

GAME NOTES



2007 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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2007 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (0-0)

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

PAC-10 STANDINGS

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

AP POLL

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

USA TODAY POLL

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

NO. 1 USC FOOTBALL OPENS 2007 SEASON AT HOME AGAINST FORMER FOE IDAHO

FACTS

USC (0-0 overall, 0-0 Pacific-10) vs. Idaho (0-0 overall), Saturday, Sept. 1, 7:15 p.m. PDT, Los Angeles Coliseum.

THEMES

The USC football team, everybody's pre-season No. 1 squad (for the third time in the past 4 years), opens its 2007 season against a long-ago foe, Idaho. It's been almost 80 years since the Trojans and Vandals, then league rivals, have met. But Idaho will be familiar to USC defensive coordinator **Nick Holt**, who was head coach of the Vandals in 2004 and 2005. Troy has never lost in 7 games against Idaho (with a near 200-point scoring margin) and is 27-1 against current Western Athletic Conference teams. USC is on quite a run recently, with 5 consecutive AP Top 4 finishes, BCS bowl trips, Pac-10 titles and 11-win seasons. Troy went 11-2 and won the Rose Bowl last fall. Look for an 11th straight sellout in the 92,000-seat Coliseum, where the Trojans have won their last 33 games (a Pac-10 record). Seventh-year USC head coach **Pete Carroll** is college football's winningest active coach (84.4%). USC QB **John David Booty** begins his quest for the Heisman Trophy. His offense features a multi-headed tailback attack, a young receiving corps looking to replace the top pass catching duo in Trojan history and a line featuring 2-time All-American OT **Sam Baker**. USC's defense is loaded and deep, including All-American DT **Sedrick Ellis** and DE **Lawrence Jackson** up front, the nation's top linebackers in **Keith Rivers**, **Rey Mauluga** and **Brian Cushing** and a secondary featuring S **Taylor Mays**, S **Kevin Ellison**, S-CB **Josh Pinkard** and CB **Terrell Thomas**. PK **David Buehler** will attempt to fill the shoes of the late Mario Danelo, who died tragically this past January and who will be honored prior to kickoff. Former Washington State defensive coordinator **Robb Akey** will be making his head coaching debut as he leads Idaho into the Coliseum. The Vandals, coming off a 4-8 season in which they lost their final 5 games, will be breaking in a new quarterback, redshirt freshman **Nathan Enderle**. Three talented running backs—**Brian Flowers**, **Jayson Bird** and **Deonte Jackson**—highlight Idaho's offense, while the defense (with its new 3-4 scheme) features a pair of 2006 All-WAC first teamers: LB **David Vobora**, who topped the league in tackles last year, and CB **Stanley Franks**, the nation's interception leader in 2006. The game will be nationally televised live by FSN. The USC women's volleyball and soccer teams also are in action at home this weekend.

RANKINGS

USC is ranked first by AP and USA Today. Idaho is not ranked.

SERIES

USC has never lost in 7 meetings with Idaho, outscoring the Vandals, 215-20. All the games were played in the 1920s, when both teams were members of the Pacific Coast Conference. The most recent contest was a 72-0 Trojan shutout victory at home in 1929. The first meeting, a 14-0 USC win in 1922, was played in Pasadena's Rose Bowl stadium in the year that it opened. Five of the games were played in the Coliseum (the 1925 contest was at Idaho and was played in front of just 5,000 fans; there has not been a smaller crowd at a USC game since then).

RADIO-TV—Live national cable TV: 7:15 p.m. (PDT), FSN, Barry Tompkins, Petros Papadakis, Jim Watson (with numerous replays through Sept. 11), followed by "Trojans Live" post-game show on FSN West with Lindsay Soto, Jeremy Hogue, Rodney Peete.

Live local radio: 2:15 p.m. (PDT), ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), Pete Arbogast, Paul McDonald, John Jackson, Steve Mason, Curt Sandoval, Dave Denholm, Colin Cowherd, Brandon Hancock, Curtis Conway, Darrell Rideaux, David Newbury, Steve Bisheff, Harvey Hyde (includes 5-hour pre-game and 2-hour post-game shows). Nine other stations are included on the USC radio network: KSPA-AM 1510 in Ontario/San Bernardino County/Inland Empire, ESPN 800 in San Diego, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs, KVEN-AM 1450 in Ventura, ESPN 1280 in San Luis Obispo, KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow, KGEO-AM 1230 in Bakersfield, ESPN 790 in Fresno and KSFN Spike 1140 in Las Vegas. Fans also can hear the live ESPN Radio broadcast on www.usctrojans.com, on SIRIUS satellite radio (Channel 125) or by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

Live local Spanish-language radio: 7:15 p.m. (PDT), KWKW-AM (1330) and KWKU-AM (1220), Mitch Zaraqegui, Pepe Mantilla.

Live internet streaming: TrojanTV All-Access on usctrojans.com, live pre- and post-game show, live game stats and delayed game telecast.

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

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

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

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

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

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

USC FOOTBALL

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

USC VS. IDAHO (7-0-0)

1922	W	14-0	N1
1923	W	9-0	H
1924	W	13-0	H
1925	W	51-7	A
1926	W	28-6	H
1928	W	28-7	H
1929	W	72-0	H

N1-Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

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

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

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

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

PAC-10 COACHES TELECONFERENCE—Pac-10 football coaches are available for 10 minutes each on a media teleconference beginning at 10 a.m. (PDT) every Tuesday (through Nov. 27) during the season. **USC coach Pete Carroll comes on at 10:40 a.m. (PDT)**. Beginning at 3 p.m. (PDT) each of those Tuesdays, a taped replay of the teleconference is available until the next call. Call the Pac-10 office (925-932-4411) or USC sports information office (213-740-8480) to obtain the media-only phone numbers for the Pac-10 Coaches Teleconference.

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

FUN FACT I

Only 2 USC lettermen in history claim Idaho as their home and both came from Boise: 1972 All-American DT-DE **John Grant** (Capital HS) and FB **Paul DiLulo** (Boise HS), who lettered in 1978 and 1980. Also, 1957 C **Joe Chuha**, a Pennsylvania native, transferred to USC from Boise JC.

FUN FACT II

This is just the third time that USC has played a game on Sept. 1. The Trojan won on that date in 1988 at Boston College, 34-7, then opened the **Pete Carroll** coaching era in 2001 with a 21-10 home victory over San Jose State.

FUN FACT III

The last time USC opened its season with a home game was 2002.

OPENERS

USC's record in all season openers is 83-23-8 (.763), with 36 shutout victories. In season openers at home, the Trojans are 57-16-7 (.756). USC's record for home openers is 87-18-7 (.808).

USC VERSUS WAC

USC is 27-1 against current Western Athletic Conference teams, with the only loss coming in the 1992 Freedom Bowl against Fresno State. The Trojans have won their last 8 meetings against WAC squads. Troy is 7-0 against Idaho, 6-0 against Hawaii, 5-0 versus Nevada, 4-0 against Utah State, 3-0 versus San Jose State, 1-0 against Louisiana Tech and 1-1 against Fresno State. On the other hand, Idaho is 33-22-9 against Pac-10 teams (mostly facing the Pacific Northwest schools).

IN THE COLISEUM

USC has a 391-122-27 (.749) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923.

IN SEPTEMBER

USC has a 154-37-8 (.794) all-time record while playing in the month of September.

PRE-SEASON RANKINGS...

The 2007 Trojans will be in the hunt to win another national title and to capture their sixth straight Pac-10 title, according to various pre-season prognosticators. Here's a look:

	National	Pacific-10
AP	1 st	1 st
USA Today (Coaches)	1 st	1 st
Sports Illustrated	1 st	1 st
Athlon	1 st	1 st
The Sporting News	1 st	1 st
Street & Smith's	1 st	1 st
Lindy's	1 st	1 st
Phil Steele's	1 st	1 st
Playboy	1 st	1 st
USA Today Sports Weekly	1 st	1 st
ESPN.com	1 st	1 st
SI.com	1 st	1 st
CBS Sportsline.com	1 st	1 st
MSNBC.com	1 st	1 st
Scout	1 st	1 st
Rivals	1 st	1 st
Collegefootballnews.com	1 st	1 st
GamePlan	1 st	1 st
NationalChamps.Net	1 st	1 st
SI Kids	1 st	1 st
Blue Ribbon	—	1 st
Pac-10 Media	—	1 st

...AND PRE-SEASON HONORS

QB **John David Booty** (Athlon, The Sporting News, Blue Ribbon), OT **Sam Baker** (Athlon, The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, GamePlan, ESPN.com, CBS Sportsline.com, Scout, Blue Ribbon, NationalChamps.Net), DT **Sedrick Ellis** (The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, Lindy's, ESPN.com, CBS Sportsline.com, USA Today Sports Weekly), LB **Keith Rivers** (The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, GamePlan, ESPN.com, USA Today Sports Weekly, Blue Ribbon, NationalChamps.Net), DE **Lawrence Jackson** (Street & Smith's, Phil Steele's, ESPN.com), LB **Rey Mauluga** (Athlon, CBS Sportsline.com), LB **Brian Cushing** (Phil Steele's), S **Taylor Mays** (Athlon, GamePlan) and CB **Terrell Thomas** (USA Today Sports Weekly) have been named to various pre-season All-American first teams. DT **Fili Moala** made All-American third teams. Several of USC's position units are ranked No. 1 nationally by some of these media outlets: quarterbacks, offensive line, defensive line,

linebackers, defensive backs. Besides the above-mentioned players, TE **Fred Davis**, OG **Chilo Rachal** and TB/KOR **C.J. Gable** have been selected to various pre-season All-Pac-10 first teams.

WATCH LISTS

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

OT **Sam Baker**

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

QB **John David Booty**

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

LB **Brian Cushing**

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

TE **Fred Davis**

Mackey Award (top tight end)

DT **Sedrick Ellis**

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

DE **Lawrence Jackson**

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

LB **Rey Mauluga**

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

S **Taylor Mays**

Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

LB **Keith Rivers**

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

CB **Terrell Thomas**

Thorpe Award (top defensive back)

WIN STREAKS

USC owns several active winning streaks:
—home games (a Pac-10 and school-record 33);
—Pac-10 home games (a Pac-10 and school-record 23);
—non-conference home games (10);
—non-conference road games (6, not including 4 neutral site wins and 1 neutral site loss);
—September games (10)
—November games (20).

USC'S PAST 5 YEARS UNDER CARROLL

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

—Five AP Top 4 finishes, including national championships in 2003 and 2004;
—Five BCS bowl appearances;
—Five Pac-10 championships;
—Five seasons with at least 11 victories (only Nebraska 1993-97, Florida State 1996-2000 and Oklahoma 2000-04 have done that);

—Still-active win streaks for home games (33) and Pac-10 home games (23) to go along with the no-longer-active victory strings for overall games (34), Pac-10 games (27), road games (18), non-conference games (16), games against AP Top 25 teams (16) and Pac-10 road games (13);

—A winning record of 92.2% (59-5), including 9-1 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA;

—An AP Top 10 ranking for the past 56 games;

—56 wins in the last 60 games, with the losses coming by just 12 points (the first by 3 points in triple overtime at California in 2003, the second by 3 points in the final 19 seconds to Texas in the 2006 Rose Bowl's BCS Championship Game to fall just short of an unprecedented third consecutive national championship, the third by 2 points on a failed 2-point conversion pass with 7 seconds to play at Oregon State in 2006 and the fourth by 4 points at UCLA in 2006 to deny Troy an appearance in a third straight BCS Championship Game);

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

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

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

—Twenty-four All-American first teamers;

—Three Heisman Trophy winners;

—Thirty NFL draft picks, including 7 first rounders;

—Five Top 5 recruiting classes.

AP NO. 1

This is the sixth time that USC has been ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press's opening poll (1963, 1973, 1979, 2004, 2005, 2007), and the Trojans won the AP national championship in 2 of those years (1972 and 2004). USC has held the AP No. 1 ranking 77 times (not including pre-season polls), fourth most of any school (with Notre Dame leading with 89). In 2004, USC became only the second team ever to be ranked No. 1 in the AP pre-season poll and hold that top ranking the entire season (Florida State did it in 1999). Four other teams—Notre Dame in 1943, Army in 1945, Nebraska in 1971 and USC in 1972—were No. 1 in every regular season ranking, but either did not start off No. 1 in the pre-season poll (Nebraska and USC) or there was no pre-season poll (Notre Dame and Army).

HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 10 for its past 56 games, a school record. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 63 of the last 68 polls (including 4 pre-season polls).

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

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

USC'S PAC-10 TITLES

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

CONNECTIONS

Idaho has 30 players from California, while no Trojans hail from Idaho...USC defensive coordinator/defensive line coach **Nick Holt** was Idaho's head coach in 2004 and 2005, posting a 5-18 record (he previously was an assistant at Idaho for 8 seasons, 1990-97), and his wife, Julie, was the Vandals' women's basketball head coach from 1995 to 1999...USC secondary graduate assistant coach **Demetrice Martin's** brother, Jason, was a cornerback at Idaho in 2005...USC men's basketball head coach **Tim Floyd** was Idaho's head coach in 1987 and 1988...USC QB **Aaron Corp's** father, Chris, lettered at wide receiver for 2 years (1980-81) at Idaho State and was a member of the Bengals' NCAA Division I-AA championship team (he caught a TD pass in the title game), while his mother, Mary, played volleyball at Idaho State...Idaho women's volleyball coach **Debbie Buchanan** played volleyball at USC, lettering in 1991 under her maiden name, Debbie Martin.

LAST YEAR

USC went 11-2 in 2006 (7-2 in the Pac-10), including a win in the Rose Bowl, and finished No. 4 in the final polls. The losses were by a total of just 6 points. The Trojan defensive unit ranked in the national Top 25 (and was tops in the Pac-10) last year in rushing defense (91.1), scoring defense (15.2), total defense (295.6) and pass efficiency defense (110.7). USC's offense ended up in the national Top 25 in passing (263.9), scoring (30.5) and total offense (391.9) in 2006.

SCHEDULE

USC's 2007 schedule features 7 opponents who were in bowls last season, including 4 who won at least 9 games. The Trojans open their 2007 campaign on Sept. 1 at home against Idaho, a team they last played in 1929. Troy then makes its first visit to Nebraska since 1969 before embarking on a full slate of Pac-10 play. This year, USC hosts Washington State, Stanford, Arizona, Oregon State and UCLA and travels to Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona State (on Thanksgiving Day). Midway through that Pac-10 schedule is an Oct. 20 visit to Notre Dame, a rival USC has beaten the past 5 years. Tickets to Trojan games figure to be hard to get again this fall. Last year, for the third straight season, USC set school records for home sellouts (all 6 games in 2006), regular season sellouts (10) and season sellouts (11). In 2006, Troy broke its Pac-10 record home average attendance mark for the fourth consecutive year (91,480) and its Pac-10 record home total attendance standard for the second straight year (548,880).

RETURNING TROJANS

USC returns 18 starters (7 on offense and 10 on defense, plus the punter) from 2006. In all, 74 squadmen are back from last year, including 55 who saw playing time. All but 3 of those 55 were lettermen, while 34 were on USC's season-ending 2-deep. On the roster are 29 Trojans who have started at least once in their career. Joining them in 2007 are 20 new scholarship players, including 2 who enrolled at USC this past spring and participated in spring practice. That class was named No. 1 in the nation by some publications.

GONE FROM 2006

Forty squadmen are gone from 2006, but only 19 were lettermen, just 6 were starters and only 5 were selected in the 2007 NFL draft. The offense, however, lost the best wide receiver combo in Trojan history: 2-time All-American first teamer Dwayne Jarrett, USC's career leader with 216 receptions and the Pac-10's all-time recordholder with 41 TD grabs who left after his junior season for the NFL, and 2006 All-American first team selection Steve Smith, fourth on Troy's career chart for receiving yards (3,019) and fifth for receptions (190) and TDs (22). Both were NFL second round picks. Also gone from the offensive lineup are 2006 All-American first team center Ryan Kaill, who was the heart and soul of USC's line (he was another NFL second rounder), and tackle Kyle Williams. Dependable wide receiver Chris McFoy (57 career catches, 17 starts) and part-time starting tailback Emmanuel Moody (4 early starts, 459 rushing yards) also are gone. USC's only loss from the 2006 defensive lineup is strongside linebacker Dallas Sartz, who was 32-2 in his 3 years as a starter. Also gone is middle linebacker Oscar Lua, who had 14 career starts and topped Troy in tackles in 2005, and tackle-end Chris Barrett, who started USC's first 6 games of 2006 at tackle. USC suffered an unexpected loss with the tragic death of placekicker Mario Danelo in early 2007. In his career, he was 26-of-28 on field goals and 127-of-134 on PATs. He set the NCAA season record for PATs (83) in 2005.

PETE CARROLL

It didn't take long for seventh-year USC head football coach Pete Carroll to return the Trojan football program to national prominence. He is 65-12 (84.4%) in 6 years (2001-2006) as a college head coach (all at USC), the best winning percentage of any current Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience. He got to 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of 51 points (4.3 average) and only 1 was by more than a touchdown (it was by 11 points). After starting off his Trojan career 2-5, he has gone 63-7 (90.0%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 42-7 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 85.7% winning mark (a league record). He is 20-0 in November. He has 24 victories over AP Top 25 teams (24-6 overall, 80.0%). His teams have been ranked in the AP Top 10 for the past 56 games. His teams have won an unprecedented 5 consecutive Pac-10 titles and appeared in a record 5 consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games). His teams have recorded at least 11 victories in each of the past 5 seasons (only Nebraska, Florida State and Oklahoma have done that) and finished ranked in the AP Top 4 in each of those seasons. USC's 13, 25, 37, 48 and 59 wins over the previous 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years represent the winningest periods in Trojan history. Under Carroll, USC is riding winning streaks in a Pac-10 record 33 consecutive home games, a Pac-10 record 23 consecutive league home games, 20 November games, 10 September games, 10 non-conference home games and 6 non-conference road games (not including 4 neutral site contests). His USC teams also had a number of since-broken overall winning streaks: a Pac-10-record 34 overall games, a Pac-10-record 27 Pac-10 games, a school-record 18 road games (not including 4 neutral site contests), 18 October games, 16

non-conference games, 16 games against AP Top 25 teams and a school-record 13 Pac-10 road games. His Trojans also set a no-longer-active NCAA record by scoring at least 20 points in 63 consecutive games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including 2 pre-season polls). He was named the 2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year (for the third time in his 6 years at USC). Under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. Carroll has produced 25 All-American first teamers and 32 NFL draft picks (including 7 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His last 5 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 5 nationally (including first each year by some experts). He also served as USC's defensive coordinator in his first 5 seasons at Troy.

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

	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
1. Pete Carroll, USC	6	65	12	0	.844
2. Urban Meyer, Florida	6	61	12	0	.836
3. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	8	86	19	0	.819
4. Mark Richt, Georgia	6	61	17	0	.782
5. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	15	137	41	0	.770
6. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	41	366	113	4	.762
7. Lloyd Carr, Michigan	12	113	36	0	.758
8. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	17	157	50	2	.756
9. Joe Paterno, Penn State	41	363	121	3	.748
10. Paul Johnson, Navy	10	99	35	0	.739

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

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

QUARTERBACKS

John David Booty (269-of-436, 61.9%, 3,347 yds, 29 TD, 9 int in 2006) enters his 2007 senior season as a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy after a stellar 2006 showing. He made the All-Pac-10 first team and was a Manning Award finalist last year when he became only the fourth Trojan to eclipse 3,000 passing yards in a season (joining Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, plus NFLer Rob Johnson). With a season comparable to 2006, Booty—the first prep football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major university when he did so at USC in 2003—could jump into Troy's career Top 5 in passing (he's eighth with 303 completions) and total offense (he's 14th with 3,690 yards). Last year, he threw a touchdown pass in 12 games (including 7 with at least 3 TDs) and had 200-plus passing yards 11 times (including the last 7 games). Behind Booty is promising but relatively untested sophomore **Mark Sanchez** (3-of-7, 42.9%, 63 yds in 2006). He was the national high school player of the year in 2004. Other quarterbacks on the roster are senior **Michael McDonald** (1-of-1, 100.0%, 20 yds, 1 TD in 2006), whose only 2 career passes went for touchdowns (he's the son of ex-USC All-American and NFL standout Paul McDonald), and versatile sophomore **Garrett Green** (1 tac in 2006), who also played some at safety last fall (he is being used mainly at wide receiver in 2007), plus walk-on soph **Jon Breuer**, who started at NCAA Division II's Assumption in 2005. Sophomore **Mitch Mustain**, the 2005 national prep player of the year who went 8-0 as a true freshman starter at Arkansas in 2006, transferred to USC this summer, but will have to sit out the 2007 season because of NCAA transfer rules. Coming aboard this fall as a freshman was prep All-American **Aaron Corp**.

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

	PA	PC	PI	YDS	PCT	TD
1. Carson Palmer	1569	927	49	11818	.591	72
2. Matt Leinart	1245	807	23	10693	.648	99
3. Rob Johnson	1046	676	28	8472	.646	58
4. Rodney Peete	1081	630	42	8225	.583	54
5. Todd Marinovich	674	415	25	5001	.616	29
6. Brad Otton	718	410	14	5359	.571	40
7. Sean Salisbury	602	346	19	4481	.575	25
8. John David Booty	502	303	11	3764	.604	32

USC CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS
(Includes bowl games)

	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1. Carson Palmer	1824	-197	11818	11621
2. Matt Leinart	1477	-70	10693	10623
3. Rodney Peete	1371	415	8225	8640
4. Rob Johnson	1305	-576	8472	7896
5. Charles White	1149	6245	-5	6240
6. Brad Otton	791	-236	5359	5123
7. Marcus Allen	936	4810	57	4867
8. Todd Marinovich	794	153	5001	4848
9. Jimmy Jones	842	409	4092	4501
10. Sean Salisbury	713	-354	4481	4127
11. Paul McDonald	594	-261	4138	3877
12. Pat Haden	677	514	3288	3802
13. Anthony Davis	786	3724	19	3743
14. John David Booty	540	-74	3764	3690

TAILBACKS

It might appear as if there's an embarrassment of riches at USC's tailback spot in 2007, with 9 blue-chip runners. But the ensuing competition for playing time should help upgrade Troy's running attack in light of last year's mediocre 128.0 rushing average. Two players who started at

tailback in 2006 return: senior **Chauncey Washington** (157 tcb, 744 yds, 4.7 avg, 9 TD in 2006, plus 9 rec, 93 yds, 10.3 avg and 1 TD) and sophomore **C.J. Gable** (111 tcb, 434 yds, 3.9 avg, 4 TD in 2006, plus 9 rec, 90 yds, 10.0 avg and 16 KOR, 432 yds, 27.0 avg). Washington started 4 times last fall, while Gable had 5 starts. Washington, who missed the 2004 and 2005 seasons while academically ineligible, was nagged throughout 2006 by hamstring and then knee injuries. Gable, who was the first USC true freshman to start an opener at tailback when he did so at Arkansas last season, was a Freshman All-American second teamer in 2006. Also an effective return man, he was 15th nationally in kickoff returns (27.0) last year. Two other sophomores—**Allen Bradford** (13 tcb, 42 yds, 3.2 avg, 1 TD in 2006, plus 3 rec, 33 yds, 11.0 avg, 1 TD and 1 KOR, 9 yds, 9.0 avg and 3 tac) and **Stafon Johnson** (3 tcb, 17 yds, 5.7 avg in 2006)—didn't see as much action last year, but are equally talented and will be in the mix. Bradford even started twice last fall at fullback. There is also a pair of veteran tailbacks who have clawed back from serious knee injuries: seniors **Hershel Dennis** and **Desmond Reed** (7 tcb, 12 yds, 1.7 avg in 2006, plus 5 rec, 51 yds, 10.2 avg and 20 PR, 109 yds, 5.4 avg and 2 KOR, 42 yds, 21.0 avg and 1 tac). Dennis, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility in 2007, started in 2003 (rushing for 661 yards) and was set to re-assume his starting job last season after redshirting in 2005 because of torn knee ligaments. But he re-tore those ligaments midway through 2006 spring practice and was sidelined again last fall. He has 968 career rushing yards. Reed contributed primarily as a punt returner in 2006 after recovering from torn knee ligaments in the 2005 Notre Dame game, although he is still bothered by subsequent nerve damage in his foot. He has 874 all-purpose yards in his career. Freshmen tailback reinforcements arrived in force this fall with a trio of touted prep All-Americans: **Broderick Green**, **Joe McKnight** and **Marc Tyler**. McKnight was Parade's national Co-Player of the Year in 2006.

FULLBACKS

As loaded as it is at tailback, USC's fullback unit is somewhat limited. Redshirt freshman **Stanley Havili** (4 rec, 24 yds, 6.0 avg in 2006) started the Arizona game early in 2006 and showed promise, but broke his leg in that contest and was allowed to redshirt. He was impressive, however, in 2007 spring practice. Senior **Jody Adewale** (2 rec, 16 yds, 8.0 avg in 2006), who has yet to carry the ball at USC, started 3 games in 2006. He had decided to forgo his 2007 senior season and did not participate in 2007 spring practice, but changed his mind and rejoined the team this fall. Redshirt freshman **Alfred Rowe** moved over from safety in 2007 fall camp and redshirt freshman walk-on **Cooper Stephenson** came over from tight end this past spring. Joining the fullback corps as a freshman this fall was prep All-American **Jordan Campbell**. Also available is walk-on junior college transfer **Adam Goodman**.

WIDE RECEIVERS

There's a sizable chasm that Troy needs to overcome at the wide receiver spots in 2007, as USC's most productive wideout combo in history—two-time All-American Dwayne Jarrett and 2006 All-American first teamer Steve Smith—are gone. Between them, 63

of their 406 career catches went for 6 points. The 3-year starters were the first pair of Trojan wide receivers to earn All-American first team acclaim in the same season. Both were selected in the NFL's second round. Jarrett, who left after his junior season for the NFL, was USC's first-ever 2-time All-American first team receiver. He ended up as USC's career leader in receptions (216) and the Pac-10's career recordholder in TD catches (41); he came up 63 yards short (3,138) of the USC career receiving yardage mark. He caught a pass in all 38 games he played, with a TD catch in 25 of them, and he posted 13 100-yard outings. He had 70 receptions for 1,015 yards (14.5 avg.) and 12 TDs last fall. Smith finished his career fourth on Troy's all-time ladder for receiving yards (3,019) and fifth for receptions (190) and receiving TDs (22). He had 9 100-yard games in his career. He was USC's team MVP in 2006 as he had 71 grabs for 1,083 yards (15.3 avg.) and 9 scores. Additionally, key backup Chris McFoy also graduated, taking with him his 57 career catches and 17 starts. USC now turns to a number of young players to replace Jarrett and Smith, with the most experienced being junior **Patrick Turner** (29 rec, 272 yds, 9.4 avg, 2 TD in 2006 and 2 tac). A big target at 6-5, he was third on the team in receptions last fall while starting twice. He has 41 career catches. A pair of sophomores—**Vidal Hazelton** (1 rec, 8 yds, 8.0 avg in 2006, plus 1 tcb, 7 yds, 7.0 avg) and **Travon Patterson** (3 rec, 63 yds, 21.0 avg in 2006, plus 1 tcb, 1 yd, 1.0 avg)—gained limited but valuable experience last year. Converted soph quarterback **Garrett Green** (1 tac in 2006) has joined the wide receiving corps in 2007. Then there's redshirt freshman **David Ausberry**, who is almost as tall as Turner. Senior **Brad Walker**—a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall—has seen backup action in 31 games in his career, but has yet to catch a pass. There are 5 walk-on wide receivers in senior **Brent Yoshida** (a converted safety), redshirt freshmen **Sean Calcagnie**, **Scott Stephens** and **Spencer Vigoren**, along with true freshman **Caleb Nelan**. Sophomore **Damian Williams** transferred to USC in the spring of 2007 from Arkansas, where he started 5 games in 2006. He caught 19 passes for 235 yards (12.4 avg.) with 2 TDs last fall, including 4 clutch passes for 61 yards in the opener against USC, and was named a Freshman All-American third teamer. But he will have to sit out 2007 because of NCAA transfer rules. Supplementing this group is a pair of talented prep All-Americans who enrolled at USC this fall as freshmen: **Brandon Carswell** and **Ronald Johnson**.

TIGHT ENDS

Tight end is a deep, experienced unit for USC in 2007. Senior **Fred Davis** (38 rec, 352 yds, 9.3 avg, 3 TD in 2006) returned to the starting lineup. Known for his speed and downfield pass catching ability, he has 55 career catches. Fellow seniors **Dale Thompson** (3 rec, 19 yds, 6.3 avg in 2006), a key backup who started 3 times last year and is more the blocking type, and **Jimmy Miller**, who has 2 touchdowns in his 3 career catches, also are back. Then there's gifted sophomore **Anthony McCoy**, who missed most of the last half of the 2006 season with a hamstring injury. **Rhett Ellison**, the son of former USC and NFL linebacker Riki Gray Ellison, enrolled as a freshman this fall.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

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

DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

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

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

USC's defensive line returned nearly intact in 2007 and there are some top-notch backups, which means Troy should be especially stout up front on defense this year. Headlining this group is a pair of seniors who rank among the best in the country: nose tackle **Sedrick Ellis** (34 tac, 8 for loss, 4.5 sack, 2 FR, 1 FF, 1 BLK FG, 3 dfl in 2006), an All-American first teamer in 2006 when he won the Pac-10's Morris Trophy, and end

Lawrence Jackson (43 tac, 11 for loss, 4 sack, 3 dfl, 1 FR, 1 FF, 1 int, 2 BLK FG in 2006), who has 35 tackles for loss and 20 sacks in his career. Ellis is starting for his third season and Jackson—a 2006 All-Pac-10 second teamer after earning first team honors in 2005—for his fourth. Junior **Fili Moala** (20 tac, 7 for loss, 2.5 sack, 1 FR, 4 dfl in 2006) returns at a tackle spot (he even started 3 times at nose tackle last year for an injured Ellis). Angling for time at tackle are sophomore **Averell Spicer** (3 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack, 1 dfl in 2006) and redshirt freshman **Derek Simmons**. The other end spot, which opened up now that Brian Cushing moved back to his natural linebacker position in 2007, could be manned by junior **Kyle Moore** (5 tac, 1 dfl in 2006). Also in the mix at end are senior **Alex Morrow** (2 tac, 1 dfl in 2006) and junior **Gerald Washington**, who redshirted as a tight end last year. Looking to contribute immediately at end this fall as freshmen are prep All-Americans **Everson Griffen**, who was Super Prep's national Player of the Year in 2006, and **Michael Reardon**, plus **Trey Henderson**, believed to be the first Canadian player to be offered a scholarship to play football at USC. New freshmen at tackle this fall are prep All-American **DaJohn Harris**, plus **Christian Tupou**.

LINEBACKERS

USC's 2007 linebacker corps is the best in the nation. Period. The 3 starters are each worthy of All-American and Butkus Award notice: 2006 USC tackle and forced fumble leader **Keith Rivers** (85 tac, 7.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FR, 3 FF, 2 dfl in 2006) on the weakside, fellow 2006 All-Pac-10 first teamer **Rey Mauluga** (78 tac, 5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 int, 3 dfl, 1 FF in 2006) in the middle and **Brian Cushing** (57 tac, 13.5 for loss, 4.5 sack, 1 FF, 1 dfl, 1 BLK P in 2006, plus 1 KOR, 42 yds, 42.0 avg, 1 TD and 1 PR, 21 yds, 21.0 avg), who has moved back to his natural strongside spot after playing defensive end last year. Rivers, who is starting for his third season, won All-American honorable mention notice in 2006, as did Mauluga. Mauluga, second on the Trojans in tackles in 2006, also was a Sophomore All-American first team pick and Butkus Award semifinalist last year. Cushing, who led USC in tackles for a loss last season and also returned an onside kick for a TD, was an All-Pac-10 second team and Sophomore All-American third team selection in 2006. Cushing is filling in for departed Dallas Sartz, a 3-year starter on the strong side who helped USC to a 32-2 mark in games that he started. He had 70 tackles last year, including a team-best 7 sacks. The only other significant loss in this unit is Oscar Lua, who started 14 games in the middle in his career (3 last year) and topped Troy in tackles in 2005. Sartz was a fifth round NFL pick and Lua went in the seventh round. Not only is USC's linebacker corps talented, but it is deep. Versatile senior **Thomas Williams** (18 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 int, 1 FF in 2006) has played every linebacker position and has 10 career starts (including 2 last year at fullback). Junior **Kaluka Maiava** (34 tac, 3.5 for loss in 2006) can play either side and started once on the strong side in 2005. Junior **Clay Matthews** (15 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 sack in 2006), the son of the former Trojan All-American and NFL star linebacker of the same name, earned a scholarship last season and saw significant action. Sophomore **Luthur Brown** (5 tac in 2006) made his mark mainly on special teams in 2006. That foursome also thrives on special

teams. Then there's redshirt freshman **Michael Morgan**, as well as a pair of walk-ons in junior **Nick Garratt** (1 tac in 2006) and redshirt freshman **Dan Deckas**. Freshmen linebackers arriving this fall were prep All-Americans **Chris Galippo** and **Malcolm Smith**, the brother of ex-Trojan All-American wide receiver Steve Smith.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Not to sound like a broken record, but USC's secondary—like the rest of the defense—is loaded. All 4 starters returned, as did 2 others who have starting experience. Aggressive junior strong safety **Kevin Ellison** (64 tac, 6 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 FF, 1 int, 5 dfl in 2006) is back after earning Sophomore All-American second team honors in 2006. At free safety, there's sophomore **Taylor Mays** (62 tac, 3 int, 3 dfl in 2006), who was a 2006 All-American second teamer, national Defensive Freshman of the Year, Freshman All-American first teamer and Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year. He led USC in interceptions last year. But he'll be challenged by junior **Josh Pinkard** (6 tac in 2006), a 2005 starter (primarily at cornerback) who started the 2006 opener before being sidelined for the year with a knee injury. Pinkard might also see time at corner in 2007. Seeking time in the rotation at safety are junior **Mozique McCurtis** (4 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 int, 2 dfl in 2006), who was USC's often-employed nickel back in 2006, sophomore **Will Harris**, who missed most of the past 2 seasons with injuries (including all of 2006 with a knee injury), and redshirt freshman **Alfred Rowe** (he's also working at fullback). McCurtis is also available at cornerback. At safety, there also are 2 senior walk-ons—**Brent Yoshida** (he's being tried at wide receiver, too) and **Chase McWhorter**—and soph walk-on **Justin Hart**. Both starting cornerbacks returned from 2006. Senior **Terrell Thomas** (50 tac, 3 for loss, 3 sack, 2 int, 12 dfl, 2 FF, 1 TD on BLK FG return in 2006), a lockdown-type defender who led USC in deflections in 2006, was an All-Pac-10 second teamer last fall. On the other side is junior **Cary Harris** (45 tac, 1.5 for loss, 1 int, 1 FR, 2 dfl in 2006, plus 6 KOR, 93 yds, 15.5 avg), who also tried his hand at returning kickoffs early in 2006. Junior **Kevin Thomas** (10 tac, 1 FR, 1 dfl in 2006) started twice at cornerback last season, but missed most of the year with foot and ankle injuries. Sophomores **Shareece Wright** (15 tac, 2 FR in 2006) and **Vincent Joseph** (2 tac in 2006, plus 2 KOR, 32 yds, 16.0 avg), who also returned some kickoffs last season, are also in the cornerback mix. Both were stellar special teams performers in 2006. Then there are walk-on cornerbacks **Jim Abbott**, a junior, soph **Omari Crittenden** and freshman **Daniel Harper**. Enrolling this fall as a freshman was prep All-American safety **Marshall Jones**.

SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

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

SPECIALISTS

Junior **Greg Woidneck** (38.3 avg in 2006)—a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall—did a steady job in 2006 in his first year handling the punting duty after transferring from a junior college. He'll attempt to boost his average a few yards this year. He generally had good hang time on his punts, but opponents averaged 8.6 yards per return, thanks in part to a long scoring punt return and a blocked punt. Walk-on redshirt freshman **Billy O'Malley** is his back up. When record-setting senior-to-be Mario Danelo fell to his unfortunate death in early January of 2007, USC lost not only a beloved teammate but one of the nation's most accurate kickers. He hit 26-of-28 field goals (including 15 in a row) in his 2-year career as the starter, as well as 127-of-134 PATs. He set NCAA records for season PATs (83) and PAT attempts (86) in 2005. Last year, he was 15-of-16 on field goals and 44-of-48 on PATs. Also gone is Troy Van Blarcom, USC's kickoff man the past 2 years who left school after his sophomore season. In his career, 98 of his 179 kickoffs pinned opponents within the 20-yard line (with 68 touchbacks). The task of succeeding them falls on the right foot of junior **David Buehler** (1-of-1 FG in 2006). He nailed his only 3-point attempt last year when he was asked to try a 49-yarder against California (it was USC's longest field goal since 1998) and he also kicked off 8 times (7 of those were against Michigan in the Rose Bowl, with 6 pinning the Wolverines within the 20, including 3 touchbacks). He also doubled as a safety and fullback in 2006, seeing time in 10 games primarily on special teams in 2006. Three walk-ons—senior **Brad Smith** (a transfer from Davidson who is immediately eligible), sophomore juco transfer **Joe Houston** and freshman **Brook Van Muijen**—could challenge him this fall, but Buehler's fine showing in this past spring's practice has settled the coaches' uneasiness about the placekicking game. Walk-on junior **Jordan Congdon**, who hit 24 field goals in his 2 years at Nebraska (including a school record 19 in 2005), must sit out the 2007 season after transferring. Senior **Will Collins** returned for his fourth year as the snapper, a role he has filled flawlessly. Untested walk-on sophomore **Christian Putnam** backs him up. Senior quarterback **Michael McDonald** returned for his second season as the holder. He handled the job impeccably in 2006 and even threw a touchdown pass off a fake field goal. Sophomore wide receiver-quarterback **Garrett Green** and junior punter **Greg Woidneck** back him up. Sophomore tailback **C.J. Gable** (16 KOR, 432 yds, 27.0 avg in 2006) handled most of the kickoff returns in 2006 and proved effective as he finished 15th nationally in kickoff returns. Others back who returned kicks in 2006 are junior cornerback **Cary Harris** (6 KOR, 93 yds, 15.5 avg in 2006) and sophomore cornerback **Vincent Joseph** (2 KOR, 32 yds, 16.0 avg in 2006). Senior tailback **Desmond Reed** (20 PR, 109 yds, 5.4 avg in 2006, plus 2 KOR, 42 yds, 21.0 avg) also was tried briefly on kickoff returns last year, but he was USC's primary punt returner. Reed figures to continue in that role this fall after doing a steady job in 2006. Soph **Stafon Johnson** and several freshmen candidates—**Joe McKnight** and wide receiver **Ronald Johnson** and **Brandon Carswell**—also will get looked at to handle the return duties.

STATS OF NOTE

WINS

***USC has won 45 of its last 48 games, 56 of its last 60, 57 of its last 62, 59 of its last 65 and 63 of its last 70.

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

OFFENSE

***Offensively in 2006, USC was 14th nationally in passing offense (263.9, first in Pac-10), 18th in scoring offense (30.5, second in Pac-10) and 21st in total offense (391.9, third in Pac-10).

***Of USC's 64 offensive scoring drives in 2006, 31 took less than 3 minutes (including 21 under 2 minutes, with 7 of those less than a minute), while 21 consisted of 5 plays or less and 15 went 80-plus yards.

***Three USC wide receivers—**Patrick Turner** (12 versus Washington), Steve Smith (11 at both Washington State and Oregon State) and Dwayne Jarrett (11 versus Nebraska and Michigan)—caught at least 11 passes in a game in 2006, a first in a season in Trojan history.

SCORING

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 47 of its last 60 games.

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

***USC has scored at least 50 points in 6 of the last 17 games.

***USC has scored at least 20 points in 66 of its past 68 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

***USC had a streak of scoring 77 unanswered points in 2006 (the last 21 points at Oregon State and all 42 at Stanford).

***Since trailing late in the third quarter at Oregon State in 2006, 33-10, USC has outscored its opponents, 206-74.

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

***During the Pete Carroll era, USC has more than doubled the score of its opponents in the second half of games (1,437 to 666 points).

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

***USC won 5 consecutive games in 2006 by scoring less than 30 points each outing (Nebraska, Arizona, Washington State, Washington, Arizona State), the first time that happened since the first 5 contests of 2001 in Pete Carroll's first year at Troy.

***USC won 3 consecutive games by a touchdown or less in 2006 (Washington State, Washington, Arizona State), the first time that happened since 1968.

DEFENSE

***Defensively in 2006, USC was tied for ninth nationally in rushing defense (91.1, tied for first in Pac-10), 11th in scoring defense (15.2, first in Pac-10), 20th in total defense (295.9, first in Pac-10) and 22nd in pass efficiency defense (110.7, first in Pac-10).

***USC allowed just 28 points in the first quarter in 2006.

***USC held 7 opponents to 14 points or less in 2006.

***USC scored 83 points following turnovers gained in 2006 (following 13 of the 22 times it has come up with a turnover).

***USC allowed just 2 offensive touchdowns longer than 10 yards in 2006.

***USC has intercepted a pass in 49 of the last 62 games.

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

***USC has held 39 of its last 64 opposing teams to less than 100 rushing yards (6 times in 2006, 5 times in 2005, 8 times in 2004, 10 games in 2003 and 10 times in 2002).

RANDOM NOTES

***Only 6 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 59 games (California's Adimchinobe Echemandu did so in 2003 with 147, breaking a streak of 16 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher, Cal's J.J. Arrington in 2004 with 112, Washington State's Jerome Harrison in 2005 with 147, Fresno State's Wendell Mathis in 2005 with 109, Texas' Vince Young in 2005 with 200 and Oregon State's Clinton Polk in 2006 with 100).

***Under Pete Carroll, USC is 33-1 when holding opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense (the loss was to UCLA in 2006).

***Since allowing a 69-yard TD pass in the third quarter of the BYU game in 2004, USC has not allowed a pass completion longer than 45 yards (a span of 129 quarters).

MISCELLANEOUS

***USC in 2006 broke its Pac-10 record home average attendance record (91,480) for the fourth consecutive year and its Pac-10 record home total attendance record (548,880) for the second straight season.

***USC in 2006 broke the school record for the third straight year for home sellouts (6), regular season sellouts (10) and season sellouts (11).

***USC kicked off to start each of its 13 games in 2006.

***USC has played before crowds of at least 85,000 in 23 of its past 42 games.

***USC's last 10 home games have been sold out, a school record.

***USC had a streak of 12 consecutive games—home, road or neutral site—that were sellouts (from Washington State in 2005 to Arizona State in 2006).

***USC's last 13 home games (and 15 of its past 17) have been played in front of 90,000-plus crowds.

***USC played 7 night games in 2006, tying the school record first set in 2004.

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

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

TAKEAWAYS

In head coach Pete Carroll's 6 seasons at USC, Troy is +98 overall (211 takeaways and 113 giveaways). Until the 2006 season, USC was effective in the takeaway department during Carroll's tenure. USC's +1.5 turnover margin over Carroll's first 5 seasons was the best in the nation and its 189 takeaways during that span also were the most. The Trojans were just +0.3 in turnover margin in 2006 (getting 11 interceptions and 11 fumbles, while giving away 11 interceptions and 7 fumbles). USC was second nationally in turnover margin in 2005 (+1.6, first in Pac-10), getting 22 interceptions and 16 fumbles (while giving up only 10 interceptions and 7 fumbles) to continue an upward trend in its margin figure. In 2004, Troy led the nation with a +1.5 turnover margin by getting 22 interceptions and 16 fumbles (while giving up only 7 interceptions and 12 fumbles). In 2003, USC was +1.5 in turnover margin (second in the U.S. and first in the Pac-10) by getting 22 interceptions and 20 fumbles (and yielding only 9 interceptions and 13 fumbles). In 2002, the Trojans had 36 takeaways (19 fumbles and 17 interceptions) with only 18 turnovers and ranked fifth nationally in turnover margin (+1.4). In 2001, Troy had 35 takeaways (20 picks, 15 fumbles) with just 19 turnovers and ranked fifth in the nation in turnover margin at +1.3.

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

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

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

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

***Head coach **Pete Carroll** has made it a practice to play first-year freshmen at USC. During Carroll's 6 years at Troy, 66 first-year freshmen have seen action at USC (7 in 2001, 12 in 2002, 13 in 2003, 8 in 2004, 11 in 2005 and 15 in 2006).

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

***QB **John David Booty**, who enrolled at USC in the fall of 2003, is believed to be the first football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major Division I-A university.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Not only has head coach **Pete Carroll** produced numerous NFL draft picks (32) from his USC teams, but 10 of his Trojan assistant coaches have gone on to the NFL from USC: Lane Kiffin, Norm Chow, Kennedy Pola, Greg Burns, Tim Davis, Jethro Franklin, **Steve Sarkisian** (he has since returned to USC), Carl Smith, DeWayne Walker and Kirby Wilson. Kiffin, Franklin, Smith, Walker and Wilson all previously had NFL experience before coming to USC (as do current assistants **Pat Ruel**, **Todd McNair** and **John Morton**). And **Nick Holt** (Idaho) and Ed Orgeron (Mississippi) both left USC to become collegiate head coaches (Holt now is back at USC after a couple days' detour to the NFL).

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

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

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

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

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

***Five Trojans have already received their bachelor's degrees: FB **Jody Adewale**, OG-C **Jeff Byers**, TB **Hershel Dennis** and DE **Lawrence Jackson** from USC and PK **Brad Smith** from Davidson. Adewale (marriage and family therapy) and Byers (business) are working on their master's degrees.

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

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

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

***Strength and conditioning coach **Chris Carlisle** has beaten cancer. He learned he had Hodgkin's Disease in December of 2000, began radiation treatments in Tennessee (where he was still the Volunteers' associate strength and conditioning coach), was hired by USC in February of 2001, kept his illness a secret except to Trojan head coach Pete Carroll, continued treatments in Tennessee and at USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, then doctors told him in the summer of 2001 that the cancer was in remission. He informed the USC players of his ordeal at the start of fall 2001 camp. He was 1 of 17 nominees for the 2003 Most Courageous Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America and 1 of 11 nominees for the 2005 award.

***Seven Trojans have relatives who played on national championship USC football squads: SNP **Will Collins** (uncle, Joe Collins, was on the 1974 team), TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison, was on the 1978 team), OG-C **Nick Howell** (father, Pat Howell, was an All-American on the 1978 team), LB **Clay Matthews** (father, 1977 All-American Clay Matthews, was on the 1974 team and brother, Kyle Matthews, was on the 2003 team), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, 1979 All-American Paul McDonald, was on the 1978 team), LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, 2006 All-American Steve Smith, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams) and WR **Brad Walker** (cousin, Norm Katnik, was on the 2003 team and cousin, Kurt Katnik, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams).

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

***Speaking of genes: WR **David Ausberry's** cousin is Tommie Smith, the 1968 Olympic gold medalist in the 200 meters who is long remembered for giving the "Black Power" salute (with John Carlos) on the medal stand. OT **Sam Baker's** father, David, formerly

played basketball at UC Irvine and then professionally in Europe, while his brother, Ben, was an offensive lineman at Duke. QB **John David Booty's** father, Johnny, played quarterback at Arkansas, Louisiana Tech and Mississippi State, while his brother, Josh, played quarterback at LSU for 2 seasons (1999-2000) following a 5-year (1994-98) baseball career as an infielder in the Florida Marlins' organization (he then played with the NFL's Cleveland Browns) and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU (1997-99) and Valdosta State (2001). PK **David Buehler's** father, John, lettered on USC's 1969 track team as a shot putter, while his uncle, George Buehler, lettered in football at Stanford for 3 years (1966-68) and then played guard with the Oakland Raiders (1969-78) and Cleveland Browns (1978-79) and another uncle, Charles, lettered in football at Stanford for 3 years (1960-62). QB **Aaron Corp's** father, Chris, lettered at wide receiver for 2 years (1980-81) at Idaho State and was a member of the Bengals' NCAA Division I-AA championship team (he caught a TD pass in the title game), while his mother, Mary, played volleyball at Idaho State. TB **Hershel Dennis's** father, Hershel Sr., played tailback at North Carolina A&T. S **Kevin Ellison's** brother, Chris, was a defensive back at BYU in 1997 and 1998 and another brother, Keith, was a linebacker at Oregon State in 2004 and 2005 (he also played at San Diego State in 2002) who now plays with the NFL's Buffalo Bills, while his cousin, Donmic Ellison, played basketball at Washington State and New Mexico State. TE **Rhett Ellison's** father, Riki (Gray) Ellison, lettered at linebacker for 4 seasons (1978-80, 1982) at USC, where he was a member of the 1978 national championship team and earned All-Conference honors in 1979, then played in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (1983-89), where he appeared in the 1985 and 1989 Super Bowls, and Los Angeles Raiders (1990-92), while his sister, Wesley, played water polo at Michigan for 4 years (2004-07). TB **Broderick Green's** half-brother is Kansas City Chiefs safety Greg Wesley. DE **Everson Griffen's** cousin is Arizona State tailback Keegan Herring. DE **Lawrence Jackson's** brother, Keith, was an offensive tackle at Arizona. LB **Kaluka Maiava's** grandfather is ex-pro wrestler Neff Maiava and his uncle is pro wrestler/actor The Rock (Dwayne Johnson, who played football at Miami). LB **Clay Matthews's** cousin, Ashley Nick, is a junior on the USC women's soccer team. S **Taylor Mays's** father, Stafford Mays, was a defensive lineman at Washington in 1978 and 1979 who then played in the NFL with the St. Louis Cardinals (1980-86) and Minnesota Vikings (1987-88). TB **Joe McKnight's** sister, Johanna, is a junior on the basketball (guard) and track (sprints/jumps) teams at Richmond. TE **Jimmy Miller's** brother, Jeff, is a redshirt freshman defensive end at UCLA. DT **Fili Moala's** cousin is former Oregon defensive lineman Haloti Ngata, now with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. LB **Michael Morgan's** brother, Steve, was a defensive tackle at UCLA from 1999 to 2002. C **Kristofer O'Dowd's** grandfather, Jack, lettered in football at Arizona for 3 years (1930-32). DT **Alex Parsons's** brother, B. Jay Parsons, was a defensive end at Kentucky (2004-05). OT **Drew Radovich's** father, Mark, was a linebacker at Arizona State (1974-76). QB **Mark Sanchez's** brothers--Nick (Yale in 1992-93-94) and Brandon (DePauw in 1997)-played football in college. PK **Brad Smith's** father, Harold, ran track at Colgate. LB

Malcolm Smith's brother, Steve Smith, was a 2006 All-American wide receiver at USC who lettered 4 years with the Trojans (2003-06) and finished his career as Troy's No. 5 career pass catcher (190 receptions with 22 TDs). TB **Marc Tyler's** father, Wendell Tyler, was a running back at UCLA (1973-76) who led the Bruins in rushing in 1975 (they won the Rose Bowl that season), earned All-Conference first team honors in 1976 and is fifth on the school's career rushing list, then was an All-Pro with the Los Angeles Rams (1977-82) and San Francisco 49ers (1983-86), appearing in the Super Bowl in 1980 and 1985. WR **Brad Walker's** uncle, Norman Katnik, was a 2-year starting center at Arizona (1978-79). Head coach **Pete Carroll's** wife, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific, while his son, Brennan, was a tight end at Delaware and Pitt (he currently is an assistant football coach at USC) and his daughter, Jaime, played on the 2000 USC women's volleyball team. DB coach **Rocky Seto's** wife, Sharla, played soccer at USC. TE coach **Brennan Carroll** is the son of USC head coach Pete Carroll. LB coach **Ken Norton Jr.** is the son of Ken Norton Sr., the former world heavyweight boxing champion who played football at Northeast Missouri State. DL coach **Nick Holt** is the grandson of Clarence Buster Crabbe, USC's first All-American swimmer (1931) who was a 1931 NCAA freestyle titlist and 1932 Olympic gold medalist (he won a bronze in 1928) before starring in Hollywood as Tarzan, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. DB graduate assistant coach **Demetrice Martin's** brother, Jason, was a cornerback at Idaho.

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

ASSISTANT COACHES

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

IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 41 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 26 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as RB Reggie Bush, LBs Lofa Tatupu and Chris Claiborne, DLs Willie McGinest and Kenechi Udezue, WRs Keyshawn Johnson and Johnnie Morton, QBs Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart and DBs Troy Polamalu, Sammy Knight, Brian

Kelly and Daylon McCutcheon. Seven NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): Washington's Joe Gibbs, Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio, Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Seattle's Mike Holmgren, Oakland's Lane Kiffin, San Diego's Norv Turner and Detroit's Rod Marinelli. Thirteen current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: QB **John David Booty** (brother, Josh Booty), PK **David Buehler** (uncle, George Buehler), S **Kevin Ellison** (brother, Keith Ellison), TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison); TB **Broderick Green** (half-brother, Greg Wesley); OG-C **Nick Howell** (father, Pat Howell), LB **Clay Matthews** (grandfather, Clay Matthews Sr.; father, Clay Matthews; uncle, Bruce Matthews), S **Taylor Mays** (father, Stafford Mays), QB **Michael McDonald** (father, Paul McDonald), DT **Fili Moala** (cousin, Haloti Ngata), LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, Steve Smith); TB **Marc Tyler** (father, Wendell Tyler); and WR **Brad Walker** (cousin, Norm Katnik). OT **Sam Baker's** father, David, is the commissioner of the Arena Football League. Additionally, head coach **Pete Carroll** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach, and assistants **Todd McNair**, **John Morton**, **Pat Ruel** and **Steve Sarkisian** were NFL assistants. Five assistant coaches played professionally: **Ken Norton Jr.** and **Todd McNair** were in the NFL, while **Steve Sarkisian** was in the CFL, **John Morton** was in the CFL and NFL Europe and **Demetrice Martin** was in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League.

ROSTER UPDATES

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

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

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

—Nine players have joined the team as walk-ons: #38 **Jordan Congdon** (PK, 5-9, 180, 12/15/86, Jr./Jr., TR, San Diego, St. Augustine HS/Nebraska), #42 **Omari Crittenden** (CB, 6-0, 180, 4/11/88, So./So., SQ, Modesto, CA, Johansen HS/Modesto JC), #45 **Adam Goodman** (FB, 6-2, 235, 6/30/87, So.*/Jr., JC, Huntington Beach, Edison HS/Saddleback JC), #25 **Daniel Harper** (CB, 5-11, 180, 6/4/89, Fr./Fr., —, Rancho Cucamonga, Damien HS), #35 **Justin Hart** (S, 6-0, 180, 4/3/87, So.*/Jr., SQ, West Covina, CA, South Hills HS), #30 **Joe Houston** (PK, 5-8, 160, 9/4/86, So./So., JC, Redondo Beach, Mira Costa HS/EI Camino JC), #45 **Bradley Smith** (PK, 6-0, 180, 11/20/84, Sr.*/Sr., Danville, PA, Bloomsburg HS/Davidson), #42 **Brook Van Muijen** (PK, 5-11, 175, 10/21/88, Fr./Fr., —, Danville, Monte Vista HS), # 81 **Spencer Vigoren** (WR, 6-4, 230, 3/14/87, Fr.*/So., SQ, Dana Point, Dana Hills HS).

—Change the jersey number of DE **Michael Reardon** to #91.

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

—Pronunciation for CB **Omari Crittenden** is "o-MAR-ee CRIT-un-dun," PK **Brook Van Muijen** is "MEW-jen" and WR **Spencer Vigoren** is "vig-OR-un."

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

BIOS

JODY ADEWALE: Adewale will serve as a backup fullback and special teams player as a senior in 2007. He did not participate in 2007 spring practice after deciding to forgo his senior season, but changed his mind and rejoined the team in the fall of 2007. He was a backup fullback as a junior in 2006, although he did start 3 games (Arizona State, Oregon State, Notre Dame). Overall in 2006 while appearing in 9 games (all but Arkansas, Washington State, California and UCLA), he caught 2 passes for 16 yards (8.0 avg.), but did not carry the ball. He had a 6-yard catch against Washington and a 10-yarder versus Oregon. He was a backup fullback and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2005. He saw brief action in 7 games (Hawaii, Arkansas, Oregon, Arizona State, Arizona, Stanford and UCLA). He made 2 tackles (1 each against Arkansas and Oregon). Adewale, who was switched from tailback to fullback prior to 2004 spring drills, served as a backup there as a redshirt freshman in 2004. He saw brief action in 5 games (Colorado State, BYU, Washington, Notre Dame and Oklahoma). He caught a 16-yard pass against Washington. He redshirted as a freshman tailback in 2003, his first year at USC. He was named a 2002 Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West honorable mention, Tom Lemming All-West, Long Beach Press-Telegram Best of the Rest, All-L.A. City second team and Los Angeles Times All-Central City first team (as a defensive back) selection as a senior at Roosevelt High in Los Angeles (Calif.). He ran for 1,400-plus yards and 26 TDs as a running back and made 27 tackles with an interception as a defensive back. As a junior in 2001, he made All-L.A. City, Los Angeles Times All-Central City first team and All-League first team while running for 1,660 yards and 25 TDs and posting 144 tackles and an interception at linebacker. He also competed in basketball and track at Roosevelt.

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

GREG WOIDNECK: Woidneck, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2007, returns for his second season as USC's punter. Woidneck, who won the starting punter job in 2006 fall camp as a walk-on sophomore after transferring to USC via Arizona State and then a junior college, averaged 38.3 yards on his 48 punts while appearing in all 13 games in 2006. He also had a tackle. Sixteen of his 48 punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line and 5 traveled at least 50 yards. He pinned Arkansas within the 20 on 2 of his 3 punts while averaging 35.7 yards. He averaged 41.8 yards on his 4 punts

against Nebraska and 44.5 yards on his 2 punts at Arizona. He averaged 44.2 yards on his 4 punts (with a 59-yarder) at Washington State and 43.0 yards on his 2 punts versus Washington. He then averaged 42.6 yards on 5 punts versus Arizona State and 37.5 yards on his 4 punts at Oregon State, 34.0 yards on his 4 punts at Stanford and 41.5 yards on his 2 punts versus Oregon. Against California, he averaged 30.2 yards on his 5 punts (with a pair within the 20 and a 59-yarder). He averaged 33.5 yards on his 2 punts (and he had another blocked) against Notre Dame. He averaged 38.7 yards on his 7 punts at UCLA, with 4 pinning the Bruins inside the 20. He averaged 35.2 yards on his 4 punts, with a 55-yarder, against Michigan. Woidneck averaged 39.5 yards on 42 punts in 2005 as a freshman at Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut (Calif.). Fourteen of his punts pinned opponents within the 20-yard line and he had a long of 73 yards. Woidneck redshirted as a first-year freshman punter at Arizona State in 2004. He was named to the 2003 Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, Los Angeles Times All-Orange County first team and All-Century League first team as a senior punter at Brea Olinda High in Brea (Calif.). He averaged 42.3 yards per punt in 2003. He also started at safety and linebacker as a junior and senior at Brea Olinda. He's a business administration major at USC with a B- average (2.83 GPA). His Brian and Rob, were managers with the USC football team (2001-02).

ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 360 times, including 226 of the past 228 games (USC's last 67 games have been televised). In fact, USC had an amazing streak of 111 consecutive games on some form of live television from 1988 to 1997 (snapped against Oregon State) and another streak of 48 in a row from 1997 to 2001 (broken against California).

ACADEMICS

Among the top scholars on the 2007 Trojan squad are: WR-QB **Garrett Green** (3.50, business administration), OG-C **Jeff Byers** (3.27, business administration), QB **Mark Sanchez** (3.24), WR-S **Brent Yoshida** (3.16, architecture), SNP **Christian Putnam** (2.94, mathematics), LB **Clay Matthews** (2.90, international relations), LB **Nick Garratt** (2.90, history), FB **Jody Adewale** (2.84, psychology), P **Greg Woidneck** (2.83, business administration), **Jim Abbott** (2.83, business administration), WR **Spencer Vigoren** (2.80), QB **Jon Breuer** (2.77, economics), CB **Cary Harris** (2.73, health promotion and disease prevention), **Cooper Stephenson** (2.73) and WR **Brad Walker** (2.72, public policy, management and planning). Matthews made the 2006 Pac-10 All-Academic second team. In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tops in the Pac-10 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 12 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 5 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top Six winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar and 1 Academic All-American Hall of Famer.

USC IS THE PLACE TO BE

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

SCOUTING IDAHO

Robb Akey, previously the defensive coordinator at Washington State, takes over as head coach at Idaho this year. He inherited a team that went 4-8 last year (3-5 for sixth in the Western Athletic Conference), dropping the last 5 contests. The retooled offense, under new coordinator **Steve Axman**, features a trio of talented running backs: senior **Brian Flowers** (128 tcb, team-high 561 yds, 4.4 avg, 4 TD in 2006), junior **Jayson Bird** (137 tcb, 506 yds, 3.7 avg, 7 TD in 2006), who started in 2004 when he had 859 rushing yards before getting hurt, and redshirt freshman **Deonte Jackson**. Redshirt frosh **Nathan Enderle** has emerged as the starting quarterback. Junior WR **Max Komar** (17 rec, 313 yds, 18.4 avg in 2006) is the top returning receiver. Anchoring the offensive line is junior C **Adam Korby**. The Vandals should be strong on defense, which has switched to a 3-4 alignment from last season's 4-3. Key returning defenders include senior LB **David Vobora** (134 tac, 15 for loss, 2 sack, 1 int, 4 dfl, 2 FF in 2006), a 2006 All-WAC first teamer who led the league in tackles, and senior CB **Stanley Franks** (48 tac, 9 int, 7 dfl, 1 FR, 2 FF in 2006), another All-WAC first team pick who led the nation in interceptions.

GAME PROMOTIONS

There will be a tribute to late record-setting USC placekicker **Mario Danelo**, who died in a tragic fall from a cliff in his hometown of San Pedro (Calif.) this past January following his junior season, prior to kickoff...The late Oscar-winning actor **John Wayne**, who played football at USC in the 1920s under his real name of Marion Morrison, will be saluted at halftime to recognize his 100th birthday, with family members in attendance...It's **Poster Day**, as USC's 2007 football schedule poster will be handed out free to fans...More than 2,000 local disadvantaged youths will be in attendance as part of the "**Touchdown For Youth**" program conducted by USC and the Los Angeles Sports Council Foundation...Some 2,000 underprivileged youngsters will attend the game as part of the **Los Angeles Children's Hospital Kid's Corner** program...The **USC women's soccer team**, guided by new head coach Ali Khosroshahin, will be recognized during the **Office Depot Trojan Spotlight**... Women's volleyballer **Diane Copenhagen** will be honored during the **Lowe's Senior Salute**.

OTHER USC SPORTS IN ACTION

The Top 10-ranked **USC women's volleyball team** hosts the USC Classic Tourney in the Galen and will face Cal State Northridge on Thursday (Aug. 30) at 7 p.m., Duke on Friday (Aug. 31) at 7 p.m. and Mercer on Saturday (Sept. 1) at 1 p.m...The Top 25-ranked **USC women's soccer team**, with new head coach Ali Khosroshahin making his debut, hosts Weber State on Friday (Aug. 31) at 3 p.m. at McAlister Field.

INJURY UPDATE

PROBABLE: OT **Sam Baker** (ribs), LB **Thomas Williams** (ankle)

QUESTIONABLE: TB **Chauncey Washington** (shoulder), TB **Joe McKnight** (knee), QB **Mark Sanchez** (thumb), S **Will Harris** (ankle), WR **Travon Patterson** (foot)

OUT: TB **Hershel Dennis** (knee), TB **Marc Tyler** (leg), OT **Martin Coleman** (shoulder), DE **Trey Henderson** (knee), WR **Damian Williams** (shoulder)

QUOTABLE

DE **Lawrence Jackson**, on his philosophical nature: "I'm interested in how the world turns. I'm really into the awareness of 'If this happens, then that happens.' I look at things that happen and why they happen. When people look at something from one direction, they can't know everything fully. You have to understand what you don't understand to have a global point of view. I think about stuff the average person doesn't think about. I'm not a philosopher. I have a philosophical point of view. It's just the way I look at things. There's black and white, but there's also a gray area that not everybody focuses on, but it's there."

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE —	9	David Ausberry (6-4, 225, Fr.)*
	48	Brad Walker (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	14	Garrett Green (6-2, 205, So.)
	80	Brandon Carswell (6-2, 175, Fr.)
LT —	79	Sam Baker (6-5, 305, Sr.)*
	71	Charles Brown (6-6, 290, So.)*
	68	Butch Lewis (6-5, 280, Fr.)*
	56	Alex Parsons (6-4, 285, So.)
LG —	53	Jeff Byers (6-4, 285, Jr.)*
	70	Alatini Malu (6-4, 330, Sr.)*
C —	69	Matt Spanos (6-5, 305, Sr.)*
	61	Kristofer O'Dowd (6-5, 300, Fr.)
RG —	66	Chilo Rachal (6-5, 315, Jr.)*
	74	Zack Heberer (6-5, 300, Fr.)*
RT —	71	Charles Brown (6-6, 290, So.)* OR
	60	Drew Radovich (6-5, 305, Sr.)* OR
	77	Thomas Herring (6-6, 300, So.)*
	76	Nick Howell (6-5, 275, So.)*
TE —	83	Fred Davis (6-4, 250, Sr.)
	89	Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, Sr.)
	86	Anthony McCoy (6-5, 255, So.)
	88	Jimmy Miller (6-5, 250, Jr.)*
	40	Rhett Ellison (6-5, 235, Fr.)
FL —	1	Patrick Turner (6-5, 220, Jr.)
	7	Vidal Hazelton (6-3, 210, So.)
	8	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 190, Fr.)
	17	Travon Patterson (5-10, 175, So.)
QB —	10	John David Booty (6-3, 215, Sr.)*
	16	Michael McDonald (6-2, 185, Sr.)* OR
	6	Mark Sanchez (6-3, 225, So.)*
	15	Aaron Corp (6-3, 185, Fr.)
FB —	31	Stanley Havili (6-1, 225, Fr.)*
	45	Adam Goodman (6-2, 235, So.)*
	35	Jody Adewale (6-0, 230, Sr.)*
	37	Jordan Campbell (6-0, 225, Fr.)
	39	Alfred Rowe (6-0, 205, Fr.)*
TB —	23	Chauncey Washington (6-1, 220, Sr.)* OR
	2	C.J. Gable (6-1, 195, So.) OR
	13	Stafon Johnson (6-0, 210, So.) OR
	21	Allen Bradford (6-0, 225, So.) OR
	29	Broderick Green (6-1, 230, Fr.)
	22	Desmond Reed (5-9, 185, Sr.)* OR
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 180, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

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

DEFENSE

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

RETURNERS

KOR —	23	Vincent Joseph (5-10, 180, So.) OR
	22	Desmond Reed (5-9, 185, Sr.)* OR
	2	C.J. Gable (6-1, 195, So.)
	13	Stafon Johnson (6-0, 210, So.) OR
	8	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 180, Fr.)
PR —	22	Desmond Reed (5-9, 185, Sr.)*
	8	Ronald Johnson (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR
	13	Stafon Johnson (6-0, 210, So.) OR
	4	Joe McKnight (6-0, 180, Fr.) OR
	80	Brandon Carswell (6-2, 175, Fr.)

2007 USC FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birthday	Cl.(Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
1	TURNER, Patrick	WR	6-5	220	5/19/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Nashville, TN (Goodpasture)
2	GABLE, C.J.	TB	6-1	195	10/19/87	So./So.	1V	Sylmar (Sylmar)
2	MAYS, Taylor	S	6-4	225	2/7/88	So./So.	1V	Seattle, WA (O'Dea)
4	McKNIGHT, Joe	TB	6-0	180	4/16/88	Fr./Fr.	—	River Ridge, LA (John Curtis)
4	ELLISON, Kevin	S	6-1	225	1/8/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Inglewood (Redondo Union)
6	SANCHEZ, Mark	QB	6-3	225	11/11/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
6	SMITH, Malcolm	LB	6-2	215	7/5/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Northridge (Taft)
7	HAZELTON, Vidal	WR	6-3	210	1/29/88	So./So.	1V	New York, NY (Hargrave Military Academy)
7	HARRIS, Cary	CB	6-0	180	3/22/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Pacoima (Notre Dame)
8	JOHNSON, Ronald	WR	6-1	190	8/3/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Muskegon, MI (Muskegon)
9	AUSBERRY, David	WR	6-4	225	9/25/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Lemoore (Lemoore)
9	McCURTIS, Moziq	S-CB	6-1	225	12/24/84	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (St. Augustine/Grossmont JC)
10	BOOTY, John David	QB	6-3	215	1/3/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Shreveport, LA (Evangel Christian)
10	CUSHING, Brian	LB	6-4	240	1/24/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Park Ridge, NJ (Bergen Catholic)
13	JOHNSON, Stafon	TB	6-0	210	2/6/88	So./So.	1V	Compton (Dorsey)
14	GREEN, Garrett	WR-QB	6-2	205	5/21/88	So./So.	1V	Chatsworth (Notre Dame)
15	CORP, Aaron	QB	6-3	185	3/6/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Villa Park (Orange Lutheran)
15	THOMAS, Kevin	CB	6-1	185	9/20/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Oxnard (Rio Mesa)
16	McDONALD, Michael	QB	6-2	185	5/11/85	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Newport Beach (Newport Harbor)
16	MUSTAIN, Mitch	QB	6-3	205	2/27/88	So./So.	TR	Springdale, AR (Springdale/Arkansas)
17	PATTERSON, Travon	WR	5-10	175	9/20/88	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Poly)
17	BREUER, Jon	QB	6-1	205	1/16/87	So.*/Jr.	TR	Portland, OR (Jesuit/Assumption)
18	BUEHLER, David	PK	6-2	225	2/5/87	Jr./Jr.	1V	Anaheim (Canyon/Santa Ana JC)
21	BRADFORD, Allen	TB	6-0	225	8/31/88	So./So.	1V	San Bernardino (Colton)
22	REED, Desmond	TB	5-9	185	6/16/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Temple City (Temple City)
22	ABBOTT, Jim	CB	5-10	175	10/8/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Marino (Loyola)
23	WASHINGTON, Chauncey	TB	6-1	220	4/29/85	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Torrance (South Torrance)
23	JOSEPH, Vincent	CB	5-10	180	1/20/88	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Poly)
24	WRIGHT, Shareece	CB	6-0	180	4/8/87	So./So.	1V	Colton (Colton)
25	HARPER, Daniel	CB	5-11	180	6/4/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Rancho Cucamonga (Damien)
25	O'MALLEY, Billy	P	6-1	190	8/19/87	Fr.*/So.	—	Novelty, OH (St. Ignatius)
26	TYLER, Marc	TB	6-0	215	9/27/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Yorba Linda (Oaks Christian)
26	HARRIS, Will	S	6-1	205	12/29/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Covina (Charter Oak)
27	JONES, Marshall	S	6-0	185	9/7/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Agoura Hills (Oaks Christian)
28	THOMAS, Terrell	CB	6-1	200	1/8/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Alta Loma (Rancho Cucamonga)
29	GREEN, Broderick	TB	6-1	230	5/22/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Little Rock, AR (Pulaski Academy)
29	YOSHIDA, Brent	WR-S	5-10	185	11/22/84	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach/Arizona State)
30	McWHORTER, Chase	S	5-8	185	10/3/84	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Coto de Caza (Santa Margarita)
30	HOUSTON, Joe	PK	5-8	160	9/4/86	So./So.	JC	Redondo Beach (Mira Costa/El Camino JC)
31	HAVILI, Stanley	FB	6-1	225	11/14/87	Fr.*/So.	1V	Salt Lake City, UT (Cottonwood)
34	DENNIS, Hershel	TB	5-11	200	7/12/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Long Beach (Poly)
35	ADEWALE, Jody	FB	6-0	230	2/21/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Roosevelt)
35	HART, Justin	S	6-0	180	4/3/87	So.*/Jr.	SQ	West Covina (South Hills)
36	PINKARD, Josh	S-CB	6-1	215	4/2/86	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Oxnard (Hueneme)
37	CAMPBELL, Jordan	FB	6-0	225	6/29/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Corona (Norco)
38	CONGDON, Jordan	PK	5-9	180	12/15/86	Jr./Jr.	TR	San Diego (St. Augustine/Nebraska)
39	ROWE, Alfred	FB-S	6-0	205	2/2/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Poly)
40	ELLISON, Rhett	TE	6-5	235	10/3/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Portola Valley (St. Francis)
41	WILLIAMS, Thomas	LB	6-3	235	12/25/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Vacaville (Vacaville)
42	CRITTENDEN, Omari	CB	6-0	180	4/11/88	So./So.	SQ	Modesto (Johansen/Modesto JC)
42	VAN MUIJEN, Brook	PK	5-11	175	10/21/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Danville (Monte Vista)
43	MAIAVA, Kaluka	LB	6-0	225	3/22/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Wailuku, HI (Baldwin)
44	TUPOU, Christian	DT	6-2	275	5/7/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Sacramento (Grant)
44	WOIDNECK, Greg	P	6-0	200	6/9/86	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Brea (Brea Olinda/Arizona State/Mt. San Antonio JC)
45	GOODMAN, Adam	FB	6-2	235	6/30/87	So.*/Jr.	JC	Huntington Beach (Edison/Saddleback CC)
45	SMITH, Brad	PK	6-0	180	11/20/84	Sr.*/Sr.	TR	Danville, PA (Bloomsburg/Davidson)
46	MORGAN, Michael	LB	6-3	220	1/16/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
46	CALCAGNIE, Sean	WR	6-0	190	4/6/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Trabuco Canyon (Tesoro)
47	MATTHEWS, Clay	LB	6-4	240	5/14/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Agoura Hills (Agoura)
47	STEPHENS, Scott	WR	6-1	180	2/5/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (St. Francis)
48	WALKER, Brad	WR	6-2	215	10/11/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Tustin (Foothill)
49	ELLIS, Sedrick	DT	6-2	305	7/9/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Chino (Chino)
50	COLLINS, Will	SNP	6-2	230	5/1/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Laguna Beach (Mater Dei)
52	BROWN, Luthur	LB	6-3	230	4/7/87	So.*/Jr.	1V	Lakewood (Lakewood)
53	BYERS, Jeff	OG-C	6-4	285	9/7/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Fort Collins, CO (Loveland)
54	GALIPPO, Chris	LB	6-2	235	4/12/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Corona (Servite)
55	RIVERS, Keith	LB	6-3	235	5/5/86	Sr./Sr.	3V	Lake Mary, FL (Lake Mary)
56	PARSONS, Alex	OT	6-4	285	9/14/87	So./So.	1V	Irvine (Woodbridge)
57	GARRATT, Nick	LB	6-1	230	6/16/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	South Lake Tahoe (South Tahoe)
58	MAUALUGA, Rey	LB	6-3	250	1/20/87	Jr./Jr.	2V	Eureka (Eureka)
59	DECKAS, Dan	LB	5-10	215	12/17/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Edina, MN (Edina)
60	RADOVICH, Drew	OT	6-5	305	6/20/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
61	O'DOWD, Kristofer	C	6-5	300	5/14/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Tucson, AZ (Salpointe Catholic)
63	PUTNAM, Christian	SNP	5-11	210	12/26/85	So.*/Jr.	TR	South Pasadena (South Pasadena/Pasadena CC)
66	RACHAL, Chilo	OG	6-5	315	3/15/86	Fr.*/Sr.	2V	Compton (Dominguez)
68	LEWIS, Butch	OT	6-5	280	12/1/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Denver, CO (Regis Jesuit)
69	SPANOS, Matt	C	6-5	305	12/31/84	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Corona (Corona)
70	MALU, Alatini	OG	6-4	330	4/30/81	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Torrance (Torrance/Long Beach CC)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hgt.</u>	<u>Wgt.</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Cl.(Ath/Ac)</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School/JC/College)</u>
71	BROWN, Charles	OT	6-6	290	4/10/87	So.*/Jr.	1V	Chino Hills (Diamond Ranch)
72	COLEMAN, Martin	OT	6-5	320	7/2/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Huntington Beach (Edison)
74	HEBERER, Zack	OG	6-5	300	6/9/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Pedro (San Pedro)
75	MOALA, Fili	DT	6-5	295	6/23/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Buena Park (Western)
76	HOWELL, Nick	OG-C	6-5	275	10/10/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Fresno (Bullard)
77	HERRING, Thomas	OT-OG	6-6	300	3/22/85	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Los Angeles (Fremont)
79	BAKER, Sam	OT	6-5	305	5/30/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Tustin (Tustin)
80	CARSWELL, Brandon	WR	6-2	175	5/22/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Milpitas (Milpitas)
81	WASHINGTON, Gerald	DE	6-6	260	4/23/82	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Vallejo (Vallejo/Chaffey JC)
81	VIGOREN, Spencer	WR	6-4	230	3/14/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Dana Point (Dana Hills)
82	WILLIAMS, Damian	WR	6-1	190	5/26/88	So./So.	TR	Springdale, AR (Springdale/Arkansas)
83	DAVIS, Fred	TE	6-4	250	1/15/86	Sr./Sr.	3V	Toledo, OH (Rogers)
84	MOORE, Kyle	DE	6-6	275	10/25/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Kathleen, GA (Houston County)
85	STEPHENSON, Cooper	FB	6-3	215	6/2/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Diego (Torrey Pines)
86	McCOY, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	12/28/87	So./So.	1V	Fresno (Bullard)
87	NELAN, Caleb	WR	6-2	200	2/6/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Dallas, TX (Keller)
88	MILLER, Jimmy	TE	6-5	250	3/4/86	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Thousand Oaks (Westlake)
89	THOMPSON, Dale	TE	6-4	255	4/22/86	Sr./Sr.	3V	Corona (Santiago)
90	SIMMONS, Derek	DT	6-4	275	2/16/88	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Suisun (Armijo)
91	REARDON, Michael	DE	6-5	265	12/23/88	Fr./Fr.	—	Anaheim (Orange Lutheran)
92	HENDERSON, Trey	DE	6-3	265	10/10/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Vancouver, British Columbia (Vancouver College)
93	GRIFFEN, Everson	DE	6-3	265	12/22/87	Fr./Fr.	—	Avondale, AZ (Agua Fria)
96	JACKSON, Lawrence	DE	6-5	270	8/30/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Inglewood (Inglewood)
97	MORROW, Alex	DE	6-6	270	2/4/85	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rohnert Park (Rancho Cotate)
98	HARRIS, DaJohn	DT	6-4	270	1/24/89	Fr./Fr.	—	Inglewood (Serra)
99	SPICER, Averell	DT	6-2	290	4/26/87	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)

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