Judson HS), tight ends coach **Seth Doege** (Crane HS, Frenship HS), safeties coach **Craig Naivar** (Taylor HS), offensive line coach **Clay McGuire** (Crane HS) and offensive G.A. **Stanton Keane** (Cooper HS).



\*\*\*Seventeen Trojans list their home state as Texas: S Xavion Alford, TB Darwin Barlow, OL Ty Buchanan, TB Brandon Campbell, OL Casey Collier, TE Malcolm Epps, OL Courtland Ford, S Xamarion Gordon, CB Dorian Hewett, TB Keaontay Ingram, WR Chase Locke, WR Joseph Manjack IV, TE Lake McRee, WR K.D. Nixon, PK Alex Stadthaus, S Chris Thompson Jr. and WR Tahj Washington. That is, by far, the most Texans on a USC roster in a single year. In 1992 and 1993, there were 8 Trojan lettermen from Texas, the previous high. In its history, USC has had 40 football lettermen from Texas.

\*\*\*TE Kohl Hollinquest's father, Lamont, won <u>Super Bowl</u> 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, 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.

\*\*\*Director of football sports performance Robert Stiner has competed in amateur mixed martial arts (MMA) events.

\*\*\*Six Trojan <u>coaches and support staff played at USC</u>: assistant coaches **Keary Colbert** (2000-03) and **Michael Hutchings** (2013-16), graduate assistant coach Toa Lobendah (2014-15, 17-18) and offensive quality control analysts Viane Talamaivao (2014-17), Lenny Vandermade (2000-03) and **Dane Stevens** (2013).

\*\*\*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 UŚC's 2003 national championship team.

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

•Director of scouting and player relations Jeff Martin was the lead personnel analyst/player development at LSU when the Tigers won the 2019 national championship.

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

•TE 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. His godfather is former USC star Willie McGinest.

•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)

•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.

•TB Vavae Malepeai's cousin is former USC offensive lineman Bernard Schirmer (2018-19)

•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 brother Matthew is a sophomore defensive lineman at Arizona State who previously was at Kansas State (2019-20) and his great uncle is former USC fullback (1982-85) and assistant coach (2000-03, 2010-12) Kennedy Polamalu.

•DL Tuli Tuipulotu's brother is former USC defensive lineman Marlon Tuipulotu (2017-21), while his cousins are former USC (2018-20) safety Talanoa Hufanga, the 2020 Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year now with the San Francisco 49ers, and former USC (2005-08) defensive tackle Fili Moala, who played in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts (2009-14).

·CB Ceyair Wright's uncle, Mazio Royster, lettered at tailback at USC in 1990 and 1991 (he led the Trojans in rushing in 1990) and then played in

the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993-94).

 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 Ștate).

·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 Halls of Fame linebacker Junior Seau.

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

•Graduate assistant coach Toa Lobendahn's second cousin is former USC offensive lineman Faaesea Mailo (1996-2001).

 Offensive quality control analyst Lenny Vandermade is the brotherin-law of former USC running back Malaefou MacKenzie (1997-2002)

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

•Assistant equipment manager **Travis Hewitt** is the son and grandson,

respectively, of former USC equipment managers Todd and 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 <u>genes</u>:

•TB Brandon Campbell's father, Kevin, played basketball at Virginia and his mother ran track at Texas San Antonio, while his uncle, Rogerick Green, was a defensive back at Kansas State (1988-91) who played in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1992, 1994) and Jacksonville

•OL Casey Collier's sister, Charli, was a center on the Texas women's basketball team (2019-21) and was the No. 1 pick of the 2021 WNBA Draft when she was chosen by the Dallas Wings, while his late father, Elliott, played basketball at Montana State in the late 1980s and his mother, Ponda (Griggs), played center at Southwestern University (1986-90)

•QB Brendan Costello's father, Brian, played football at Lehigh, his mother, Kim, was a diver at Massachusetts, his uncle, Michael Costello, played basketball at Boston University (1997-2000) and his grandfather, Paul Costello, played basketball at St. Anselm's College (1970-73)

•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 Séa Devils (2005), Amsterdam Admirals (2006), Dresden Monarchs (2011-12) and Berlin Adler (2013-2019).

•QB**` Jaxson Dart's** father, Brandon, was a safety at Utah (1994-96, 1999-2000).

•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 Spencer Gilbert's mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, is Georgia's director of track and field and was USC's director of track and field from 2014 through 2021 (the Women of Troy won the 2018 and 2021 NCAA outdoor titles) 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.

•TB Keaontay Ingram's brother, Kelvontay Dixon, is a redshirt freshman wide receiver at Texas.

•WR John Jackson III's sister, Simone, is a freshman on USC's women's soccer team, while his aunt, Tracie, was employed at USC

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 quard at BYU (1989-90).



•TB **Vavae Malepeai's** uncles, Silila (1990-94), Pulou (1993-95) and Tasi (1994-96), played football at Oregon.

•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) and is now with the Bengals. 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 scouted with the Oakland 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 champ in 1956 for Stanford (he set a world record) and then participated in team roping in rodeo competitions.

•QB Miller Moss' mother, Emily, was a professor in USC's School of Architecture.

•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).

•WR **Brandon Outlaw's** father, Bufus (known as Bucky), played football at Howard

•DL **Brandon Pili's** sister, Alissa, is a junior 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).

•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.

•TE **Michael Trigg's** cousin, Marcello Trigg, was a quarterback at Bucknell (2006-09).

•DL Maninoa Tufono's father, Albert, played inside linebacker at Washington (1983-84, 1987), while his brother, Jack, was an offensive lineman at Idaho State (2018-19) who then was a student assistant coach there in 2020.

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

•WR **Kyron Ware-Hudson's** brother, Keyon, is a sophomore defensive tackle at Oregon.

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

•S Max Williams' brother, Macen, is a redshirt freshman defensive back at Arizona State.

•ILB **Eli'jah Winston's** brother, La'Mar, was a linebacker at Oregon (2016-19).

•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).

•CB Ceyair Wright's father, Claudius Wright, was a cornerback at Arizona and then with the World League of American Football's Amsterdam (1996) and London (1997) franchises, while his cousin, Darick Holmes, was a running back at Portland State and then in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills (1995-98), Green Bay Packers (1998) and Indianapolis Colts (1999) and another cousin, Darnay Holmes, was a cornerback at UCLA (2017-19) who is now with the New York Giants.

•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 **Ġraham Harrell's** brother, Clark, played quarterback at Tulsa (2007) and Abilene Christian (2008-10).

•Assistant coach **Clay McGuire's** brother, Cody, played football at Texas Tech.

•Assistant coach **Seth Doege's** brother, Jarret, is a senior quarterback at West Virginia (he spent 2017 and 2018 at Bowling Green), while his cousin, Kyle Herm, played quarterback at Rice (2000-03).

•Graduate assistant coach **John Bonney's** father, Jerry, played basketball at Houston in the early 1970s, while his brother, Joshua, played basketball at Elon.

•Graduate assistant coach **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was a lineman at Utah (1990-93) and then in the Arena League with the Albany Firebirds (1994) and St. Louis Stampede (1995) before coaching at BYU as a graduate assistant (1998-99) and as an assistant and head coach at the high school level.

\*Defensive quality control analyst **C.J. Ah You's** father Charles Sr. (1973-75), and brother, Matt (2003-04, 08), played football at BYU, his uncle, Junior Ah You, played at Arizona State (1969-71) and in the USFL and CFL (he is in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame), his nephew, Chaz Ah You, is a junior linebacker at BYU, his cousins, Kingsley (1992-93) and Harland (1995-97) Ah You, played football at BYU and his brother, Jasen, is the executive coordinator of recruiting and player personnel at BYU.

•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.

•Assistant director of player personnel **Drew Fox's** father, Derrick, is the president/CEO of the Alamo Bowl.

\*\*\*When Quincy Watts was named USC's new <u>director of track and field and cross country</u> this June, he became the third former Trojan football player to be USC's head track coach. Watts, more noted as a 2-time gold medalist (400 meters and 1600-meter relay) at the 1992 Olympics, was a wide receiver on the 1990 USC football team (he didn't get into a game). Jess Hill and Jess Mortensen (who both lettered in football as running backs in 1928 and 1929, including on the 1928 national champs) guided the Trojan tracksters; Hill did so in 1949-50 and in 1962 (winning 2 NCAA titles), while Mortensen did so from 1951 to 1961 (getting 7 NCAA crowns).

\*\*\*Last fall in preparation for advancements in name, image, and likeness (NIL) rights for student-athletes, USC's football program announced an alliance with J1S to launch <u>BLVD Studios</u>. The innovative in-house creative lab provides resources, education, and strategy to help student-athletes build, promote, and leverage their brands and maximize their market value. J1S is an industry-leading creative agency that helps brands connect to the next generation. The deeply integrated and exclusive partnership between USC, J1S and BLVD Studios is unlike any such NIL program or agency collaboration in college sports. BLVD Studios has developed a comprehensive, 360-degree approach to market-ing, branding, and NIL initiatives for USC Football student-athletes that includes education, data and reporting, brand management and brand integration. BLVD Studios directs and produces athlete-driven content elements such as custom graphics and logos, photography, videos, podcasts, and more. The name BLVD Studios is a nod to the pageantry and symbolism of the famous boulevards that define Los Angeles as the epicenter of opportunity and entertainment, possibility and imagination. BLVD Studios encapsulates the unmatched combination of USC's academic and athletic tradition with Los Angeles' business and media opportunities, giving athletes the biggest, best stage to build their brands.

\*\*\*As its student-athletes prepare to capitalize on their name, image and likeness, USC Athletics announced a new partnership in June with leading NIL advisory and education firm Altius Sports Partners to provide strategic guidance, consultation, and wide-ranging educational support in creating the school's NIL program, which will benefit all 21 Trojan men's and women's sports programs and 550-plus student-athletes. Initially, a central component of the partnership included developing a comprehensive education plan to support the program's staff, coaches and student-athletes. USC and ASP's cross-disciplinary team of NIL experts collaborated on educational programming related to several key elements of the upcoming NIL implementation, such as rules and regulatory awareness, revenue opportunity maximization, recruiting best practices, and gender equity and social justice implications, among other considerations related to empowering student-athletes. As the NCAA, congressional, and state legislative processes evolve, the partnership with ASP and its specific NIL focus will allow USC to be agile in response to a new and rapidly changing environment. Long-term, ASP will play a central role in strengthening USC's NIL plan, which launched in October 2020 with the announcement of the athletic department's inhouse creative lab, BLVD Studios.

\*\*\*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.



\*\*\*USC Gameday 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.

### **HOME GAME DAY ENHANCEMENTS**

To enhance the football game day experience and create an even safer environment for Trojan fans and the campus community, USC Athletics is enacting several changes for USC home games in the Coliseum for the 2021 season, including expanding in-stadium beer and wine sales, opening campus and Exposition Park six hours before kickoff, requiring reservations for all on-campus tailgates and increasing the footprint of the Trojan Family Game Day Experience.

\*Beer and wine will be available for public sale at select concession locations throughout the Coliseum. Fans 21-and-older with a valid identification can purchase up to two alcoholic beverages per transaction, with beer and wine sales discontinued at the end of the third quarter.

\*USC and the Coliseum are committed to promoting responsible drinking at Trojan home games. Fans are expected to abide by the Coliseum's Fan Code of Conduct. Coliseum staff and security personnel are trained on responsible alcohol service and there will be increased vigilance of overconsumption of alcohol, binge drinking and underage drinking. Alcohol may not be brought into the Coliseum, which enforces a clear bag policy. USC will continue to monitor COVID-19 public health guidelines and all plans are subject to change.

In recent years, alcohol has been available at the Coliseum in the Scholarship Club Tower and in several club areas. It also has been sold at USC's Dedeaux Field during baseball games and in the Founders Club at the Galen Center during basketball games. Beer and wine sales at the Galen Center also will be expanded to include the public, beginning with

the upcoming 2021-22 season.
\*The last time alcohol was available to the public at the Coliseum for USC football games was the 2004 season. The Los Angeles Rams sold alcohol throughout the venue while the NFL club rented the Coliseum during construction of SoFi Stadium.

According to data reviewed by USC from various college and professional teams, expanding in-stadium alcohol sales to the public and instituting accompanying guardrails increase the probability of responsible drinking and fan behavior by cutting back on dangerous levels of alcohol consumption at pre-game tailgating. Additionally, more than half of Power Five schools sell alcohol to the public at football games, including the majority of Pac-12 schools.

\*Opening campus and Exposition Park access six hours before football kickoff is also aliqued with the industry standard.

campus tailgate reservations, go to https://gameday.usc.edu/
\*The Trojan Family Game Day Experience family-friendly programmed space will be expanded to all of Alumni Park.

## CARSON PALMER IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

\*In January, USC Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer was named to the 13-member 2021 College Football Hall of Fame class. He is the 45th inductee with USC ties in the College Football Hall of Fame, including 34 players. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 14 of the past 22 years. Palmer will be inducted at a Dec. 7 dinner in Las

Vegas and then enshrined at the Hall in Atlanta.
\*A 4-year starter (1998, 2000-02) at USC, Palmer set or tied 33 Pac-10 and USC total offense and passing records, including becoming the league's career leader in total offense (11,621 yards) and passing yards (11,818 yards). As a senior in 2002, after a 21-year drought he became USC's fifth Heisman Trophy winner (and the first from the West Coast since 1981), as well as Troy's first quarterback winner ever. That year, the All-American first teamer (USC's first quarterback to do so since 1988) also won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (as the nation's top senior quarterback), the Pop Warner Award (as the top senior on the West Coast), The National Quarterback Club's National College Quarterback of the Year Award, the National Player of the Year by The Sporting News and CNNSI.com, the Pac-10 Co-Offensive Player of the Year and USC's MVP and team captain.

\*In 200'2, Palmer completed 309-of-489 passes (63.2%) for 3,942 yards and 33 TDs, all USC records. He threw for 300-plus yards in a USCrecord 7 games that season, including 3 in a row, and completed at least 60.0% of his passes 9 times. He led USC to a share of the 2002 Pac-10 title and its first 11-win season since 1979. He was inducted into the USC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

\*Palmer was the No. 1 pick of the 2003 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. He spent 15 years in the NFL, with the Bengals (2003-10), Dakland Raiders (2011-12) and Arizona Cardinals (2013-17). He was named to three Pro Bowls. In 2005 while earning AFC Player of the Year honors, he led the NFL in passing TDs (32) and completion percentage (67.8%) and guided the Bengals to their first winning season and playoff appearance in 15 years. He helped the Cardinals to the 2015 NFC Championship Game while throwing 35 TDs and was inducted into the Arizona Cardinals Ring of Honor in 2019. In his NFL career, he completed 3,941-of-6,307 passes (62.5%) for 46,247 yards and 294 touchdowns. He set numerous franchise passing records with the Bengals and Cardinals.

'He established the Carson Palmer Foundation to assist abused and abandoned children. He has provided aid and support to organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Phoenix Children's Hospital. He and his wife, former USC women's soccer player Shaelyn Fernandes, recently pledged to make a \$300,000 challenge gift for Compassion International's "Fill The Stadium" initiative, which provides essential food, medical care and support for children and their families during the coronavirus pandemic.

### IN THE NFL

\*Thirteen former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (most of any school).

\*A Trojan has appeared in all but 7 of the 55 Super Bowls and Trojans have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 241 times.

'USC is second behind Notre Dame's 520 for most NFL draft picks (516). USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939. There have been 520 USC players who have played in the NFL or its sister leagues.

\*USC (83) is second behind Ohio State (85) for <u>most first ro</u>und 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 2021 training camp, there were 34 ex-Trojans on NFL

\*In 2020, there were 23 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters (since records were available, USC has been No. 1 in 20 of the last 45 years). USC players were on the rosters of 16 of the NFL's 32 teams. Most of the Trojans were defensive linemen (6), offensive linemen (4), defensive

backs (4), linebackers (3) or defensive backs (3).

\*Among <u>USC's current NFLers</u> are QB Sam Darnold, RB Ronald Jones II, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Nelson Agholor and Michael Pittman Jr., LBs Devon Kennard and Uchenna Nwosu, DB Adoree' Jackson, DLs Leonard Williams, Rasheem Green and Antwaun Woods and OLs Tyron Smith and Austin Jackson.

Two NFL head coaches have USC ties (as former coaches): Seattle's Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champion) and Arizona's Kliff Kingsbury.

\*Eleven current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: CB Ceyair Wright (uncle, Mazio Royster, cousin Darick and Darnay Holmes), TE Kohl Hollinguest (father, Lamont, godfather, Willie McGinest), TB Brandon Campbell (uncle, Rogerick Green), ILB Micah Croom (brother, Larry Jr.), DL Tuli Tuipulotu (brother, Marlon, and cousins, Talanoa Hufanga and Fili Moala), S Isaiah Pola-Mao (uncle, Troy Polamalu), DL **Jalen McKenzie** (father, Reggie McKenzie, uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, brother, Kahlil), WR **John Jackson III** (father, John Jr.), DL Jamar Sekona (uncle, Haĺoti Ngata), ILB Ralen Goforth (brother, Randall) and ILB **Spencer Gilbert** (father, Greg Gilbert). 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

\*Some of USC's coaches and staff played pro football. Assistant coach Vic So'oto played in the NFL, as did defensive quality control analyst C.J. Ah You and assistant football sports performance coach Zaviar Gooden. Assistant coach Graham Harrell played in the NFL and CFL, as did assistant coach 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 coach Donte Williams played pro indoor football. Assistant director of player personnel Drew Fox and director of recruiting strategy Marshall Cherrington worked for NFL teams.



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

\*The 2021 season marks the anniversary of several notable USC football seasons:

--The 100th anniversary of USC's first 10-win season (1921 team went 10-1). USC-under third-year head coach Elmer "Gloomy Gus" Henderson—won its first 7 games by a 306-7 margin, including shutouts in the opening 6 contests. Then, after stumbling on the road to Rose Bowl-bound, co-national champ California, 38-7, the Trojans captured their final 3 games by a combined 49-7 score. The 25,000 fans who viewed the that game at Cal composed the then-largest documented crowd for any Trojans game in program history (dating to 1888).

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--The 90th anniversary of USC's second national championship [1931 team]. The 1931 edition of seventh-year USC head coach Howard Jones' "Thundering Herd" was the team that captured the imagination of college football fans everywhere, and the hearts of the citizens of Los Angeles. More than 300,000 welcomed the Trojans home from a thrilling 16-14 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend. USC trailed the Irish 14-0 at the outset of the fourth quarter, but stormed back behind the running of Gus Shaver and the passing of Orv Mohler. Baker's 33-yard field goal with one minute remaining made the difference. The win snapped Notre Dame's 26-game unbeaten streak and was the Trojans' first-ever victory in South Bend. The season started inauspiciously with a 13-7 loss to St. Mary's. But Troy then proceeded to roll over its next 10 opponents by a combined score of 356 to 39. There were six shutouts. "(USC is) the greatest team I have ever seen," said Georgia coach Harry Mehre, after his Bulldogs were blanked, 60-0. Jones agreed, calling his team "the greatest offensive machine I have ever coached." USC capped the season with a 21-12 victory over Tulane in the Rose Bowl. In fact, USC didn't lose another game until Stanford beat them in 1933, a 27-game unbeaten streak. Four Trojans garnered All-American acclaim in 1921: Baker, Shaver, Erny Pinckert and team captain Stan Williamson.

--The 60th anniversary of Traveler, the noble white horse that appears at all USC home football games with a regal Trojan warrior astride. Traveler, one of the most famous college mascots, first made an appearance at USC football games in 1961 (at the home opener versus Georgia Tech). Bob Jani, then USC's director of special events, and Eddie Tannenbaum, then a junior at USC, had spotted Richard Saukko riding his white horse, Traveler I, in the 1961 Rose Parade. They persuaded Saukko to ride his horse around the Coliseum during USC games, serving as a mascot. Ever since, whenever USC scores, the band plays "Conquest" and Traveler gallops around the Coliseum. The current Trojan mascot is Traveler IX and X. Even though the breed of horse may have changed over the years — ranging from an Arabian/Tennessee Walker to a purebred Arabian to a Spanish Andalusian — Traveler's color has always remained pure white. Traveler not only appears at Trojan home football games (and even at some away games), but also at other Trojan events, as well as at grade and high schools, charity functions and parades. Traveler has also appeared on screen and stage, in commercials, in print and at personal appearances with many celebrities.

--The 40th anniversary of Marcus Allen's 1981 Heisman Trophy season. Tailback Marcus Allen, USC's fourth Heisman Trophy winner, was college football's first 2,000-yard rusher. When he captured the award in 1981, Allen set 14 new NCAA records and tied two others, including most yards rushing in a single season (2,342), highest per-game average (212.9), most 200-yard games in a career (11), most 200-yard games in a season (8) and most 200-yard games in a row (5). He also led the Trojans in receiving with 30 and 34 catches in each of his last two seasons. USC went 9-3 that season, with tight wins over No. 2 Oklahoma and traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA, and played in the Fiesta Bowl.

-The 20th anniversary of head coach Pete Carroll's first season [2001]. Although new coach Pete Carroll's debut season wasn't anything special--his 6-6 Trojans started off 2-5, then won their final 4 regular season games before falling to Utah in the Las Vegas Bowl-it set the stage for USC's dynastic run through the opening decade of the 21st Century. During his nine-year (2001-2009) career, Carroll led Troy to the 2003 and 2004 national championships (USC was 13-0 in 2004), won 83.6% of his games (97-16), captured an unprecedented seven consecutive Pac-10 titles, appeared in an NCAA-record seven consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games) and won 11 games an NCAA record seven straight times (finishing in the AP Top 4 each time). His teams had 35 wins over AP Top 25 teams, went 7-2 in bowls (including 6-1 in BCS games), won an unprecedented three consecutive Rose Bowls and posted a 16-2 record versus Notre Dame and UCLA. Under Carroll, USC won a Pac-10 record 35 straight home games, 34 overall games, 27 Pac-10 games and 24 Pac-10 home games, as well as a USC record 18 straight road games and 13 Pac-10 road games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a record 33 straight polls (it ranked in the AP Top 10 for a USC-record 63 consecutive games and in the AP Top 25 for 102 straight). His Trojans scored at least 20 points in 63 games in a row. He coached three Heisman Trophy winners, plus Walter Camp, Bednarik, Unitas, Doak Walker and Mackey winners, as well as 35 All-American first teamers and 53 NFL Draft picks (including 14 first rounders, with a No. 1 and No. 2). He twice was the National Coach of the Year and was a threetime Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

#### **ACADEMICS**

\*The USC football team posted an NCAA Academic Progress Rate of 970, just 3 points off the program's best from two years prior and marked 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 NCAA will delay release of the next APR data until the spring of 2023 due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

\*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 and is 29 points better than its initial figure in 2005. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2020 was at

91%, an all-time high for the seventh consecutive year.

\*Forty-one Trojans (32.8% of the roster) have <u>cumulative grade point</u> averages of 3.00 or higher, including 11 with GPAs above 3.50 (through spring 2021 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2021 Trojan squad are: QB Miller Moss (3.96, law, history and culture and international relations), QB **Brad Aoki** (3.81, finance master's), SNP **Nathan Weneta** (3.81, philosophy, politics and economics), DL **Nick Figueroa** (3.76, finance master's), ILB Julien Simon (3.75, communication), TE Grant Jones (3.72, social entrepreneurship master's), ILB Danny Lockhart Jr. (3.63), TB **Quincy Jountti** (3.61, applied psychology master's), QB **Jaxson Dart** (3.52, communication), WR **Ty Shamblin** (3.52, business administration), OL Liam Douglass (3.49, entrepreneurship and innovation), TB Vavae Malepeai (3.49, non-governmental organizations and social change master's), S Tommy Maurice (3.49, business administration), S Xavion Alford (3.42, communication), OL Jonah Monheim (3.41, business administration), P Ben Griffiths (3.37, psychology), ILB Micah Croom (3.36, communication management master's), S Calen Bullock (3.33), S Xamarion Gordon (3.32, communication), QB Kedon Slovis (3.32, communication), QL Andrew Dewerk (3.30), PK Alex Stadthaus (3.30, communication), QB Isaac Ward (3.30, American popular culture), QB Mo Hasan (3.28, entrepreneurship and innovation master's), OL Joe Bryson (3.27, communication), TE **Kohl Hollinguest** (3.27, entrepreneurship and innovation master's), TE **Erik Krommenhoek** (3.26, non-governmental organizations and social change master's), WR **Kyle Ford** (3.24, communication), WR **Danny Ryan** (3.24, economics), OL **Brett Neilon** (3.22, entrepreneurship), DL **Tuli Tuipulotu** (3.21), TB **Matt Colombo** (3.18, business administration), ILB Solomon Tuliaupupu (3.18, business administration), WR Michael Jackson III (3.13), TE Lake McRee (3.13, communication), OL Damian Lopez (3.10, political science), ILB Spencer Gilbert (3.08, business administration/global supply chain management master's], DL **Jamar Sekona** (3.07, psychology), TE **Sean Mahoney** (3.06, real estate development), DL **Mark Zuvich** (3.01, real estate development) and WR **Gary Bryant Jr.** (3.00, communication),

\*QB **Kedon Slovis** made the 2020-21 CoSIDA Football <u>Academic</u>

All-District 8 team.

\*QB Brad Aoki, OL Liam Douglass, DL Nick Figueroa, P Ben Griffiths, SNP Damon Johnson, TE Grant Jones, TB Quincy Jountti, PK Parker Lewis, TB Vavae Malepeai and QB Kedon Slovis made the 2020 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll.

'Seventeen Trojans have already <u>earned their bachelor's degrees</u>. Each wears a "Graduate" patch on their uniform jersey. QB Brad Aoki received his bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on a master's in finance. ILB Micah Croom earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Dartmouth in the spring of 2020 and now is working on his master's degree in communication management. DL Nick Figueroa earned his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on a master's in finance. QB Mo Hasan received his bachelor's degree in economics and history from Vanderbilt in 2020 and now is working on his master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation. TE Kohl Hollinquest received his bachelor's degree in philosophy/politics/economics from Penn in 2020 and now is working on his master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation. TB Jordan losefa received his bachelor's degree in non-governmental organizations and social change at USC in the spring of 2021 and is now working on a master's in sociology. OL Liam Jimmons earned his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on a master's in human development and aging/sociology. SNP Damon Johnson received his bachelor's degree in sociology at USC in the spring of 2020 and is now working on his master's in communication management. TE 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 and now is working on a master's degree in applied psychology.



TE Erik Krommenhoek earned his bachelor's degree in human biology from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on a master's in non-governmental organizations and social change. DL **Jacob Lichenstein** earned his bachelor's degree in non-governmental organizations and social change from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on a master's in sociology. TB **Vavae Malepeai** received his bachelor's degree in communication at USC in the fall of 2019 and a master's in project management from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on a master's in non-governmental organizations and social change. OL Jalen McKenzie earned his bachelor's degree in international relations from USC in the spring of 2021 and now is working on his master's in non-governmental organizations and social change. WR **K.D. Nixon** received his bachelor's degree in strategic communications from Colorado in December of 2020 and is working on his master's degree in gerontology at USC. 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. WR Brandon Outlaw received his bachelor's degree in commerce from Virginia in 2021 and is working on a master's degree in entrepreneurship at USC. 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, USC</u> 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).

### USC AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

\*USC-affiliated athletes won 21 medals (11 golds, 5 silvers, 5 bronzes) at the just-concluded 2020 Tokyo Olympics, including more gold medals than any U.S. university. USC's 21 total medals in Tokyo were the second most of any U.S. university (behind Stanford's 26). It was the fifth consecutive Summer Olympics that USC athletes won at least 20 medals.

\*USC equaled its total medal output from the 2016 Rio Olympics. Troy's 11 gold medals in Tokyo were one shy of its most ever in an Olympics (12 in the 2012 Games) and its 21 overall medals tied for the school's fourth most ever (the record is 25 in 2012). USC continued its streak of having a Trojan win a gold medal at every Summer Olympics

\*If USC athletes had competed as a country at the 2020 Olympics, they would be seventh in the gold medal standings and tied for 12th in overall medals. USC's Tokyo Olympians placed in the Top 10 in 57% of their events (55 times among 96 events).

'A USC record 65 past, present and future students competed in Tokyo, more than any school in the nation for the third consecutive That was more participants than 164 of the 205 National Olympic Committee delegations competing in Tokyo and was the sixth consecutive Summer Games with at least 40 Trojan Olympians. In Tokyo, those Trojans competed in 12 sports and represented 32 countries. Thirty-nine of USC's Tokyo Olympians were women, 38 competed in their first Games and 12 were current or incoming USC student-athletes.

USC's 2020 Olympic gold medalists: beach volleyball's April Ross, track's Allyson Felix, Andre De Grasse, Michael Norman, Rai Benjamin, Dalilah Muhammad, Kendall Ellis and water polo's Kaleigh Gilchrist, Stephania Haralabidis, Paige Hauschild, Amanda Longan.

\*At the conclusion of the Tokyo Games, USC remained the leader among U.S. universities for most all-time Olympians, medalists and gold medalists. Since 1904, there now have been 510 athletes who attended USC before, during or after their Olympic appearance. They have collected 326 medals (153 golds, 96 silvers, 77 bronzes). USC's 326 all-time Summer Olympics medals would tie for 12th most among all countries, while its 153 gold medals would be 11th most.

\*For complete coverage of #USC2TOKYO, go to olympics. usctrojans.com.

#### **SCOUTING COLORADO**

\*Colorado, under second-year head coach **Karl Dorrell**, dropped its Pac-12 opener last week at Arizona State, 35-13. That was the Buffs third

straight loss after opening 2021 with a victory.

\*CU's offense is directed by redshirt freshman dual-threat QB **Brendon Lewis** (38-of-73, 52.1%, 313 yds, 1 TD, 1 int in 2021, plus 34 tcb, 132 yds, 3.9 avg). Sophomore TB **Jarek Broussard** (44 tcb, 188 yds, 4.3 avg, 2 TD in 2021, plus 4 rec, 18 yds, 4.5 avg), the 2020 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year, is the top runner, along with junior TB **Alex Fontenot** (37 rec, 148 yds, 4.0 avg, 2 TD in 2021, plus 3 rec, 14 yds, 4.7 avg). Redshirt freshman WR **Brenden Rice** (7 rec, 44 yds, 6.3 avg in 2021, plus 4 KOR, 103 yds, 25.8 avg), soph WR **Dimitri Stanley** (6 rec, 42 yds, 7.0 avg in 2021, plus 8 PR, 99 yds, 12.4 avg) and junior TE **Brady Russell** (6 rec, 37 yds, 6.2 avg in 2021) are the leading pass catchers. Stanley is 17th nationally in punt returns (12.4, fifth in Pac-12).

\*Senior ILB **Nate Landman** (37 tac, 5 for loss, 3 dfl, 1 FF in 2021), a 2020 All-Pac-12 first teamer who has 380 career tackles, headlines the Buff's defense. He is 23rd nationally in tackles (9.2, second in Pac-1<u>2)</u>

#### **NEXT GAME**

USC returns to the Coliseum on Oct. 9 to host Pac-12 South foe Utah, with the kickoff time and televising network to be determined.

Here are updates to the roster in the 2021 USC football media quide:

<sup>•</sup>Add walk-ons: #40 **L Simpson**, CB, 6-2, 190 8/4/00, Fr. \*/So., TR, Chatsworth, CA (Sierra Canyon HS/Loyola Marymount); #41, **Brandon Outlaw**, WR, 5-9, 170, 1/2/99, Sr.\*/Gr., TR, Moorestown, NJ (Moorestown HS/Virginia); #49, Grant Zane, WR, 6-3, 190, 9/30/02, Fr./Fr., --, Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Peninsula HS)

\*Change position: Raesjon Davis is now an ILB. \*Delete: OL Frank Martin II, CB Jordan Tollner.

\*Slip-on jerseys: USC has the following numbers available to use as slip-on jerseys on special teams, if needed: #45, #92, #98.

**INJURY/STATUS UPDATES** 

\*OUT: CB Adonis Otey (wrist), S Briton Allen (knee), S Max Williams (knee), DL Brandon Pili (Achilles), QB Mo Hasan (knee), WR Jake Smith foot), TB **Kenan Christon** (removed from team activities), WR **Bru McCoy** (removed from team activities)

#### **BEN GRIFFITHS PUNTS**

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
SJSU	5	1 (1)	1
STAN	4	2 (Ó)	1
WSU	3	2 (0)	1
OSU	3	2 (0)	1
TOTAL	15	7 (1)	4
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#### PARKER LEWIS KICKOFFS

GAME SJSU	<b>KICKOFFS</b> 7	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
STAN	1	0 (0)
WSU	6	0 (4)
OSU	3	0 (3)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0 (13)</b>

### **ALEX STADTHAUS KICKOFFS**

GAME	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
STAN	3	0 (2)
WSU	2	1 (1) ´ <b>0 (3)</b>
TOTAL	5	o`(á)

#### **USC IN NCAA/PAC-12 STAT RANKINGS**

Parker Lewis Drake London Drake London Drake London Ben Griffiths Parker Lewis Parker Lewis Tuli Tuipulotu Kedon Slovis Drake London USC	CATEGORY Field Goal Percentage Receptions Receiving Yards All-Purpose Running Punting Field Goals Fumbles Recovered Fumbles Recovered Completions Receiving TDs Red Zone Offense 4th Down Conv. Pct. Defensive TDs Passes Intercepted First Downs Offense Red Zone Defense Passing Offense Passing Offense Jard Down Conv. Pct. Net Punting Sacks Allowed Kickoff Returns Fumbles Recovered Jrd Down Conv. Pct. Defense Completion Pct. Scoring Offense Time of Possession Total Offense Tackles For Loss Allowed	AVG 1.000 9.8 135.0 135.5 46.3 1.5 1 1 20.8 3 1.000 1.000 2 6 103 .647 308.2 48.2 42.2 1.5 23.0 2 .362 .646 32.5 29:45 425.5 5.0	NCAA RANK*  1  1  1  16  17  19  19  19  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1	PAC-12 RANK** 1 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 4 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
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#### **RED ZONE PRODUCTION**

GAME SJSU STAN WSU OSU TOTAL	USC 4-of-4 (FG, FG, FG, TD) 5-of-5 (TD, FG, FG, TD, TD) 3-of-3 (TD, TD, FG) 5-of-5 (TD, TD, FG, TD, FG) 17-of-17 (1.000) 9TD 8FG	OPPONENT 1-of-4 [miss FG, TD, fail 4th, end game] 4-of-4 (TD, TD, TD, TD, 2-of-4 (TD, fail 4th, TD, int) 4-of-5 [int, TD, TD, TD, TD] 11-of-17 (.647) 11TD 1miss FG 2fail 4th 1end game
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# **TROJANS IN THE NFL (32)**

### (As of 9/25/21)

**ARIZONA CARDINALS** Devon Kennard, LB BALTIMORE RAVENS +Iman Marshall, CB **BUFFALO BILLS** %\*Olaijah Griffin, CB CAROLINA PANTHERS Sam Darnold, QB CLEVELAND BROWNS %Porter Gustin, DE Malcolm Smith, LB DALLAS COWBOYS Tyron Smith, T DETROIT LIONS %Nickell Robey-Coleman, CB \*Amon-Ra St. Brown, WR INDIANAPOLIS COLTS Michael Pittman Jr., WR Michael Pittman Jr., WR
%Marvell Tell III, CB
Antwaun Woods, DT
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
\*Jay Tufele, DT
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS
Jordan Simmons, OG
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS Uchenna Nwosu, LB LOS ANGELES RAMS Robert Woods, WR MIAMI DOLPHINS Austin Jackson, T MINNESOTA VIKINGS Everson Griffin,DE **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** Nelson Agholor, WR NEW YORK GIANTS Adoree' Jackson, DB Leonard Williams, DL **NEW YORK JETS** Chuma Edoga, T \*Alijah Vera-Tucker, OL PHILADELPHIA EAGLES \*Marlon Tuipulotu, DT PITTSBURGH STEELERS +Zach Banner, T JuJu Smith-Schuster, WR %\*Tyler Vaughns, WR
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
\*Talanoa Hufanga, S
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS Rasheem Green, DE %De'Quan Hampton, WR TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS Ronald Jones II, RB TENNESSEE TITANS %Matt Barkley, QВ

> \*2021 Rookie +Injured Reserve %Practice Squad





# DONTE WILLIAMS INTERIM HEAD COACH

\*Donte Williams, who has more than a dozen years of experience coaching defensive backs and is regarded as one of the nation's top recruiters, was named USC's cornerbacks coach and defensive pass game coordinator in February of 2020. In December of 2020, he added the title of associate head coach. Then, on Sept. 13, 2021, he was named USC's interim head coach after head coach Clay Helton was relieved of his duties.

\*In 2020, cornerback Chris Steele made All-Pac-12 second team, while Olaijah Griffin was ranked the Pac-12's No. 3 cornerback by Pro Football Focus. USC's pass defense allowed just 216.3 yards, its fewest since 2013. Williams was named the nation's third best recruiter (No. 1 in the Pac-12 for the second consecutive year) by 247Sports.

\*Williams spent the previous 2 seasons (2018-19) as Òregon's cornerbacks coach. The Ducks were second in the nation in interceptions in 2019 (with 20) and 11th in 2018 (17). Oregon played in the 2018 Redbox Bowl and then won the 2019 Pac-12 championship and played in the Rose Bowl. He was named the nation's seventh best recruiter (No. 1 in the Pac-12) for the class of 2020 by 247Sports.

\*In 2017, he coached Nebraska's cornerbacks, nickelbacks and dimebacks as well as helping with the Cornhuskers' pass defense coordination.

\*Williams, 39, was the cornerbacks coach at Arizona in 2016.

\*Prior to that, he spent 3 seasons (2013-15) at San Jose State, coaching the cornerbacks the first season and serving as the secondary coach and recruiting coordinator the final 2 seasons. In 2014, the Spartans' pass defense (117.8) and passing touchdowns allowed (6) were tops in the nation, improving 85 and 102 spots, respectively, in the national rankings from the previous year. Then in 2015, as SJSU played in the Cure Bowl, the Spartans were second nationally in pass defense (157.8) and 29th in passing TDs allowed (16). He also was named a Top 10 national recruiter by Sports Illustrated in 2015 after being selected as the Mountain West's best recruiter in 2014 by 247Sports.

\*He was a graduate assistant at Washington in 2011 and 2012, working with the cornerbacks and linebackers. The Huskies played in the 2011 Alamo Bowl and 2012 Las Vegas Bowl. In the summer of 2012, he was a summer coaching intern with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks.

\*He spent 2010 as a quality control coach at Nevada, helping with the linebackers. The Wolfpack played in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl that season.

\*He began his coaching career as a cornerbacks coach at the junior college level, first at Los Angeles Harbor College in 2007, then El Camino College in 2008 and Mt. San Antonio College in 2009.

\*He played football at Culver City (Calif.) High.

\*He then played defensive back at Pasadena (Calif.) City College in 2002, Syracuse in 2003 and Idaho State in 2004 and 2005. He was an All-Big Sky first teamer and team captain both seasons at Idaho State.

\*He received his bachelor's degree in communication from Idaho State in 2006.

\*He then played 2 seasons in the Arena Football League 2, for the Rio Grande Valley Dorados (2007) and Arkansas Twisters (2008).

\*He was born on Sept. 1, 1982. His wife's name is Jayna. He has a son, King. His cousins are former USC defensive backs Kris Richard (1998-2001), who played with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks (2002-04) and San Francisco 49ers (2005) and then coached with USC, Seahawks, Dallas Cowboys and New Orleans Saints, and Darnell Lacy (1996-98).

### ASSISTANT COACHES

\*Two assistants were added to the fulltime Trojan coaching staff in 2021: Clay McGuire takes over as offensive line coach after doing similar work in such Air Raid-style offenses as Texas Tech and Washington State and Seth Doege was elevated from offensive quality control analyst to tight ends coach. Cornerbacks coach Donte Williams, voted the Pac-12's top recruiter the past 2 seasons, was given the added title of associate head coach. Then on Sept. 13, Williams was named USC's interim head coach after Clay Helton was relieved of his duties. With Williams' elevation, defensive quality control analyst Michael Hutchings, an inside linebacker and 2016 captain of USC's Rose Bowl champion team who began as a Trojan graduate assistant in 2018 and 2019, was named as a fulltime linebackers coach.

\*The remainder of USC's assistant coach roster and responsibilities remain intact: Graham Harrell (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks), Todd Orlando (defensive coordinator/linebackers), Sean Snyder (special teams coordinator), Craig Naivar (safeties), Keary Colbert (wide receivers), Mike Jinks (running backs) and Vic So'oto (defensive line).



**Graham Harrell** 

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

In the Booth



Offensive Line

On the Field

Mike Jinks

Running Backs

On the Field

**Keary Colbert** 

Wide Receivers

On the Field



Seth Doege

Tight Ends

In the Booth



**Todd Orlando** 

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

On the Field



Safeties

On the Field



# Vic So'oto

**Defensive Line** 

On the Field



Michael Hutchings

Special Teams Coordinator

Linebackers

In the Booth

On the Field

Sean Snyder

# **DEPTH CHART**

# **OFFENSE**

Pos. X	<b>No.</b> 15 <u>81</u> 10	<b>Name</b> Drake London (6-5, 210, Jr.) Kyle Ford (6-2, 225, So.*) Kyron Ware-Hudson (6-2, 215, Fr.)	<b>Twitter • Instagram</b> @DrakeLondon_ • @drakelondon_ @Ford_Kyle6 • @ky1e_ford @kyronhudson • @kyronhudson	Major Communication Communication —
A	1	Gary Bryant Jr. (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@Gary_Bryant01 • @gary_bryant1	Communication
	14	Joseph Manjack IV (6-3, 205, Fr.)	@josephmanjack • @josephmanjack14	-
	<u>80</u>	John Jackson III (6-1, 210, Jr.)	@johnjack3_ • @johnjack.3	Real Estate Development
Υ	19 <u>8</u>	Malcolm Epps (6-6, 245, Jr.*) #Michael Trigg (6-4, 245, Fr.)	@_EppsKid • @_itsepps @mtrigg23 • @trigg.3	<u>-</u>
Z	16	Tahj Washington (5-11, 175, So.*)	@tahj_washington • @tahj_washington	Economics
	<u>21</u>	K.D. Nixon (5-8, 190, Sr.*)	@Superstarnixon • @superstarnixon	Gerontology
	13	Michael Jackson III (6-0, 190, Fr.)	@mike3jack • @mike3jack	—
Н	84	Erik Krommenhoek (6-6, 250, Sr.*) OR	@ekromme11 • @erik_krommenhoek	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	<u>18</u>	Jude Wolfe (6-6, 245, So.*)	@Judewolfe25 • @jude_wolfe	Real Estate Development
	89	Sean Mahoney (6-6, 230, So.*)	@_mahoneysean • @_seanmahoney	Real Estate Development
	87	Lake McRee (6-4, 235, Fr.)	@lake_mcree • @lakemcree	Communication
	85	Ethan Rae (6-5, 235, So.*)	@Rae_Ethan • @ethan_rae	Business Administration
LT	<u>74</u> 76	Courtland Ford (6-6, 305, Fr.*) Mason Murphy (6-6, 315, Fr.)	@FordCourtland • @famous.cjf @big_murf77 • –	Ξ
LG	72	Andrew Vorhees (6-6, 320, Sr.*)	@Andrew_Vorhees • @andrew_vorhees	Communication Management
	<u>57</u>	Justin Dedich (6-2, 300, Jr.*)	@Justin_BigDaddy • @justin_bigdaddy	Human Biology
C	<u>62</u>	Brett Neilon (6-2, 302950, Sr.*)	@brettn110 • @brettneilon	Entrepreneurship
	78	Andrew Milek (6-5, 305, Fr.*)	@AndrewJMilek • @amilek78	-
RG	<u>71</u>	Liam Jimmons (6-5, 320, Sr.*)	@l_jimmons • @liam_jimmons	Human Development and Aging/Sociology
	68	Liam Douglass (6-5, 315, Jr.*)	@Liamdouglass99 • @liam.douglass	Entrepreneurship and Innovation
RT	79	Jonah Monheim (6-5, 295, Fr.*)	@JonahMonheim • @jonah_monheim	Business Administration
	<u>70</u>	Jalen McKenzie (6-5, 320, Sr.*)	@pcBjaypeez_ • @jay_peez70	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
QВ	9	Kedon Slovis (6-3, 205, Jr.)	@KedonSlovis • @KedonSlovis	Communication
	<u>2</u>	#Jaxson Dart (6-3, 215, Fr.)	@JaxsonDart • @jaxsondart	Communication
	7	Miller Moss (6-2, 205, Fr.)	@millermoss7 • @miller_moss	Law, History and Culture
RB	6	Vavae Malepeai (6-0, 220, Sr.*) OR	@vavaeee • @vavaeee	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	28	Keaontay Ingram (6-0, 215, Sr.)	@keaontay_ingram • @keaontay_ingram	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	<u>22</u>	Darwin Barlow (5-11, 205, So.*)	@darwin_barlow • @Darwinbarlow4	Communication
	25	Brandon Campbell (5-11, 210, Fr.)	@2021BC • @2021_bc	Law, History and Culture

Players connected with "**DR**" are considered equal \*Used redshirt year #Entered game week with an injury or uncertain status Players listed above <u>underlined numbers</u> are in primary playing rotation



# **DEPTH CHART**

# DEFENSE

Pos. DE	<b>No.</b> 50 0 <u>79</u>	<b>Name</b> Nick Figueroa (6-5, 275, Sr.*) Korey Foreman (6-5, 265, Fr.) De'jon Benton (6-2, 270, So.*)	<b>Twitter • Instagram</b> @Nickafigueroa1 • @nickafigueroa @koreyforeman54 • @korey4man @DejonBenton • @daebanga	Major Finance Communication Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
NT	47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou (6-3, 275, So.*)	@taufoou_stan • @stan_taufoou	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	<u>77</u>	Jamar Sekona (6-2, 295, Fr.*)	@JamarSekona • @jamar_sekona	Psychology
	94	Kobe Pepe (6-2, 310, Fr.*)	@pepe_kobe • @kobe.pepe	—
DT	49	Tuli Tuipulotu (6-5, 290, So.)	@TuipulotuTuli • @2lee.widdit	_
	<u>97</u>	Jacob Lichtenstein (6-6, 270, Jr.*)	@BigLichh • @jake_lichtenstein	Sociology
	90	Colin Mobley (6-4, 275, Fr.)	@selfmadecee_ • @selfmadecee	_
В ВАСКЕ	R 99	Drake Jackson (6-4, 250, Jr.)	@The99Athlete • @the99athlete	Communication
	31	Hunter Echols (6-5, 245, Sr.*)	@hunter_tyb • @huntertyb	Communication
	<u>41</u>	Juliano Falaniko (6-4, 230, Sr.*)	@julianofalaniko • @julianofalaniko_	Communication
MAC	26	Kana'i Mauga (6-2, 245, Sr.)	@kanai_mauga • @squash_26	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	<u>44</u>	Tuasivi Nomura (6-1, 240, So.*)	@sivinomura • @tuasivi_23	Business Administration
	24	Julien Simon (6-2, 240, Fr.)	@_JulienSimon • @jewlzisblessed	Communication
ROVER	10	Ralen Goforth (6-2, 235, Jr.) OR	@ralengoforth • @ralengoforth	Psychology
	<u>18</u>	Raymond Scott (6-2, 235, Jr.*)	@1rayscott • @1rayscott	Communication
	9	Raesjon Davis (6-1, 215, Fr.)	@raesjon1 • @raesjon_	—
CB	8	Chris Steele (6-1, 190, Jr.)	@KinggChris7 • @csteele.8	Communication
	<u>14</u>	Jayden Williams (6-1, 195, Jr.)	@OfficialxJayden • @jaydenwilliamss	Communication
	16	Prophet Brown (6-0, 185, Fr.)	@prophetpb • @prophhet	Communication
FS	21	Isaiah Pola-Mao (6-4, 205, Sr.*)	@Isaiah_Pola_Mao • @isaiahpolamao	Non-Governmental Org./Social Change
	<u>29</u>	Xavion Alford (6-0, 190, Fr.)	@100YARDLANDLORD • @100yardlandlord	Communication
	28	Xamarion Gordon (6-0, 190, Fr.*)	@XamarionG • @deuce2wrld	Communication
SS	7	Chase Williams (6-2, 200, Jr.*)	@wavy_c7 • @wavy_c7	Business Administration
	<u>30</u>	Chris Thompson Jr. (6-1, 210, So.)	@christhompjr • @youngct_II	Business Administration
	15	Anthony Beavers Jr. (6-1, 200, Fr.)	@BeaversAnthony • @dreamchasertone	–
NK	1	Greg Johnson (5-11, 195, Sr.*)	@YKGthree • @ykg.three	Communication
	27	Calen Bullock (6-3, 180, Fr.)	@CalenBullock • @king_bullock3	-
	<u>19</u>	Jaylin Smith (5-11, 180, Fr.)	@jayliinn_1k • @jaylinn.1k	-
CB	6	Isaac Taylor-Stuart (6-2, 200, Jr.*)	@KingAthlete5 • @kingathlete	Communication
	<u>23</u>	Joshua Jackson Jr. (6-1, 195, Fr.*)	@JoshuaJacksonJr • @jayyjacc	-
	2	Ceyair Wright (6-2, 180, Fr.)	@ceyaiir • @ceyair	-



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# DEPTH CHART

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Pos. P	<b>No.</b> <u>24</u> 36	<b>Name</b> Ben Griffiths (6-7, 240, Jr.*) Will Rose (6-2, 190, So.*)	<b>Twitter • Instagram</b> @bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24 @WillRose26 • @will_ros3	<b>Major</b> Psychology International Relations/Global Bus.
PK	<u>48</u>	Parker Lewis (6-3, 205, So.)	@ParkerLewi • @parkerlewi_	Real Estate Development
	38	Alex Stadthaus (6-2, 195, Jr.*)	@astadthaus • @astadthaus	Communication
	46	Denis Lynch (5-8, 185, Fr.)	@Denis_Lynch_NP • @denis_lynch_	–
KO	48	Parker Lewis (6-3, 205, So.)	@ParkerLewi • @parkerlewi_	Real Estate Development
	<u>38</u>	Alex Stadthaus (6-2, 195, Jr.*)	@astadthaus • @astadthaus	Communication
SNP	<u>59</u>	Damon Johnson (6-0, 210, Sr.*)	@damon_james24 • @damonjoh_	Communication Management
	39	Jac Casasante (6-0, 215, Jr.*)	@casasante_jac • @casasante	Business Administration
HLD	<u>24</u>	Ben Griffiths (6-7, 240, Jr.*)	@bgriffo24 • @bengriffiths_24	Psychology
	36	Will Rose (6-2, 190, So.*)	@WillRose26 • @will_ros3	International Relations/Global Bus.
			RETURNERS	
KOR	1	Gary Bryant Jr. (5-11, 170, Fr.) AND	@Gary_Bryant01 • @gary_bryant1	Communication
	<u>21</u>	K.D. Nixon (5-8, 190, Sr.*)	@Superstarnixon • @superstarnixon	Gerontology
	16	Tahj Washington (5-11, 175, So.*)	@tahj_washington • @tahj_washington	Economics
PR	1	Gary Bryant Jr. (5-11, 170, Fr.)	@Gary_Bryant01 • @gary_bryant1	Communication
	<u>21</u>	K.D. Nixon (5-8, 190, Sr.*)	@Superstarnixon • @superstarnixon	Gerontology
	13	Michael Jackson III (6-0, 190, Fr.)	@mike3jack • @mike3jack	–

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SO'OTO, Vic
STINER, Robert
TALAMAIVAO, Viane
VANDERMADE, Lenny
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MAHN-hime, JOE-nuh
NEE-lawn
no-MUR-uh, too-ah-SEE-vee
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-quz rod-REE-guz
suh-COE-nuh, juh-MAR
SHAM-blin
SY-mun, JEW-lee-un
SLOW-vis, KEED-un
SMITH, JAY-lun
sop-SURE, ish-MALL
STAD-house
STEEV-un, KAY-dun
tau-FOE-oh
TAY-lur-STEW-urt, EYE-zik
too-FOE-no, man-ee-NO-uh
TOO-ee-poo-LOE-too, TOO-lee
too-lee-ow-POO-poo, SAUL-uh-mun
VORE-heez too-lee-ow-POO-poo, SAUL VORE-heez WEAR HUO-sun, KYE-ron WASH-ing-ton, TAWJ wuh-NET-uh WIL-yums, JAY-din WIN-stun, uh-LIE-jhuh WUF RITE, see-AIR zuh-MORE-uh, joe-ZYE-uh ZOO-vitch

AWE-you ARE-see BAHN-ee COL-burt, CARE-ee DAY-ghee DOOZ-un-burry HAIR-ull KEEN KEEN "
low-ben-DON, TOE-uh
muh-GWY-ur
mer-RILL-oe
NYE-vur
ore-LAN-doe
soe-DE-toe
STY-nur
tal-uh-MY-vow, vee-ON-ee
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# **2021 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL**

ΝП	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL / IC/COLLEGE)
<u>NO.</u> 29	ALFORD, Xavion	S	6-0	190	12/20/01	Fr.*/So.	TR	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE) Pearland, TX (Shadow Creek/Texas)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	195	5/20/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
38	AOKI, Brad	ŌВ	5-9	170	4/24/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
22	BARLOW, Darwin	ŤВ	5-11	205	7/18/01	So.*/Jr.	TŘ	Newton, TX (Newton/TCU)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	S	6-1	200	9/24/02	Fr./Fr.		Baldwin Hills, CA (St. Bernard)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-2	270	2/21/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Pittsburg, CA (Pittsburg)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	6-0	185	2/3/03	Fr./Fr.		Sacramento, CA (Monterey Trail)
1	BRYANT JR., Gary	WR	5-11	180	11/19/00	So./So.	1V	Riverside, CA (Centennial)
61	BRYSON, Joe	OL	6-8	295	2/9/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Castle Pines, CO (Rock Canyon/Colorado Mesa)
75	BUCHANAN, Ty	OL	6-6	285	10/19/02	Fr./Fr.		Corpus Christi, TX (Calallen)
27	BULLOCK, Calen	S	6-3	180	4/30/03	Fr./Fr.		Pasadena, CA (John Muir)
25	CAMPBELL, Brandon	TB	5-11	210	10/7/02	Fr./Fr.		Houston, TX (Lamar Consolidated)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	San Diego, CA (Madison)
51	COLLIER, Casey	OL TD	6-7	300	6/18/02	Fr.*/So.	17	Baytown, TX (Barbers Hill)
34 29	COLOMBO, Matt COSTELLO, Brendan	TB QB	5-11 6-0	195 195	11/3/01 2/27/01	Fr.*/So. So.*/Jr.	SQ TR	El Segundo, CA (St. John Bosco) San Clemente, CA (San Clemente/Oklahoma State)
17	CROOM, Micah	ILB	6-1	225	11/17/97	Sr.*/Gr.	17	Cerritos, CA (La Mirada/Dartmouth)
2	DART, Jaxson	QB	6-3	215	5/13/03	Fr./Fr.		Kaysville, UT (Corner Canyon)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	ILB	6-1	215	4/11/02	Fr./Fr.		Norco, CA (Mater Dei)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	300	4/21/00	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	310	2/18/02	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Jose, CA (Los Gatos)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OL	6-5	315	9/3/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	245	11/1/99	Sr.* <sup>′</sup> /Sr.	ЗV	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
19	EPPS, Malcolm	TE	6-6	245	1/13/00	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Houston, TX (Dekaney/Texas)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	230	3/27/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	245	8/10/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	275	8/1/99	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
74	FORD, Courtland	OL	6-6	305	9/6/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	225	1/20/01	So.*/Jr.	1V	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
0	FOREMAN, Korey	DL	6-5	265	11/8/02	Fr./Fr.		Corona, CA (Centennial)
60	GIBBS, Maximus	OL	6-7	390	10/30/02	Fr./Fr.	 1\/	Norwalk, CA (St. John Bosco)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
10 28	GOFORTH, Ralen GORDON, Xamarion	S	6-2 6-2	235 205	11/2/00 2/3/03	Jr./Jr. Fr./Fr.	2V 	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco) Houston, TX (Warren)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-7	240	9/17/91	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Melbourne, Australia
30	HASAN, Mo	ŌВ	6-3	200	4/17/98	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Miami, FL (Dillard/Syracuse/Coffeyville CC/Vanderbilt)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	СВ	6-0	180	6/13/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
88	HOLLINQUEST, Kohl	TE	6-4	240	3/7/98	Sr.*/Gr.		Granada Hills, CA (Sierra Canyon/Penn)
28	INGRAM, Keaontay	TB	6-0	215	10/26/99	Sr./Sr.	TR	Carthage, TX (Carthage/Texas)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	240	9/20/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
99	JACKSON, Drake	OLB	6-4	250	4/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-1	210	8/23/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
23	JACKSON JR., Joshua	CB	6-1	195	7/9/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Westminster, CA (Narbonne)
13	JACKSON III, Michael	WR	6-0	190	10/21/02	Fr./Fr.		Las Vegas, NV (Desert Pines)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OL	6-5	320	1/6/98	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	210	10/7/97	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
1 46	JOHNSON, Greg	S TE	5-11	195	1/12/99 3/14/98	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
46 27	JONES, Grant JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	6-2 5-11	220 210	3/14/98 9/28/97	Sr.*/Gr. Sr.*/Gr.	SQ 2V	Danville, CA (De La Salle) Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
54	KATOA, Tayler	ILB	6-2	240	7/27/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-6	250	11/12/98	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
48	LEWIS, Parker	PK	6-3	205	6/28/01	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Saguaro)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-6	275	11/6/98	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-3	195	7/7/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
57	LOCKHART JR., Danny	ILB	6-0	225	7/21/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Redlands, CA (St. John Bosco)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	210	7/24/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OL	6-5	305	9/23/99	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/
								Los Angeles Harbor JC)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	185	6/26/03	Fr./Fr.		Newbury Park, CA (Newbury Park)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OL	6-5	310	11/10/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-6	230	9/12/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
35	MAKAULA, Kaulana	ILB	6-3	220	12/18/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
6 14	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
14 26	MANJACK IV, Joseph MAUGA, Kana'i	WR ILB	6-3 6-2	205 245	11/15/02 1/8/00	Fr./Fr. Sr./Sr.	3V	Tomball, TX (Tomball Memorial) Waianae, HI (Waianae)
26 37	MAURICE, Tommy	S	5-2 5-9	245 185	1/8/00 10/20/01	Sr./Sr. Fr.*/So.	SQ	Walanae, Hi (Walanae) Brookfield, WI (Brookfield Central)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	215	3/3/02	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carlsbad, CA (La Costa Canyon)
4	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	220	6/22/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OL	6-5	320	7/10/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
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87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	235	9/4/02	Fr./Fr.		Austin, TX (Lake Travis)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	305	2/2/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Chandler, AZ (Brophy Prep)
90	MOBLEY, Colin	DL	6-4	275	10/7/03	Fr./Fr.		Washington, D.C. (DeMatha Catholic)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	295	6/7/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
36	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-2	205	3/19/02	Fr./Fr.		Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
76		OL.	6-6	315				
	MURPHY, Mason			295	6/21/03	Fr./Fr.		Riverside, CA (JSerra Catholic)
62	NEILON, Brett	OL	6-2		7/7/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
21	NIXON, K.D.	WR	5-8	190	2/21/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	DeSoto, TX (DeSoto/Colorado)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	ILB	6-1	240	1/23/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
26	ORAM-JONES, Samuel	ТВ	5-8	195	11/2/97	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Milton Keynes, England (Webber Independent/ Durham/Vanderbilt)
13	OTEY, Adonis	СВ	6-1	185	3/12/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
41	OUTLAW, Brandon	WR	5-9	170	1/2/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Moorestown, NJ (Moorestown/Virginia)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-2	310	3/31/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (DR))
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-4	295	4/5/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
85	-	TE	6-5	235	7/12/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	
	RAE, Ethan					*.		Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OL P	6-6	310	3/9/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Dak Hills, CA (Dak Hills)
36	ROSE, Will		6-2	190	4/30/01	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
42	RYAN, Danny	WR	6-2	175	10/22/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Larkspur, CA (St. Ignatius)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	235	4/19/00	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Narbonne)
77	SEKONA, Jamar	DL	6-2	295	4/8/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Fairfax, CA (Marin Catholic)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	6-0	190	12/16/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carpinteria, CA (Oaks Christian)
24	SIMON, Julien	ILB	6-2	240	1/22/03	Fr./Fr.		Tacoma, WA (Lincoln)
40	SIMPSON, L	CB	6-2	190	8/4/00	Fr.*/So.	TR	Chatsworth, CA (Sierra Canyon/Loyola Marymount)\
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QВ	6-3	205	4/11/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
82	SMITH, Jake	WR	6-0	200	1/5/01	Jr./Jr.	TR	Scottsdale, AZ (Notre Dame Prep/Texas)
19	SMITH, Jaylin	S	5-11	180	11/5/03	Fr./Fr.		Palmdale, CA (Bishop Alemany)
42	SOPSHER, Ishmael	DL	6-4	330	1/24/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	Amite, LA (Amite/Alabama)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	195	12/13/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
73	STEPHEN, Caadyn	OL	6-5	305	10/23/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Camas, WA (Camas)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	275	1/30/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	200	10/25/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
30	THOMPSON JR., Chris	S	6-1	210	9/9/01	So./So.	TR	Duncanville, TX (DeSoto/Auburn)
8	TRIGG, Michael	TE	6-4	245	6/27/02	Fr./Fr.		Tampa, FL (Carrollwood Day)
95	TUFONO, Maninoa	DL	6-3	290	6/28/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
49	TUIPULOTU, Tuli	DL	6-4	290	9/3/02	So./So.	1V	Gardena, CA (Lawndale)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	225	3/20/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OL	6-6	320	1/21/99	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
31	WARD, Isaac	QВ	6-0	185	12/6/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Athens, GA (Clarke Central)
10	WARE-HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-2	215	5/16/02	Fr./Fr.		Duarte, CA (Mater Dei)
16	WASHINGTON, Tahj	WR	5-11	175	5/16/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	Marshall, TX (Marshall/Memphis)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-2	210	6/28/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	S	6-2	200	12/9/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	S	5-9	180	8/28/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	210	12/4/99	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	ILB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-6	245	2/11/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
2	WRIGHT, Ceyair	CB	6-2	180	12/19/02	Fr./Fr.		Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-10	175	11/21/01	Fr./Fr.		Monrovia, CA (Mater Dei)
49	ZANE, Grant	WR	6-3	190	9/30/02	Fr./Fr.		Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Peninsula)
69	ZUVICH, Mark	OL	6-3	245	9/1/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
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<u>NO.</u>		POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
0	FOREMAN, Korey	DL WR	6-5 5-11	265 180	11/8/02 11/19/00	Fr./Fr. So./So.	 1V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
1 1	BRYANT JR., Gary JOHNSON, Greg	S	5-11	195	1/12/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Riverside, CA (Centennial)\ Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
2	DART, Jaxson	QB	6-3	215	5/13/03	Fr./Fr.		Kaysville, UT (Corner Canyon)
2	WRIGHT, Ceyair	СВ	6-2	180	12/19/02	Fr./Fr.		Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
4	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	220	6/22/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	S	5-9	180	8/28/00	So.* <sup>′</sup> /Jr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
6	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	200	10/25/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	S	6-2	200	12/9/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
7	MOSS, Miller	QВ	6-2	205	3/19/02	Fr./Fr.		Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
8 9	TRIGG, Michael SLOVIS, Kedon	TE QB	6-4 6-3	245 205	6/27/02 4/11/01	Fr./Fr. Jr./Jr.	 2V	Tampa, FL (Carrollwood Day) Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	1LB	6-3 6-1	215	4/11/02	Fr./Fr.		Norco, CA (Mater Dei)
10	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	235	11/2/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
10	WARE-HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-2	215	5/16/02	Fr./Fr.		Duarte, CA (Mater Dei)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	185	3/12/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
13	JACKSON III, Michael	WR	6-0	190	10/21/02	Fr./Fr.		Las Vegas, NV (Desert Pines)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
14	MANJACK IV, Joseph	WR	6-3	205	11/15/02	Fr./Fr.		Tomball, TX (Tomball Memorial)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	210	7/24/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
15 10	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	S	6-1	200	9/24/02	Fr./Fr.	 TD	Baldwin Hills, CA (St. Bernard)
16 10	WASHINGTON, Tahj	WR	5-11 c n	175 185	5/16/01	So.*/Jr.	TR 	Marshall, TX (Marshall/Memphis)
16 17	BROWN, Prophet CROOM, Micah	CB ILB	6-0 6-1	225	2/3/03 11/17/97	Fr./Fr. Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Sacramento, CA (Monterey Trail) Cerritos, CA (La Mirada/Dartmouth)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	210	12/4/99	Jr.*/Sr.	1V 1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-6	245	2/11/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	235	4/19/00	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Narbonne)
19	EPPS, Malcolm	TE	6-6	245	1/13/00	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Houston, TX (Dekaney/Texas)
19	SMITH, Jaylin	S	5-11	180	11/5/03	Fr./Fr.		Palmdale, CA (Bishop Alemany)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
21	NIXON, K.D.	WR	5-8	190	2/21/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	DeSoto, TX (DeSoto/Colorado)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	CB	6-0	180	6/13/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
22	BARLOW, Darwin	TB	5-11	205	7/18/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	Newton, TX (Newton/TCU)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10 6-1	185 195	5/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V 1V	San Diego, CA (Madison)
23 24	JACKSON JR., Joshua GRIFFITHS, Ben	CB P	6-7	240	7/9/01 9/17/91	Fr.*/So. Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Westminster, CA (Narbonne) Melbourne, Australia
24	SIMON, Julien	ILB	6-2	240	1/22/03	Fr./Fr.		Tacoma, WA (Lincoln)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	195	5/20/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
25	CAMPBELL, Brandon	TB	5-11	210	10/7/02	Fr./Fr.		Houston, TX (Lamar Consolidated)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	245	1/8/00	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
26	ORAM-JONES, Samuel	TB	5-8	195	11/2/97	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Milton Keynes, England (Webber Independent/
								Durham/Vanderbilt)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-11	210	9/28/97	Sr.*/Gr.	2V	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
27	BULLOCK, Calen	S TB	6-3 6-0	180 215	4/30/03	Fr./Fr.	 TR	Pasadena, CA (John Muir)
28 28	INGRAM, Keaontay GORDON, Xamarion	S	6-2	205	10/26/99 2/3/03	Sr./Sr. Fr./Fr.		Carthage, TX (Carthage/Texas) Houston, TX (Warren)
29	ALFORD, Xavion	S	6-0	190	12/20/01	Fr.*/So.	TR	Pearland, TX (Shadow Creek/Texas)
29	COSTELLO, Brendan	ÕВ	6-0	195	2/27/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente/Oklahoma State)
30	THOMPSON JR., Chris	Š	6-1	210	9/9/01	So./So.	TR	Duncanville, TX (DeSoto/Auburn)
30	HASAN, Mo	QВ	6-3	200	4/17/98	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Miami, FL (Dillard/Syracuse/Coffeyville CC/Vanderbilt)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	245	11/1/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
31	WARD, Isaac	QВ	6-0	185	12/6/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Athens, GA (Clarke Central)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	ILB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
34	COLOMBO, Matt	TB	5-11	195	11/3/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	El Segundo, CA (St. John Bosco)
35	MAKAULA, Kaulana	ILB P	6-3	220	12/18/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
35 36	McALLISTER, Michael MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-2 6-0	215 225	3/3/02 10/13/99	Fr.*/So. So.*/Jr.	SQ 1V	Carlsbad, CA (La Costa Canyon) Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-2	190	4/30/01	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
37	MAURICE, Tommy	S	5-9	185	10/20/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Brookfield, WI (Brookfield Central)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	195	12/13/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Austin, TX (Vandergrift)
38	AOKI, Brad	QВ	5-9	170	4/24/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Honolulu, HI (Punaĥou)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SÓ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	6-0	190	12/16/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carpinteria, CA (Daks Christian)
40	SIMPSON, L	CB	6-2	190	8/4/00	Fr.*/So.	TR	Chatsworth, CA (Sierra Canyon/Loyola Marymount)
41 41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB WR	6-4 5-9	230 170	3/27/99 1/2/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V TR	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
41 42	OUTLAW, Brandon SOPSHER, Ishmael	DL DL	5-5 6-4	170 330	1/2/99 1/24/01	Sr.*/Gr. So.*/Jr.	TR	Moorestown, NJ (Moorestown/Virginia) Amite, LA (Amite/Alabama)
42	RYAN, Danny	WR	6-2	175	10/22/01	50. /51. Fr.*/So.	SQ	Larkspur, CA (St. Ignatius)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	ILB	6-1	240	1/23/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
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44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-10	175	11/21/01	Fr./Fr.		Monrovia, CA (Mater Dei)
46	JONES, Grant	TE	6-2	220	3/14/98	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	185	6/26/03	Fr./Fr.		Newbury Park, CA (Newbury Park)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	275	1/30/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
48	LEWIS, Parker	PK	6-3	205	6/28/01	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Saguaro)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
49	TUIPULOTU, Tuli	DL	6-4	290	9/3/02	So./So.	1V	Gardena, CA (Lawndale)
49	ZANE, Grant	WR	6-3	190	9/30/02	Fr./Fr.		Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Peninsula)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	275	8/1/99	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
51	COLLIER, Casey	OL	6-7	300	6/18/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Baytown, TX (Barbers Hill)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-2	210	6/28/00	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
54	KATOA, Tayler	ILB	6-2	240	7/27/98	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	240	9/20/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	310	2/18/02	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Jose, CA (Los Gatos)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	300	4/21/00	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
57	LOCKHART JR., Danny	ILB	6-0	225	7/21/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Redlands, CA (St. John Bosco)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	225	3/20/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	210	10/7/97	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
60	GIBBS, Maximus	OL	6-7	390	10/30/02	Fr./Fr.		Norwalk, CA (St. John Bosco)
61	BRYSON, Joe	OL	6-8	295	2/9/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Castle Pines, CO (Rock Canyon/Colorado Mesa)
62	NEILON, Brett	OL	6-2	295	7/7/98	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OL	6-5	305	9/23/99	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/
								Los Angeles Harbor JC)
64	MAGEO, AJ	OL	6-5	310	11/10/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-4	295	4/5/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OL	6-5	315	9/3/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
69	ZUVICH, Mark	OL	6-3	245	9/1/99	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OL	6-5	320	7/10/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OL	6-5	320	1/6/98	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OL	6-6	320	1/21/99	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
73	STEPHEN, Caadyn	OL	6-5	305	10/23/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Camas, WA (Camas)
74	FORD, Courtland	OL	6-6	305	9/6/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
75	BUCHANAN, Ty	OL	6-6	285	10/19/02	Fr./Fr.		Corpus Christi, TX (Calallen)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-6	315	6/21/03	Fr./Fr.	<del></del>	Riverside, CA (JSerra Catholic)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OL	6-6	310	3/9/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
77	SEKONA, Jamar	DL	6-2	295	4/8/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Fairfax, CA (Marin Catholic)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	305	2/2/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Chandler, AZ (Brophy Prep)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	295	6/7/02	Fr.*/So.	1V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL.	6-2	270	2/21/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Pittsburg, CA (Pittsburg)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-1	210	8/23/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	225	1/20/01	So.*/Jr.	10	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
82	SMITH, Jake	WR	6-0	200	1/5/01	Jr./Jr.	TR	Scottsdale, AZ (Notre Dame Prep/Texas)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	245	8/10/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-6	250	11/12/98	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
85		TE	6-5	235	7/12/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-3	195	7/7/00	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	235	9/4/02	Fr./Fr.		Austin, TX (Lake Travis)
88	HOLLINQUEST, Kohl	TE	6-4	240	3/7/98	Sr.*/Gr.		Granada Hills, CA (Sierra Canyon/Penn)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-6	230	9/12/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
90	MOBLEY, Colin	DL	6-4	275	10/7/03	Fr./Fr.	4)/	Washington, D.C. (DeMatha Catholic)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-2	310	3/31/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
95	TUFONO, Maninoa	DL	6-3	290	6/28/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-6	270	11/6/98	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
99	JACKSON, Drake	OLB	6-4	250	4/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
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Name	San Jose	Stanford	Wash. St.	Ore. St.	Colorado	Utah	No. Dame	Arizona	Ariz. St.	Cal	<i>UCLA</i>	ВҮШ
Rushing: TCB	-NET-TD											
Ingram	<b>15-86-</b> 0	10-44-1	7-16-0	<b>14-79-</b> 2								
Malepeai	14-65-0	<b>15-94</b> -0	<b>9</b> -9-0	4-12-0								
Dart			6- <b>32</b> -0									
Barlow		3-22-1										
Slovis	4-7-0 	5-25-0 	1-(-10)-0	4-(-15)-0 								
Bryant London	1-2-0		1-3-1 									
Team	1-2-U 		 1-(-2)-0									
Italli			1-(-2)-0									
Passing: PA-F												
Slovis	36- <b>24</b> -0	42- <b>27</b> -1	2-1-0	49- <b>31</b> -3								
_	<b>256</b> -2	<b>223</b> -1	8-0	<b>355</b> -1								
Dart			46- <b>30</b> -2									
			<b>391</b> -4									
Receiving: NO	7-YDS-TD											
London	<b>12-137-</b> 0	4-68-1	<b>13-170-</b> 2	<b>10-165-</b> 0								
Washington	4-56-1	<b>6</b> -47-0	3-31-0	2-41-0								
Bryant		4-11-0	3-56-1	5-22-1								
Ingram	1-5-0	3-15-0	2-(-1)-0	4-37-0								
Krommenhoek			3-29-0	2-9-0								
Maelpeai	2-2-0	1-8-0	2-6-0	2-17-0								
Wolfe	2-11-0	1-9-0	1.00.1	2-6-0								
K. Ford		4-35-0	1-36-1	 0.44.0								
Trigg Epps	 1-19-0	1-7-0 1-4-0	 1-18-0	3-44-0 								
Epps Manjack	1-13-0	2-14-0	1-10-0									
Nixon		1-5-0	1-4C-U	1-14-0								
Jh. Jackson			2-12-0									
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Punting: NO-Y		4 10 4 50	0 107 57	0.105 57								
Griffiths	5-228-58	4-194-58	3-13/-5/	3-135-57								
Punt Returns:												
Bryant		1-21-21	1-0-0									
Nixon	1-15-15		1-(-1)-(-1)									
Kickoff Return	s: NO-YDS-	LONG										
Bryant		1-17-17	2-62-37	1-21-21								
Christon	1-17-17											
Interceptions:	ΝΠ-ΥΠS-ΤΓ	7										
G. Johnson	1-37-1											
J. Williams			1-14-0									
D. Jackson	1-9-0											
Bullock			1-0-0									
Taylor-Stuart				1-0-0-0								
Jay. Smith				1-0-0-0								



Name	San Jose	Stanford	Wash St	Nre St	Colorado	Iltah	No. Dame	Arizona	Ariz St	Cal	UCLA BYU	

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# **USC TEAM STATISTICS**

# **Game-By-Game Starters**

Name	San Jose	Stanford	Wash. St.	Ore. St.	<u>Colorado</u>	Utah	No. Dame	<u>Arizona</u>	Ariz. St.	Cal	UCLA	BYU
Offense												
WR	London	London	London	London								
WR	Wash'ton	Wash'ton	Wash'ton	Wash'ton								
WR	Wolfe*	Bryant	Epps	Trigg								
LT	C. Ford	C. Ford	C. Ford	C. Ford								
LG	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees	Vorhees								
C	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon	Neilon								
RG	Jimmons	Jimmons	Jimmons	Jimmons								
RT	Monheim	Monheim	Monheim	Monheim								
TE	Krom'h'k	Epps	Krom'h'k	Krom'h'k								
QВ	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis	Slovis								
TB	Malepeai	Triqq*	Malepeai	Ingram								
*USC started	2 tight ends	22	·	-								
Defense												
DE	Figueroa	Figueroa	Js. Jac's'n*	Lich'stein								
NT	Ta'ufo'ou	_	Ta'ufo'ou	Ta'ufo'ou								
DT	Tuipulotu		Tulipulotu									
OLB .	D. Jackson		n D. Jackson									
ILB	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga	Mauga								
ILB	Scott	Scott	Bullock*	Goforth								
NB			16. Johnson									
FS	Bullock		Pola-Mao									
SS			s C. Williams									
CB	Steele	Steele	Steele	Steele								
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<sup>\*</sup>USC started 7 defensive backs

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# **OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS**

Name	San Jose	Stanford	Wash. St.	Ore. St.	Colorado	Utah	No. Dame	Arizona	Ariz. St.	Cal	UCLA	BYU
First Downs	18	18	15	31								
Rush	3	4	5	18								
Pass	14	9	9	9								
Penalty	1	5	1	4								
	19	30	30	51								
Rush Attempts Yds Gain	70	161	125	324								
Yds Lost	2	20	26	2								
Net Yards	68	141	99	322								
Net Yds Pass	308	234	180	213								
Pass Att	46	23	34	19								
Pass Com	24	23 16	3 <del>4</del> 20	15								
Had Int	2	0	2	2								
Tot Off Plays	65	53	64	70								
Tot Net Yards	376	375	279	535								
Avg/Play	5.8	7.1	4.4	7.6								
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0	2-2	0-0								
Penalties-Yds	10-93	5-27	7-51	14-154								
Punts-Yds	6-284	3-140	5-193	2-87								
Avg/Punt	6-204 47.3	3-140 46.7	38.6	43.5								
Punt Ret-Yds	0-0	1-1	2-28	2-12								
KO Ret-Yds	0-0	2-58	2-20	0-0								
Int-Yards	0-0	1-31	2-27	3-20								
Fum Ret-Yds	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0								
Poss Time	27:58	27:58	30:17	34:39								
3rd Down Con	3-14	5-10	4-13	5-10								
4th Down Con	1-2	1-1	2-4	1-1								
Sacks By-Yds	2-14	0-0	1-10	2-21								
Dacks Dy-105	L-1 <del>-1</del>	0-0	1-10	C-C I								

<sup>\*\*</sup>USC started 2 outside linebackers

### GAME 1 - September 4, Los Angeles Coliseum USC 30, San Jose State 7 Att: 54,398

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S Greg Johnson returned a fourth quarter interception for a touchdown to help No. 15 USC score the game's final 17 points, all in the final frame, as the Trojans posted a 30-7 season opening victory over defending Mountain West champion San Jose State on Labor Day weekend in front of 54,398 fans in the Coliseum and a national Pac-12 Network audience.

It was USC's 14th consecutive victorious season opener in the Coliseum. It also was Troy's fewest points allowed since Utah State had 7 in 2016.

USC generated 416 yards of total offense, with 256 coming off the arm of QB Kedon Slovis (he was 24-of-36), including a career-high 12 receptions by WR Drake London for 137 yards. TBs Keaontay Ingram (86 yards on 15 carries), a transfer from Texas, and Vavae Malepeai (65 yards on 14 tries) combined for 151 rushing yards. The offense converted 7-of-14 third downs and had 23 first downs.

The Trojan defense limited San Jose State to 68 rushing yards (376 total yards). The Spartans converted only 3-of-14 third downs and were penalized 10 times for 93 yards (USC had just 4 penalties).

After PK Parker Lewis hit a 27-yard field goal on USC's opening drive, OLB Drake Jackson made a point-blank interception on SJSU's ensuing possession. Three play later, WR Tahj Washington (a transfer from Memphis) outjumped a defender to pull down a 29-yard TD pass from Slovis. Washington had 4 catches for 56 yards overall. Lewis added a 23-yard field goal late in the half to give USC a 13-0 halftime lead.

San Jose State drove 74 yards midway through the third quarter, culminating with a 2-yard TD run by RB Tyler Nevens, to tighten the game.

But Lewis hit his third field goal of the game, a 30-yarder, early in the fourth quarter and 3 plays later Johnson jumped in front of a Nick Starkel pass and returned it 37 yards to cut any Spartan momentum. USC added another TD on Slovis' 20-yard aerial to diving TE Erik Krommenhoek, capping a 91-yard drive late in the game.

S Calen Bullock, who became the first USC true freshman to start a season opener at safety since Su'a Cravens did so in 2013 versus Hawaii, led USC with 8 tackles. S Chase Williams added 6 stops and ILB Raymond Scott had 5.

Starkel hit 24-of-46 passes for 308 yards, but had the 2 picks. Nevens was held to 58 yards on 15 carries. Spartan WR Isaiah Hamilton had 6 grabs for 74 yards.

USC upped its winning ways against MWC teams, as the Trojans have lost just once in 37 meetings. It was just USC's fifth-ever game against SJSU.

It was the first time fans could attend home USC games since 2019 because the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited fans at Pac-12 games in 2020. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, fans had to wear masks per a county health directive and there was no on-campus tailgating allowed. It also was the first time since 2004 that beer and wine was sold to the general public in the Coliseum.

#### SCORING First Quarter

USC -- Lewis 27-yard field goal

USC -- Washington 29-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Lewis 23-yard field goal

Third Ouarter

SJSU -- Nevens 2-yard run (Mercurio kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC -- Lewis 39-yard field goal

USC -- G. Johnson 37-yard interception return (Lewis kick)

USC -- Krommenhoek 20-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

USC	STATISTICS	SAN JOSE ST.
23	First Downs	18
160	Net Yards Rushing	68
256	Net Yards Passing	308
36	Passes Attempted	46
24	Passes Completed	24
0	Had Intercepted	2
70	Total Plays	65
416	Total Yards	376
5/45.6	Punts/Avg	6/47.3
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
4/35	Penalties/Yards	10/93
32:02	Time of Possession	27:58

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Ingram (USC) 15-86; Malepeai (USC) 14-65; Nevens (SJSU) 15-58. PASSING - Slovis (USC) 24-36-256; Starkel (SJSU) 24-56-308.

RECEIVING - London (ÚSC) 12-137; Hamilton (SJSÚ) 6-74; Washington (USC) 4-56; Deese (SJSU) 3-63; Ross (ŚJSU) 3-47; Olson (SJSU) 3-32; Robinson (SJSU) 3-26; Krommenhoék (USC) 2-26; Braddock (SJSU) 2-15; Wolfe (USC) 2-11; Nevens (SJSU) 2-3; Malepeai (USC) 2-2.

#### GAME 2 - September 11, Los Angeles Coliseum Stanford 42, USC 28 Att: 56,945

Stanford 7 42 USC 0 10 3 15 28

Stanford scored 3 unanswered second half touchdowns to break open a close game and send the Cardinal to a decisive 42-28 upset victory over No. 14 USC under the lights in the Coliseum in front of 56,945 fans and a FOX audience in the Pac-12's first game of 2021.

After USC pulled within 21-13 on its opening possession of the second half with a 33-yard field goal by PK Alex Stadthaus, Stanford CB Kyu Blu Kelly (whose father, Brian, was a cornerback at USC) returned an interception on USC's next drive for a 31-yard touchdown. The Cardinal then had short touchdown runs on its next two series, a 1-yarder by QB Tanner McKee and a 2-yarder by QB Isaiah Sanders to build a 42-13 edge.

The Trojans managed a pair of scores in the game's final 6 minutes when QB Kedon Slovis hit WR Drake London on an 11-yard throw and TB Darwin Barlow ran it in from 4 yards out, but USC could not recover a pair of onside kicks.

Stanford opened the game's scoring when RB Nathaniel Peat stunned the Trojans with an 87-yard TD run early in the first quarter. USC tied it early in the second quarter on TB Keaontay Ingram's 2-yard TD run. But the Cardinal countered on its next series with McKee's 3-yard TD fourth down toss to WR Elijah Higgins, after Stanford had kicked a short field goal on the previous play but then chose to accept a USC offsides penalty that moved the ball closer to the goal line.

USC responded with a 24-yard field goal with under 2 minutes in the half by Stadthaus, who was handling the first placement kicking of his career after starting PK Parker Lewis was ejected for targeting on the game's opening kickoff. But Stanford put together a quick drive to end the half as McKee found WR Brycen Tremayne on a 6-yard TD pass with 9 seconds to go.

Stanford prevailed despite running just 53 plays (the fewest against USC since UCLA's 51 in 2016) to the Trojans' 75. The Cardinal had 375 total yards and only 18 first downs to USC's 408 total yards and 24 first downs. But Troy was hampered by 9 penalties for 111 yards, the turnover that was converted into points, going 6-of-14 on third downs and having to settle for a pair of field goals when in the red zone. Stanford had no turnovers and just 5 penalties.

TB Vavae Malepeai had a team-best 94 yards on 15 carries, Slovis was 24of-42 for 223 yards and WR Tahj Washingotn had a game-high 6 catches for 37 yards. DT Tuli Tuipulotu topped USC with 7 tackles, while S Greg Johnson had 2 stops for losses.

For Stanford, Peat ran for 115 yards on 6 tries, McKee (making his first career start) was 16-of-23 for 234 yards and Higgins caught 5 passes for 67 yards.

It was Joint Forces Day at the Coliseum and there was a pre-game recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, including the playing of "Taps" and a 20-second moment of silence.

Two days after the game, Trojan head coach Clay Helton was relieved of his duties.

#### SCORING First Quarter

STAN -- Peat 87-yard run (Karty kick)

Second Quarter USC -- Ingram 2-yard run (Stadthaus kick)

STAN -- Higgins 3-yard pass from McKee (Karty kick)

USC -- Stadthaus 24-yard field goal

STAN -- Tremayne 6-yard pass from McKee (Karty kick)

Third Quarter

USC -- Stadthaus 33-yard field goal

STAN -- Kelly 31-yard interception return (Karty kick)

STAN -- McKee 1-yard run (Karty kick)

Fourth Quarter

STAN -- Sanders 2-yard run (Karty kick)

USC -- London 11-yard pass from Slovis (Stadthaus kick)

USC -- Barlow 4-yard run (Bryant pass from Slovis(

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
24	First Downs	18
185	Net Yards Rushing	141
223	Net Yards Passing	234
42	Passes Attempted	23
27	Passes Completed	16
1	Had Intercepted	0
75	Total Plays	53
408	Total Yards	375
4/48.5	Punts/Avg	3/46.7
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
9/111	Penalties/Yards	5/27
32:02	Time of Possession	27:58

### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Peat (STAN) 6-115; Malepeai (USC) 15-94; Ingram (USC) 10-44; Slovis (USC) 5-25; Barlow (USC) 3-22; Jones (STAN) 10-13.

PASSING - Slovis (USC) 27-42-223; McKee (STAN) 16-23-234.

RECEIVING - Washington (USC) 6-47; Higgins (STAN) 5-67; London (USC) 4-68;

Bryant (USC) 4-11; Tremayne (STÁN) 3-49; Humphreys (STAN) 3-40; K. Ford (USC) 3-35; Ingram (USC) 3-15; Jones (STAN) 2-54; Manjack (USC) 2-14; Smith (STAN) 2-14.



# GAME 3 - September 18, Pullman, Washington USC 45, Washington State 14

Att: 24,714

USC	0	7	28	10	 45
<b>Washington State</b>	7	7	0	0	 14

After spotting Washington State a 14-0 lead late in a rainy first half on the road in Pullman, USC--under interim head coach Donte Williams--roared back by scoring 45 unanswered points behind a backup freshman quarterback to post a 45-14 victory in front of 24,714 fans and a national FOX audience.

Williams had replaced Clay Helton, who was relieved of his duties at the start of the week.

It was USC's most consecutive points scored since the Trojans beat UCLA, 50-0, in 2011. USC's 38 second half points were its most in a half since getting 38  $\,$ versus Idaho in 2015 and most in a second half since getting 42 at Hawaii in 2005.

After USC starting QB Kedon Slovis was knocked out in the game's opening series with a neck injury, true freshman QB Jaxson Dart filled and had a recordsetting day. His 391 passing yards with 4 TDs on 30-of-46 passing (with 2 picks) was the most passing yards by a Trojan in his debut. His 32 rushing yards led USC (the first Trojan quarterback to do so since Matt Barkley in 2010 versus Stanford).

WSU scored on its initial possession, a 12-yard pass from QB Jayden de Laura to WR Travell Harris. The Cougar duo connected again late in the second quarter on a 7-yard score.

USC couldn't get untracked until its final series of the half (it had just 85 total yards and 2 turnovers to that point), but the Trojans marhed 93 yards with Dart hitting WR Gary Bryant Jr. for a 38-yard TD on fourth-and-9 with 32 seconds to go. The Cougs had 184 yards of total offense in the first half.

The Trojans then scored 28 points in the third quarter, starting with their first 2 drives: Dart's 5-yard pass to WR Drake London after PK Parker Lewis recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff (caused by ILB Micah Croom) and then Bryant's 3-yard run. Then, 2 plays after Dart threw a deep interception, OLB Drake Jackson stripped QB Victor Gabalis in the end zone and DL Tuli Tuipulotu recovered the ball for a TD. After S Calen Bullock's interception on the Cougars' next play, USC took 6 plays for Dart and London to connect for a 31-yard score late in the quarter.

USC added a 34-yard Lewis field goal and a 36-yard Dart TD throw to WR Kyle Ford midway through the final quarter to finish the scoring

USC ended up with 447 total yards (just 48 rushing) and 24 first downs while converting 7-of-14 third downs and getting 4 turnovers. WSU had 279 total yards and 15 first downs overall and was only 4-of-13 on third downs. In the second half, the Cougs had just 95 total yards (-2 in the third quarter), with 55 of those coming on their final drive before CB **Jayden Williams'** goal line pick, and they were 1-of-7 on third downs.

London had 13 catches for 170 yards and 2 TDs, all career highs. Ss Chase Williams and Xavion Alford each had a team-best 6 tackles. USC had 3 sacks.

For WSU, de Laura was 10-of-19 for 117 yards, WR Calvin Jackson had 8 catches for 94 yards and Harris added 7 grabs for 49 yards and RB Max Borghi ran for 72 yards on 13 carries.

USC had a scare when it landed in Lewiston, Id., the day before the game. After the players deplaned from the front part of the charter, the plane's tail end crashed down and left the nose protruding in the air, with coaches and staff still on board. The plane was quickly leveled and no one was injured.

#### **SCORING** First Quarter

WSU -- Harris 12-yard pass from de Laura (Janikowski kick)

# Second Quarter

WSU -- Harris 7-yard pass from de Laura (Janikowski kick) USC -- Bryant 38-yard pass from Dart (Lewis kick)

Third Ouarter

USC -- London 5-yard pass from Dart (Lewis kick)

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

USC -- Tuipulotu fumble recovery in end zone (Lewis kick)

USC -- London 31-yard pass from Dart (Lewis kick)

**Fourth Ouarter** 

USC -- Lewis 34-yard field goal

USC -- Ford 36-yard pass from Dart (Lewis kick)

USC	STATISTICS	WASH. ST.
24	First Downs	15
48	Net Yards Rushing	99
399	Net Yards Passing	180
48	Passes Attempted	34
31	Passes Completed	20
2	Had Intercepted	2
73	Total Plays	64
447	Total Yards	279
3/45.7	Punts/Avg	5/38.6
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
5/35	Penalties/Yards	7/51
29:43	Time of Possession	30:17

#### **TOP INDIVIDUALS**

RUSHING - Borghi (WSU) 13-72; Dart (USC) 6-32; Cooper (WSU) 4-21; McIntosh (WSU) 5-20; Ingram (USC) 7-16.

PASSING - Dart (USC) 30-46-391; de Laura (WSU) 10-19-117; Gabalis (WSU) 6-10-19; Cooper (WSU) 4-5-44; Slovis (USC) 1-2-8.

RECEIVING - London (USC) 13-170; Jackson (WSU) 8-94; Harris (WSU) 7-49; Bryant [USC] 3-56; Washington (USC) 3-31; Krommenhoek (USC) 3-29; Victor (WSU) 3-24; Stribling (WSU) 2-13, Malèpeai (USC) 2-6.

#### GAME 4 - September 25, Los Angeles Coliseum Oregon State 45, USC 27 Att: 51,564

Oregon State	7	14	14	10	 45
USC	7	10	0	10	 27

For the first time since 1960, Oregon State beat USC at the Coliseum, posting a convincing 45-27 upset before 51,564 fans and an FS1 audience.

The win snapped the Beavers' 24-game Coliseum losing streak to the Trojans (and was just their fourth win there in 49 tries versus USC). It was OSU's most points ever scored in the 79-game series and its largest margin of victory versus USC in L.A. It also marked the first time since 2011 that USC surrendered 40 points in back-to-back home games.

Oregon State--which held a 42-17 lead early in the fourth quarter-dominated most of the statistics, getting 535 total yards (averaging 7.6 yards per play), including 322 rushing yards, the most on the ground against USC since Notre Dame's 377 in 2017. The Beavers had 31 first downs (the most allowed by USC since Arizona had 34 in 2014), held the ball for 34:29, had 2 sacks and got 4 turnovers (scoring 17 points off of them). However, OSU was penalized 14 times for 154 yards (9 times in the first half).

Beaver QB Chance Nolan was 15-of-19 for 213 yards with 4 TDs and added 57 rushing yards on 5 tries, TB B.J. Baylor ran for 158 yards on 23 carries and WR

Tyjon Lindsey caught 5 passes for 102 yards with 2 scores.

USC had 431 total yards, but just 76 rushing. Troy had 11 penalties (9 in the second half). QB **Kedon Slovis** was 31-of-49 for 355 yards with a TD but threw 3 interceptions (QB **Jaxson Dart**, who was impressive in relief the previous week, was out with a knee injury). WR **Drake London** had 10 catches for 165 yards and TB Keaontay Ingram ran for 79 yards on 14 carries with 2 TDs and caught 4 passes for 37 yards. S Isaiah Pola-Mao had 11 tackles and ILB Ralen Goforth added 10 stops.

After Oregon State intercepted Slovis on the game's opening series, Nolan found TE Teagen Quitoriano for a 27-yard TD. But USC responded with touchdowns on its next 2 drives, a 7-yard Slovis pass to WR Gary Bryant Jr. and then, after an acrobatic end zone interception by CB Isaac Taylor-Stuart, the Trojans drove 80 yards, capped by Ingram's 8-yard TD run early in the second quarter.

However, OSU scored TDs on its next 5 possessions: Nolan's second quarter TD passes to Lindsey (13 yards) and WR Tre-Shaun Harrison (36 yards), a 17-yard Nolan-to-Lindsey hookup to open the third quarter and then a pair of 1-run Wildcat runs by ILB Jack Colletto (the second at the top of the fourth quarter after the Beavers recovered a Slovis fumble). During that scoring streak, USC managed just a 26-yard field goal by PK Parker Lewis at the first half gun.

USC then showed life briefly on its first 2 possessions of the final quarter, getting a 3-yard Ingram scoring run and then a 46-yard Lewis field goal with 6:29 to play (after S Jaylin Smith's interception), but its hopes were extinguished when Oregon State made interceptions on Troy's final 2 series (the first resulting in a 42-yard field goal by PK Everett Hayes).

The loss spoiled the home debut for USC interim head coach Donte Williams, who grew up a few miles from the Coliseum. Many of USC's 2020 Tokyo Olympians were introduced at halftime. It was USC's annual Zero Waste Game.

#### SCORING

First Quarter

OSU -- Quitoriano 27-yard pass from Nolan (Hayes kick)

USC -- Bryant 7-yard pass from Slovis (Lewis kick)

Second Quarter

USC -- Ingram 9-yard run (Lewis kick)

OSU -- Lindsey 13-yard pass from Nolan (Hayes kick)

OSU -- Harrison 36-yard pass from Nolan (Hayes kick)

USC -- Lewis 26-yard field goal

#### Third Quarter

OSU -- Lindsey 17-yard pass from Nolan (Hayes kick)

OSU -- Colletto 1-yard run (Hayes kick)

Fourth Quarter

OSU -- Colletto 1-yard run (Hayes kick) USC -- Ingram 3-yard run (Lewis kick)

USC -- Lewis 46-yard field goal

OSU -- Hayes 42-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON ST.
32	First Downs	31
76	Net Yards Rushing	322
355	Net Yards Passing	213
49	Passes Attempted	19
31	Passes Completed	15
3	Had Intercepted	2
71	Total Plays	70
431	Total Yards	535
3/45.0	Punts/Avq	2/43.5
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
11/98	Penalties/Yards	14/154
25:21	Time of Possession	34:39

#### TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING - Baylor (OSU) 23-158; Ingram (USC) 14-79; Nolan (OSU) 5-57; Fenwick (OSU) 11-53.

PASSING – Slovis (USC) 31-49-355; Nolan (OSU) 15-19-213. RECEIVING – London (USC) 10-165; Lindsey (OSU) 5-102; Bryant (USC) 5-22; Harrison (OSU) 4-52; Ingram (ÚSC) 4-37; Trigg (ÚSC) 3-44; Washington (USC) 2-41; Quintoriano (OSU) 2-35; Malepeai (USC) 2-17.



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# **Team Results**

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/04/2021	San Jose St.	W	30-7	54398
*	09/11/2021	Stanford	L	28-42	56945
*	09/18/2021	at Washington St.	W	45-14	24714
*	09/25/2021	Oregon St.	L	27-45	51564

# Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Keaontay Ingram	4	46	238	13	225	4.9	3	22	56.3
Vavae Malepeai	4	42	188	8	180	4.3	0	27	45.0
Jaxson Dart	1	6	41	9	32	5.3	0	18	32.0
Darwin Barlow	3	3	22	0	22	7.3	1	13	7.3
Kedon Slovis	4	14	52	45	7	0.5	0	11	1.8
Gary Bryant Jr.	3	1	3	0	3	3.0	1	3	1.0
Drake London	4	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.5
Team	4	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	4	114	546	77	469	4.1	5	27	117.3
Opponents	4	130	680	50	630	4.8	6	87	157.5

# **Passing**

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Kedon Slovis	4	123.2	83-129-4	64.3	842	4	39	210.5
Jaxson Dart	1	156.6	30-46-2	65.2	391	4	42	391.0
Total	4	132.0	113-175-6	64.6	1233	8	42	308.3
Opponents	4	137.7	75-122-6	61.5	935	8	49	233.8

# Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Drake London	4	39	540	13.8	3	39	135.0
Tahj Washington	4	15	175	11.7	1	29	43.8
Gary Bryant Jr.	3	12	89	7.4	2	38	29.7
Keaontay Ingram	4	10	56	5.6	0	14	14.0
Vavae Malepeai	4	7	33	4.7	0	10	8.3
Erik Krommenhoek	4	7	64	9.1	1	20	16.0
Jude Wolfe	4	5	26	5.2	0	9	6.5
Kyle Ford	2	4	71	17.8	1	36	35.5
Michael Trigg	4	4	51	12.8	0	18	12.8
Malcolm Epps	4	3	41	13.7	0	19	10.3
Joseph Manjack IV	4	3	56	18.7	0	42	14.0
John Jackson III	4	2	12	6.0	0	7	3.0
K.D. Nixon	4	2	19	9.5	0	14	4.8
Total	4	113	1233	10.9	8	42	308.3
Opponents	4	75	935	12.5	8	49	233.8

# **Game Records**

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-2	0-2	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

# **Team Statistics**

	USC	OPP
First Downs	103	82
Rushing	36	30
Passing	53	41
Penalty	14	11
Rushing Yardage	469	630
Rushing attempts	114	130
Average per rush	4.1	4.8
Average per game	117.3	157.5
TDs Rushing	5	6
Passing Yardage	1233	935
Comp-Att-Int	113-175-6	75-122-6
Average per pass	7.0	7.7
Average per catch	10.9	12.5
Average per game	308.3	233.8
TDs Passing	8	8
Total offense	1702	1565
Average per play	5.9	6.2
Average per game	425.5	391.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	4-92	2-58
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-35	5-41
Int returns: #-Yards	6-60	6-78
Fumbles-Lost	9-3	3-2
Penalties-Yards	29-279	36-325
Punts-Avg	15-46.3	16-44.0
Time of possession / game	29:45	30:13
3rd-down conversion	27/56	17/47
4rd-down conversion	2/2	5/8

# Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Greg Johnson	1	37	37.0	1	37
Isaac Taylor-Stuart	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jayden Williams	1	14	14.0	0	14
Drake Jackson	1	9	9.0	0	9
Calen Bullock	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jaylin Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	6	60	10.0	1	37
Opponents	6	78	13.0	1	31





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### **Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Parker Lewis	6-6	100.0	0-0	3-3	2-2	1-1	0-0	46	0
Alex Stadthaus	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	33	0
Opponents	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	42	0

Punting									
Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Ben Griffiths	15	694	46.3	58	1	9	7	5	0
Total	15	694	46.3	58	1	9	7	5	0

## Scoring

				PAT	•				
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Parker Lewis	-	6-6	12-12	-	-	-	-	-	30
Gary Bryant Jr.	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20
Drake London	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Keaontay Ingram	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Alex Stadthaus	-	2-2	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	8
Greg Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Erik Krommenhoek	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kyle Ford	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tuli Tuipulotu	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darwin Barlow	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tahj Washington	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	15	8-8	14-14	0	1	1	0	0	130
Opponents	15	1-3	15-15	0	0	0	0	0	108

# Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	тот
Southern California	17	30	31	52	0	130
Opponents	21	35	35	17	0	108

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Ben Griffiths	15	694	46.3	58	1	9	7	5	0
Total	15	694	46.3	58	1	9	7	5	0
Opponents	16	704	44.0	72	1	7	9	4	0

#### **Punt Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gary Bryant Jr.	2	21	10.5	0	21
K.D. Nixon	2	14	7.0	0	15
Total	4	35	8.8	0	21
Opponents	5	41	8.2	0	25

### **Kick Returns**

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Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gary Bryant Jr.	3	75	25.0	0	37
Kenan Christon	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total	4	92	23.0	0	37
Opponents	2	58	29.0	0	30

#### **All Purpose**

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Drake London	4	2	540	0	0	0	542	135.5
Keaontay Ingram	4	225	56	0	0	0	281	70.3
Vavae Malepeai	4	180	33	0	0	0	213	53.3
Gary Bryant Jr.	3	3	89	21	75	0	188	62.7
Tahj Washington	4	0	175	0	0	0	175	43.8
Kyle Ford	2	0	71	0	0	0	71	35.5
Erik Krommenhoek	4	0	64	0	0	0	64	16.0
Joseph Manjack IV	4	0	56	0	0	0	56	14.0
Michael Trigg	4	0	51	0	0	0	51	12.8
Malcolm Epps	4	0	41	0	0	0	41	10.3
Greg Johnson	4	0	0	0	0	37	37	9.3
K.D. Nixon	4	0	19	14	0	0	33	8.3
Jaxson Dart	1	32	0	0	0	0	32	32.0
Jude Wolfe	4	0	26	0	0	0	26	6.5
Darwin Barlow	3	22	0	0	0	0	22	7.3
Kenan Christon	1	0	0	0	17	0	17	17.0
Jayden Williams	4	0	0	0	0	14	14	3.5
John Jackson III	4	0	12	0	0	0	12	3.0
Drake Jackson	4	0	0	0	0	9	9	2.3
Kedon Slovis	4	7	0	0	0	0	7	1.8
Total	4	469	1233	35	92	60	1889	472.3
Opponents	4	630	935	41	58	78	1742	435.5

# **Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Kedon Slovis	4	143	7	842	849	212.3
Jaxson Dart	1	52	32	391	423	423.0
Keaontay Ingram	4	46	225	0	225	56.3
Vavae Malepeai	4	42	180	0	180	45.0
Darwin Barlow	3	3	22	0	22	7.3
Gary Bryant Jr.	3	1	3	0	3	1.0
Drake London	4	1	2	0	2	0.5
Total	4	289	469	1233	1702	425.5
Opponents		252	630	935	1565	391.3

# **Team Defense**

				Tackles			Sacks	Pass defense			Fumble	es	blkd	
##	Player gp	)	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	Chase Williams	4	14	8	22					1				





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			Tackles			Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbl	es	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
49	Tuli Tuipulotu	4	7	14	21	0.5-1					1-0			
21	Isaiah Pola-Mao	3	12	7	19									
26	Kana'i Mauga	4	8	8	16	2-11	1-10					1		
10	Ralen Goforth	4	5	10	15									
27	Calen Bullock	4	10	5	15			1-0	1					
1	Greg Johnson	4	10	4	14	2-11		1-37						
99	Drake Jackson	4	7	6	13	2-8	1-5	1-9				1		
6	Isaac Taylor-Stuart	4	8	5	13			1-0	1					
8	Chris Steele	4	6	7	13									
97	Jacob Lichtenstein	4	3	7	10	1.5-5								
29	Xavion Alford	4	7	2	9				1					
18	Raymond Scott	4	5	4	9				1					
47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou	4	3	5	8	1-1								
23	Joshua Jackson Jr.	4	3	2	5				1					
31	Hunter Echols	4	2	2	4									
30	Chris Thompson Jr.	3	1	3	4									
50	Nick Figueroa	3	3	1	4	2-2								
44	Tuasivi Nomura	4	2	2	4									
14	Jayden Williams	4	1	2	3			1-14	1					
0	Korey Foreman	4	1	2	3									
19	Jaylin Smith	4	2	1	3	1-6	1-6	1-0						
17	Micah Croom	4	2		2							1		
79	De'jon Benton	3		2	2									
2	Ceyair Wright	2	1	1	2									
79	Jonah Monheim	3		1	1									
77	Jamar Sekona	4		1	1									
48	Parker Lewis	4	1		1						1-0			
38	Alex Stadthaus	2	1		1									
57	Justin Dedich	4		1	1									
2	Jaxson Dart	1	1		1									
59	Damon Johnson	4		1	1									
41	Juliano Falaniko	4	1		1									
	Totals	4	127	114	241	12-45	3-21	6-60	6	1	2-0	3	0	0
	Opponents	4	144	144	288	20-79	6-45	6-78	19	8	3-0	3	0	0

