

# TROJAN FOOTBALL

11 National Championships  
34 Bowl Victories  
175 All-Americans  
7 Heisman Trophy Winners



523 NFL Draft Picks  
85 NFL 1st Round Draftees  
5 No. 1 Overall NFL Draft Picks  
23 Academic All-Americans

## 2023 SCHEDULE (2-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 26	San Jose State	W, 56-28
Sept. 2	Nevada	W, 66-14
Sept. 9	Stanford	7:30 p.m. PT, FOX
Sept. 16	BYE DATE	
Sept. 23	at Arizona State	TBA
Sept. 30	at Colorado	TBA
Oct. 7	Arizona	TBA
Oct. 14	at Notre Dame	4:30 p.m. PT, NBC
Oct. 21	Utah	TBA
Oct. 28	at California	TBA
Nov. 4	Washington	TBA
Nov. 11	at Oregon	TBA
Nov. 18	UCLA	TBA
Nov. 25	BYE DATE	
Dec. 1	Pac-12 Champ.	5 p.m. PT, ABC

Release Date: Sept. 4, 2023



## GAME 3

**No. 6 USC**  
(2-0 overall, 0-0 Pac-12 Conference)

vs.

**Stanford**  
(1-0 overall, 0-0 Pac-12 Conference)

**Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m. PT, FOX**  
**United Airlines Field at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum**



### USC'S OLDEST RIVAL

• No. 6 USC will play the first Pac-12 game of 2023 when long-time foe Stanford comes to visit the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum one final time as a member of the Pac-12 Conference. It's a nationally-televised primetime matchup on FOX.

• Stanford is USC's oldest rival, dating back to 1905. The Trojans have won 6 of the last 11 games against the Cardinal dating back to 2013 (the two teams did not meet in 2020 for the first time since 1945).

• USC has won 2 of its last 3 home games against Stanford dating back to 2017.

• As USC enters the Big Ten Conference in 2024 and Stanford has just announced its move to the Atlantic Coastal Conference in 2024, this could be the last matchup between two historic west coast rivals for the foreseeable future.

• This is the Pac-12's first conference game of 2023.

### NEVADA RECAP

• Defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** went 18-of-24 for 319 yards and 5 TDs and rushed for 42 yards to lead the Trojans to victory over Nevada 66-14 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. His 5 touchdown passes tied his most as a Trojan (4th time). Williams has a career high of 6 TD passes while at Oklahoma (vs. Texas Tech on Oct. 10, 2021).

• Through two games, Williams is 36-of-49 (.735) with 9 TDs and 0 INTs.

• As of Sept 3, he is No 1 in the nation (and No. 1 in the Pac-12 Conference) in passing TDs (9), No. 1 in the nation (and No. 1 in the Pac-12 Conference) in points responsible for (54), No. 2 in the nation (and No. 1 in the Pac-12 Conference) in passing yards (597), No. 4 in the nation (and No. 1 in the Pac-12 Conference) in passing efficiency (236.4), No. 5 in the nation (and No. 1 in the Pac-12 Conference) in yards per pass attempt (12.18), No. 6 in the nation (and No. 1 in the Pac-12 Conference) in passing yards per completion (16.58) and No. 6 in the nation (and No. 2 in the Pac-12 Conference) in points responsible for per game (27.0).

• The last time USC opened a season by scoring more than 50 points in each of its first two games was the 2015 season. USC began that season with a 55-6 win over Arkansas State and a 59-9 win over Idaho. Both games were also at home.

• The last time USC scored more points in any two games in a season (122 points through 2 games) was the start of the 2005 season, when the Trojans scored 133 in defeating at home Hawai'i (63-17) and Arkansas (70-17).

• The 66 points scored were USC's most since defeating Rice also 66-14 in the 2022 season opener on Sept. 3, 2022.

• The 35 first-half points scored by USC matches the most points by the Trojans in a half under Lincoln Riley, done twice before (35 in the second half vs. Rice on Sept. 3, 2022 and 35 in first half vs. Stanford on Sept. 10, 2022).

• USC had 668 total yards of offense against Nevada and 501 total yards against San José State. USC now has 11 games of 500 or more total yards under Lincoln Riley (16 games).

• USC's 668 total yards were its most since amassing 737 total yards vs. Idaho on Sept. 12, 2015 in a 59-9 win.

• **QB Miller Moss** also saw action going 7-of-10 (.700) with 1 TD. He threw a career-long 71-yard TD pass to **WR Duce Robinson** in the fourth quarter (the first TD of Robinson's USC career).

• **WR Zachariah Branch** opened the game with a 22-yard TD.

• **WR Tahj Washington** caught 2 TDs and had 3 receptions for 75 yards. The 2 TD catches ties his career high for one game (3rd time).

• **RB MarShawn Lloyd** scored his first TD as a Trojan and 11th rushing TD of his career with a 24-yard scamper in the first quarter. In 21 games at South Carolina, Lloyd had 10 rushing and 2 receiving TDs. Tonight, Lloyd had 7 carries for 76 yards and the 1 TD.

• **RB Quinten Joyner** had a 47-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. It was the freshman's first career TD for USC and it is the longest TD run by a Trojan this season. In total, Joyner had 4 carries for 65 yards.



### TROJANS ON THE AIR

**Live national TV:** 7:30 p.m. (PT), FOX, Tim Brando, Spencer Tillman and Josh Sims  
**Trojan Tailgate Show:** 5:30 p.m. (PT), Shaun Cody, Su'a Cravens, Max Browne, Cody Kessler and Jordan Moore. Live on USC Athletics' Facebook, YouTube and Twitter and the USC Trojans App.

**Live local radio:** 5:30 p.m. (PT), AM 790 KABC Radio, Pete Arbogast, Shaun Cody, Max Browne, Su'a Cravens, Jordan Moore, Jason Schwartz (includes 2-hour pre- and post-game shows). The game also can be heard on the Trojan Radio Network--KSHP 1400AM and 107.1FM in Las Vegas, KSZL 1230AM in Barstow, KJJZ-HD3 102.7FM in Thousand Palms and HSRN 95.1FM and 760AM in Honolulu--as well as on USC Trojans.com and KABC.com and on SiriusXM satellite radio (channels 197, 198, 397 or 959 and 960 on the app).

**Trojans Live:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. (PT), Mondays, live on Youtube, 7-8 p.m. (PT) airs on AM 790 KABC Radio, Jordan Moore, Shaun Cody, Max Browne, Cody Kessler and Keely Eure. Also live streamed on USC Athletics App.

### TICKETS

Tickets for USC home football games are on sale online at USC Trojans.com/tickets or by calling (213) 740-GOSC (4672). To reserve a spot in a Coliseum Field Suite or in the Field Club, contact the USC Premium Department at premium@usc.edu.



## PAC-12 STANDINGS

	PAC-12		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
USC	0	0	2	0
ASU	0	0	1	0
ARIZ	0	0	1	0
CAL	0	0	1	0
COLO	0	0	1	0
DRE	0	0	1	0
OSU	0	0	1	0
STAN	0	0	1	0
UCLA	0	0	1	0
UTAH	0	0	1	0
WASH	0	0	1	0
WSU	0	0	1	0

## AP POLL

1. Georgia
2. Michigan
3. Ohio State
4. Alabama
5. LSU
6. USC
7. Penn State
8. Florida State
9. Clemson
10. Washington
11. Texas
12. Tennessee
13. Notre Dame
14. Utah
15. Oregon
16. Kansas State
17. TCU
18. Oregon State
19. Wisconsin
20. Oklahoma
21. North Carolina
22. Ole Miss
23. Texas A&M
24. Tulane
25. Iowa

## COACHES POLL

1. Georgia
2. Michigan
3. Alabama
4. Ohio State
5. LSU
6. USC
7. Penn State
8. Florida State
9. Clemson
10. Tennessee
11. Washington
12. Texas
13. Notre Dame
14. Utah
15. Oregon
16. TCU
17. Kansas State
18. Oregon State
19. Oklahoma
20. North Carolina
21. Wisconsin
22. Ole Miss
23. Tulane
24. Texas Tech
25. Texas A&M

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• **DT Stanley Ta'ufo'ou** returned a fumble for a 23-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was the first fumble recovery by a Trojan returned for a touchdown since Tuli Tuipulotu at Washington State on Sept. 18, 2021. In his press conference after the game, Coach Riley said, "Obviously Stanley's fumble return was probably the major highlight of the game. When big people score, football is more fun. So that was awesome."

• **ILB Shane Lee** led USC with 10 tackles today.

• USC recorded 5 sacks, one each by **RUSH Jamil Muhammad**, **RUSH Solomon Byrd**, **RUSH Braylan Shelby**, **ILB Shane Lee** and **DT De'jon Benton**.

• **PK Denis Lynch** went 9-for-9 in extra-point attempts and made a 37-yard field goal.

## STANFORD SCOUTING REPORT

• Stanford is 1-0 overall after defeating Hawaii 37-24 in its season opener in Honolulu.

• It was the debut for new head coach **Troy Taylor** leading the Cardinal. He spent the last four seasons at Sacramento State.

• **QB Ashton Daniels** went 22-of-36 for 249 yards and 2 TDs and no INTs. It was his first career start.

• **TE Benjamin Yurosek** was Daniel's favorite target and caught 9 passes for a career-high 138 yards.

• **WR John Humphreys** had 3 receptions for 29 yards and 1 TD.

• **RB Casey Filkins** led the Cardinal in rushing with 67 yards on 6 carries.

• **RBs E.J. Smith** and **Bryce Farrell** each scored rushing TDs.

• Defensively, **S Alaka'i Gilman** led the team with 7 tackles.

• **OLB David Bailey** recorded 3 sacks for minus 20 yards against Hawaii.

• **S Jimmy Wyrick**, **CB Collin Wright** and **DL Zach Buckey** each tallied a PBU.

• **K Joshua Karty** scored 3 FG of 25, 25, and 46 yards. He was 4-for-4 in OAT attempts.

## RANKINGS

• USC is still ranked No. 6 in the pre-season AP sports media poll and 6th in the USA Today coaches poll. Stanford is not ranked. New rankings come out on Sept. 5.

## SERIES

• Stanford is USC's oldest rival, with the series dating back to 1905.

• USC holds a 64-34-3 lead over Stanford (Troy's 2005 victory was vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 65-34-3).

• In games in the Los Angeles area (including a 1918 game in Pasadena), USC leads 28-20-1 (not including a USC win in 2005 vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 29-20-1) and has won 2 of the 3 last home games.

## VERSUS PAC-12 CONFERENCE

• USC has won 69.8% (490-204-29) of its games against current Pac-12 opponents (does not include 9 wins later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 499-204-29, 70.2%).

## PAC-12 OPENERS

• In conference openers, USC is 71-24-5 (.735). In conference openers at home, the Trojans are 42-10-3 (.791). (Does not include 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 72-24-5, .738)

## IN SEPTEMBER

• USC has a 194-55-8 (.770) all-time record while playing in the month of September (does not include 3 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 197-55-8, .773).

## IN COLISEUM

• USC has a 463-146-27 (.749) all-time record in the Coliseum since the stadium opened in 1923 (not including 6 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 469-146-27, .752). USC's 642 games played in the Coliseum (including the 6 vacated wins) is the third most that any school has played in its home stadium (behind Georgia Tech's 718 in Bobby Dodd Stadium and Tennessee's 643 in Neyland Stadium).

## USC-STANFORD CONNECTIONS

• USC has 6 players who previously attended a Bay Area school: **DL De'jon Benton** (Pittsburg HS), **OL Andres Dewerk** (Los Gatos HS), **CB Prophet Brown** (Monterey Trail HS), **RB Austin Jones** (Bishop O'Dowd HS), **OL Alani Noa** (Grant Union HS) and **DL Amos Talalele** (Santa Clara HS).

• USC **RB Austin Jones** played his first 3 years of college football at Stanford (2019-21).

• USC **WR Zachariah Branch**, **S Zion Branch**, **CB Fabian Ross**, **RUSH Garrett Pomerantz** and Stanford **ILB Benjamin Hudson** prepped together at Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas, Nev.).

• USC **PK-P Garth White**, **WR Ty Shamblin** and Stanford **OL Luke Baklenko**, **WR Bryce Farrell** and **PK-P Aidan Flintoft** all prepped at Oaks Christian School (Calif.).

• USC **TE Jude Wolfe**, **RB Matt Colombo**, **P Will Rose**, **DL Kobe Pepe** and Stanford **CB Jshawn Frausto-Ramos** and **ILB Spencer Lytle** all prepped at St. John Bosco HS (Calif.).

• USC **CB Domani Jackson**, **ILB Raesjon Davis**, **WR Kyron Hudson**, **WR Raleek Brown**, **WR Josiah Zamora**, **WR Corey Nerhus**, **DL Solomon Tuliaupupu** and Stanford **OLB David Bailey** all prepped at Mater Dei HS (Calif.).

• USC **RUSH Romello Height**, **ILB Chris Thompson Jr.** and Stanford **S Omari Porter** previously played together at Auburn.

• USC swimming associate head coach **Lea Maurer** was the Stanford women's swimming head coach (2006-2012) and also swam for the Cardinal (1992-94).

• Graduate assistant **Peyton Pelluer's** uncle, Arnie, was a linebacker at Stanford (1985-89).

• Stanford **OLB Lance Keneley** is the son of former USC **DL Matt Keneley** (1993-96) and USC women's volleyball player **Antoinette Lindemann** (Thomas). He is also the nephew of former USC football **DT Todd Keneley** (1999) and **OG-C Clay Hattabaugh** (1991-95).

• Stanford **OL Jaxson Moi's** father, Junior Moi, was a **OLB-DE** at USC (1991-92).

• Stanford women's beach volleyball coach **Andrew Fuller** was an assistant at USC for 3 seasons (2013-15). His wife and volunteer assistant for the women's beach volleyball team, **Lauren Fendrick**, attended law school at USC.

• Stanford's co-offensive line coach **Viane Talamaivao** played at USC from 2014-17 and returned as a graduate assistant from 2019-20. He then shifted into a quality control analyst for the 2021 season.

• Stanford offensive quality control analyst **Vavae Malepeai** played for Trojans from 2017-21 and graduated from USC with three degrees: a bachelor's degree in communications, a master's in project management and another master's in non-governmental organizations and social change.



## USC VS. STANFORD (64\*-34-3)

1905	L	0-16	A	1973	W	27-26	H
1918	W	25-8	N1	1974	W	34-10	A
1919	W	13-0	H	1975	L	10-13	H
1920	W	10-0	H	1976	W	48-24	A
1922	W	6-0	A	1977	W	49-0	H
1923	W	14-7	A	1978	W	13-7	A
1925	L	9-13	H	1979	T	21-21	H
1926	L	12-13	H	1980	W	34-9	A
1927	T	13-13	A	1981	W	25-17	H
1928	W	10-0	H	1982	W	41-21	A
1929	W	7-0	A	1983	W	30-7	H
1930	W	41-12	A	1984	W	20-11	A
1931	W	19-0	H	1985	W	30-6	H
1932	W	13-0	A	1986	W	10-0	A
1933	L	7-13	H	1987	W	39-24	H
1934	L	0-16	A	1988	W	24-20	A
1935	L	0-3	H	1989	W	19-0	H
1936	W	14-7	A	1990	W	37-22	A
1937	L	6-7	H	1991	L	21-24	H
1938	W	13-2	A	1992	L	9-23	A
1939	W	33-0	H	1993	W	45-20	H
1940	L	7-21	A	1994	W	27-20	A
1941	L	0-13	H	1995	W	31-30	H
1942	L	6-14	N2	1996	L	20-24	A
1946	W	28-20	A	1997	W	45-21	H
1947	W	14-0	H	1998	W	34-9	A
1948	W	7-6	A	1999	L	31-35	H
1949	L	13-34	H	2000	L	30-32	A
1950	T	7-7	A	2001	L	16-21	H
1951	L	20-27	H	2002	W	49-17	A
1952	W	54-7	A	2003	W	44-21	H
1953	W	23-20	H	2004	W	31-28	A
1954	W	21-7	A	2005*	W	51-21	H
1955	L	20-28	H	2006	W	42-0	A
1956	L	19-27	A	2007	L	23-24	H
1957	L	7-35	H	2008	W	45-23	A
1958	W	29-6	A	2009	L	21-55	H
1959	W	30-28	H	2010	L	35-37	A
1960	W	21-10	A	2011	L	48-56 (30T)	H
1961	W	30-15	H	2012	L	14-21	A
1962	W	39-14	A	2013	W	20-17	H
1963	W	25-11	H	2014	W	13-10	A
1964	W	15-10	A	2015	L	31-41	H
1965	W	14-0	H	2015^	L	22-41	N3
1966	W	21-7	A	2016	L	10-27	A
1967	W	30-0	H	2017	W	42-24	H
1968	W	27-24	A	2017^	W	31-28	N3
1969	W	26-24	H	2018	L	3-17	A
1970	L	14-24	A	2019	W	45-20	H
1971	L	18-33	H	2021	L	28-42	H
1972	W	30-21	A	2022	W	41-28	A

N1-Tournament Park, Pasadena, California  
 N2-Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, California  
 N3-Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, California  
 ^-Pac-12 Championship Game  
 \*Not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 65-34-3)

### SERIES RECORD CONFUSION?

Both USC and Stanford list their football series record as 64-34-3 in the Trojans' favor, but both come about it differently. The Cardinal do not count USC's 25-8 win in 1918, because Stanford claims that a team composed of Student Army Training Corps players, not the Stanford varsity squad, played the Trojans that year. USC counts that 1918 win, but not its 51-21 win in 2005 that was vacated by NCAA penalty (Stanford's 2005 loss was not vacated, just USC's win).

• Stanford's creative director Jonathan Chaves previously served as USC football's art director from 2022-23.

### 2023 SCHEDULE

• The Trojans will play seven home games in the Coliseum in Riley's second season. USC will face 9 Pac-12 opponents and 3 non-conference foes.

• USC opened its 2023 slate in the Coliseum on Aug. 26 in a Week Zero game against **San José State**. It was the team's fifth-ever meeting. USC then faced **Nevada** on Sept. 2 of Labor Day weekend. There has been 94 years since the last meeting between the two teams on Nov. 9, 1929. The 2023 Trojan-Wolf Pack matchup will mark the 100th anniversary of the teams' 1923 meeting in the second-ever collegiate varsity football game played in the then-new Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum played on Oct. 13, 1923. (The first varsity game in the Coliseum was played a week earlier on Oct. 6, 1923 versus Pomona, but USC didn't schedule Pomona this year because it is not FBS). The Trojans stay home for the third week in-a-row to begin Pac-12 play against **Stanford** (led by new head coach Troy Taylor) on Sept. 9. It will be the Pac-12's first league game of the 2023 campaign. After a bye on Sept. 16, USC will hit the road for the first time in the 2023 season and challenge **Arizona State** (with new coach Kenny Dillingham) on Sept. 23. The Trojans stay on the road and visit **Colorado** (with new head coach Deion Sanders) on Sept. 30. Troy returns to the Coliseum on Oct. 7 to host **Arizona** on Trojan Family Weekend. Then, USC travels to South Bend to challenge **Notre Dame** on Oct. 14 in the greatest intersectional rivalry in college football. On Oct. 21 the Trojans return home to face defending Pac-12 champion **Utah**. USC visits **California** on Oct. 28 and returns back to the Coliseum to face **Washington** on Nov. 4 for Homecoming. The Trojans travel to **Oregon** on Nov. 11 and then wrap up the regular season on Nov. 18 against **UCLA**. Washington hasn't played at the Coliseum since 2018, while USC hasn't played at Oregon since 2015.

### LAST YEAR

• In his first season as USC's head coach in 2022, the 39-year-old **Lincoln Riley** led the Trojans to have equaled the biggest one-season victory turnaround (+7 victories) in USC history (USC's 1962 national champs won 11 games after winning just 4 in 1961). In 2021, Troy won 4 games and in 2022, it had 11 victories. Riley tied the record for most victories by a first-year head coach (tied with John Robinson in 1976. This also ties the Pac-12 record). Riley's Trojans went 11-3 in 2022 to bring USC back to the top of the college football landscape. USC went undefeated in the Coliseum (7-0), doing so for the first time since 2017. Riley guided the Trojans to a Pac-12 Championship appearance and to a Cotton Bowl appearance. In Riley's electric offense, USC scored 579 points in 2022 compared to just 344 points scored in 2021. The Trojans finished the season nationally ranked No. 1 in turnover margin (1.57), No. 1 in turnovers lost (7), No. 1 in fumbles lost (2), No. 2 in 3rd down conversion percentage (0.536), No. 2 in passes had intercepted (5), No. 3 in first downs offense (359), No. 3 in passes intercepted (19), No. 3 in passing offense (335.4), No. 3 in scoring offense (41.4), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (169.20), No. 3 in total offense (506.6) and No. 5 in turnovers gained (29).

• Riley's 2022 Trojans broke six USC records. The 2022 team now holds the USC record for most yards passing in a single season (4,696 yards in 14 games), most passes attempted in a single season (515), most touchdown passes in a single season (43), lowest percentage of passes had intercepted (0.97%, 5 in 515 attempts), most games scoring 30+ points (12) and most games scoring 40+ points (10). They also tie the USC single-game record for most touchdowns on interception returns (3 vs. Rice).

• Under Riley's tutelage in 2022, **QB Caleb Williams** was named the 88th recipient of the Heisman Trophy. In addition to winning college football's most prestigious award, Williams also was named the 2022 Walter Camp Player of the Year, the 2022 AP Player of the Year, the 2022 Maxwell Award winner, the 2022 Sporting News College Football Player of the Year, the 2022 CBS Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 Action Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 CFPA National Performer of the Year and the 2022 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year. **DL Tuli Tuipulotu** was the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Both Tuipulotu and Williams were Unanimous First Team All-Americans, USC's first since 2012. OLs **Brett Neilon** and **Andrew Vorhees** and **S Calen Bullock** were also named First Team All-Americans. Riley's 5 First Team All-Americans were the most in a single season since 2007 when USC also had 5 first teamers. **WR Jordan Addison**, **CB Mekhi Blackmon**, **DL Tuli Tuipulotu**, **OL Andrew Vorhees** and **QB Caleb Williams** were all selected to the All-Pac-12 First Team, and Vorhees was the offensive recipient of the Morris Trophy. Riley was a finalist for the 2022 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award.



**THE LAST MEETING: 2022 USC vs. STANFORD**

**GAME 2 – September 10, Palo Alto, Calif.  
USC 41, Stanford 28  
Att: 43,813**

Stanford	7	7	0	14	--	28
USC	21	14	6	0	--	41

**QB Caleb Williams** went 20-of-27 for 341 yards and 4 TDs to lead the dynamic offense of the No. 10 ranked USC Trojans to a 41-28 victory over Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif. This was the Trojans' first win over the Cardinal in Stanford Stadium since 2014, and it was **Lincoln Riley's** first Pac-12 Conference win as head coach of the Trojans. USC is now 2-0 on the 2022 season, and 1-0 in Pac-12 Conference play.

The Trojan offense amassed 505 total yards of offense and scored five TDs in the first-half of play. USC did not see a third down until the final minute of the second half.

USC's defense collected four more turnovers in Saturday's game. The last time USC's defense forced a total of 8 turnovers in consecutive games was in 2020 when the Trojans had 5 turnovers at Utah (11/21/20) and 3 the next game versus Washington State (12/6/20).

In the first series of the game, **DB Max Williams** intercepted Stanford QB Tanner McKee and returned it for 32-yards. This marked the first INT of his career. He set up **QB Williams** and the Trojan offense to quickly score on a 5-yard pass to **TE Lake McRee**, the first of his career.

The Stanford offense returned to the field for its second offensive series and marched all the way to the USC 2-yard line where **DB Mekhi Blackmon** intercepted McKee in the end zone and returned it 17 yards. Williams then tossed a 22-yard touchdown pass to **WR Jordan Addison** which made the score 14-0.

Stanford put points on the board as RB E.J. Smith caught a short pass for a TD, but just 11 seconds later, Williams responded with a 75-yard TD pass to Addison.

**WR Mario Williams** scored his first TD as a Trojan after Max Williams forced a fumble that Blackmon recovered. This score pushed USC's lead to 28-7.

On Stanford's next possession, Smith found the end zone for a second time. But the Trojans continued to showcase Lincoln Riley's high-scoring offense as **RB Travis Dye** scored on a 27-yard TD run to close out the first half of play.

In the second half, **PK Denis Lynch** nailed a 45-yard FG, his career long. **DL Tuli Tuipulotu** forced a fumble, which **DB Jacobe Covington** recovered and set up Lynch to kick another 42-yard FG.

Stanford scored twice more in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to top the Trojans.

USC improves to 64-34-3 overall in its series with Stanford.

**SCORING**

**First Quarter**

- USC -- McRee 5-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
- USC -- Addison 22-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
- Stan -- E. Smith 3-yard pass from McKee (Karty kick)
- USC -- Addison 75-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)

**Second Quarter**

- USC -- Mar. Williams 15-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)
- Stan -- E. Smith 5-yard rush (Karty kick)
- USC -- Dye 27-yard rush (Lynch kick)

**Third Quarter**

- USC -- Lynch 45-yard field goal
- USC -- Lynch 45-yard field goal

**Fourth Quarter**

- Stan -- Filkins 2-yard rush (Karty kick)
- Stan -- McKee 2-yard rush (Karty kick)

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
24	First Downs	33
164	Net Yards Rushing	221
341	Net Yards Passing	220
27	Passes Attempted	35
20	Passes Completed	20
0	Had Intercepted	2
63	Total Plays	80
505	Total Yards	441
2/32.0	Punts/Avg	2/47.0
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
9/104	Penalties/Yards	5/42
30:33	Time of Possession	29:27

**TOP INDIVIDUALS**

- RUSHING – Dye (USC) 14-105; Smith (Stan) 19-88; Filkins (Stan) 16-77; Jones (USC) 8-38
- PASSING – C. Williams (USC) 20-27-341; McKee (Stan) 20-35-200
- RECEIVING – Addison (USC) 7-172; Mar. Williams (USC) 4-74; Higgins (Stan) 3-50
- Yurosek (Stan) 5-45

**PLAYER DEPARTURES**

The Trojan offense will be feeling the effects of losing three impactful linemen up front. **Brett Neilon** and **Andrew Vorhees**, both First Team All-Americans and four and five-year starters, respectively, were instrumental in USC's offensive success last season. Their outstanding play in the trenches allowed **Caleb Williams** to lead the offense to have a record-setting season. In addition to being a First-Team All-American, Vorhees was also selected to the All-Pac-12 First Team and was the offensive recipient of the Morris Trophy. Also moving on is fellow offensive lineman **Bobby Haskins**. Though just at USC for one season, Haskins made an impact on one of the top offensive lines in the nation and helped the unit to become Joe Moore Award semifinalists. Veteran lineman **Courtland Ford** was also lost to the transfer portal. The offense also lost All-Pac-12 First Teamer **Jordan Addison**. Addison, who was the 23rd pick of the 2023 NFL Draft, recorded 59 catches for 875 yards and 8 TDs as Caleb Williams' favorite receiver in 2022. Another departed Trojan is running back **Travis Dye**. Although Dye was at Troy for just one season, he immediately became the emotional leader of the team and the heartbeat of the program. An instant fan-favorite, Dye's season was cut short due to a broken ankle which ended his season prematurely in the 10th game against Colorado. Before his injury, the All-Pac-12 Second Teamer rushed for 844 yards on 145 carries, averaging 6.1 yards per carry, with 9 touchdowns. Receiver **Terrell Bynum** (16 receptions for 159 yards and 1 TD in 2022) is gone as well as long-time Trojan tight end **Josh Falo** (22 receptions for 276 yards and 5 TDs in his career).

Defensively, the Trojans lost **Tuli Tuipulotu**, a team captain and three-year starter on the defensive line. Tuipulotu was one of the most disruptive defensive players in the nation in 2022. He led the nation in sacks with 13.5 and was second in the nation in tackles for loss with 22.0. In 2022, he was named the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Tuipulotu was also a Unanimous First Team All-American. In his career, he recorded 116 tackles, including 32 for loss of 172 yards with 21 sacks for 148 yards. He tallied 5 pass breakups, 4 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery in the end zone to score a touchdown in his career. In the secondary, USC lost All-Pac-12 First Teamer **Mekhi Blackmon**. Blackmon recorded 67 tackles (fourth on the team), including 2.0 for loss of 7 yards in 2022. He led the team with 12 pass breakups and decorated his stat sheet with 3 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble. USC also lost **Nick Figueroa**, a reliable and versatile player who knew the defense so well he was able to play multiple positions as a lineman and rush end. In his career, he recorded 71 tackles, including 17.5 for loss of 73 yards with 10 sacks for 59 yards, 2 pass breakups, 1 fumble recovery and 1 blocked kick while appearing in 42 games with 21 starts. Figueroa, a stand-out in the classroom, was named a First Team Academic All-American in 2022 and was a Second Team selection in 2021. USC also lost long-time Trojan **Brandon Pili** from the defensive line. In his 5-year career, Pili tallied 74 tackles, including 10 for loss of 32 yards with 3.5 sacks for 20 yards, 4 pass breakups, 1 forced fumble and 1 blocked kick while appearing in 52 games with 6 starts. USC also lost linebackers **Ralen Goforth** (148 tackles, including 4 for losses of 8 yards, 2 breakups, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 interception and 1 forced fumble while appearing in 40 games in his career, with 16 starts) and **Tuasivi Nomura** (34 tackles, including 1.5 for loss of 5 yards, and 1 pass breakup while appearing in 33 games with 3 starts).

On special teams, the Trojans lost long-time kickoff man **Alex Stadthaus**. He had touchbacks on 122 of his 253 kickoffs (48.2%) and made 11 tackles in his career while appearing in 45 games.

**TROJAN COACHING STAFF**

- USC is one of seven programs in the FBS that has retained its entire coaching staff.
- The others are New Mexico State, Colorado State, Louisiana, Kansas, Iowa and Pittsburgh.

**OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW**

Heisman Trophy winning quarterback **Caleb Williams** returns to lead the Trojan offense along with 5 other offensive starters: veteran offensive linemen **Justin Dedich** and **Jonah Monheim** and receivers **Brenden Rice**, **Tahj Washington** and **Mario Williams**. Others returning with starting experience in Riley's system are running back **Austin Jones**, tight end **Lake McRee**, receiver **Michael Jackson III** and offensive linemen **Mason Murphy** and **Gino Quinones**.

The 2022 Trojan offense averaged 506.6 yards to rank No. 3 in the nation, including 335.4 passing yards per game to also rank third nationally. USC protected the ball and only lost 7 turnovers to rank No. 1 in the nation, and ranked No. 2 in the nation in passes had intercepted with 5. USC ranked No. 2 in the nation in 3rd down conversion percentage at 0.536 and ranked No. 3 in the nation in first down offense (359). Ten players who caught a pass are back from last season.





## WATCH LISTS

### S Calen Bullock

Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back)  
Bronko Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player)  
Bednarik Award (top defensive player)

### ILB Mason Cobb

Butkus Award (top linebacker)  
Polynesian College Football Player of the Year

### P Eddie Czaplicki

Ray Guy Award (top punter)

### DL Justin Dedich

Lombardi Award (top lineman)  
Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)  
Rimington Trophy (top center)  
Wuerffel Trophy (community service)

### RB Austin Jones

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

### DL Jarrett Kingston

Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)

### DL Jonah Monheim

Lombardi Award (top lineman)

### DL Tyrone Taleni

Polynesian College Football Player of the Year

### DL Stanley Ta'ufo'ou

Polynesian College Football Player of the Year

### WR Dorian Singer

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

### WR Tahj Washington

Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)  
Paul Hornung Award (most versatile player)

### QB Caleb Williams

Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback)  
Maxwell Award (top player)  
Manning Award (top quarterback)  
Walter Camp Player of the Year  
Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award

## PRE-SEASON HONORS

### DL Bear Alexander

All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention  
Athlon Sports Third Team All-Pac-12  
Phil Steele Second Team All-Pac-12

### DL Kyron Barrs

All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention

### WR Zachariah Branch

247Sports Freshman All-American

### WR Raleek Brown

All-Pac-12 First Team (all-purpose player)  
All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention (return specialist)  
Athlon Sports Third Team All-Pac-12 (specialist)  
Athlon Sports Fourth Team All-Pac-12 (all-purpose)

### S Calen Bullock

AP Preseason All-American First Team  
Phil Steele First Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-American  
All-Pac-12 First Team  
Athlon Sports First Team All-Pac-12  
Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12

### ILB Mason Cobb

Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12  
All-Pac-12 Second Team  
Athlon Sports First Team All-Pac-12

### ILB Tackett Curtis

247Sports Freshman All-American

### P Eddie Czaplicki

Phil Steele Fourth Team All-American  
All-Pac-12 First Team  
Athlon Sports First Team All-Pac-12  
Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12

### DL Justin Dedich

Phil Steele Fourth Team All-American  
Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12  
All-Pac-12 Second Team

### ILB Eric Gentry

All-Pac-12 Second Team  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-Pac-12

### WR Michael Jackson III

Athlon Sports Third Team All-Pac-12 (specialist)

### RB Austin Jones

Phil Steele Second Team All-Pac-12  
All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention

### DL Jarrett Kingston

Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12  
All-Pac-12 Second Team  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-Pac-12

### ILB Shane Lee

All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention

### RB MarShawn Lloyd

Athlon Sports Fourth Team All-Pac-12

### DL Anthony Lucas

Athlon Sports Third Team All-Pac-12

### DL Jonah Monheim

All-Pac-12 Second Team  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-Pac-12  
Phil Steele Second Team All-Pac-12

### CB Christian Roland-Wallace

All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention

### WR Dorian Singer

Athlon Sports Second Team All-American  
All-Pac-12 First Team  
Athlon Sports First Team All-Pac-12  
Phil Steele Third Team All-Pac-12

### DL Jack Sullivan

Athlon Sports Third Team All-Pac-12

### WR Tahj Washington

Phil Steele Third Team All-American  
Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12

### QB Caleb Williams

AP Preseason All-American First Team  
Phil Steele First Team All-American  
Athlon Sports First Team All-American  
All-Pac-12 First Team  
Athlon Sports First Team All-Pac-12  
Phil Steele First Team All-Pac-12

### WR Mario Williams

Athlon Sports Third Team All-Pac-12

### S Max Williams

Athlon Sports Fourth Team All-Pac-12

### CB Ceyair Wright

Athlon Sports Second Team All-Pac-12

•The 2022 team set USC records for most yards passing in a single season with 4,696 yards in 14 games, most passes attempted in a single season with 515, most touchdown passes in a single season with 43, lowest percentage of passes had intercepted with 0.97% (5 in 515 attempts), most games scoring 30+ points with 12 and most games scoring 40+ points with 10 and now ties the USC single-game record for most touchdowns on interception returns with 3 versus Rice.

## QUARTERBACKS

• Defending Heisman Trophy winner **Caleb Williams**, the record-setting Unanimous First Team All-American quarterback, should again be America's top player as he returns for his second season at USC as a junior in 2023. He will attempt to be just the second player ever to win a second Heisman. Williams was also named the 2022 Walter Camp Player of the Year, AP Player of the Year and Maxwell Award winner. He was the 2022 Sporting News College Football Player of the Year, CBS Sports Player of the Year, Action Sports Player of the Year, CFPA National Performer of the Year and DC Touchdown Club Player of the Year. He was a Unanimous All-American. He was selected as the 2022 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year and was named to the All-Pac-12 First Team. Overall in 2022, he completed 333-of-500 passes (66.7%) for 4,537 yards and 42 TDs with just 5 INTs, plus he rushed for 382 yards and 10 TDs. He was first nationally in passing TDs (42) and points responsible for per game (22.3). He was third nationally in passing yards (4,537) and fourth nationally in passing yards per game (324.1). He was fifth nationally in passing efficiency (168.5, first in Pac-12) and total offense (351.4). He was seventh nationally in yards per pass attempt (9.1).

• Also returning is redshirt sophomore backup quarterback **Miller Moss**. He saw action in 5 games (Rice, Fresno State, Arizona State, Colorado and the Pac-12 Championship versus Utah) in 2022, and went 12-of-14 (85.7%) for 159 yards and 1 TD.

• Two more quarterbacks, redshirt sophomore **Jake Jensen** and sophomore **Gage Roy**, return to Lincoln Riley's room. Neither has played yet.

• Joining the Trojans this spring was freshman **Malachi Nelson**, the No. 1 recruit in the nation per ESPN. The decorated quarterback from Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS was named a 2023 Under Armour All-American and a Polynesian Bowl All-Star. He also competed at the 2022 Elite 11 Finals.

--Williams went 18-of-25 (.720) for 278 yards and 4 TDs with no INTs against *San José State*. His 76-yard TD pass to WR Tahj Washington in the second quarter was the longest of Williams' career. It was also the longest touchdown throw by a USC quarterback since Kedon Slovis in 2019, who threw a 95-yard touchdown pass against Arizona State on Nov. 9. He earned DC Touchdown Club Player of the Week for his performance. Moss went 5-of-7 (.714) and rushed for 4 yards on 1 carry to score the first rushing TD of his career. Freshman QB Malachi Nelson made his Trojan debut and went 1-of-3 (.333) for 0 yards.

--Williams went 18-of-24 (.750) for 319 yards and 5 TDs with no INTs against *Nevada*. His 5 TD passes tied his most as a Trojan (4th time). Williams has a career high of 6 TD passes while at Oklahoma (vs. Texas Tech on Oct. 10, 2021). He also had 3 carries for 50 yards rushing. Moss went 7-of-10 (.700) with 1 TD and no INTs.

## RUNNING BACKS

• USC lost running back **Travis Dye**, the heartbeat of the 2022 squad. However, they have members of the backfield returning.

• Redshirt senior **Austin Jones** returns as USC's most experienced back. Jones stepped in as the feature-back for Dye when he suffered a season-ending injury against Colorado. He contributed in all 14 games with 4 starts in 2022. He racked up 705 rushing yards on 135 attempts (5.2 avg) and with 5 TDs. He also had 25 receptions for 267 receiving yards (10.7 avg) with a TD.

• Redshirt senior **Darwin Barlow** also returns with experience. He saw action in 9 games (all but Arizona State, Washington State, Arizona, Cal and Tulane) as a redshirt junior in 2022. He rushed for a total of 96 yards on 16 carries (avg 6.0) and 3 TDs. He also had 3 receptions for 34 yards (11.3 avg).

• Redshirt junior **Matt Colombo**, who has yet to see action, also returns to the Trojan squad.

• From the transfer portal, Riley picked up **MarShawn Lloyd** from South Carolina. The redshirt junior was South Carolina's rushing leader as a redshirt sophomore running back in 2022. In his 3-year career at South Carolina (2020-22) while appearing in 21 games (with 8 starts), he ran for 801 yards on 175 carries (4.6 avg) with 10 TDs and caught 21 passes for 220 yards (10.5 avg) with 2 TDs.

• Two freshmen, **Quinten Joyner** and **A'Marion Peterson**, enrolled at USC this spring. Joyner was selected to compete at the 2023 All-American Bowl and the Polynesian Bowl. Joyner was named to the 2022 All District 25-6A First Team after he rushed for 1,794 yards on 196 carries (9.2 avg.) for 25 TDs and caught 5 passes for 73 yards while playing running back for Manor (Texas) HS. Joyner had 2 kickoff returns for 44 yards (22.0 avg) with a long of 24. Peterson was named the 2022 All-District 3-4A Division II MVP as a senior running back at Hirschi HS in Wichita Falls, Texas. He rushed for 330 yards on 24 carries (13.8 avg.) with 6 TDs and caught 3 passes for 54 yards, helping Hirschi go 9-3 overall and place first in its district.

--Jones led the Trojans with 54 rushing yards on 6 carries and 2 TDs against *San José State*, while Lloyd rushed for 42 yards on 9 carries and caught 1 pass for 12 yards. Joyner rushed for 34 yards on 5 carries, Barlow ran for 10 yards on 2 carries and Colombo had 7 rushing yards on 1 carry.

--Lloyd led the Trojans with 76 rushing yards on 7 carries and 1 TD against *Nevada*. He also caught 2 passes for 59 yards. Joyner rushed for 65 yards on 4 carries with 1 TD and caught 1 pass for 7 yards. His 47-yard rushing TD was the freshman's first career TD for USC and it was the longest TD run by a Trojan this season. Barlow rushed for 20 yards on 2 carries and caught 1 pass for 10 yards, and Jones rushed for 19 yards on 2 carries.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

• Once again, Riley's wide receiver room is not lacking in depth. Although they lost 2022 All-Pac-12 First Teamer **Jordan Addison** (the 2021 Biletnikoff winner), returning are experienced wide outs in red-shirt senior **Tahj Washington**, senior **Brenden Rice** and junior **Mario Williams**.

• In 2022, while appearing in all 14 games with 11 starts, Washington had 50 receptions for 785 yards (15.7 avg) and scored 6 TDs. He also was a vital member of the Trojan special teams. He was named an All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention.

• Rice competed in all 14 games with 12 starts in his first season with the Trojans in 2022. He recorded 39 catches (fourth for USC) for 611 yards (15.7 avg) with 4 TDs. Rice also recorded 3 kick returns for 49 yards (16.3 avg).

• Williams saw action in 12 games with 9 starts during his first season with the Trojans in 2022. He caught 40 passes (3rd for USC) for 631 yards (15.8 avg) with 5 TDs (third for USC). Williams also fielded 2 kick-offs for 7 yards.



## IN-SEASON HONORS

### QB Caleb Williams

- DC Touchdown Club Player of the Week (8/28)

- Junior **Michael Jackson III** (17 receptions for 236 yards, 13.9 avg, with 4 TDs in 2022) and redshirt sophomore **Kyron Hudson** (15 receptions for 152 yards, 10.1 avg, with 3 TDs in 2022) return for the Trojans.

- In his freshman debut, **Raleek Brown**, who now joins the wide receiver room, contributed in all 14 games in 2022 as a running back. He rushed for 227 yards on 42 carries (5.4 avg) with 3 TDs, caught 16 passes for 175 yards (10.9 avg) with 3 TDs and had 24 kickoff returns for a total of 517 yards (21.5 avg) with a long of 40 yards to finish the season ranked No. 22 in the nation for combined kick returns.

- Three receivers who have yet to play at USC—senior **Corey Nerhus**, redshirt junior **Ty Shamblin** and redshirt sophomore **Josiah Zamora**—will also be available for the Trojans.

- USC picked up Arizona transfer **Dorian Singer**, a junior, at the semester. He appeared in all 12 games with 11 starts in his sophomore season with the Wildcats. He had a breakout year in yards and receptions, marking his first 1,000-yard-plus season and earning AP All-Pac-12 First Team and All-Pac-12 Second Team honors. He finished the season with a career-high 1,105 yards on a career-high 66 receptions, and 6 TDs and recorded four 100-plus yard games. He was named to the 2022 Biletnikoff Award Midseason Watch List.

- Also joining the wide receiver corps are freshmen **Zachariah Branch** and **Makai Lemon**, who enrolled in the spring.

- Branch, the younger brother of USC safety **Zion Branch**, tallied 753 yards on 45 receptions with 11 TDs and recorded 5 punt returns for 90 yards (18.0 avg.) as a senior wide receiver at Bishop Gorman HS in Las Vegas (Nev.). He competed in the 2023 Under Armour All-American Game where he was a team captain. He was also chosen to play in the 2023 Polynesian Bowl. He was named to the 2022 Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada First Team after helping the Gaels win the Class 5A state title.

- Lemon was named a 2023 Under Armour All-American and was selected to compete in the Polynesian Bowl. Lemon was also a Polynesian High School Player of the Year finalist. He made the 2022 All-CIF Division I Team, MaxPreps All-America First Team, MaxPreps California All-State First Team and Los Angeles Times All-Star Team as a senior wide receiver at Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS, catching passes from fellow Trojan freshman Malachi Nelson. He caught 69 passes for 1,044 yards (15.1 avg.) and 12 touchdowns to help Los Alamitos place first in the Sunset League and reach the CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinals. On special teams, he recorded 8 kickoff returns for 267 yards (33.4 avg.).

- Freshmen **Ja’Kobi Lane**, **Jaden Moore**, and **Duce Robinson** joined the squad in the summer for camp.

- Lane made 2023 PrepStar All-Western Region after he caught 65 passes for 823 yards (12.7 avg) and 11 TDs and rushed for 38 yards on 15 carries (2.5 avg) to help Red Mountain HS in Mesa (Ariz.) reach the 6A semifinals. He also went 2-for-3 in passing for 96 yards for 2 TDs. Lane was selected to the 2022 12Sports All-Fever Team and All-6A East Valley All-Region First Team and won the National Football Foundation Arizona Chapter J.D. Hill Wide Receiver of the Year Award and the All-6A East Valley All-Region Co-Offensive Player of the Year Award. He also was named the 2022 Elite 11 All-Tourney wide receiver MVP.

- Moore prepped at the Bishops School in La Jolla (Calif.) where he helped the Knights to the 2022 Coastal League Championship as a senior and was named to the All-League Defense First Team.

- Robinson was a 2022 MaxPreps First Team All-American after he had 84 receptions for 1,614 yards (19.2 avg) and 14 TDs as a senior. Robinson was selected to the 2023 Under Armour All-American Game and the Polynesian Bowl. The 6-6, 225 pound tight end was named the 2022 6A Northeast Valley Region Offensive Player of Year. On special teams, he fielded punts and tallied 16 for 155 yards (9.7 avg.). He also made the 2022 Elite 11 7on7 All-Tournament Team. According to 247Sports Composite, Robinson was the No. 1 ranked tight end in the nation, the No. 1 player in the state of Arizona and the No. 17 recruit in the nation.

- Robinson is a two-sport standout and is a highly-touted baseball recruit as well. As an outfielder, he competed in the 2022 Baseball Factory All-America Game and the Area Code Games. Robinson is the third athlete ever to be named “Under Armour All-American” in both baseball and football (joining Kyler Murray and AJ Brown).

*--Branch and Singer led the Trojans with 4 catches against San José State. Branch recorded 58 receiving yards and 1 TD, while Singer also caught 4 passes for 41 yards and 1 TD. Robinson tallied 3 catches for 44 yards and Washington had 2 receptions for 85 yards and 1 TD. Mar. Williams collected 2 receptions for 26 yards and Brown had 1 catch for 14 yards. Rice tallied 1 catch for 12 yards and a TD, while Hudson recorded 1 catch for 8 yards. Lane had 1 reception for 5 yards, and Lemon recorded 1 reception for 0 yards.*

*--Mar. Williams led the team with 4 receptions for 66 yards against Nevada, while Washington led the WR unit with 2 TDs and caught 3 passes for 75 yards. Rice tallied 3 catches for 37 yards and a TD, and Lemon had 3 receptions for 13 yards. Singer notched 2 catches for 37 yards and Robinson had 1 catch for 71 yards and a TD, the first of his collegiate career. Branch collected 1 catch for 22 yards and 1 TD and Jackson III notched 1 catch for 15 yards and 1 TD. Hudson and Lane each recorded 1 catch for 20 yards and 11 yards, respectively.*

### TIGHT ENDS

- Although the tight end room is one of USC’s smaller position groups, it is not lacking in experience. Redshirt sophomore **Lake McRee** and redshirt senior Jude Wolfe have both seen action for the Trojans.

- McRee saw action in 13 games with 2 starts as a redshirt freshman in 2022. He caught 10 passes for 106 yards (10.6 avg) and scored 2 TDs. Wolfe appeared in 3 games on special teams after returning from a summer injury as a redshirt junior in 2022.

- Untested **Luke Otte** and **Carson Tabaracci** move over from the defensive side of the ball to compete at tight end as a sophomore and redshirt freshman, respectively, in 2023.

- Freshman **Kade Eldridge** (2023 PrepStar All-Western Region, 2022 1A NWC All-Conference Defensive MVP and All-State representative from Lynden Christian HS in Lynden, Wash.) and transfer **CJ Woods** from Cal Poly joined the team this summer. Fellow 2023 signee **Walker Lyons** will enroll in the fall of 2024 as he will be leaving to serve a Mormon mission in Norway in 2023.

*--McRee had 3 receptions for 36 yards against San José State.*

*--McRee had 1 reception for 10 yards against Nevada.*

### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

- The USC offensive line unit was a Joe Moore Award Semifinalist in 2022 and returns 5 Trojans who started at various points of the season. All-American First Teamers **Brett Neilon** and **Andrew Vorhees**, as well as impact player **Bobby Haskins**, will be missing from the Trojans trenches on the offense this fall.



## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

- USC practice closed to media, no interviews
- 5:30 p.m. PT–Trojans Live with Coach Riley and a player/coach guest

### TUESDAY

- 2:25 p.m. PT–USC practice, open to media for stretch and individual. Coach Riley, Coach Grinch and various players available to media after practice

### WEDNESDAY

- 3:10 p.m. PT–USC practice, open to media for stretch and individual. Coach Simmons or Coach Henson and various players available to media after practice

### THURSDAY

- USC practice closed to media, no interviews
- Media Zoom with Coach Riley at 10:30 a.m. PT

### FRIDAY

- USC practice closed to media, no interviews

### SATURDAY

- 7:30 p.m. PT–USC vs. Stanford, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
- Coach Riley and various players available to media after game in press room.

### SUNDAY

- No USC practice, no interviews

All times subject to change

**USC ONLINE MEDIA CENTER**—An online media center at [USCTrojans.com/fb-media](https://USCTrojans.com/fb-media) includes photos and video of USC practices, as well as links to pressers and weekly game notes. On game days, the media center houses media guides, flip card, game program, photos, video, final stats, notes and quotes. Contact Katie Ryan for the login/password.

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

**PAC-12 ONLINE**—The Pac-12's official website is [Pac-12.com](https://Pac-12.com).

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

- **Justin Dedich**, USC's most experienced lineman who has seen action at a multitude of positions, returns for his final season as a redshirt senior at center. In 2022, he started 10 games at right guard, 2 games at left guard and 1 game at center, filling in for the starter, **Brett Neilon**, after he suffered a season ending injury. He was named to the Pro Football Focus All-American Third Team and was All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention.

- Redshirt junior **Jonah Monheim** started all 14 games on the offensive line in 2022. He started 11 times at right tackle and 3 times at right guard. He was named All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention. Redshirt sophomore **Mason Murphy** saw action in all 14 games, starting in 5 in 2022 at tackle. Redshirt senior **Gino Quinones** saw action in all 14 games, with 2 starts in 2022. He started once at right guard and once at left guard.

- Other offensive linemen returning are redshirt senior **Cooper Lovelace**, senior **Grant Tucker**, redshirt juniors **Andres Dewerk** and **Andrew Milek** and sophomore **Kilian O'Connor**.

- Two experienced transfers will join the offensive line unit. Redshirt seniors **Jarrett Kingston** (from Washington State) and **Michael Tarquin** (from Florida) enrolled at USC this spring.

- In his 5-year career at Washington State (2018-22), Kingston appeared in 37 games on the offensive line with 26 starts (16 starts at left guard and 10 starts at left tackle). Last season, he was named to 2022 All-Pac-12 Conference Honorable Mention.

- In his 4-year career at Florida (2019-22), Tarquin appeared in 34 games on the offensive line with 20 starts (10 starts each at left guard and left tackle).

- Freshman **Elijah Paige** joined the squad in the spring. He made the 2022 Arizona 6A Northeast Valley All-Region list as a senior offensive lineman at Pinnacle HS in Phoenix (Ariz.). He was one of four player-elected captains for the 2022 Pinnacle squad.

- During the summer, the Trojans landed redshirt junior, **Emmanuel Pregnon**, a Wyoming transfer. After not appearing in any games in 2020 and redshirting in 2021, he moved into the starting lineup at right guard for the Cowboys as a redshirt sophomore in 2022. He graded out as the No. 3 guard in the Mountain West according to PFF and earned Freshman All-America recognition. He started all 11 games he played in and only allowed two sacks.

- Freshmen **Micah Banuelos** (2023 Under Armour All-American and 2022 Washington 4A NPSL Offensive Lineman of the Year from Kennedy Catholic HS in Burien, Wash.), **Alani Noa** (2023 PrepStar All-Western Region and 2022 MaxPreps All Sac-Joaquin Section First Team from Grant Union HS in Sacramento, Calif.), **Tobias Raymond** (2023 PrepStar All-Western Region and 2022 All-Channel League Offensive Lineman of the Year from Ventura HS in Ventura, Calif.), **Jack Susnjari** (2022 Cal Hi Sports All-State Team from Loyola HS in Los Angeles, Calif.), and **Amos Talalele** (2023 Polynesian Bowl All-Star and 2021-22 Santa Clara Valley Athletic League First Team from Santa Clara HS in Santa Clara, Calif.) joined the team in the summer for camp.

--*Monheim (LT), Noa (LG), Dedich (C), Quinones (RG) and Tarquin (RT) started against San José State. Noa became the first USC true freshman to start at left guard in a season opener since Toa Lobendahn started the opener at left guard in 2014 vs. Fresno State on Aug. 30. The last true freshman to start any game at left guard for USC was Courtland Ford in 2020 vs. Washington State on Dec. 6.*

--*Monheim (LT), Pregnon (LG), Dedich (C), Kingston (RG) and Tarquin (RT) started against Nevada.*

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

- Although the Trojans' defense lost its leader in Unanimous All-American **Tuli Tuipulotu**, there are many familiar faces returning. First Team All-American defensive back **Calen Bullock** returns among seven other starters including inside linebackers Shane Lee and Eric Gentry, defensive linemen **Stanley Ta'ufu'ou** and **Tyrone Taleni** and defensive backs **Jaylin Smith**, **Max Williams** and **Ceyair Wright**. Others returning with starting experience in defensive coordinator Alex Grinch's system are defensive backs **Bryson Shaw** and **Jacobe Covington** and rush ends **Solomon Byrd** and **Romello Height**.

- In 2022, USC led the nation in turnover margin (1.6). This was quite an improvement from 2021 when the Trojans were ranked No. 74 in the nation in the same category (-0.1). The turnover battle was a major focus for the Trojans as they ranked No. 3 in the nation with 19 passes intercepted by 11 different players. USC ranked No. 5 in the nation in turnovers gained with 29.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

- The Trojan defensive line will be feeling the loss of Tuipulotu, but will have veteran leadership as well as a mix of new faces.

- USC's most experienced returning members of the defensive line are redshirt senior **Tyrone Taleni** (30 tackles, including 7.5 for loss with 7 sacks, 3 QB hurries and 1 forced fumble while appearing in 22 career games with 9 starts) and **Stanley Ta'ufu'ou** (46 tackles, including 7.0 for a loss (with 1 sack), 2 fumble recoveries and 2 QB hurries in his career while appearing in 31 games with 25 starts).

- Junior **Korey Foreman** (24 tackles, including 4.5 for loss with 2.5 sacks and 1 INT while appearing in 23 career games) returns looking to make an impact as an upperclassman.

- Redshirt senior **Solomon Tuliaupupu**, who has been plagued by foot and knee injuries throughout his career, saw his first action in 2022 and recorded 10 tackles, including 3 for loss (with 2.5 sacks) and 1 QB hurry while appearing in all 14 games.

- Other returning members who hope to compete for time in the trenches are redshirt seniors **Sinjun Astani** and **De'jon Benton** (20 tackles, including 1.5 for losses).

- Two more defensive linemen return have yet to decorate their stat sheet: redshirt junior **Kobe Pepe** (3 game appearances), and redshirt freshman **Devan Thompkins** (1 game appearance).

- Bolstering the defensive line unit are three transfer linemen: redshirt seniors **Kyon Barrs** and **Jack Sullivan** and sophomore **Anthony Lucas**. Transferring from Arizona, Barrs recorded 102 tackles, including 12.5 for losses (with 5 sacks) while appearing in 38 games with 23 starts during his 4-year career as a Wildcat. In 2021, he made the All-Pac-12 Second Team. Sullivan arrives at Troy from Purdue, where he tallied 85 tackles, including 13.5 for losses (with 9.0 sacks), 7 pass deflections and 1 forced fumble while appearing in 46 games with 19 starts during his 5-year career. Lucas saw action in 7 games during his freshman season at Texas A&M collecting 7 tackles with 1 for loss.

- Over the summer, the Trojans made noise throughout the college football world when they signed the No. 1 player in the transfer portal, **Bear Alexander**. The sophomore defensive lineman from Georgia saw action in 12 of 15 games and recorded 9 total stops, including 2 sacks, and 13 QB hurries. He had 2 tackles for loss and a sack in Georgia's 65-7 win over TCU in the National Championship Game.

- Freshmen **Elijah Hughes** (2022 6D Regional Defensive Player of the Year and Liberty District Defensive Player of the Year from Washington-Liberty HS in Arlington, Va.) and **De'jon Laffitte** (2023 PrepStar All-Western Region from Colony HS in Ontario, Calif.) also enrolled at USC in the summer.





--Lucas collected 3 tackles, including 2.0 for loss of 5 yards against *San José State*. Barrs tallied 2 tackles, while Ta'ufou and Hughes each had 1. Alexander also collected 1 tackle, with a 0.5 sack for minus 11 yards.

--Ta'ufou returned a fumble for a 23-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter against *Nevada*. Alexander had 4 tackles, with 0.5 for loss of 1 yard, and Benton collected 3 tackles, with 1 for loss of 7 yards (including 1 sack for 7 yards) against *Nevada*. Pepe recorded 2 tackles, Hughes had 1 tackle, with 1 for loss of 2 yards and Lucas and Foreman each had 1 tackle.

## RUSH ENDS

• After losing the steady presence of **Nick Figueroa**, a utility man who could play both as a lineman and a rush end, USC will look to fill this position.

• Redshirt senior **Solomon Byrd** (115 career tackles, including 20 for losses with 14 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and 2 pass breakups and 1 QB hurry while appearing in 37 games with 11 starts), who moved to rush end midseason in 2022, returns for his final season.

• Redshirt junior **Romello Height** (18 career tackles, including 3 for losses, while appearing in 12 games with 2 starts) returns from an injury that cut his 2022 season short.

• Untested sophomore **Garrett Pomerantz** will also be available.

• A transfer rush end joined the squad this spring in redshirt senior

**Jamil Muhammad** from Georgia Southern. In his 3-year career at Georgia Southern (2020-22), Muhammad had 70 tackles, including 11.0 for losses (with 7.5 sacks), 1 interception, 4 pass deflections, 3 forced fumbles and 1 forced fumble while appearing in 34 games with 10 starts.

• Also joining the Trojans this spring was early enrollee freshman **Sam Greene**. He helped St. Frances Academy in Baltimore (Md.) earn the No. 1 ranking in the final 2022 state MaxPreps Top 25 as a senior.

• Freshmen **DJ Peevy** (2023 PrepStar All-Western Region from Lincoln HS in San Diego, Calif.) and **Braylan Shelby** (Texas First Team 10-5A-1 All-District from Friendswood HS in Friendswood, Texas) joined the team in the summer.

--*Muhammad had 3 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 PBU and 1 QBH against San José State. Byrd recorded 1 tackle, with a 0.5 sack for minus 11 yards. Shelby also made 1 tackle.*

--*Byrd had 4 tackles, with 1 for loss of 8 yards (including 1 sack for 8 yards) and 1 forced fumble against Nevada. Shelby decorated his stat sheet with 3 tackles, with 2 for loss of 10 yards (including 1 sack for 9 yards) and 1 forced fumble. Muhammad had 32 tackles, with 1 for loss of 4 yards (including 1 sack for 4 yards), and Height collected 2 tackles. Greene tallied 1 tackle.*

## INSIDE LINEBACKERS

• The inside linebackers return some of the Trojans' most productive defenders, while adding some fresh talent to the room.

• USC captain **Shane Lee**, a redshirt senior, returns to lead the defense. In his 4-year career (3 years at Alabama and 1 year at USC), he has made 174 tackles, including 15.5 for losses (with 9.5 sacks), plus 3 interceptions (1 of which he ran back for a TD), 3 forced fumbles, 2 pass deflections, a fumble recovery and a QB hurry while appearing in 42 games (with 25 starts). He was selected as All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention in 2022.

• Junior **Eric Gentry**, another 2022 standout, is back ready to contribute for USC. He has recorded 116 career tackles, including 9 for loss (with 3 sacks), 5 pass breakups, 3 QB hurries, 2 forced fumbles and 1 INT while appearing in 23 games with 12 starts.

• Two more returning linebackers with experience are junior **Raesjon Davis** (8 career tackles) and senior **Chris Thompson Jr.** (20 career tackles, including 1 for a loss of 1 yard).

• Also battling for action will be junior **Theo Bravos**, sophomore **Roman Marchetti** and redshirt freshman **Garrison Madden**.

• Senior **Mason Cobb** from Oklahoma State transferred to Troy in the spring. Cobb recorded 106 tackles, including 16.0 for losses (with 3 sacks), 1 interception, 1 pass deflection and 1 forced fumble while appearing in 31 games with 13 starts in his 3-year career at Oklahoma State (2020-22). In 2022, he was named to the All-Big-12 Second Team.

• The highly recruited **Tackett Curtis** enrolled at USC this spring. He was the 2022 MaxPreps Louisiana High School Player of the Year and won the State Championship game MVP as a senior linebacker. He led Many (La.) HS to the Louisiana 2A state championship. Curtis recorded 112 total tackles, 16 for loss, 6 sacks and 3 interceptions in his final season at Many. He was a finalist for the high school Butkus Award which recognizes the top linebacker in the nation. He was named the 2022 2a-3 Defensive MVP and earned placement on the 2022 2a-3 All-District Team. He also made the 2022 MaxPreps All-America First Team.

• The Trojans also added transfer **Deuce Palmer**, a redshirt senior, from SMU.

--*Cobb recorded 6 tackles, including 2.0 for loss of 7 yards, against San José State. Curtis recorded 2 tackles. His start at middle linebacker marks the first time a USC true freshman has started at middle linebacker in the season opener since Cameron Smith started in the 2015 season opener against Arkansas State on Sept. 9, 2015. Gentry also tallied 2 tackles.*

--*Lee led the defense with 10 tackles against Nevada, with 1 for loss of 13 yards (including a sack for 13 yards) and Davis had 4 tackles and a QBH. Thompson Jr. recorded 2 tackles and Curtis had 2 tackles before being ejected for targeting in the first half. Palmer recorded 1 tackle.*

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

• Junior **Calen Bullock**, a First Team All-American, will lead the Trojan secondary in 2023. He started all 14 games and led the team in interceptions with 5 (ranked 11th in the nation). He also tallied 48 tackles (sixth on the team) and 5 pass breakups (tied for second on the team). He was named to the All-Pac-12 Second Team. In his 3-year career, he has 87 tackles, 7 interceptions (running 1 back for a TD) and 8 pass breakups while appearing in 26 games with 14 starts.

• Redshirt senior **Bryson Shaw** was a standout for the Trojans in 2022, recording 50 tackles (fifth on the team), including 1 for loss, plus 4 pass breakups, 1 interception and 1 fumble recovery while appearing in all 14 games and starting 5 times. In his 4-year collegiate career (3 years at Ohio State, 1 year at USC), he has 112 tackles (including 1.5 for loss), 8 pass breakups, 2 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries while appearing in 35 games (with 17 starts).

• Redshirt senior **Max Williams**, who returned to the field in 2022 after recovering from an injury, tied for the team lead in tackles with 79 and in forced fumbles with 2 in 2022. He was named All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention. In his career, he has 107 tackles, including 5.5 for losses of 9 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 6 yards), plus 7 pass breakups, 3 forced fumbles and 2 interceptions. He has appeared in 24 games, starting 18 times.

• Junior **Jaylin Smith** and redshirt sophomore **Ceyair Wright** both had strong performances in 2022 and will return to contribute in 2023. Smith has 48 tackles in his career, including 3 for loss (with 1 sack), 2 pass breakups, an interception, and a forced fumble while appearing in 21 games with 10 starts. Wright has tallied 30 tackles, 1 interception and 2 pass breakups while appearing in 16 career games (with 11 starts).

• Also with starting experience is redshirt junior **Jacobe Covington** (19 tackles and 4 pass breakups in 2022) who will look to contribute this season.

• Also competing for playing time will be redshirt sophomores **Anthony Beavers Jr.** (12 tackles, including 1.5 for losses in 2022), **Prophet Brown** (12 career tackles) and **Xamarion Gordon** (10 career tackles and 1 interception) and sophomores **Domani Jackson** (2 tackles and 1 pass breakup) and **Fabian Ross** (2 game appearances).

• Redshirt freshman **Zion Branch** is coming back from injury this season and eager to compete.

• Others in the mix are an untested duo: redshirt junior **L Simpson** and redshirt sophomore **Daniel Jimenez-Fulton**.

• Redshirt senior transfer **Christian Roland-Wallace** joined the Trojans in the secondary this spring. In his 4-year career at Arizona (2019-22), he had 169 tackles, including 3.5 for loss (with 1.5 sacks), 2 interceptions, 18 pass deflections and 2 forced fumbles in 41 games with 37 starts.

• Freshmen **Maliki Crawford** and **Christian Pierce** both enrolled early to join the Trojans for spring ball. Crawford was named to the 2022 All-CIF Division 4 Team, VC Star All-Channel League First Team and the VC Star 1st Team All-County as a cornerback at Pacifica HS in Oxnard, (Calif.). Crawford has experience playing in all three facets of the game. He also competed at the 2023 Polynesian Bowl. Pierce was named to 2022 All-Baseline League and selected as the League Defensive MVP as a safety at Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) HS.

• USC also added redshirt freshman transfer **Tre'Quon Fegans** from Alabama.

--*Smith led the team with 8 tackles against San José State. Jackson recorded 6 tackles and 1 PBU. Wright had 4 tackles, including 1 for loss of 1 yard, and Bullock tallied 4 tackles. Williams had 2 tackles, including 1 for loss of 6 yards, while Shaw and Covington each had 2 tackles. Branch, Beavers Jr. and Roland-Wallace each had 1 tackle and Roland-Wallace also had a PBU.*

--*Smith had 6 tackles with 2.5 for loss of 12 yards against Nevada, while Bullock had 5 tackles and 2 PBUs. Jackson recorded 5 tackles and 1 PBU, and Shaw had 3 tackles. Branch collected 3 tackles while Roland-Wallace had 2. Wright, Covington and Pierce each tallied 1 tackle.*

## SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

• The Trojan special teams unit is returning most of its members and adding a transfer kicker/punter to bolster the competition.

• USC only punted the ball 32 times last season. Sophomore running back **Raleek Brown** was a bright spot for the Trojan special teams unit as he was in the Top 25 in the nation in combined kick returns.





## **PUNTERS**

• **Aadyn Sleep-Dalton**, who enrolled in USC in 2022 after arriving in the U.S. from Australia, was USC's punter as a junior in 2022. He averaged 40.3 yards on his 30 punts in 2022, of which 8 pinned opponents within the 20. He also had a tackle and appeared in 12 games.

• In 2022, USC fans also learned that Heisman-winning quarterback **Caleb Williams** can punt. He recorded 2 punts against Notre Dame where he averaged 42.0 yards with a long of 58 yards.

• Also available are three untested punters: redshirt senior **Will Rose**, redshirt junior **Michael McAllister** and junior **Garth White**. None has seen game action as a punter.

• In the spring, junior transfer **Eddie Czaplicki** joined the Trojan squad from Arizona State. In his 2-year career as a Sun Devil (2021-22), he handled punting and kickoffs duties. He has recorded 95 punts for 4,253 yards (44.8 avg.), with a long of 75 yards and 29 going 50 yards or more. He has touchbacks on 29 of his 56 kickoffs (51.8%).

--In his USC debut, Czaplicki averaged 41.5 yards on 2 punts against San José State.

--Czaplicki averaged 42.5 yards on 2 punts against Nevada. He had a long of 47 yards and 1 inside the 20.

## **PLACEKICKERS**

• Redshirt sophomore **Denis Lynch**, who handled kicking duties for the Trojans in 2022, returns this season. Lynch accumulated 119 total points (ranked 10th in the nation for total points scored) going 74-of-74 on extra points and 15-of-22 (68.1%) on field goals in 2022. His season long came against UCLA when he nailed a 49-yard field goal at the end of the first half. Lynch was perfect on field goals from 40-49 yards, going 8-8. He also had 2 kickoffs last season, totaling 101 yards.

• Competing with him for the starting job will be Czaplicki, White and freshman addition **Tyler Robles** from La Costa Canyon HS in Carlsbad, (Calif.).

--Lynch made 8-of-8 PATs against San José State.

--Lynch made 9-of-9 PATs against Nevada. he also made a 37-yard field goal. Robles made 1-of-1 PAT.

## **SNAPPERS**

• Redshirt senior **Jac Casasante** returns as USC's starting long snapper after filling that role in 2022. Senior **Daniel Meunier** and redshirt junior **Nathan Weneta** are also available.

## **HOLDERS**

• Redshirt senior **Will Rose** returns to his role as the Trojan holder in 2023.

## **PUNT RETURNERS**

• Junior **Michael Jackson III** is the only returning Trojan who handled punt return duties. He tallied 70 yards on 11 returns (6.4 avg) with a long of 17 yards.

• Junior **Dorian Singer** has punt return experience from his time at Arizona and freshman **Zachariah Branch** returned punts in high school.

--Branch had 3 punt returns for 66 yards against San José State.

--Branch had 1 punt return for 12 yards against Nevada.

## **KICKOFF RETURNERS**

• Four returning Trojans shared kickoff return duties in 2022. Sophomore **Raleek Brown** had 24 returns for 517 yards (21.5 avg) with a long of 40 yards to finish the season ranked No. 22 in the nation for combined kick returns.

• Senior **Brenden Rice** also handled kick returns. He recorded 3 returns for 49 yards (16.3 avg) with a long of 18 yards. Redshirt senior Tahj Washington had 3 kickoff returns for 75 yards (25.0 avg). Junior Mario Williams fielded 2 kickoff returns for a total of 7 yards.

• Three early enrollee freshmen have experience from high school fielding kickoff returns: **Zachariah Branch**, **Quinten Joyner** and **Makai Lemon**.

--Branch recorded 1 kickoff return for 96 yards for a touchdown against San José State. The last USC true freshman to return a kickoff for a touchdown was Adoree' Jackson vs. Nebraska (98 yards) in the 2014 Holiday Bowl (Jackson also had a scoring kickoff return earlier in the season vs. Utah for 100 yards). The last Trojan to have a scoring kickoff return and a receiving TD in a game was Adoree' Jackson against Notre Dame in 2016 (He also had a scoring punt return in that same game). The last Trojan to return a kickoff for a touchdown was Velus Jones Jr. (100 yards) vs. Fresno State on Aug. 31, 2019.

--Branch recorded 2 kickoff returns for 29 yards against Nevada, and Lemon had 1 kickoff return for 13 yards.

## **BIG NEWS**

• The University of Southern California will take the historic step of joining the Big Ten Conference in 2024, a move that will position USC and its student-athletes for long-term success in both athletics and academics.

• "Over the past three years, we have worked hard to ground our university decisions in what is best for our students," said USC President Carol L. Folt. "With the Big Ten, we are joining a storied conference that shares our commitment to academic excellence and athletic competitiveness, and we are positioning USC and our student-athletes for long-term success and stability amidst the rapidly evolving sports media and collegiate athletics landscapes. We are delighted to begin this new chapter in 2024."

• The Big Ten Conference voted to accept both USC and crosstown rival UCLA as full members of the conference effective August 2, 2024, enabling both schools to remain in the Pac-12 Conference for the duration of the Pac-12's existing media rights agreements.

## **USC WELCOMES JENNIFER COHEN**

• **Jennifer Cohen** became the 10th Director of Athletics and the Charles Griffin Cale Director of Athletics' Chair in August 2023.

• Cohen arrived at USC with three decades of intercollegiate athletics experience, most recently leading the University of Washington's athletics department for seven years. She is recognized as a fiercely competitive national leader who takes a student-centered approach to building culture and winning the right way.

• In 1998, Cohen joined Washington as an assistant director of development before moving to the university's central development office to focus on fundraising efforts on behalf of the office of undergraduate education. She also spent time with UW's regional gifts program before returning to athletics to oversee the department's major gifts program prior to becoming the director of athletics in 2016. Before arriving at Washington, Cohen held a variety of roles in intercollegiate athletics administration at Pacific Lutheran University, the University of Puget Sound, and Texas Tech University.

• Cohen currently serves as a member of the College Football Playoff Committee and as a member of the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches. In 2019, she was a finalist for the Sports Business Journal's Athletic Director of the Year.

• A native of Arcadia, California, Cohen received her bachelor's degree from San Diego State University and her master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in sports administration from Pacific Lutheran University.

## **RANDOM NOTES**

•••USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys.

•••USC is the only NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978.

•••USC's 642 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) are the third most that any FBS school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 718 in Bobby Dodd Stadium and Tennessee's 643 in Neyland Stadium.

•••Some 2023 schedule notes:

--USC plays 7 home games again, just as it did in the 2022 season.

--USC hosted San José State on Aug. 26 in a Week Zero matchup.

--USC hosted Nevada on Sept. 2 of Labor Day Weekend. There has been 94 years since the last meeting between the two teams on Nov. 9, 1929. The 2023 Trojan-Wolf Pack matchup will mark the 100th anniversary of the teams' 1923 meeting in the second-ever collegiate varsity football game played in the then-new Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum played on Oct. 13, 1923.

--USC's Sept. 10 home game against Stanford is the first Pac-12 game of the 2023 campaign. It is also the Zero Waste Game, part of the Pac-12's Zero Waste Challenge.

-- Washington hasn't played at the Coliseum since 2018, while USC hasn't played at Oregon since 2015.

--USC's game versus Arizona on Oct. 7 is Trojan Family Weekend.

--USC's home game versus Washington on Nov. 4 is Homecoming.

•••USC's future non-conference schedule features home games versus LSU (2024), Fresno State (2026, 2028), Mississippi (2025 and 2026), Georgia Southern (2025), Nevada (2025) and UNLV (2027). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II and in 2020 because of COVID-19 limitations) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2026. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Texas, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, BYU, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, UNLV, Utah State, San Jose State, Rice, Western Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.



•••USC's future Big Ten opponent schedule was announced on June 8. USC's 2024 conference home opponents will be Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Trojans' Big Ten Conference away games will include Maryland, Northwestern, Penn State, Purdue and UCLA. In 2025, USC will face Indiana, Michigan State, Nebraska, Penn State and UCLA at home, and will travel to challenge Minnesota, Ohio State, Rutgers and Wisconsin. The recent addition of Washington and Oregon to the Big Ten Conference may affect this schedule.

•••Thirty-four Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: **DL Bear Alexander** (Georgia), **DL Sinjun Astani** (San Jose State), **RB Darwin Barlow** (TCU), **DL Kyon Barrs** (Arizona), **DL Solomon Byrd** (Wyoming), **ILB Mason Cobb** (Oklahoma State), **CB Jacobe Covington** (Washington), **P/PK Eddie Czaplicki** (Arizona State), **CB Tre'Quon Fegans** (Alabama), **ILB Eric Gentry** (Arizona State), **RUSH Romello Height** (Auburn), **QB Jake Jensen** (BYU), **RB Austin Jones** (Stanford), **OL Jarrett Kingston** (Washington State), **ILB Shane Lee** (Alabama), **RB MarShawn Lloyd** (South Carolina), **DL Anthony Lucas** (Texas A&M), **RUSH Jamil Muhammad** (Georgia State), **ILB Duce Palmer** (SMU), **OL Emmanuel Pregnon** (Wyoming), **WR Brenden Rice** (Colorado), **CB Christian Roland-Wallace** (Arizona), **S Bryson Shaw** (Ohio State), **CB L Simpson** (Loyola Marymount), **WR Dorian Singer** (Arizona), **DL Jack Sullivan** (Purdue), **TE Carson Tabaracci** (Utah), **DL Tyrone Taleni** (Kansas State), **OL Michael Tarquin** (Florida), **ILB Chris Thompson Jr.** (Auburn), **WR Tahj Washington** (Memphis), **SNP Nathan Weneta** (Purdue), **WR Mario Williams** (Oklahoma) and **QB Caleb Williams** (Oklahoma).

•••USC currently has 23 players who graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled in college that spring. **DL Justin Dedich** enrolled in the spring of 2018. **DL Gino Quinones**, **DL Stanley Ta'ufu'ou**, **S Max Williams** and **TE Jude Wolfe** all enrolled in the spring of 2019. **DL Kobe Pepe** enrolled in the spring of 2020. **S Anthony Beavers Jr.**, **S Calen Bullock**, **S Xamarion Gordon**, **WR Michael Jackson III**, **TE Lake McRee** and **QB Miller Moss** all enrolled in the spring of 2021. **CB Domani Jackson** enrolled in the spring of 2022. **WR Zachariah Branch**, **CB Maliki Crawford**, **ILB Tackett Curtis**, **RUSH Sam Greene**, **RB Quinten Joyner**, **WR Makai Lemon**, **QB Malachi Nelson**, **OL Elijah Paige**, **RB A'Marion Peterson** and **S Christian Pierce** all enrolled in the spring of 2023. Seven other early enrollees: **CB Tre'Quon Fegans** enrolled at Alabama in the spring 2022, **RUSH Jamil Muhammad** enrolled at Vanderbilt in the spring of 2019 and participated in spring drills before transferring to Georgia Southern for the 2019 fall season. **ILB Eric Gentry** enrolled at Arizona State in the spring of 2021. **WR Dorian Singer** enrolled at Arizona in the spring of 2021. **CB Christian Roland-Wallace** enrolled at Arizona in the spring of 2019. **OL Michael Tarquin** enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019. **ILB Chris Thompson Jr.** enrolled at Auburn in the spring of 2020. Since 1999, 87 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC (2 graduated a full year early).

•••Who's the fastest among the 2023 Trojans? **CB Ceyair Wright** has a best of 10.84 in the 100 meters and 21.74 in the 200 and he ran on the 2019 state champion 1600-meter relay team. **CB Prophet Brown** was a member of the California state champion 400-meter relay team and has personal bests of 10.90 in the 100 meters and 22.71 in the 200. **WR Brenden Rice** was a sprinter with a best of 10.78 in the 100 meters and 21.84 in the 200 meters. **WR Zachariah Branch** was the Nevada Southern 5A Regional champion in the 100 meters, 200 meters and long jump as a sophomore in 2021 when he ran a 10.33 100 and a wind-aided 21.01 200. **CB Domani Jackson** ran track at Mater Dei and tied the state record in the 100 meters (first set in 1985) with a 10.25 clocking while winning the unofficial 2021 California state meet (it was the second fastest time in the nation in 2021); he also anchored the 400-meter relay team to a second place finish. He won the 2021 CIF Division 2 100 meters title in 10.48 and anchored the runner-up 400-meter relay squad.

•••Besides Wright, Brown, Rice, Branch and Jackson (above), a number of other Trojans competed in track and field in high school: **DL Sinjun Astani**, **CB Prophet Brown** (sprints, long jump), **RB Matt Colombo** (sprints), **CB Jacobe Covington**, (sprints), **CB Maliki Crawford**, **DL Elijah Hughes** (shot put), **WR Michael Jackson III** (sprints), **RB Austin Jones**, **RB Quinten Joyner**, **OL Jarrett Kingston** (discuss), **RB MarShawn Lloyd** (sprints), **ILB Garrison Madden**, **OL Andrew Milek** (shot put, discus), **WR Jaden Moore**, **RUSH DJ Peevy**, **RB A'Marion Peterson**, **CB Fabian Ross**, **WR Ty Shamblin** (sprints), **RUSH Braylan Shelby** (triple jump), **ILB Carson Tabaracci**, **ILB Chris Thompson Jr.**, **OL Grant Tucker**, **WR Tahj Washington** (sprints, long/triple jump) and **S Max Williams** (sprints).

•••As high schoolers, USC football players also competed in a wide range of other sports. In addition to track and field (above), they played primarily basketball (**DL Sinjun Astani**, **CB Prophet Brown**, **DL Solomon Byrd**, **ILB Mason Cobb**, **TE Kade Eldridge**, **ILB Eric Gentry**, **DL Elijah Hughes**, **WR Ja'Kobi Lane**, **ILB Garrison Madden**, **TE Lake McRee**, **WR Jaden Moore**, **RUSH Jamil Muhammad**, **OL Elijah Paige**, **RUSH DJ Peevy**, **OL Gino Quinones**, **OL Tobias Raymond**, **WR Brenden Rice**, **WR Ty Shamblin**, **CB L Simpson**, **TE Carson Tabaracci**, **DL Devan Thompkins**, **ILB Chris Thompson Jr.**, **OL Grant Tucker**, **QB Isaac Ward**, **TE Jude Wolfe**, **TE CJ Woods**) and baseball (**RB Darwin Barlow**, **ILB Mason Cobb**, **S Daniel Jimenez-Fulton**, **RB Quinten Joyner**, **SNP Daniel Meunier**, **OL Tobias Raymond**, **WR Duce Robinson**, **P Will Rose**, **QB Isaac Ward**, **CB Ceyair Wright**, **WR Mario Williams**). They also participated in soccer (**DL Justin Dedich**, **OL Tobias Raymond**, **WR Tahj Washington**), lacrosse (**TE Kade Eldridge**, **ILB Roman Marchetti**, **S Bryson Shaw**, **TE Carson Tabaracci**), wrestling (**OL Cooper Lovelace**) and swimming (**QB Caleb Williams**).

•••**WR Duce Robinson** is a two-sport standout and was a highly touted baseball recruit as well. As an outfielder, he competed in the 2022 Baseball Factory All-America Game and the 2022 Area Code Games. Robinson is the third athlete ever to be named "Under Armour All-American" in both baseball and football (joining Kyler Murray and AJ Brown).

•••**CB Ceyair Wright** has been an actor and model since he was a youngster. He has appeared in movies, television shows (including "2 Broke Girls," "Training Day," "Life in Pieces" and "Instant Mom"), commercials and music videos. He played the son of LeBron James in the 2021 movie, "Space Jam: A New Legacy." He is currently a series regular on "Grown-ish".

•••**ILB Eric Gentry** is 6'6", and has a 7'1.25" wingspan.

•••**DL Jack Sullivan** is a pilot and earned his bachelor's degree in Professional Flight Technology and Aviation Management from Purdue.

•••**ILB Mason Cobb** has an artistic side that he learned from his mother. He enjoys painting and wood burning.

•••**RUSH Solomon Tuliaupupu** cut his long hair in 2017 for the first time since the fifth grade as a show of support of cancer victims and survivors.

•••**QB Caleb Williams** created the Caleb Cares Foundation which dedicates energy and resources to causes like anti-bullying, mental health awareness and youth development. Williams's nickname is "Superman" and the mission of the Caleb Cares Foundation is "to inspire more superheroes to fight bullying so we can all realize that what makes us different is our superpower."

•••**S Anthony Beavers Jr.** and **S Jaylin Smith** were in the Netflix show "Coach Snoop," about rapper Snoop Dogg and his Snoop Youth Football League.

•••**SNP Nathan Weneta** plays piano.

•••The Trojans have four married players: **DL Solomon Byrd** (his wife's name is Taysia), **QB Jake Jensen** (his wife's name is McKayla), **OL Jarrett Kingston** (his wife's name is Tori) and **OL Michael Tarquin** (his wife's name is Ashli).

•••**OL Michael Tarquin's** father-in-law is USC legend and NFL Hall of Famer Tony Boselli.

•••**DL Tyrone Taleni** is USC's oldest player, as he turned 27 on June 20. He is the oldest football player in the FBS who is not a specialist. He is also the oldest player, including specialists, in the Pac-12. USC's youngest player is **DL Alani Noa** (born Oct. 7, 2005).

•••**QB Jake Jensen** served a Mormon mission in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2019, but it was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He is fluent in Spanish. **TE Walker Lyons**, who signed with USC in February of 2023, is currently serving his Mormon mission in Norway and will join the team in the fall of 2024.

•••USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (**S Anthony Beavers Jr.**, **ILB Chris Thompson Jr.**), and a III (**WR Michael Jackson III**).

•••USC has 2 players with the last name of Jackson (**CB Domani**, **WR Michael III**) and 3 named Williams (**QB Caleb**, **WR Mario**, **S Max**), as well as 2 Browns (**CB Prophet**, **WR Raleek**) but none are related.



•••**SNP Jac Casasante's** real first name is John. **RUSH Solomon Tuliapupu's** full name is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliapupu, while his nickname is "Solo." **CB Prophet Brown's** is "Peanut Butter" and **QB Caleb Williams's** is "Superman". **ILB Tackett Curtis** has coined the nickname "Captain America". **DL Kobe Pepe** was named after late legendary Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant.

•••Ten Trojans list their home state as Texas: **DL Bear Alexander, RB Darwin Barlow, S Xamarion Gordon, RB Quinten Joyner, TE Lake McRee, RB A'Marion Peterson, QB Roy Gage, RUSH Braylan Shelby, ILB Chris Thompson Jr.** and **WR Tahj Washington.**

•••**WR Brenden Rice's** father is legendary College and Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Jerry Rice, who starred at Mississippi Valley State (1981-84), where he was a 2-time All-American, and for the San Francisco 49ers (1985-2000), where he was on 3 Super Bowl champions (MVP in XXIII, plus XXIV, XXIX), Oakland Raiders (2001-04), Seattle Seahawks (2004) and Denver Broncos (2004) and set NFL records for career receptions (1,549), receiving yards (22,895) and receiving touchdowns (197). Inside receivers coach **Luke Huard's** brother, Damon, played for the New England Patriots from 2001-2003, including on the Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII championship teams. Defensive line coach **Shaun Nua** was a member of the Steelers' Super Bowl XL-winning team in 2006.

•••Several Trojan staffers have been part of national championship teams.

•Defensive coordinator **Alex Grinch** was a safety at Mount Union (1998-2001) as the Purple Raiders went 54-1, won three NCAA Division III championships (1998-2000-01)

•Offensive coordinator and offensive line coach **Josh Henson** was LSU's tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator for the Tigers' 2007 national championship squad.

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

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

•**CB Ceyair Wright's** uncle, Mazio Royster, lettered at tailback at USC in 1990 and 1991 (he led the Trojans in rushing in 1990, and then played in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993-94).

•Offensive graduate assistant **Trey Tinsley's** father is Scott Tinsley, who played quarterback at USC from 1980-82 and later played for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1987. He started 6 games for the Trojans and beat Notre Dame twice.

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

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

•••Speaking of genes:

•**DL Sinjun Astani's** uncle, Tony Puopolo, was a defensive back at Tufts in 1991.

•**WR Zachariah Branch** and **S Zion Branch's** father played fullback for San Jose State. Their great-uncle, Cliff Branch, is a former Raiders wide receiver who was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio in August.

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

•**RB Austin Jones'** brother, Anthony, played football at Troy (2005-06) and Jacksonville State (2007).

•**DL Jarrett Kingston's** cousin, Daniel Marx, was a fullback at Stanford (2014-17).

•**RUSH Jamil Muhammad's** brother Marquez, played football at Western Kentucky and another brother, Terrance, played at Alabama A&M.

•**ILB Deuce Palmer's** mother, Trudy, is a former marathon runner, and his father Rick, is a professional BMX Racer who is a four-time World Champion and had two National No. 1 in the World titles in 1985.

•**WR Duce Robinson's** father was also a two-sport star coming out of high school as a five-star football recruit who was also drafted by the Minnesota Twins. His mother, Mary Beth Robinson, was a swimmer at Florida.

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

•**RUSH Braylan Shelby's** father, Shannon, is a former Arkansas defensive end and his brother, Ty, played defensive end at Louisiana Monroe.

•**RUSH Devan Thompkins'** uncle, Larry Grant, played linebacker City College of San Francisco (he was the 2005 NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year), at Ohio State (2006-07) and in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (2008, 2011-12), St. Louis Rams (2008-10), Chicago Bears (2013) and Cleveland Browns (2013). He then was is a defensive analyst at UNLV and now is coaching at UC Davis.

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

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

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

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

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

• **TE CJ Woods'** mother, Dr. Nickey Woods, played basketball at UCLA (1994-96). His father, Andy Jr., played basketball at Montana (1988-90) and Washington (1991-94). His uncle, Maurice, played basketball at Washington (1990-94), while his aunt, Denise, played basketball at USC (1996-2000). His great uncle, Frank Stephens, played football at UCLA (1974-78). His aunt, Sina Hilbert, played basketball at Georgia Southern (2005-09). His cousin, Kayla Stephens, played basketball at Alabama State (2014-18), and another cousin, Torii Hilbert, played football at La Verne (2016-17) and Tennessee-Chattanooga (2018-19).

• Head coach **Lincoln Riley's** brother, Garrett, is the offensive coordinator at Clemson, after previously coaching at TCU, SMU, Appalachian State, Kansas, East Carolina and Augustana College and playing quarterback at Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin.

•Inside receivers coach **Luke Huard's** brothers, Damon and Brock, were quarterbacks at Washington and in the NFL. Damon played at Washington (1991-95), including on UW's 1991 national champions, and then with the Miami Dolphins (1997-2000), New England Patriots (2001-2003, including on the Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII champs), and Kansas City Chiefs (2004-08), and now is director of community and external relations and special advisor to the athletic director at Washington as well as an analyst on Husky football radio broadcasts. Brock played at Washington (1995-98), then with the Seattle Seahawks (1999-2001, 2004) and Indianapolis Colts (2002-03) and now is a college football analyst for FOX Sports and a sports radio host in Seattle. His father, Mike, was inducted into the Washington State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame in 2011 after 17 seasons as the head coach at Puyallup High, winning the state title in 1987. His nephew, Sam, is a redshirt freshman quarterback at Washington, while his niece, Haley, is a sophomore guard on Montana's basketball team. His sister-in-law, Molly, played basketball at Washington (1995-99).

• Defensive line coach **Shaun Nua's** cousin, laneta Le'i, played softball (first base) for 4 seasons (2003-06) at BYU, where she was a 3-time All-American and then served as an assistant coach (2007-13). His cousin, Futi Tavana, was a middle blocker on BYU's men's volleyball team (2009-12), where he was a 2-time All-American first teamer (2011-12) and then played for the USA National Team (2012-16). His cousin, Devin Tavana, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2010-11).

• Inside linebackers coach and associate head coach for defense **Brian Odom's** brother, Barry, was the head football coach at Missouri (2016-19) and now is Arkansas' defensive coordinator.

• Defensive graduate assistant **Payton Pelluer's** father, Scott, was a linebacker at Washington State (1977-80) and with the New Orleans Saints (1981-86), then was an assistant coach at Boise State (1986-92), Northern Arizona (1993-95), Washington (1996-98, 2003-04), Skyline High (2000) and Arizona (2001-02). His brother, Tyler, was a linebacker at Montana (2005-08), and another brother, Cooper, was a linebacker and fullback at Washington (2010-12). His great grandfather, Carl Gustafson, was a flanker at Washington State (1925-27). His grandfather, Arnie, was an end at Washington State (1953-55) and then coached track at Yakima Valley College, Whitworth and Eastern Washington. His uncle, Steve, was a quarterback at Washington (1981-83) and with the Dallas Cowboys (1984-88), Kansas City Chiefs (1989-91), Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1995) and Frankfurt Galaxy (1996-97). Another uncle, Arnie, was a linebacker at Stanford (1985-89). His brother-in-law is Tosh Lupoi, who played defensive line at California (2000-05) and has been an assistant coach at California (2008-11), Washington (2012-13), Alabama (2014-18), Cleveland Browns (2019), Atlanta Falcons (2020), Jacksonville Jaguars (2021) and Oregon (2022).

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

•••This is senior offensive analyst **Kliff Kingsbury's** second stint at Troy. Before becoming the head coach of the Arizona Cardinals, Kingsbury had a brief stop at USC as the Trojans' offensive coordinator in December of 2018.





•••When **Quincy Watts** was named USC's director of track and field and cross country in June of 2021, he became the third former Trojan football player to be USC's head track coach. Watts, more noted as a 2-time gold medalist (400 meters and 1600-meter relay) at the 1992 Olympics, was a wide receiver on the 1990 USC football team (he didn't get into a game). Jess Hill and Jess Mortensen (who both lettered in football as running backs in 1928 and 1929, including on the 1928 national champs) guided the Trojan tracksters; Hill did so in 1949-50 and in 1962 (winning 2 NCAA titles), while Mortensen did so from 1951 to 1961 (getting 7 NCAA crowns).

••• USC Athletics has developed The Shield, designed to be a convenient and informative hub that centralizes all of USC's NIL resources and initiatives. Fan-focused and user-friendly, The Shield will serve as a helpful guide for Trojan fans, prospects, families and brands interested in learning more about USC's robust NIL program. In alignment with our vision to be the most student-athlete centered program in the country, USC Athletics remains committed to providing world-class support and resources in all aspects of the student-athlete experience, including NIL. The Shield represents USC's resolve to create a competitive, compliant, equitable and sustainable NIL program for current and future Trojan student-athletes. The Trojan Marketplace a student-athlete NIL business registry that is custom-designed for businesses, donors, alumni and any other interested parties wishing to connect with student-athletes for NIL opportunities. Registered businesses can search, filter and initiate conversations with student-athletes to discuss an NIL deal. Once the NIL deal between a registered business and student-athlete is completed, the business will use Trojan Marketplace to create a transaction that will produce a direct payment to the student-athlete and automate a disclosure to the INFLCR Verified Compliance Ledger. Finally, in order to educate collectives, USC has developed a training module to provide education to NIL entities about NCAA rules, University Policy and the impact of Title IX. Collectives are separate entities and not affiliated with USC but have completed the education process and are able to utilize the "USC Educated NIL Entity" badge. More information can be found online at [USCTrojans.com](http://USCTrojans.com).

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

•••In January, former Trojan TB **Reggie Bush**, one of the most dynamic players in the history of college football, was named to the 22-member 2023 College Football Hall of Fame class. He is the 46th inductee with USC ties in the College Football Hall of Fame, including 35 players. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 15 of the past 24 years. He will be inducted at a Dec. 5 dinner in Las Vegas and then enshrined at the Hall in Atlanta.

•••USC players will honor late College Football Hall of Famer **Charles White**, USC's 1979 Heisman Trophy-winning tailback and a member of the Trojans' 1978 national championship team who then played 9 seasons in the NFL. White passed away on Jan. 11, 2023. The team will wear No. 12 stickers, White's number, on their helmets this season.

• White was USC's third Heisman Trophy winner and still is the school's career rushing leader (6,245 yards, then the No. 2 mark in NCAA history) while scoring 49 touchdowns. A 4-year USC letterman (1976-77-78-79) and 2-time unanimous All-American (1978-79), he set 22 NCAA, Pac-10, USC and Rose Bowl records. He captained the 1979 Trojans while leading the nation in rushing. As a senior in 1979, he also won the Walter Camp, Maxwell and Pop Warner Awards. He was a 3-time All-Conference first teamer (1977-78-79), was USC's team MVP in 1978 and 1979 and won the 1978 Voit Trophy while finishing fourth in the Heisman voting as a junior. He was USC's rushing leader in 1977 (1,478 yards), 1978 (1,859 yards) and 1979 (2,050 yards), as well as the school's total offense leader in 1978 (1,854 yards), scoring leader in 1978 (86 points) and 1979 (114 points) and kickoff return leader in 1976 (295 yards). He had 31 career 100-yard rushing games, including 10 in 1979. The 1978 and 1979 Rose Bowl Player of the Game, he is a member of the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame. USC went 42-6-1 during his 4-year career, won the 1978 national title and was victorious in 4 bowls (including 3 Rose Bowls). He was inducted into the USC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996. He made the Pac-12 All-Century Team in 2015. He also was a hurdler on USC's 1979 track team. A first round pick in the 1980 NFL Draft, White played with the Browns (1980-84) and Rams (1985-88). He led the league in rushing in 1987. He returned to USC in 1990 as a special assistant to the athletic director. In 1993, he became an assistant football coach in charge of the Trojan running backs (a position he held through 1997). He then held an administrative job at USC.

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

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

#### IN THE NFL

- Fourteen former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (most of any school).
- A Trojan has appeared in all but 8 of the 57 Super Bowls and Trojans have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 244 times.
- USC is second behind Notre Dame's 525 for most NFL draft picks (523). USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939.
- USC (85) is second behind Ohio State (90) for most first round NFL draft picks. USC is tied with Notre Dame and Oklahoma for most players selected as the top pick in the NFL draft (5).
- There are currently 37 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters.
- Among USC's current NFLers are QB Sam Darnold, RB Ronald Jones II, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Drake London and Michael Pittman Jr., LB Uchenna Nwosu, DBs Adoree' Jackson and Talanoa Hufanfa, DLs Leonard Williams and Rasheem Green and OLs Alijah Vera-Tucker and Austin Jackson.
- One NFL head coach has USC ties (as a former coach): Seattle's Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champion).
- Five current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: WR Zachariah Branch and S Zion Branch's great-uncle, Cliff Branch, is a former Raiders wide receiver who was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio in August. DB Ceyair Wright (uncle, Mazio Royster, cousins Darick and Darnay Holmes), RUSH Devan Thompkins' uncle, Larry Grant played in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (2008, 2011-12), St. Louis Rams (2008-10), Chicago Bears (2013) and Cleveland Browns (2013). WR Brenden Rice (father is legendary Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Jerry Rice, who played for the San Francisco 49ers (1985-2000), where he was on 3 Super Bowl champions (MVP in XXIII, plus XXIV, XXIX), Oakland Raiders (2001-04), Seattle Seahawks (2004) and Denver Broncos (2004) and set NFL records for career receptions (1,549), receiving yards (22,895) and receiving touchdowns (197). His stepfather, Rick Cunningham, was an offensive lineman in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts (1990), Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals (1992-94), Minnesota Vikings (1995), Oakland Raiders (1996-98) and in the CFL with the Montreal Alouettes (2000, 2002) and Edmonton Eskimos (2001-02)).



- Assistant coach **Donte Williams'** cousin, Kris Richard, played in the NFL. Assistant coach **Luke Huard's** brother Damon played with the Miami Dolphins (1997-2000), New England Patriots (2001-2003, including on the Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII champs), and Kansas City Chiefs (2004-08). His brother Brock played with the Seattle Seahawks (1999-2001, 2004) and Indianapolis Colts (2002-03). Defensive graduate assistant Peyton Pelluer's father, Scott, played with the New Orleans Saints (1981-86). His uncle, Steve, was a quarterback with the Dallas Cowboys (1984-88), Kansas City Chiefs (1989-91), Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1995) and Frankfurt Galaxy (1996-97). His brother-in-law, Tosh Lupoi, has been an assistant coach at the Cleveland Browns (2019), the Atlanta Falcons (2020) and the Jacksonville Jaguars (2021). Offensive Graduate Assistant Trey Tinsley's father Scott Tinsley played for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1987.

- Two of USC's assistant coaches played pro football. Assistant coach **Roy Manning** played 3 years in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers (2005), Houston Texans (2006), Buffalo Bills (2006), Jacksonville Jaguars (2007) and Cincinnati Bengals (2007). Assistant coach **Shaun Nua** played 4 seasons (2005-08) in the NFL, the first 3 with the Pittsburgh Steelers and 2008 with the Buffalo Bills. He was a member of the Steelers' Super Bowl XL-winning team in 2006.

- Senior offensive analyst **Kliff Kingsbury** was the head coach of the Arizona Cardinals for 4 seasons (2019-22).

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2023 marks 100 years of USC football in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. To commemorate the centennial celebration, the Trojan football players will wear a "100" sticker on their helmets during the 2023 season.

- The 2023 USC-Nevada matchup will mark the 100th anniversary of the teams' 1923 meeting in the second-ever collegiate varsity football game played in the then-new Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum played on Oct. 13, 1923. (The first varsity game in Coliseum was played a week earlier on Oct. 6, 1923 versus Pomona, but USC didn't schedule Pomona this year because it is not FBS).

### ACADEMICS

- The USC football team posted an NCAA Academic Progress Rate of 972, marks the program's fifth consecutive ranking with at least 970 APR, according to data released by the NCAA in May of 2023. A team's APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation to generate a measure of academic performance of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR is a multiyear rate based on scores from the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years. USC Athletics' 21-team multiyear APR of 990 is a new department high and continues the Trojans' upward overall trajectory. It follows last year's record-setting tally of 988, which was an improvement from 985 in 2020. The NCAA did not release its annual scorecard of academic achievement for all Division I teams in 2021, taking a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

- The Trojan football team posted a NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 79%, according to data released by the NCAA in November of 2022. GSR measures how many players in the classes of 2011-14 graduated within 6 years of enrollment. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2021 was at 93%, an all-time high for the ninth consecutive year.

- Forty-six Trojans (42% of the roster) have cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 or higher, including 5 with GPAs above 3.50 (through summer 2023 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2023 Trojan squad are: SNP Nathan Weneta (3.93, philosophy, politics and economics), DL Jack Sullivan (3.85, gerontology certificate), QB Miller Moss (3.77, law, history and culture), RB Austin Jones (3.76, communication), QB Malachi Nelson (3.75, communication), RUSH Solomon Tuliapupu (3.75, master's project management), WR Josiah Zamora (3.73, law, history and culture), TE Jude Wolfe (3.60, master's communication management), DL Kyon Barrs (3.50, gerontology certificate), RUSH Jamil Muhammad (3.50, gerontology certificate), RB A'Marion Peterson (3.50, undeclared), ILB Roman Marchetti (3.48, journalism), QB Isaac Ward (3.46, American popular culture), RB Matt Colombo (3.43, business administration), DL Justin Dedich (3.40, master's in dietetics and food service), WR Makai Lemon (3.40, communication), DL Jonah Monheim (3.39, business administration), DB Prophet Brown (3.35, communication), CB L Simpson (3.35, communication and sociology), ILB Shane Lee (3.33, master's in aging services management), DB L Simpson (3.33, sociology), DL Jarrett Kingston (3.30, gerontology certificate), RB Matt Colombo (3.26, business administration), ILB Mason Cobb (3.25, economics), P/PK Eddie Czaplicki (3.25, economics), RB MarShawn Lloyd (3.25, psychology), QB Gage Roy (3.25, real estate development), RUSH Solomon Byrd (3.22, gerontology certificate), SNP Daniel Meunier (3.21, psychology), DL Michael Tarquin (3.20, gerontology certificate), S Daniel Jimenez-Fulton (3.18, business administration), RUSH Garrett Pomerantz (3.14, health promotion), RB Quinten Joyner (3.10, communication), DL Anthony Lucas (3.07, undeclared), DL Elijah Paige (3.07, journalism), S Christian Pierce (3.07, astronomy), Ty Shamblin (3.07 business administration, minor hip, street and social dance forms), DL Kilian O'Connor (3.04, business administration), P Michael McAllister (3.02, communication), DL Grant Tucker (3.02, business administration), ILB Theo Bravos (3.00, business administration), CB Maliki Crawford (3.00, undeclared), QB Jake Jensen (3.00, real estate development), ILB Garrison Madden (3.00, health and human sciences), CB Christian Roland-Wallace (3.00, gerontology certificate) and QB Caleb Williams (3.00, communication).

- RB Matt Colombo, RB Austin Jones, DL Jonah Monheim, QB Miller Moss, QB Isaac Ward, SNP Nathan Weneta and WR Josiah Zamora made the 2022 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll.

- This season, USC football will be honoring players who have earned a USC degree by placing a graduation cap patch on their jerseys. Seven players will be wearing those patches this fall: SNP Jac Casasante (sociology), DL Justin Dedich (human biology), QB Miller Moss (law, history and culture), P Will Rose (real estate development), DL Solomon Tuliapupu (business administration), S Max Williams (real estate development) and TE Jude Wolfe (real estate development).

- Sixteen Trojans have already earned their bachelor's degrees. DL Sinjun Astani earned his bachelor's degree in political science from San Jose State, and is working on his master's in construction engineering. DL Kyon Barrs earned his bachelor's degree in general studies -sports and society from Arizona, and is working on his gerontology certificate. DL Solomon Byrd earned his bachelor's degree in American studies from Wyoming, and is working on his gerontology certificate. SNP Jac Casasante earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from USC and is working on his master's degree in project management. DL Justin Dedich earned his bachelor's degree in human biology from USC and is working on his master's degree in dietetics and food service. DL Jarrett Kingston earned his bachelor's degree in social science from Washington State, and is working on his gerontology certificate. ILB Shane Lee earned his bachelor's degree from Alabama and is working on his master's degree in aging services management. QB Miller Moss earned his bachelor's degree in law, history and culture from USC and is working on his master's in finance. RUSH Jamil Muhammad earned his bachelor's degree in social entrepreneurship from Georgia State and is working on his master's in social entrepreneurship. ILB Deuce Palmer earned his bachelor's degree in finance from SMU and is working on his master's in computer science. CB Christian Roland-Wallace earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Arizona and is working on his gerontology certificate. DL Jack Sullivan earned his bachelor's degree in professional flight technology and aviation management from Purdue and is working on his gerontology certificate. DL Michael Tarquin earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida and is working on his gerontology certificate. DL Solomon Tuliapupu earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from USC and is working on his master's in project management. S Max Williams earned his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC and is working on his master's in communication management. TE Jude Wolfe earned his bachelor's degree in real estate development from USC and is working on his master's in communication management.

- In its history, USC football has produced 23 Academic All-American first teamers (tied for tops in the Pac-12 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 13 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 7 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top 10 winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar (Pat Haden) and 2 Academic All-American Hall of Famers (Haden and Dick Nunis).



**MARKETING**

- There will be a drone show at halftime.
- The 2023 USC women's beach volleyball national championship team will be recognized during the game.

**OTHER USC SPORTS IN SATURDAY ACTION**

- USC women's cross country competes at the Waves Invitational in Malibu, Calif.
- USC women's volleyball challenges Marist at 1 p.m. PT in the Galen Center.
- USC men's water polo faces off against California at 3:30 p.m. PT at Uytensu Aquatics Center.
- USC men's gold competes at the Sahalee Players Championship in Sammamish, Wash.

**NEXT GAME**

- Next week, USC has its first bye of the 2023 season.



# 2023 SQUAD BREAKDOWNS

## Experience Breakdown

Following is a breakdown of the 2023 USC football team. Players listed in CAPITAL LETTERS were 2022 starters (with number of starts in parentheses). Players with a “^ (x)” were 2022 co-starters (with number of starts in parentheses). Players with a “# (x)” were 2022 part-time starters (with number of starts in parentheses). Players with a “\*” were 2021 lettermen.

## RETURNING SQUADMEN (70)

### OFFENSE (18)

Darwin Barlow, RB\* (5)  
 Raleek Brown, RB\*  
 JUSTIN DEDICH, OL\* (20)  
 Andres Dewerk, OL\*  
 Kyrion Hudson, WR\*  
 Michael Jackson III, WR\*# (1)  
 Austin Jones, RB\*^ (17)  
 Lake McRee, TE\*# (3)  
 Andrew Milek, OL\*  
 JONAH MONHEIM, OL\*# (21)  
 Miller Moss, QB\*  
 Mason Murphy, OL\*# (5)  
 Gino Quinones, OL\*# (2)  
 BRENDEN RICE, WR\* (24)  
 TAHJ WASHINGTON, WR\* (32)  
 CALEB WILLIAMS, QB\* (21)  
 MARIO WILLIAMS, WR\* (10)  
 Jude Wolfe, TE\* (1)

### DEFENSE (24)

Sinjun Astani, DL\*  
 Anthony Beavers Jr., DB\*  
 De'jon Benton, DL\*  
 Prophet Brown, DB\* (1)  
 CALEN BULLOCK, DB\*# (14)  
 Solomon Byrd, RUSH\*# (11)  
 Jacobe Covington, DB\*# (3)  
 Raesjon Davis, ILB\*  
 Korey Foreman, DL\*  
 ERIC GENTRY, ILB\* (12)  
 Xamarion Gordon, DB\*  
 Romello Height, RUSH\*# (2)  
 Domani Jackson, DB\*  
 SHANE LEE, ILB\* (25)  
 Kobe Pepe, DL\*  
 Fabian Ross, DB\*  
 Bryson Shaw, DB\*^ (17)  
 JAYLIN SMITH, DB\* (10)  
 TYRONE TALENI, DL\* (9)  
 STANLEY TA'UFO'OU, DL\* (25)  
 Chris Thompson Jr., ILB\* (2)  
 Solomon Tuliaupupu, DL\*  
 MAX WILLIAMS, DB\* (18)  
 CEYAIR WRIGHT, DB\* (11)

### SPECIAL TEAMS (4)

Jac Casasante, SNP\*  
 Denis Lynch, PK\*  
 Will Rose, P\*  
 Aadyn Sleep-Dalton, P\*

### NON-PLAYING SQUADMEN (24)

Zion Branch, DB  
 Theo Bravos, ILB  
 Matt Colombo, RB  
 Jake Jensen, QB  
 Daniel Jimenez-Fulton, DB  
 Cooper Lovelace, OL  
 Garrison Madden, ILB  
 Roman Marchetti, ILB  
 Michael McAllister, P  
 Daniel Meunier, SNP  
 Cory Nerhus, WR  
 Kilian O'Connor, DL  
 Luke Otte, TE  
 Garrett Pomerantz, RUSH  
 Gage Roy, QB  
 Ty Shamblyn, WR  
 L Simpson, DB  
 Carson Tabaracci, TE  
 Devan Thompkins, DL  
 Grant Tucker, OL  
 Isaac Ward, QB  
 Nathan Weneta, SNP  
 Garth White, PK/P  
 Josiah Zamora, WR

## SPRING 2023 ENROLLEES/ADDITIONS (21)

### OFFENSE (10)

Zachariah Branch, WR  
 Quinten Joyner, RB  
 Jarrett Kingston, OL  
 Makai Lemon, WR  
 MarShawn Lloyd, RB  
 Malachi Nelson, QB  
 Elijah Paige, OL  
 A'Marion Peterson, RB  
 Dorian Singer, WR  
 Michael Tarquin, OL

### DEFENSE (10)

Kyon Barrs, DL  
 Mason Cobb, ILB  
 Maliki Crawford, DB  
 Tackett Curtis, ILB  
 Sam Greene, RUSH  
 Anthony Lucas, DL  
 Jamil Muhammad, RUSH  
 Christian Pierce, DB  
 Christian Roland-Wallace, DB  
 Jack Sullivan, DL

### SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

Eddie Czaplicki, PK-P

## INCOMING TRANSFERS (5)

### OFFENSE (2)

Emmanuel Pregon, OL  
 CJ Woods, TE

### DEFENSE (3)

Bear Alexander, DL  
 Tre'Quon Fegans, DB  
 Deuce Palmer, ILB

### SPECIAL TEAMS (0)

## INCOMING FRESHMEN (14)

### OFFENSE (9)

Micah Banuelos, OL  
 Kade Eldridge, TE  
 Ja'Kobi Lane, WR  
 Jaden Moore, WR  
 Alani Noa, OL  
 Tobias Raymond, OL  
 Duce Robinson, WR  
 Jack Susnjar, OL  
 Amos Talalele, OL

### DEFENSE (4)

Elijah Hughes, DL  
 Deijon Laffitte, DL  
 DJ Peevy, RUSH  
 Braylan Shelby, RUSH

### SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

Tyler Robles, PK

## SQUADMEN LOST (43)

### OFFENSE (24)

JORDAN ADDISON, WR\*  
 Gary Bryant Jr., WR\*  
 Joe Bryson, OL\*  
 Terrell Bynum, WR\*  
 TRAVIS DYE, RB\*  
 Malcolm Epps, TE\*  
 Josh Faló, TE\*  
 Courtland Ford, OL\*  
 Kyle Ford, WR\*  
 Mo Hasan, QB  
 BOBBY HASKINS, OL\*  
 John Jackson III, WR\*  
 AJ Mageo, OL\*  
 Sean Mahoney, TE\*  
 BRETT NEILON, OL\*  
 Brandon Outlaw, RB\*  
 Austin Overn, WR  
 Keegan Patterson, QB  
 Ethan Rae, TE  
 Jason Rodriguez, OL  
 Caadyn Stephen, OL  
 ANDREW VORHEES, OL\*  
 CJ Williams, WR\*  
 Grant Zane, WR

### DEFENSE (18)

Xavion Alford, DB  
 Briton Allen, DB  
 Earl Barquet Jr., DL\*  
 MEKHI BLACKMON, DB\*  
 Micah Croom, DB\*  
 NICK FIGUEROA, DL\*  
 Ralen Goforth, ILB\*  
 Joshua Jackson Jr., DB  
 Tayler Katoa, ILB  
 Latrell McCutchin, DB\*  
 Colin Mobley, DL  
 Clyde Moore, ILB  
 Tuasivi Nomura, ILB\*  
 Adonis Otey, DB  
 Brandon Pili, DL\*  
 Jamar Sekona, DL\*  
 Julien Simon, ILB\*  
 TULI TUIPULOTU, DL\*

### SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

Alex Stadthaus, PK\*



## CLASS BREAKDOWN

### SENIORS (32)

Sinjun Astani\*  
Darwin Barlow\*  
Kyon Barrs\*  
De'jon Benton\*  
Solomon Byrd\*  
Jac Casasante\*  
Mason Cobb  
Justin Dedich\*  
Austin Jones\*  
Jarrett Kingston\*  
Shane Lee  
Cooper Lovelace\*  
Daniel Meunier  
Jamil Muhammad\*  
Deuce Palmer\*  
Gino Quinones\*  
Vincent Ragsdale\*  
Brenden Rice  
Christian Roland-Wallace\*  
Wille Rose\*  
Bryson Shaw\*  
Aadyn Sleep-Dalton  
Jack Sullivan\*  
Tyrone Taleni\*  
Michael Tarquin\*  
Stanley Ta'ufo'ou\*  
Chris Thompson Jr.  
Grant Tucker  
Solomon Tuliaupupu\*  
Tahj Washington\*  
Max Williams\*  
Jude Wolfe\*

### JUNIORS (29)

Theo Bravos  
Calen Bullock  
Matt Colombo\*  
Jacobe Covington\*  
Eddie Czaplicki  
Raesjon Davis  
Andres Dewerk\*  
Korey Foreman  
Eric Gentry  
Romello Height\*  
Michael Jackson III  
MarShawn Lloyd\*  
Michael McAllister\*  
Andrew Milek\*  
Jonah Monheim\*  
Corey Nerhus  
Kobe Pepe\*  
Emmanuel Pregon\*  
Danny Ryan\*  
Ty Shamblin\*  
L Simpson\*  
Dorian Singer  
Jaylin Smith  
Isaac Ward\*

Nathan Weneta\*  
Garth White  
Caleb Williams  
Mario Williams  
CJ Woods\*

### SOPHOMORES (22)

Bear Alexander  
Anthony Beavers Jr.\*  
Prophet Brown\*  
Raleek Brown  
Xamarion Gordon\*  
Kyron Hudson\*  
Domani Jackson  
Jake Jensen\*  
Daniel Jimenez-Fulton\*  
Anthony Lucas  
Denis Lynch\*  
Roman Marchetti  
Lake McRee\*  
Miller Moss\*  
Mason Murphy\*  
Kilian O'Connor  
Luke Otte  
Garrett Pomerantz  
Fabian Ross  
Gage Roy  
Ceyair Wright\*  
Josiah Zamora\*

### FRESHMEN (29)

Micah Banuelos  
Zachariah Branch  
Zion Branch\*  
Maliki Crawford  
Tackett Curtis  
Kade Eldridge  
Tre'Quon Fegans\*  
Sam Greene  
Elijah Hughes  
Quinten Joyner  
Deijon Laffitte  
Ja'Kobi Lane  
Makai Lemon  
Garrison Madden\*  
Jaden Moore  
Malachi Nelson  
Alani Noa  
Elijah Paige  
DJ Peevy  
A'Marion Peterson  
Christian Pierce  
Tobias Raymond  
Duce Robinson  
Tyler Robles  
Braylan Shelby\*  
Jack Susnjar  
Carson Tabaracci\*  
Amos Talalele  
Devan Thompkins\*

\*Redshirt year used

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

(By hometown state/country)

### AUSTRALIA (1)

Aadyn Sleep-Dalton

### ALABAMA (2)

Tre'Quon Fegans  
Jamil Muhammad

### ARIZONA (8)

Jacobe Covington  
Daniel Jimenez-Fulton  
Ja'Kobi Lane  
Anthony Lucas  
Andrew Milek  
Elijah Paige  
Brenden Rice  
Duce Robinson

### CALIFORNIA (60)

Sinjun Astani  
Kyon Barrs  
Anthony Beavers Jr.  
De'jon Benton  
Theo Bravos  
Prophet Brown  
Raleek Brown  
Calen Bullock  
Solomon Byrd  
Jack Casasante  
Matt Colombo  
Maliki Crawford  
Raesjon Davis  
Justin Dedich  
Andres Dewerk  
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Luke Otte  
Deuce Palmer  
DJ Peevy  
Kobe Pepe  
Christian Pierce  
Vincent Ragsdale  
Tobias Raymond  
Tyler Robles  
Christian Roland-Wallace  
Will Rose  
Danny Ryan  
Ty Shamblin  
L Simpson  
Jaylin Smith  
Jack Susnjar  
Amos Talalele  
Stanley Ta'ufo'ou  
Devan Thompkins  
Solomon Tuliaupupu  
Nathan Weneta  
Garth White  
Max Williams  
Jude Wolfe  
CJ Woods

## 2022 SQUAD BREAKDOWNS

Ceyair Wright  
Josiah Zamora

### COLORADO (2)

Emmanuel Pregon  
Grant Tucker

### DELAWARE (1)

MarShawn Lloyd

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (2)

Sam Greene  
Caleb Williams

### FLORIDA (2)

Michael Tarquin  
Mario Williams

### GEORGIA (3)

Romello Height  
Garrison Madden  
Isaac Ward

### HAWAII (1)

Gino Quinones

### ILLINOIS (1)

Jack Sullivan

### KANSAS (1)

Cooper Lovelace

### LOUISIANA (1)

Tackett Curtis

### MARYLAND (2)

Shane Lee  
Bryson Shaw

### MINNESOTA (1)

Dorian Singer

### NEVADA (5)

Zachariah Branch  
Zion Branch  
Michael Jackson III  
Garrett Pomerantz  
Fabian Ross

### NORTH CAROLINA (1)

Eddie Czaplicki

### PENNSYLVANIA (1)

Eric Gentry

### TEXAS (10)

Bear Alexander  
Darwin Barlow  
Xamarion Gordon  
Quinten Joyner  
Lake McRee  
A'Marion Peterson  
Gage Roy  
Braylan Shelby  
Chris Thompson Jr.  
Tahj Washington

### UTAH (3)

Mason Cobb  
Jake Jensen  
Carson Tabaracci

### VIRGINIA (1)

Elijah Hughes

### WASHINGTON (2)

Micah Banuelos  
Kade Eldridge

### WESTERN SAMOA (1)

Tyrone Taleni



# PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

## PLAYERS

ASTANI, Sinjun	uh-STAH-nee, SIN-jhin
BANUELOS, Micah	ban-WAY-los
BARRS, Kyon	KEY-ohn
BENTON, De'jon	BEN-tun, DAY-zjahn
BRANCH, Zion	ZAI-aan
BROWN, Prophet	PRA-fet
BROWN, Raleek	rah-LEEK
BULLOCK, Calen	bul-LOCK, CAY-lin
BYRD, Solomon	BIRD, SAUL-uh-mun
CASASANTE, Jac	cass-uh-SOHN-tay, JACK
COLOMBO, Matt	cuh-LUM-boe
COVINGTON, Jacobe	kuh-VING-tun, juh- COE-bee
CRAWFORD, Maliki	ma-LI-kai
CZAPLICKI, Eddie	chuh-PLEEZ-kee
DAVIS, Raesjon	DAY-vis, RAY-jhon
DEDICH, Justin	DEED-itch
DEWERK, Andres	duh-WORK, ON-drus
FEGANS, Tre'Quon	FAY-gins, TRAY-kwan
FOREMAN, Korey	FOR-mun, CORE-ee
GORDON, Xamarion	GORE-dun, zuh-MAR-ee-on
HEIGHT, Romello	row-MELL-owe
HUDSON, Kyron	HUD-sun, KYE-ron
JACKSON, Domani	do-MON-ee
JIMENEZ-FULTON, Daniel	hee-MEN-ez-FULL-tun
LAFFITTE, Deijon	lah-FEET, DAY-zjahn
LANE, Ja'Kobi	juh-COE-bee
LEMON, Makai	muh-KAI
MARCHETTI, Roman	mar-KEH-tee, ROE-min
McCALLISTER, Michael	muh-CAL-us-tur
McREE, Lake	muh-CREE
MEUNIER, Daniel	moon-YAY (like say)
MILEK, Andrew	MILL-ick
MONHEIM, Jonah	MAHN-hime, JOE-nuh
MUHAMMAD, Jamil	juh-MILL
NELSON, Malachi	ma-LUH-kai
NERHUS, Corey	NEAR-hoose
NDA, Alani	no-uh, uh-LAWN-ee

O'CONNOR, Kilian	kil-EE-uhn
OTTE, Luke	AWH-tee
PEPE, Kobe	PEP-pay, COE-bee
PETERSON, A'Marion	uh-MAHR-ee-on
POMERANTZ, Garrett	POM-er-ants
PREGNON, Emmanuel	ee-MAN-ewe-well
QUINONES, Gino	cue-NOE-nez, GEE-noe
ROSS, Fabian	FAY-bee-uhn
SHAMBLIN, Ty	SHAM-blin
SHAW, Bryson	BRY-sun
SLEEP-DALTON, Aadya	AY-duhn
SMITH, Jaylin	SMITH, JAY-lun
SUSNJAR, Jack	SUSH-nar
TABARACCI, Carson	tah-buh-RAH-chee
TALALELE, Amos	tah-lah-LAY-lay
TALENI, Tyrone	tuh-LEEN-ee
TARQUIN, Michael	TAR-kwin
TA'UFO'DU, Stanley	tau-FOE-oh
THOMPSON, Devan	DEV-un
TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	too-lee-ow-POO-poo, SAUL-uh-mun
WASHINGTON, Tahj	WASH-ing-ton, TAWJ
WENETA, Nathan	wuh-NET-uh
WOLFE, Jude	WULF
WRIGHT, Ceyair	RITE, see-AIR
ZAMORA, Josiah	zuh-MORE-uh, joe-ZYE-uh

## COACHES

HUARD, Luke	YOU-erd
McDONALD, Kiel	KYLE
NUA, Shaun	NOD-uh
WILLIAMS, Donte	WIL-yums, DON-tay
WYLIE, Bennie	BEN-ee

## TROJANS IN THE NFL (33)

(As of 9/4/23)

<b>ARIZONA CARDINALS</b> Keaontay Ingram, RB	<b>LOS ANGELES CHARGERS</b> *%Terrell Bynum, WR
<b>ATLANTA FALCONS</b> Drake London, WR	*Tuli Tuipulotu, LB
<b>BALTIMORE RAVENS</b> Nelson Agholor, WR Kevon Seymour, CB	<b>MIAMI DOLPHINS</b> Austin Jackson, OT Brandon Pili, DT
*Andrew Vorhees, OG	<b>MINNESOTA VIKINGS</b> *Jordan Addison, WR
<b>CHICAGO BEARS</b> Rasheem Green, DE	*Mekhi Blackmon, CB
<b>CINCINNATI BENGALS</b> Marvell Tell, CB Jay Tufele, DT	<b>NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS</b> JuJu Smith-Schuster, WR
<b>DALLAS COWBOYS</b> Chuma Edoga, OG &Ronald Jones II, RB Tyron Smith, T	<b>NEW YORK GIANTS</b> Adoree' Jackson, DB Leonard Williams, DL
<b>DALLAS COWBOYS</b> Isaac Taylor-Stuart, CB	<b>NEW YORK JETS</b> Alijah Vera-Tucker, OL
<b>DETROIT LIONS</b> Amon-Ra St. Brown, WR	<b>PHILADELPHIA EAGLES</b> Marlon Tuipulotu, DT
<b>HOUSTON TEXANS</b> Robert Woods, WR	<b>SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS</b> Sam Darnold, QB Talanoa Hufanga, S Drake Jackson, LB
<b>INDIANAPOLIS COLTS</b> Michael Pittman Jr., WR	<b>SEATTLE SEAHAWKS</b> Uchenna Nwosu, LB
%Isaac Taylor-Stuart, CB	
<b>LAS VEGAS RAIDERS</b> Isaiah Pola-Mao, S %Kana'i Mauga, LB	

\*2023 Rookie  
+Injured Reserve  
&Suspension  
%Practice Squad







# LINCOLN RILEY

## 3 Heisman Trophy Winners Coached 3 College Football Playoff Appearances 4 Big 12 Championships • 2018 Big 12 Coach Of The Year

Lincoln Riley is one of the nation's most successful coaches. In fact, he has had more success before the age of 40 than any other head coach in college football history. Lincoln Riley has been a head coach for 6 seasons and has developed 3 of the last 6 Heisman Trophy winners, all of whom are quarterbacks. Riley is also the only head coach to coach 3 Heisman winning quarterbacks. From coaching 3 Heisman Trophy winners, to having an 84 percent winning record, to appearing in 3 College Football Playoffs, Lincoln Riley's coaching achievements set a standard of excellence.

And didn't take long for Riley to implement that standard at USC. In his first season as USC's head coach in 2022, the

39-year-old led the Trojans to have equaled the biggest one-season victory turnaround (+7 victories) in USC history (USC's 1962 national champs won 11 games after winning just 4 in 1961). Last season, Troy won 4 games and in 2022, it had 11 victories. Riley tied the record for most victories by a first-year head coach (tied with John Robinson in 1976. This also ties the Pac-12 record). Riley's Trojans went 11-3 in 2022 to bring USC back to the top of the college football landscape. USC went undefeated in the Coliseum (7-0), doing so for the first time since 2017. Riley guided the Trojans to a Pac-12 Championship appearance and to a Cotton Bowl appearance. In Riley's electric offense, USC scored 579 points in 2022 compared to just 344 points scored in 2021. The Trojans finished the season nationally ranked No. 1 in turnover margin (1.57), No. 1 in turnovers lost (7), No. 1 in fumbles lost (2), No. 2 in 3rd down conversion percentage (0.536), No. 2 in passes had intercepted (5), No. 3 in first downs offense (359), No. 3 in passes intercepted (19), No. 3 in passing offense (335.4), No. 3 in scoring offense (41.4), No. 3 in team passing efficiency (169.20), No. 3 in total offense (506.6) and No. 5 in turnovers gained (29).

Riley's 2022 Trojans broke six USC records. The 2022 team now holds the USC record for most yards passing in a single season (4,696 yards in 14 games), most passes attempted in a single season (515), most touchdown passes in a single season (43), lowest percentage of passes had intercepted (0.97%, 5 in 515 attempts), most games scoring 30+ points (12) and most games scoring 40+ points (10). They also tie the USC single-game record for most touchdowns on interception returns (3 vs. Rice).

Under Riley's tutelage in 2022, quarterback Caleb Williams was named the 88th recipient of the Heisman Trophy. In addition to winning college football's most prestigious award, Williams also was named the 2022 Walter Camp Player of the Year, the 2022 AP Player of the Year, the 2022 Maxwell Award winner, the 2022 Sporting News College Football Player of the Year, the 2022 CBS Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 Action Sports Player of the Year, the 2022 CFP National Performer of the Year and the 2022 Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year. Defensive lineman Tuli Tuipulotu was the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, the defensive Morris Trophy winner and was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Rotary Lombardi Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, and the Lott IMPACT Trophy. Both Tuipulotu and Williams were Unanimous First Team All-Americans, USC's first since 2012. Offensive linemen Brett Neilon and Andrew Vorhees and defensive back Calen Bullock were also named First Team All-Americans. Riley's 5 First Team All-Americans were the most in a single season since 2007 when USC also had 5 first teamers. Jordan Addison, Mekhi Blackmon, Tuli Tuipulotu, Andrew Vorhees, Caleb Williams were all selected to the All-Pac-12 First Team, and Vorhees was the offensive recipient of the Morris Trophy. Riley was a finalist for the 2022 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. He threw out the first pitch at a Dodgers game in May of 2022.

Riley was hired by USC on Nov. 28, 2021. He arrived after serving as the head coach at Oklahoma, winning 85 percent of his games in five seasons there and led the Sooners to four Big 12 titles and four New Year's Six bowls with three College Football Playoff appearances.

Riley posted a 55-10 overall record in his five years (2017-21) at Oklahoma for an impressive .846 winning percentage. His Sooners were 37-7 (.841) in league play and won Big 12 championships in his first four years there as he became the first person to win outright Football Bowl Subdivision conference crowns in each of his first four seasons as a collegiate head coach. He set Oklahoma records for most victories in his first two (24), three (36) and four (45) seasons, breaking marks held by Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops.

After serving as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for two of the most prolific offenses in OU's history, Riley took over as the Sooners' head coach in 2017 when Stoops retired. He was the youngest FBS head coach (33) at the time of his hiring. He also coached the OU quarterbacks and called the offensive plays while serving as head coach, running a balanced offensive attack.

Riley led his initial Oklahoma squad to a 12-2 overall record in 2017, becoming just the fifth FBS coach with no previous head coaching experience at a four-year college to win at least 12 games in his debut season. The Sooners won the Big 12 title by going 8-1, played in the CFP semifinal in the Rose Bowl and finished third in the final AP poll. Quarterback Baker Mayfield won the Heisman Trophy that season, along with the Maxwell, Davey O'Brien, Manning, Walter Camp Player of the Year and AP Player of the Year Awards, and was the No. 1 pick of the 2018 NFL Draft. Tight end Mark Andrews won the 2017 Mackey Award.

Oklahoma was again 12-2 overall and 8-1 while winning the Big 12 championships in 2018 and 2019. He was the Big 12 Co-Coach of the Year in 2018. Quarterback Kyler Murray won the 2018 Heisman Trophy, O'Brien Award and Manning Award, was the AP Player of the Year and was the No. 1 selection in the 2020 NFL Draft, while quarterback Jalen Hurts was the Heisman runner-up in 2019. The Sooners appeared in the Orange Bowl in 2018 and Peach Bowl in 2019, both CFP semifinals. OU was fourth in the final AP poll in 2018 and seventh in 2019.

In the COVID-impacted 2020 season, Oklahoma went 9-2 overall, won the Big 12 at 6-2, beat Florida in the Cotton Bowl and was sixth in the final AP poll.

In 2021, the Sooners were 10-2 in the just-completed regular season, tied for second in the Big 12 standings at 7-2 and are ranked 13th by AP.

Riley spent 2015 and 2016 as Oklahoma's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He won the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in 2015 when his offense ranked seventh nationally in total offense. In 2016, receiver Dede Westbrook won the Biletnikoff Award and was fourth in the Heisman voting, while running back Joe Mixon set the OU season all-purpose yardage record (2,331 yards) and fellow running back Samaje Perine set the school career rushing mark (4,122 yards).

Riley came to Oklahoma after five seasons (2010-14) as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at East Carolina. He added the title of assistant head coach in 2014. The Pirates, running a spread offensive scheme, set more than 50 team and individual school offensive records during his time there. His squads had the top five passing seasons in school history and top four total offense marks. In 2014, ECU set a school season mark with 6,929 yards of total offense. East Carolina appeared in the national Top 10 in such categories as passing and scoring offense, third down conversion percentage and red zone scoring efficiency.

His Pirate wide receivers Justin Hardy and Zay Jones became the most productive pass catchers in FBS history. Hardy caught an NCAA record 387 career passes for 4,541 yards (including a trio of 1,000-yard seasons). Jones, who Riley coached for the first two years of his career, went on to break Hardy's mark with 399 career receptions.

East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis was the 2010 Conference USA Newcomer of the Year and set school records for career completions and TD passes. He completed an NCAA record 36 consecutive passes in 2011. He was succeeded by Shane Carden, who broke many of Davis' record. Carden set ECU season marks for passing yards (4,736 in 2014) and completion percentage (.705 in 2013) and was the Conference USA MVP in 2013 followed by the American Conference's Offensive Player of the Year in 2014.

Riley was on the football and track teams at Muleshoe (Tex.) High, a West Texas town of 5,000. He was a walk-on quarterback at Texas Tech in the spring and summer of 2003 before starting his coaching career as a student assistant there under head coach Mike Leach for three seasons (2003-05), working with the offense.

He became an offensive graduate assistant at Texas Tech in 2006, then joined the Red Raiders' fulltime staff as the wide receivers coach in 2007 and the inside wide receivers coach in 2008 and 2009. In 2009, he called plays as the interim offensive coordinator in the Alamo Bowl, producing 579 yards of offense. His wide receiver Michael Crabtree won the 2007 Biletnikoff Award while establishing Big 12 and NCAA freshman records with 134 receptions for 1,962 yards, while fellow wideout Danny Amendola also had a 100-catch, 1,000-yard season in 2007. The Red Raiders played in a bowl in each of his seven seasons and Tech quarterbacks won NCAA passing titles in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007.

Riley received his bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from Texas Tech in 2006.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1983, in Lubbock, Tex. He and his wife, Caitlin, have two daughters, Sloan and Stella. His younger brother, Garrett, is the offensive coordinator at Clemson after previously coaching at TCU (where he helped coach the Horned Frogs to the 2022 National Championship game), SMU, Appalachian State, Kansas, East Carolina and Augustana College and playing quarterback at Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin.

# ASSISTANT COACHES



**Dennis Simmons**

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**Assistant Head Coach /  
Outside Wide Receivers Coach /  
Offensive Passing Game Coord.**

*On the Field*



**Alex Grinch**

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**Defensive Coordinator /  
Safeties**

*On the Field*

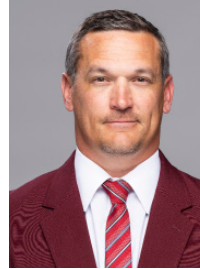


**Josh Henson**

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**Offensive Coordinator /  
Offensive Line**

*On the Field*



**Brian Odom**

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**Inside Linebackers /  
Associate Head Coach for Defense**

*In the Booth*



**Kiel McDonald**

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**Running Backs**

*On the Field*



**Roy Manning**

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**Outside Linebackers /  
Assistant Head Coach for Defense**

*On the Field*



**Zach Hanson**

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**Tight Ends**

*On the Field*



**Donte Williams**

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**Defensive Backs /  
Defensive Passing Game Coord.**

*On the Field*



**Luke Huard**

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**Inside Wide Receivers**

*In the Booth*



**Shaun Nua**

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**Defensive Line**

*On the Field*

## 2023 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
90	ALEXANDER, Bear	DL	6-3	300	10/7/03	So./So.	TR	Terrell, Texas (IMG Academy/Georgia)
93	ASTANI, Sinjun	DL	6-4	270	5/13/99	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Malibu, Calif. (Loyola/San Jose State)
59	BANUELOS, Micah	OL	6-2	300	12/14/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
22	BARLOW, Darwin	RB	6-0	220	7/18/01	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Newton, Texas (Newton/TCU)
92	BARRS, Kyon	DL	6-2	290	11/9/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Mesa/Arizona)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	DB	6-1	210	9/24/02	So.*/Jr.	2V	Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-1	270	2/21/01	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Pittsburg, Calif. (Pittsburg)
1	BRANCH, Zachariah	WR	5-10	175	3/29/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
8	BRANCH, Zion	DB	6-2	210	10/20/02	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
52	BRAVOS, Theo	ILB	5-10	210	8/31/02	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Yuba City Calif. (Sutter Union)
16	BROWN, Prophet	DB	5-11	190	2/3/03	So.*/Jr.	2V	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail)
14	BROWN, Raleek	RB	5-8	185	8/01/03	So./So.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
7	BULLOCK, Calen	DB	6-3	190	4/30/03	Jr./Jr.	2V	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir)
51	BYRD, Solomon	RUSH	6-3	250	12/1/99	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Palmdale, Calif. (Knight/Wyoming)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	230	2/6/00	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Altadena, Calif. (Loyola)
13	COBB, Mason	ILB	6-0	235	10/29/01	Sr./Sr.	TR	Provo, Utah (Provo/Oklahoma State)
34	COLOMBO, Matt	RB	5-10	195	11/3/01	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	El Segundo, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
14	COVINGTON, Jacobe	DB	6-2	200	9/13/01	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Saguaro/ Washington)
29	CRAWFORD, Maliki	DB	6-4	175	1/19/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Oxnard, Calif. (Pacifica)
25	CURTIS, Tackett	ILB	6-2	225	10/21/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Many, La. (Many)
37	CZAPLICKI, Eddie	PK/P	6-1	205	7/10/03	Jr./Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Providence/Arizona State)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	ILB	6-0	220	4/11/02	Jr./Jr.	2V	Norco, Calif. (Mater Dei)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	295	4/21/00	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	330	2/18/02	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Jose, Calif. (Los Gatos)
88	ELDRIDGE, Kade	TE	6-4	235	10/2/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Lynden, Wash. (Lynden Christian School)
23	FEGANS, Tre'Quon	DB	6-1	190	9/22/02	Fr.*/So.	TR	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson/Alabama)
0	FOREMAN, Korey	DL	6-4	235	11/8/02	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
18	GENTRY, Eric	ILB	6-6	215	5/20/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti/ Arizona State)
28	GORDON, Xamarion	DB	6-1	210	2/3/03	So.*/Jr.	2V	Houston, Texas (Warren)
44	GREENE, Sam	RUSH	6-1	235	4/15/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Washington, D.C. (St. Frances Academy)
2	HEIGHT, Romello	RUSH	6-3	230	4/13/01	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Dublin, Ga. (Dublin/Auburn)
10	HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-1	205	5/16/02	So.*/Jr.	2V	Duarte, Calif. (Mater Dei)
56	HUGHES, Elijah	DL	6-3	270	6/29/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Arlington, Va. (Washington-Liberty)
1	JACKSON, Domani	DB	6-1	190	11/27/02	So./So.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
9	JACKSON III, Michael	WR	6-0	200	10/21/02	Jr./Jr.	2V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Desert Pines)
17	JENSEN, Jake	QB	6-1	220	2/25/01	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Pleasant Grove, Utah (Pleasant Grove/ BYU/Contra Costa JC)
48	JIMENEZ-FULTON, Daniel	DB	5-10	185	11/15/02	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
6	JONES, Austin	RB	5-10	200	2/7/01	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Antioch, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/Stanford)
21	JOYNER, Quinten	RB	5-11	205	3/3/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Paige, Texas (Manor)
52	KINGSTON, Jarrett	OL	6-4	305	12/2/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Anderson, Calif. (Anderson/Washington State)
91	LAFFITTE, Deijon	DL	6-2	305	2/14/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)
89	LANE, Ja'Kobi	WR	6-4	180	8/5/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
53	LEE, Shane	ILB	6-0	240	12/12/00	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Burtonsville, Md. (St. Frances Academy/Alabama)
24	LEMON, Makai	WR	5-11	190	6/2/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
0	LLOYD, MarShawn	RB	5-9	210	1/5/01	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Wilmington, Del. (DeMatha Catholic/South Carolina)
62	LOVELACE, Cooper	OL	6-5	300	12/20/00	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East/ Butler CC)
6	LUCAS, Anthony	DL	6-5	265	10/8/04	So./So.	TR	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral/Texas A&M)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	190	6/26/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park)
41	MADDEN, Garrison	ILB	6-3	220	12/11/03	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown)
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	ILB	6-2	215	12/22/03	So./So.	SQ	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	220	3/3/02	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	245	9/4/02	So.*/Jr.	2V	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
48	MEUNIER, Daniel	SNP	5-10	230	12/21/00	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Lynwood, Calif. (Bishop Mora Salesian/ El Camino CC)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	315	2/2/01	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Chandler, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	300	6/7/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)
85	MOORE, Jaden	WR	6-0	180	1/30/05	Fr./Fr.	--	La Jolla, Calif. (The Bishop's School)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-2	200	3/19/02	So.*/Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
10	MUHAMMAD, Jamil	RUSH	6-1	250	2/1/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens/ Georgia State)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-5	310	6/21/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Riverside, Calif. (JSerra Catholic)





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8	NELSON, Malachi	QB	6-3	190	12/7/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
46	NERHUS, Corey	WR	5-9	210	6/1/01	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei/ Orange Coast CC)
77	NOA, Alani	OL	6-4	325	10/7/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	OL	6-1	285	5/6/03	So./So.	SQ	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
95	OTTE, Luke	TE	6-5	260	5/22/98	So./So.	SQ	Simi Valley, Calif. (Simi Valley/Mira Mar CC)
72	PAIGE, Elijah	OL	6-7	310	2/199/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
42	PALMER, Deuce	ILB	6-1	215	9/15/01	Sr./Gr.	TR	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley/SMU)
35	PEEVY, DJ	RUSH	6-3	265	9/21/05	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-2	320	3/31/01	Jr./Sr.	2V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
27	PETERSON, A'Marion	RB	6-0	215	11/10/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)
24	PIERCE, Christian	DB	6-1	195	11/1/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	RUSH	6-2	210	10/19/03	So./So.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
70	PREGNON, Emmanuel	OL	6-5	315	10/4/01	Jr./Sr.	TR	Denver, Colo. (Jefferson/Wyoming)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-3	300	4/5/00	Sr./Sr.	2V	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Saint Louis)
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	OL	6-7	300	1/25/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
2	RICE, Brenden	WR	6-3	210	3/18/02	Sr./Sr.	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton/Colorado)
19	ROBINSON, Duce	WR	6-6	225	1/19/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
95	ROBLES, Tyler	PK	5-7	170	12/7/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
17	ROLAND-WALLACE, Christian	DB	6-0	200	11/23/01	Sr./Gr.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Williams J. Knight/Arizona)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-1	195	4/30/01	Sr./Gr.	1V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
26	ROSS, Fabian	DB	6-0	200	5/5/03	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
28	ROY, Gage	QB	6-2	200	11/7/03	So./So.	SQ	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	5-11	195	12/16/01	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Carpinteria, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
27	SHAW, Bryson	DB	6-0	190	3/29/00	Sr./Sr.	1V	Eldersburg, Md. (Bullis School/ Ohio State)
34	SHELBY, Braylan	RUSH	6-5	245	8/10/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
40	SIMPSON, L	DB	6-0	205	8/4/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Chatsworth, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/ Loyola Marymount)
15	SINGER, Dorian	WR	6-0	180	10/16/02	Jr./Jr.	TR	Saint Paul, Minn. (Pinnacle/Arizona)
42	SLEEP-DALTON, Aadyne	P	6-1	190	6/19/98	Sr./Sr.	1V	Geelong, Australia
19	SMITH, Jaylin	DB	5-11	180	11/5/03	Jr./Jr.	2V	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
99	SULLIVAN, Jack	DL	6-5	275	10/10/99	Sr./Gr.	TR	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield East/Purdue)
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	OL	6-5	350	10/9/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)
84	TABARACCI, Carson	TE	6-2	230	10/16/03	Fr./So.	SQ	Park City, Utah (Park City/Utah)
75	TALALELE, Amos	OL	6-4	355	3/7/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Santa Clara, Calif. (Santa Clara)
31	TALENI, Tyrone	DL	6-2	275	6/10/96	Sr./Sr.	1V	Savai'i, Western Samoa (Vaiola College/ Mt. San Antonio JC/Kansas State)
71	TARQUIN, Michael	OL	6-5	300	6/14/01	Sr./Gr.	TR	Ocala, Fla. (North Marion/Florida)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-2	275	1/30/00	Sr./Sr.	4V	Simi Valley, Calif. (Grace Brethren)
37	THOMPSON, Devan	DL	6-5	255	2/11/04	Fr./So.	1V	Stockton, Calif. (Edison)
30	THOMPSON JR., Chris	ILB	6-2	230	9/9/01	Sr./Sr.	2V	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville/Auburn)
65	TUCKER, Grant	OL	6-2	260	3/3/02	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	DL	6-3	270	3/20/00	Sr./Gr.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
31	WARD, Isaac	QB	5-10	185	12/6/01	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)
16	WASHINGTON, Tahj	WR	5-10	175	5/16/01	Sr./Sr.	2V	Marshall, Texas (Marshall/Memphis)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-0	235	6/28/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
98	WHITE, Garth	PK-P	6-3	215	8/18/00	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Westlake, Calif. (Oaks Christian/Ventura JC)
13	WILLIAMS, Caleb	QB	6-1	215	11/18/01	Jr./Jr.	1V	Washington, D.C. (Gonzaga College/Oklahoma)
4	WILLIAMS, Mario	WR	5-9	175	1/21/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Tampa, Fla. (Plant City/Oklahoma)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	DB	5-9	185	8/28/00	Sr./Sr.	3V	Carson, Calif. (Serra)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	240	2/11/01	Sr./Gr.	4V	Laguna Hills, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
86	WOODS, CJ	TE	6-2	240	3/8/01	Jr./Sr.	TR	Long Beach, Calif. (Brentwood School)
22	WRIGHT, Ceyair	DB	6-0	180	12/19/02	So./Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-8	175	11/21/01	So./Jr.	SQ	Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei)

\*Used up redshirt year

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
0	LLOYD, MarShawn	RB	5-9	210	1/5/01	Jr./Sr.	TR	Wilmington, Del. (DeMatha Catholic/South Carolina)
0	FOREMAN, Corey	DL	6-4	235	11/8/02	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
1	BRANCH, Zachariah	WR	5-10	175	3/29/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
1	JACKSON, Domani	DB	6-1	190	11/27/02	So./So.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
2	RICE, Brenden	WR	6-3	210	3/18/02	Sr./Sr.	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton/Colorado)
2	HEIGHT, Romello	RUSH	6-3	230	4/13/01	Jr./Sr.	1V	Dublin, Ga. (Dublin/Auburn)
4	WILLIAMS, Mario	WR	5-9	175	1/21/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Tampa, Fla. (Plant City/Oklahoma)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	DB	5-9	185	8/28/00	Sr./Sr.	3V	Carson, Calif. (Serra)
6	JONES, Austin	RB	5-10	200	2/7/01	Sr./Sr.	1V	Antioch, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/Stanford)
6	LUCAS, Anthony	DL	6-5	265	10/8/04	So./So.	TR	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chapparal/Texas A&M)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-2	200	3/19/02	So./Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
7	BULLOCK, Calen	DB	6-3	190	4/30/03	Jr./Jr.	2V	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir)
8	NELSON, Malachi	QB	6-3	190	12/7/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
8	BRANCH, Zion	DB	6-2	210	10/20/02	Fr./So.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
9	JACKSON III, Michael	WR	6-0	200	10/21/02	Jr./Jr.	2V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Desert Pines)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	ILB	6-0	220	4/11/02	Jr./Jr.	2V	Norco, Calif. (Mater Dei)
10	HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-1	205	5/16/02	So./Jr.	2V	Duarte, Calif. (Mater Dei)
10	MUHAMMAD, Jamil	RUSH	6-1	250	2/1/01	Sr./Gr.	TR	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens/ Georgia State)
13	WILLIAMS, Caleb	QB	6-1	215	11/18/01	Jr./Jr.	1V	Washington, D.C. (Gonzaga College/Oklahoma)
13	COBB, Mason	ILB	6-0	235	10/29/01	Sr./Sr.	TR	Provo, Utah (Provo/Oklahoma State)
14	BROWN, Raleek	RB	5-8	185	8/01/03	So./So.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
14	COVINGTON, Jacobe	DB	6-2	200	9/13/01	Jr./Sr.	1V	Chandler, Ariz. (Saguaro/ Washington)
15	SINGER, Dorian	WR	6-0	180	10/16/02	Jr./Jr.	TR	Saint Paul, Minn. (Pinnacle/Arizona)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	DB	6-1	210	9/24/02	So./Jr.	2V	Baldwin Hills, Calif. (St. Bernard)
16	WASHINGTON, Tahj	WR	5-10	175	5/16/01	Sr./Sr.	2V	Marshall, Texas (Marshall/Memphis)
16	BROWN, Prophet	DB	5-11	190	2/3/03	So./Jr.	2V	Sacramento, Calif. (Monterey Trail)
17	JENSEN, Jake	QB	6-1	220	2/25/01	So./Jr.	SQ	Pleasant Grove, Utah (Pleasant Grove/ BYU/Contra Costa JC)
17	ROLAND-WALLACE, Christian	DB	6-0	200	11/23/01	Sr./Gr.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Williams J. Knight/Arizona)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-5	240	2/11/01	Sr./Gr.	4V	Laguna Hills, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
18	GENTRY, Eric	ILB	6-6	215	5/20/03	Jr./Jr.	1V	Philadelphia, Pa. (Saints Neumann Goretti/ Arizona State)
19	ROBINSON, Duce	WR	6-6	225	1/19/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
19	SMITH, Jaylin	DB	5-11	180	11/5/03	Jr./Jr.	2V	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)
21	JOYNER, Quinten	RB	5-11	205	3/3/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Paige, Texas (Manor)
22	BARLOW, Darwin	RB	6-0	220	7/18/01	Sr./Sr.	2V	Newton, Texas (Newton/TCU)
22	WRIGHT, Ceyair	DB	6-0	180	12/19/02	So./Jr.	2V	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)
23	FEGANS, Tre'Quon	DB	6-1	190	9/22/02	Fr./So.	TR	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson/Alabama)
24	LEMON, Makai	WR	5-11	190	6/2/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
24	PIERCE, Christian	DB	6-1	195	11/1/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
25	CURTIS, Tackett	ILB	6-2	225	10/21/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Many, La. (Many)
26	ROSS, Fabian	DB	6-0	200	5/5/03	So./So.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
27	PETERSON, A'Marion	RB	6-0	215	11/10/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)
27	SHAW, Bryson	DB	6-0	190	3/29/00	Sr./Sr.	1V	Eldersburg, Md. (Bullis School/ Ohio State)
28	ROY, Gage	QB	6-2	200	11/7/03	So./So.	SQ	Dallas, Texas (Jesusit Dallas)
28	GORDON, Xamarion	DB	6-1	210	2/3/03	So./Jr.	2V	Houston, Texas (Warren)
29	CRAWFORD, Maliki	DB	6-4	175	1/19/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Oxnard, Calif. (Pacifica)
30	THOMPSON JR., Chris	ILB	6-2	230	9/9/01	Sr./Sr.	2V	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville/Auburn)
31	WARD, Isaac	QB	5-10	185	12/6/01	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)
31	TALENI, Tyrone	DL	6-2	275	6/10/96	Sr./Sr.	1V	Savai'i, Western Samoa (Vaiola College/ Mt. San Antonio JC/Kansas State)
34	COLOMBO, Matt	RB	5-10	195	11/3/01	Jr./Sr.	SQ	El Segundo, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
34	SHELBY, Braylan	RUSH	6-5	245	8/10/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood)
35	PEEVY, DJ	RUSH	6-3	265	9/21/05	Fr./Fr.	--	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	220	3/3/02	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
36	ROSE, Will	RB	6-1	195	4/30/01	Sr./Gr.	1V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
37	THOMPSON, Devan	DL	6-5	255	2/11/04	Fr./So.	1V	Stockton, Calif. (Edison)
37	CZAPLICKI, Eddie	PK/P	6-1	205	7/10/03	Jr./Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Providence/Arizona State)
39	POMERANTZ, Garrett	RUSH	6-2	210	10/19/03	So./So.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	230	2/6/00	Sr./Sr.	1V	Altadena, Calif. (Loyola)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	5-11	195	12/16/01	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Carpinteria, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
40	SIMPSON, L	DB	6-0	205	8/4/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Chatsworth, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/ Loyola Marymount)
41	MADDEN, Garrison	ILB	6-3	220	12/11/03	Fr./So.	SQ	Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown)



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42	PALMER, Deuce	ILB	6-1	215	9/15/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley/SMU)
42	SLEEP-DALTON, Aadyne	P	6-1	190	6/19/98	Sr./Sr.	1V	Geelong, Australia
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-8	175	11/21/01	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Monrovia, Calif. (Mater Dei)
44	GREENE, Sam	RUSH	6-1	235	4/15/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Washington, D.C. (St. Frances Academy)
46	NERHUS, Corey	WR	5-9	210	6/1/01	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei/ Orange Coast CC)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	190	6/26/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park)
47	TA'UFO'DU, Stanley	DL	6-2	275	1/30/00	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Simi Valley, Calif. (Grace Brethren)
48	JIMENEZ-FULTON, Daniel	DB	5-10	185	11/15/02	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
48	MEUNIER, Daniel	SNP	5-10	230	12/21/00	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Lynwood, Calif. (Bishop Mora Salesian/ El Camino CC)
51	BYRD, Solomon	RUSH	6-3	250	12/1/99	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Palmdale, Calif. (Knight/Wyoming)
52	KINGSTON, Jarrett	OL	6-4	305	12/2/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Anderson, Calif. (Anderson/Washington State)
52	BRAVOS, Theo	ILB	5-10	210	8/31/02	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Yuba City Calif. (Sutter Union)
53	LEE, Shane	ILB	6-0	240	12/12/00	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Burtonsville, Md. (St. Frances Academy/Alabama)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-0	235	6/28/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	330	2/18/02	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Jose, Calif. (Los Gatos)
56	HUGHES, Elijah	DL	6-3	270	6/29/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Arlington, Va. (Washington-Liberty)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	295	4/21/00	Sr.*/Gr.	4V	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)
57	MARCHETTI, Roman	ILB	6-2	215	12/22/03	So./So.	SQ	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	DL	6-3	270	3/20/00	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)
59	BANUELOS, Micah	OL	6-2	300	12/14/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Auburn, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
61	SUSNJAR, Jack	OL	6-5	350	10/9/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)
62	LOVELACE, Cooper	OL	6-5	300	12/20/00	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East/ Butler CC)
65	TUCKER, Grant	OL	6-2	260	3/3/02	Sr./Sr.	SQ	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-3	300	4/5/00	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Saint Louis)
67	O'CONNOR, Kilian	OL	6-1	285	5/6/03	So./So.	SQ	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
70	PREGNON, Emmanuel	OL	6-5	315	10/4/01	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Denver, Colo. (Jefferson/Wyoming)
71	TARQUIN, Michael	OL	6-5	300	6/14/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Ocala, Fla. (North Marion/Florida)
72	PAIGE, Elijah	OL	6-7	310	2/199/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Phoenix, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
73	RAYMOND, Tobias	OL	6-7	300	1/25/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
75	TALALELE, Amos	OL	6-4	355	3/7/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Santa Clara, Calif. (Santa Clara)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-5	310	6/21/03	So.*/Jr.	1V	Riverside, Calif. (JSerra Catholic)
77	NOA, Alani	OL	6-4	325	10/7/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	315	2/2/01	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Chandler, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	300	6/7/02	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-1	270	2/21/01	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Pittsburg, Calif. (Pittsburg)
84	TABARACCI, Carson	TE	6-2	230	10/16/03	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Park City, Utah (Park City/Utah)
85	MOORE, Jaden	WR	6-0	180	1/30/05	Fr./Fr.	--	La Jolla, Calif. (The Bishop's School)
86	WOODS, CJ	TE	6-2	240	3/8/01	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Long Beach, Calif. (Brentwood School)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	245	9/4/02	So.*/Jr.	2V	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis)
88	ELDRIDGE, Kade	TE	6-4	235	10/2/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Lynden, Wash. (Lynden Christian School)
89	LANE, Ja'Kobi	WR	6-4	180	8/5/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
90	ALEXANDER, Bear	DL	6-3	300	10/7/03	So./So.	TR	Terrell, Texas (IMG Academy/Georgia)
91	LAFFITTE, Deijon	DL	6-2	305	2/14/05	Fr./Fr.	--	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)
92	BARRS, Kyon	DL	6-2	290	11/9/01	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Mesa/Arizona)
93	ASTANI, Sinjun	DL	6-4	270	5/13/99	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Malibu, Calif. (Loyola/San Jose State)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-2	320	3/31/01	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Long Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco)
95	OTTE, Luke	TE	6-5	260	5/22/98	So./So.	SQ	Simi Valley, Calif. (Simi Valley/Mira Mar CC)
95	ROBLES, Tyler	PK	5-7	170	12/7/04	Fr./Fr.	--	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
98	WHITE, Garth	PK-P	6-3	215	8/18/00	Jr./Jr.	SQ	Westlake, Calif. (Oaks Christian/Ventura JC)
99	SULLIVAN, Jack	DL	6-5	275	10/10/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield East/Purdue)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Lincoln RILEY (Texas Tech, 2006), Second Year

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Alex GRINCH, Defensive Coordinator (Missouri, 2004); Zach HANSON, Tight Ends (Kansas State, 2010); Josh HENSON, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line (Oklahoma State, 1998); Luke HUARD, Inside Wide Receivers Coach (North Carolina, 2002); Roy MANNING, Outside Linebackers/Nickels/Assistant Head Coach for Defense (Michigan, 2004); Kiel McDONALD, Running Backs (Sacramento State, 2006); Shaun NUA, Defensive Line (BYU, 2005); Brian ODOM, Inside Linebackers/Associate Head Coach for Defense (Southeastern Oklahoma State, 2004); Dennis SIMMONS, Assistant Head Coach/Outside Wide Receivers/Offensive Passing Game Coordinator (BYU, 1996); Donte WILLIAMS, Defensive Backs/Defensive Passing Game Coordinator (Idaho State, 2006)

**DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL SPORTS PERFORMANCE:** Bennie WYLIE (Sam Houston State, 1999)

### EDDIE CZAPLICKI PUNTS

GAME	PUNTS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)	50+ YARDS
SJSU	2	0 (0)	0
Nevada	2	1 (0)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1 (0)</b>	<b>0</b>

### EDDIE CZAPLICKI KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	TOUCHBACKS
SJSU	7	0
Nevada	7	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>

### DENIS LYNCH KICKOFFS

GAME	KICKOFFS	TOUCHBACKS
SJSU	2	0
Nevada	4	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

### RED ZONE PRODUCTION

GAME	USC	OPPONENT
SJSU	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD)	2-of-2 (TD, TD)
Nevada	5-of-5 (TD, TD, TD, TD, TD FG)	1-of-1 (TD)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5-of-5 (1.000)</b>	<b>2-of-2 (1.000)</b>
	4--TD	3--TD
	1--FG	





**USC IN NCAA/PAC-12 STAT RANKINGS (as of 9/2/23)**

NAME	CATEGORY	VALUE	NCAA RANK*	PAC-12 RANK**
Caleb Williams	Passing TDs	9	1	1
Caleb Williams	Points Responsible For	54	1	1
Zachariah Branch	Combined Kick Returns	203	1	1
Zachariah Branch	Kickoff Return TDs	1	T1	1
Caleb Williams	Passing Yards	597	2	1
Stanley Ta'ufo'ou	Fumbles Recovered	1	2	1
Tahj Washington	Receiving TDs	3	3	T1
Caleb Williams	Passing Efficiency	236.4	4	1
Caleb Williams	Yards Per Pass Attempt	12.18	5	1
Denis Lynch	Total Points Scored	19	5	2
Zachariah Branch	Total TDs	3	T5	T2
Tahj Washington	Total TDs	3	T5	T2
Caleb Williams	Passing Yards Per Completion	16.58	6	1
Caleb Williams	Points Responsible For Per Game	27.0	6	2
Zachariah Branch	Total Points Scored	18	T6	T3
Tahj Washington	Total Points Scored	18	T6	T3
Zachariah Branch	Kickoff Returns	41.7	7	2
Tahj Washington	Receiving Yards	160	7	2
Tahj Washington	Yards Per Reception	32.00	8	2
Zachariah Branch	Punt Returns	19.5	10	1
Zachariah Branch	Receiving TDs	2	T10	T2
Brenden Rice	Receiving TDs	2	T10	T2
Caleb Williams	Passing Yards Per Game	298.5	18	4
Caleb Williams	Total Offense	318.5	21	5
MarShawn Lloyd	Rushing Yards	118	--	3
Quinten Joyner	Rushing Yards	99	--	4
Zachariah Branch	All Purpose Yards	147.50	--	5
Caleb Williams	Completion Percentage	0.735	--	5
USC	Defensive TDs	1	T1	1
USC	First Downs Offense	53	T1	1
USC	Blocked Kicks Allowed	0	T1	T1
USC	Blocked Punts Allowed	0	T1	T1
USC	Passes Had Intercepted	0	T1	T1
USC	Winning Percentage	1.000	T1	T1
USC	Red Zone Offense	1.000	T1	T1
USC	Scoring Offense	61.0	6	2
USC	Total Offense	584.5	9	3
USC	Punt Return Defense	0.00	9	4
USC	Passing Yards Per Completion	16.20	10	1
USC	Passing Offense	397.0	10	4
USC	Kickoff Returns	34.50	12	2
USC	Fumbles Recovered	1	13	1
USC	Team Passing Efficiency	215.00	13	2
USC	Punt Returns	19.50	14	1
USC	Team Tackles for Loss	8.5	22	2
USC	3rd Down Conv. Pct.	0.579	23	4
USC	Team Sacks	3.00	24	4
USC	Rushing Offense	187.5	--	3
USC	Tackles for Loss Allowed	3.50	--	4
USC	3rd Down Conv. Pct. Defense	0.323	--	4
USC	Passing Yards Allowed	254.5	--	5
USC	Kickoff Return Defense	17.29	--	5
USC	Net Punting	42.00	--	5

\*Top 25 only

\*\*Top 5 only

# 2023 Team/Individual Stats



2023 Results: [Overall: 1-0 | Pac-12: 0-0 | Home: 1-0 | Away: 0-0 | Neutral: 0-0]

Date	AP	Opp. / Rank	TV	Site	Result	Attend.	Top Passer	Top Rusher	Top Receiver	Top Tackeler
8/26	6	San José State	Pac-12	Coliseum	56-28 W	63,411	C. Williams (18-25-0, 278 yds, 4 TDs)	Jones (6-54-2)	Za. Branch (4-58-1)	J. Smith (8)
9/2	6	Nevada	Pac-12	Coliseum	66-14 W	62,916	C. Williams (18-24-0, 319 yds, 5 TDs)	Lloyd (7-76-1)	Mar. Williams (4-66-0)	Lee (10)
9/9	--	Stanford	FOX	Coliseum	--	--	--	--	--	--
9/23	--	Arizona State	--	Tempe, Ariz.	--	--	--	--	--	--
9/30	--	Colorado	--	Boulder, Colo.	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/7	--	Arizona	--	Coliseum	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/14	--	Notre Dame	NBC	South Bend, Ind.	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/21	--	Utah	--	Coliseum	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/28	--	California	--	Berkeley, Calif.	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/4	--	Washington	--	Coliseum	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/11	--	Oregon	--	Eugene, Ore.	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/18	--	UCLA	--	Coliseum	--	--	--	--	--	--
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## TEAM STATISTICS

	USC	OPP
Scoring	122	42
Points Per	61.0	21.0
Points Off Turnover	0	0
First Down	53	35
Rushing	14	12
Passing	34	17
Penalty	2	6
Rushing Yards	375	247
Rushing Attempts	54	65
Average Per Rush	6.9	3.8
Average Per Game	187.5	123.5
TDs Rushing	5	2
Passing Yardage	794	509
Comp-Att-INT	49-69-0	43-73-0
Average per Pass	11.5	7.0
Average Per Catch	16.2	11.8
Average per Game	397.0	254.5
TDs Passing	10	4
Total Offense	1,169	756
Total Plays	123	138
Average Per Play	9.5	5.5
Average Per Game	584.5	378.0
Kick Returns: #-Yards	4-138	7-121
Punt Returns:#-Yards	4-78	0-0
INT Returns:#-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kick Return Average	34.5	17.3
Punt Return Average	19.5	0.0
INT Return Average	0.0	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	16-132	7-70
Average Per Game	66.0	35.0
PUNTS-Yards	4-168	13-564
Average Per Punt	42.0	43.4
Net Punt Average	42.0	34.3
Kickoffs-Yards	20-1,242	7-405
Average per Kick	62.1	57.9
Net Kick Average	40.9	29.7
Time of Possession/Game	26:41	33:20
3RD-Down Conversions	11/19	10/31
3rd-Down Pct	58%	32%
4TH-Down Conversions	2/3	2/5
4th-Down Pct	67%	40%
SACKS BY-YARDS	6-63	3-31
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	17	6
FIELD GOAL-ATTEMPTS	1-1	0-2
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(10-10) 100%	(3-3) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(9-9) 100%	(3-3) 100%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(17-17) 100%	(6-6) 100%
ATTENDANCE	126,327	0
Games/Avg Per Game	2/63,164	0/0
Neutral Site Games	--	--

## Rushing

Name	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Lloyd, MarShawn	2	16	118	0	118	7.4	1	30	59.0
Joyner, Quinten	2	9	99	0	99	11.0	1	47	49.5
Jones, Austin	2	8	73	0	73	9.1	2	37	36.5
Williams, Caleb	2	11	72	32	40	3.6	0	46	20.0
Barlow, Darwin	2	4	35	5	30	7.5	0	23	15.0
Branch, Zachariah	2	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	9	6.0
Colombo, Matt	2	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Moss, Miller	2	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
TEAM	2	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Williams, Mario	2	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	2	54	420	45	375	6.9	5	47	187.5
Opponents	2	65	330	83	247	3.8	2	57	123.5

## Passing

Name	G	Effic	Comp-Att-INT	Pct	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
Williams, Caleb	2	236.42	36-49-0	73.47	597	9	76	298.5
Moss, Miller	2	187.34	12-17-0	70.59	197	1	71	98.5
Team	1	33.33	1-3-0	33.33	0	0	0	0
Total	2	215.50	49-69-0	71.01	794	10	76	397.0
Opponents	2	135.56	43-73-0	58.90	509	4	77	254.5

## Receiving

Name	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Washington, Tahj	2	5	160	32.0	3	76	80.0
Robinson, Duce	2	4	115	28.75	1	71	57.5
Williams, Mario	2	6	92	15.33	0	29	46.0
Branch, Zachariah	2	5	80	16.00	2	25	40.0
Singer, Dorian	2	6	78	13.00	1	30	39.0
Lloyd, MarShawn	2	3	71	23.67	0	54	35.5
Rice, Brenden	2	4	49	12.25	2	16	24.5
McRee, Lake	2	4	46	11.50	0	22	23.0
Hudson, Kyron	2	2	28	14.00	0	20	14.0
Lane, Ja'Kobi	2	2	16	8.00	0	11	8.0
Jackson III, Michael	1	1	15	15.00	1	15	15.0
Brown, Raleek	1	1	14	14.00	0	14	14.0
Lemon, Makai	2	4	13	3.25	0	6	6.5
Barlow, Darwin	2	1	10	10.00	0	10	5.0
Joyner, Quinten	2	1	7	7.00	0	7	3.5
Total	2	49	794	16.20	10	76	397.0
Opponent	2	43	509	11.84	4	77	254.5





## Punt Returns

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Branch, Zachariah	4	78	19.5	0	35
Total	4	78	19.5	0	35
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

## Kick Returns

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
Branch, Zachariah	3	125	41.67	1	96
Lemon, Makai	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total	4	138	34.5	1	96
Opponents	7	121	17.29	0	27

## Interceptions

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
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Total	--	--	--	--	--
Opponents	--	--	--	--	--

## Field Goals By Player

Name	FGM-FGA	PCT.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
Lynch, Denis	1-1	1.000	--	--	1-1	--	--	37	--

## Field Goals Sequence

Numbers in parenthesis indicate made field goals

	USC	Opponents
SJSU	--	--
Nevada	(37)	--

## Punting

Name	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG.	TB	FC	In20	50+	BLK
Czaplicki, Eddie	4	168	42.0	47	0	3	1	0	0
Total	4	168	42.0	47	0	3	1	0	0
Opponents	13	564	43.38	56	2	0	2	1	0

## Kickoffs

Name	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB
Czaplicki, Eddie	14	885	63.2	3	0
Lynch, Denis	6	357	59.5	1	1
Total	20	1,242	62.1	4	1
Opponents	7	405	57.9	2	0



## OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME

### PASSING (Quarterback Only)

#13 Caleb Williams	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
San Jose State	18	25	0	.720	278	4	76
Nevada	18	24	0	.750	319	5	54
Total	36	49	0	.735	597	9	76

#7 Miller Moss	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
San Jose State	5	7	0	.714	63	0	35
Nevada	7	10	0	.700	134	1	71
Total	12	17	0	.709	197	1	71

#8 Malachi Nelson	Comp	Att	INT	Pct	Yards	TD	Long
San Jose State	1	3	0	.333	0	0	0
Total	1	3	0	.333	0	0	0

## Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona State	Colorado	Arizona	Notre Dame	Utah	Califorina	Washington	Oregon	UCLA	--	--
Jones, Austin	8-73/2	6-54/2	2-19/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lloyd, MarShawn	16-118/1	9-42/0	7-76/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Joyner, Quinten	9-99/1	5-34/0	4-65/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Branch, Zachariah	1-12/0	1/12-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Barlow, Darwin	4-30/0	2-10/0	2-20/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Colombo, Matt	1-7/0	1-7/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Moss, Miller	1-4/0	1-4/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Williams, Caleb	11-40/0	8-(-2)/0	3-42/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Williams, Mario	1-(-4)/0	--	1-(-4)/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Team	2-(-4)/0	1-(-1)/0	1-(-3)/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

## Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona State	Colorado	Arizona	Notre Dame	Utah	Califorina	Washington	Oregon	UCLA	--	--
Branch, Zachariah	5-80/2	4-58/1	1-22/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Singer, Dorian	6-78/1	4-41/1	2-37/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Robinson, Duce	7-115/1	6-44/0	1-71/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
McRee, Lake	4-46/0	3-36/0	1-10/-	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington, Tahj	5-160/3	2-85/1	3-75/2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Williams, Mario	6-92/0	2-26/0	4-66/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brown, Raleek	1-14/0	1-14/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lloyd, MarShawn	3-71/0	1-12/0	2-59/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rice, Brenden	4-49/2	1-12/1	3-37/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hudson, Kyron	2-28/0	1-8/0	1-20/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lane, Ja'Kobi	2-16/0	1-5/0	1-11/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lemon, Makai	4-13/0	1-0/0	3-13/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jackson III, Michael	1-15/1	--	1-15/1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Barlow, Darwin	1-10/0	--	1-10/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Joyner, Quinten	1-7/0	--	1-7/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--





# Starters

Offense	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
San Jose State	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Hudson	Singer	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Noa	Dedich	Quinones	Tarquin
Nevada	C. Williams	Jones	Branch	Rice	Singer	Mar. Williams	Monheim	Pregon	Dedich	Kingston	Tarquin
Stanford	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Arizona State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Colorado	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Notre Dame	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Oregon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
UCLA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Defense	DE	NG	DT	Rush	MLB	WLB	CB	FS	SS	CB	NB
San Jose State	Byrd	Alexander	Barrs	Lucas	Cobb	Curtis	Wright	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Nevada	Byrd	Alexander	Barrs	Muhammad	Davis	Curtis	Wright	Max Williams	Bullock	Jackson	Smith
Stanford	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Arizona State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Colorado	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Notre Dame	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Oregon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
UCLA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



WR, Tahj Washington



ILB, Eric Gentry

# Defensive Stats



## USC Defensive Statistics

Player	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yards	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FR	FF	Block	Saf
Smith, Jaylin	2	12	2	14	2.5-12	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson, Doman	2	8	2	10.0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lee, Shane	2	5	5	10.0	1.0-13	1.0-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bullock, Calen	2	7	2	9.0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cobb, Mason	1	5	1	6.0	2.0-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muhammad, Jamil	2	4	2	6.0	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Williams, Max	2	5	1	6.0	1.0-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander, Bear	2	1	4	5.0	1.0-12	0.5-11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Byrd, Solomon	2	2	3	5	1.5-19	1.5-19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shaw, Bryson	2	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wright, Ceyair	2	5	0	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Branch, Zion	2	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curtis, Tackett	2	1	3	4.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis, Raesjon	2	1	3	4.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lucas, Anthony	2	3	1	4.0	2.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby, Braylan	2	3	1	4.0	2.0-10	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Benton, De'jon	1	3	0	3.0	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Covington, Jacobe	2	2	1	3.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roland-Wallace, Christian	2	1	2	3.0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barrs, Kyon	2	1	1	2.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gentry, Eric	1	1	1	2.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Height, Romello	2	0	2	2.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes, Elijah	2	2	0	2.0	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pepe, Kobe	2	0	2	2.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson Jr., Chris	2	1	1	2.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beavers Jr., Anthony	2	1	0	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreman, Korey	2	0	1	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene, Sam	1	0	10	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, Deuce	1	1	0	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pierce, Christian	1	1	0	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tabaracci, Carson	2	1	0	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ta'ufou'u, Stanley	2	1	0	1.0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

## USC Giveaways/Takeways

Game	Giveaways			Takeaways				Diff.
	Fum	INT	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot		
SJSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Total	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0

## Opening Drives-Offense

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
San Jose State	Touchdown	Touchdown
Nevada	Touchdown	Touchdown
Stanford	--	--
Arizona State	--	--
Colorado	--	--
Arizona	--	--
Notre Dame	--	--
Utah	--	--
California	--	--
Washington	--	--
Oregon	--	--
UCLA	--	--

## USC On Pregame Coin Flip

Game	Result	Score
San Jose State	Lost (Received)	W, 56-28
Nevada	Lost (Received)	W, 66-14
Stanford	--	--
Arizona State	--	--
Colorado	--	--
Arizona	--	--
Notre Dame	--	--
Utah	--	--
California	--	--
Washington	--	--
Oregon	--	--
UCLA	--	--

## Opening Drives-Defense

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
San Jose State	Punt	Punt
Nevada	Touchdown	Punt
Stanford	--	--
Arizona State	--	--
Colorado	--	--
Arizona	--	--
Notre Dame	--	--
Utah	--	--
California	--	--
Washington	--	--
Oregon	--	--
UCLA	--	--

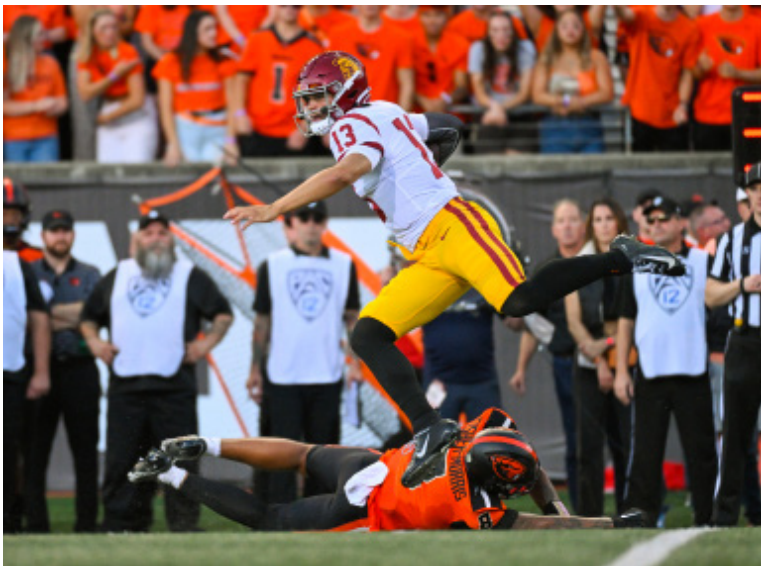
## Fumbles

Names	No.-Lost
Williams, Caleb	2-0
Team	1-1
Total	3-1



## Defense Game-by-Game

Players	UA-A	Total	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	Arizona St.	Colorado	Arizona	ND	Utah	Cal	UW	Oregon	UCLA	--	--
Smith, Jaylin	12-2	14	7-1	5-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cobb, Mason	5-1	6	5-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jackson, Domani	8-2	10	4-1	4-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wright, Ceyair	5-0	5	4-0	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bullock, Calen	7-2	9	2-2	5-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lucas, Anthony	3-1	4	3-0	0-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Muhammad, Jamil	4-2	6	3-0	1-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Williams, Max	5-1	6	2-0	3-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Shaw, Bryson	5-0	5	2-0	3-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Curtis, Tackett	1-3	4	1-1	0-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gentry, Eric	1-1	2	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Barrs, Kyon	1-1	2	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Covington, Jacobe	2-1	3	1-1	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ta'ufu'ou, Stanley	1-0	1	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Branch, Zion	2-2	4	1-0	1-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hughes, Elijah	2-0	2	1-0	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Beavers Jr., Anthony	1-0	1	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Roland-Wallace, Christian	1-2	3	1-0	0-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Byrd, Solomon	2-3	5	0-1	2-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alexander, Bear	1-4	5	0-1	1-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Shelby, Braylan	3-1	4	0-1	3-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lee, Shane	5-5	10	--	5-5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Davis, Raesjon	1-3	4	--	1-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Benton, De'jon	3-0	3	--	3-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Thompson Jr., Chris	1-1	2	--	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Height, Romello	0-2	2	--	0-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pepe, Kobe	0-2	2	--	0-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Palmer, Deuce	1-0	1	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tabaracci, Carson	1-0	1	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pierce, Christian	1-0	1	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Greene, Sam	0-1	1	--	0-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Foreman, Korey	0-1	1	--	0-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



QB Caleb Williams



RB Austin Jones





## Participation Game-By-Game

No.	Player	GP-GS	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	ASU	Colorado	Arizona	ND	Utah	Cal	UW	Oregon	UCLA	--	--
0	Foreman, Korey	2/0	XXX	XXX												
0	Lloyd, MarShawn	2/0	XXX	XXX												
1	Branch, Zachariah	2/2	START	START												
1	Jackson, Domani	2/2	START	START												
2	Rice, Brenden	2/1	XXX	START												
2	Height, Romello	2/0	XXX	XXX												
4	Williams, Max	2/2	START	START												
4	Williams, Mario	2/2	START	START												
6	Jones, Austin	2/2	START	START												
6	Lucas, Anthony	2/1	START	XXX												
7	Bullock, Calen	2/2	START	START												
7	Moss, Miller	2/0	XXX	XXX												
8	Branch, Zion	2/0	XXX	XXX												
8	Nelson, Malachi	1/0	XXX	...												
9	Davis, Raesjon	2/1	XXX	START												
9	Jackson III, Michael	1/0	...	XXX												
10	Muhammad, Jamil	2/1	XXX	START												
10	Hudson, Kyron	2/0	XXX	XXX												
13	Cobb, Mason	1/1	START	...												
13	Williams, Caleb	2/2	START	START												
14	Covington, Jacobe	2/0	XXX	XXX												
14	Brown, Raleek	1/0	XXX	...												
15	Singer, Dorian	2/2	START	START												
15	Beavers, Anthony	2/0	XXX	XXX												
16	Washington, Tahj	2/0	XXX	XXX												
16	Brown, Prophet	2/0	XXX	XXX												
17	Roland- Wallace, Christian	2/0	XXX	XXX												
17	Jensen, Jake	0/0	...	...												
18	Wolfe, Jude	2/0	XXX	XXX												
18	Gentry, Eric	1/0	XXX	...												
19	Robsinson, Duce	2/0	XXX	XXX												
19	Smith, Jaylin	2/2	START	START												
21	Joyner, Quinten	2/0	XXX	XXX												
22	Barlow, Darwin	2/0	XXX	XXX												
22	Wright, Ceyair	2/2	START	START												
23	Fegans, Tre'Quon	0/0	...	...												
24	Lemon, Makai	2/0	XXX	XXX												
24	Pierce, Christian	2/0	XXX	XXX												
25	Curtis, Tackett	2/2	START	START												
26	Ross, Fabian	0/0	...	...												
27	Peterson, A'Marion	1/0	XXX	...												
27	Shaw, Bryson	2/0	XXX	XXX												
28	Gordon, Xamarion	0/0	...	...												
28	Roy, Gage	0/0	...	...												
29	Crawford, Maliki	0/0	...	...												
30	Thompson Jr., Chris	2/0	XXX	XXX												
31	Ward, Isaac	0/0	...	...												
31	Taleni, Tyrone	0/0	...	...												
34	Colombo, Matt	2/0	XXX	XXX												
34	Shelby, Braylan	2/0	XXX	XXX												
35	Peevy, DJ	0/0	...	...												
35	McAllister, Michael	0/0	...	...												
36	Rose, Will	2/0	XXX	XXX												
37	Czaplicki, Eddie	2/0	XXX	XXX												
37	Thompkins, Devan	1/0	...	XXX												
39	Casasante, Jac	2/0	XXX	XXX												
39	Pomerantz, Garrett	1/0	...	XXX												
40	Shamblin, Ty	0/0	...	...												
40	Simpson, L	0/0	...	...												





## Participation Game-By-Game (Cont.)

No.	Player	GP-GS	SJSU	Nevada	Stanford	ASU	Colorado	Arizona	ND	Utah	Cal	UW	Oregon	UCLA	--	--
41	Madden, Garrison	1/0	...	XXX												
42	Palmer, Deuce	1/0	...	XXX												
42	Sleep-Dalton, Aadyan	0/0	...	...												
44	Greene, Sam	1/0	...	XXX												
44	Zamora, Josiah	1/0	...	XXX												
46	Lynch, Dennis	2/0	XXX	XXX												
47	Nerhus, Corey	0/0	...	...												
47	Ta'ufou, Stanley	2/0	XXX	XXX												
48	Jimenez-Fulton, Daniel	0/0	...	...												
48	Meunier, Daniel	0/0	...	...												
51	Byrd, Solomon	2/2	START	START												
52	Bravos, Theo	0/0	...	...												
52	Kingston, Jarrett	2/1	XXX	START												
53	Lee, Shane	2/0	XXX	XXX												
53	Weneta, Nathan	0/0	...	...												
56	Dewerk, Andres	2/0	XXX	XXX												
56	Hughes, Elijah	2/0	XXX	XXX												
57	Dedich, Justin	2/2	START	START												
57	Marchetti Roman	2/0	XXX	XXX												
58	Tuliaupupu, Solomon	0/0	...	...												
59	Banuelos, Micah	0/0	...	...												
61	Susnjar, Jack	0/0	...	...												
62	Lovelace, Cooper	2/0	XXX	XXX												
65	Tucker, Grant	0/0	...	...												
66	Quinones, Gino	2/1	START	XXX												
67	O'Connor, Killian	2/0	XXX	XXX												
70	Pregon, Emmanuel	2/1	XXX	START												
71	Tarquin, Michael	2/2	START	START												
72	Paige, Elijah	2/0	XXX	XXX												
73	Raymond, Tobias	1/0	...	XXX												
75	Talalele, Amos	0/0	...	...												
76	Murphy, Mason	2/0	XXX	XXX												
77	Noa, Alani	2/1	START	XXX												
78	Milek, Andrew	1/0	...	XXX												
79	Benton, De'jon	1/0	...	XXX												
79	Monheim, Jonah	2/2	START	START												
84	Tabaracci, Carson	2/0	XXX	XXX												
85	Moore, Jaden	0/0	...	...												
87	McRee, Lake	2/0	XXX	XXX												
88	Eldridge, Kade	0/0	...	...												
89	Lane, Ja'Kobi	2/0	XXX	XXX												
90	Alexander, Bear	2/2	START	START												
91	Laffitte, Deijon	0/0	...	...												
92	Barrs, Kyon	2/2	START	START												
93	Astani, Sinjun	2/0	XXX	XXX												
94	Pepe, Kobe	2/0	XXX	XXX												
95	Otte, Luke	0/0	...	...												
96	Robles, Tyler	1/0	...	XXX												
98	White, Garth	0/0	...	...												
99	Sullivan, Jack	2/0	XXX	XXX												

**GAME 1 – September 3, Los Angeles Coliseum**  
**USC 56, San José State 28**  
**Att: 63,411**

SJSU	0	14	7	7	--	28
USC	7	14	21	14	--	56

Defending Heisman Trophy winner **QB Caleb Williams** passed for 278 yards and 4 TDs, and freshman **WR Zachariah Branch** made an electrifying debut with a 96-yard kickoff return and a 25-yard reception for touchdowns in No. 6 USC's 56-28 victory over San Jose State.

Williams commanded an up-beat Lincoln Riley offense by leading 6 TD drives in eight series. **WRs Dorian Singer, Tahj Washington** and **Brenden Rice** also caught TD passes and **RB Austin Jones** rushed for two more scores.

After Singer scored in the first quarter, Williams showed off his famed poise and playmaking originality in the second quarter when he dropped a shotgun snap, corralled it and promptly flung a stunning 76-yard touchdown pass to Washington – the longest pass of Williams' career.

San José State's QB Chevan Cordeiro hit WR Nick Nash with a 28-yard TD pass just 8 seconds before halftime to trim USC's lead to 21-14, setting off a few grumbles in the Coliseum. But Williams confidently led a drive ending in Jones' second TD to open the second half.

Four minutes later, Trojan fans saw Branch light up the Coliseum with a catch-and-run for a score on a drive set up by his 35-yard punt return.

Branch then broke it open with his kickoff return down the Spartans' sideline in the third quarter, dodging tackles all the way home. The Coliseum crowd, which has cheered game-breaking talents from Reggie Bush and Marqise Lee to Amon-Ra St. Brown and Drake London over the past two decades alone, rose and roared for a freshman.

San Jose State's WR Nash caught three touchdown passes from Cordeiro, who passed for 198 yards and rushed for 52 more.

Williams threw his last TD pass of the game to Rice before **QB Miller Moss** came in to take over. He ran the ball in for a TD himself, his first rushing TD of his career.

**SCORING**

**First Quarter**

**USC -- Singer 13-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**Second Quarter**

SJSU -- Robinson 1-yard rush (Halvorsen kick)

**USC -- Washington 76-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**USC -- Jones 2-yard rush (Lynch kick)**

SJSU -- Nash 28-yard pass from Cordeiro (Halvorsen kick)

**Third Quarter**

**USC -- Jones 3-yard rush (Lynch kick)**

**USC -- Branch 25-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

SJSU -- Nash 32-yard pass from Cordeiro (Halvorsen kick)

**USC -- Branch 96-yard kickoff return (Lynch kick)**

**Fourth Quarter**

**USC -- Rice 12-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**USC -- Moss 4-yard rush (Lynch kick)**

SJSU -- Nash 2-yard pass from Cordeiro (Halvorsen kick)

USC	STATISTICS	SJSU
25	First Downs	23
160	Net Yards Rushing	198
341	Net Yards Passing	198
35	Passes Attempted	39
24	Passes Completed	21
0	Had Intercepted	0
69	Total Plays	66
501	Total Yards	396
2/41.5	Punts/Avg	7-45.7
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/57	Penalties/Yards	3-21
29:18	Time of Possession	30:42

**TOP INDIVIDUALS**

**RUSHING** – Conley (SJSU) 6-108, Jones (USC) 6-54, Cordeiro (SJSU) 10-52, Lloyd (USC) 9-42, Joyner (USC) 5-34

**PASSING** – C. Williams (USC) 15-25-278; Cordeiro (SJSU) 21-38-198; Moss (USC) 5-7-63

**RECEIVING** – Nash (SJSU) 6-89, Ross (SJSU) 5-62, Branch (USC) 4-58, Singer (USC) 4-41, Robinson (USC) 3-44, Robinson (SJSU) 3-14

**GAME 2 – September 2, Los Angeles Coliseum**  
**USC 66, Nevada 14**  
**Att: 62,916**

Nevada	7	0	0	7	--	14
USC	21	14	7	24	--	66

**QB Caleb Williams** went 18-of-24 for 319 yards and 5 TDs and rushed for 42 yards to lead the Trojans to victory over Nevada 66-14 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. His 5 touchdown passes tied his most as a Trojan (4th time). USC is now 2-0 on the 2023 season.

USC had 668 total yards of offense and 501 total yards in the first game. USC now has 11 games of 500 or more total yards under **Lincoln Riley** (16 games). USC's 668 total yards were its most since amassing 737 total yards vs. Idaho on Sept. 12, 2015 in a 59-9 win. The last time USC opened a season by scoring more than 50 points in each of its first two games was the 2015 season. USC began that season with a 55-6 win over Arkansas State and a 59-9 win over Idaho. The last time USC scored more points in any two games in a season (122 points through 2 games) was the start of the 2005 season, when the Trojans scored 133 in defeating at home Hawai'i (63-17) and Arkansas (70-17). The 66 points scored were USC's most since defeating Rice also 66-14 in the 2022 season opener on Sept. 3, 2022. The 35 first-half points scored by USC matches the most points by the Trojans in a half under Lincoln Riley, done twice before (35 in the second half vs. Rice on Sept. 3, 2022 and 35 in first half vs. Stanford on Sept. 10, 2022).

USC's defense collected 5 sacks by 5 different defenders. In USC's first offensive drive of the game, Williams scrambled, stiff-armed a defender and managed to toss a 30-yard pass to **WR Dorian Singer** to whip up some magic to start the game. Williams then threw a 22-yard TD pass to **WR Zachariah Branch** put the Trojans on the board first with a 7-0 score.

The Wolfpack responded with a TD of their own as RB Sean Dollars rushed 3 yards into the end zone to tie up the score.

Six minutes later, **RB MarShawn Lloyd** scored on a 24-yard rush for the Trojans. **WR Tahj Washington** closed out the first quarter as he caught a 22-yard pass from Williams and shimmied around Wolfpack defenders to find open grass into the end zone to make the score 21-7.

The second quarter opened with another Trojan TD as Williams tossed a pass right over the middle of the field to **WR Michael Jackson III** who paid tribute to his namesake, the King of Pop, with a dance move in the end zone.

As the Trojans continued to wind down the clock, the Coliseum was awaiting more magic from the defending Heisman Trophy winner. He threw a 54-yard pass to Lloyd to ignite a roar from the crowd and set up the next exciting play. In true Williams fashion, he extended the following play with his feet, running around the field escaping defenders to find **WR Brenden Rice** in the end zone for a 13-yard TD. USC led 35-7.

Washington opened the second half with another TD pass from Williams to mark the only score from either team in the third quarter.

Williams exited the game and it was officially "Miller Time". **QB Miller Moss** went 7-of-10 (.700) with no INTs.

In the fourth quarter, **PK Denis Lynch** scored on a 37-yard field goal and **DT Stanley Ta'ufu'ou** returned a fumble for a 23-yard TD. It was the first fumble recovery by a Trojan returned for a touchdown since Tuli Tuipulotu at Washington State on Sept. 18, 2021. In his press conference after the game, Coach Riley said, "Obviously Stanley's fumble return was probably the major highlight of the game. When big people score, football is more fun. So that was awesome."

Nevada responded with a TD as QB AJ Bianco threw a 77-yard pass to WR Jamaal Bell.

Two young Trojans had the opportunity to score late in the game for USC. **RB Quinten Joyner** collected a 47-yard rushing TD and **WR Duce Robinson** scored on a 71-yard pass from Moss (a career-long for the QB). Both TDs were the first of their Trojan careers.

USC improves to 6-0-0 overall in its series with the Wolfpack.

**SCORING**

**First Quarter**

**USC -- Za. Branch 22-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

Nev -- Dollars 3-yard rush (Talton kick)

**USC -- Lloyd 24-yard rush (Lynch kick)**

**USC -- Washington 22-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**Second Quarter**

**USC -- Jackson III 15-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**USC -- Rice 13-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**Third Quarter**

**USC -- Washington 45-yard pass from C. Williams (Lynch kick)**

**Fourth Quarter**

**USC -- Lynch 37-yard field goal**

**USC -- Ta'ufu'ou 23-yard fumble return (Lynch kick)**

Nev -- Bell 77-yard pass from Bianco (Talton kick)

**USC -- Joyner 47-yard rush (Lynch kick)**

**USC -- Robinson 71-yard pass from Moss (Robles kick)**

USC	STATISTICS	SJSU
28	First Downs	12
215	Net Yards Rushing	49
453	Net Yards Passing	311
25	Passes Attempted	22
34	Passes Completed	34
0	Had Intercepted	0
54	Total Plays	72
668	Total Yards	360
2/42.5	Punts/Avg	6-40.7
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
8/75	Penalties/Yards	4-49
24:01	Time of Possession	35:59

**TOP INDIVIDUALS**

**RUSHING** – Lloyd (USC) 7-76, Joyner (USC) 4-65, C. Williams (USC) 3-42, Dollars (Nev) 9-33, Barlow (USC) 2-20, Hayes (Nev) 9-15

**PASSING** – C. Williams (USC) 18-24-319, Lewis (Nev) 18-29-182, Moss (USC) 7-10-134, Bianco (Nev) 4-5-129

**RECEIVING** – Bell (Nev) 8-121, Curtis (Nev) 3-83, Washington (USC) 3-75, Mar. Williams (USC) 4-66, Jackson III (Nev) 3-52, Rice (USC) 3-37





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**Team Results**

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/26/2023	San Jose St.	W	56-28	63411
09/02/2023	Nevada	W	66-14	62916

**Game Records**

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

**Rushing**

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MarShawn Lloyd	2	16	118	0	118	7.4	1	30	59.0
Quinten Joyner	2	9	99	0	99	11.0	1	47	49.5
Austin Jones	2	8	73	0	73	9.1	2	37	36.5
Caleb Williams	2	11	72	32	40	3.6	0	46	20.0
Darwin Barlow	2	4	35	5	30	7.5	0	23	15.0
Zachariah Branch	2	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	9	6.0
Matt Colombo	2	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Miller Moss	2	1	4	0	4	4.0	1	4	2.0
Mario Williams	2	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-2.0
Team	2	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>187.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>123.5</b>

**Team Statistics**

	USC	OPP
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>35</b>
Rushing	17	12
Passing	34	17
Penalty	2	6
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>247</b>
Rushing attempts	54	65
Average per rush	6.9	3.8
Average per game	187.5	123.5
TDs Rushing	5	2
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>509</b>
Comp-Att-Int	49-69-0	43-73-0
Average per pass	11.5	7.0
Average per catch	16.2	11.8
Average per game	397.0	254.5
TDs Passing	10	4
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>756</b>
Average per play	9.5	5.5
Average per game	584.5	378.0
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>4-138</b>	<b>7-121</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>4-78</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>16-132</b>	<b>7-70</b>
<b>Punts-Avg</b>	<b>4-42.0</b>	<b>13-43.4</b>
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>26:41</b>	<b>33:20</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>10/31</b>
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>2/5</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(17-17) 100%</b>	<b>(6-6) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>	<b>(0-0) 0%</b>

**Passing**

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Caleb Williams	2	236.4	36-49-0	73.5	597	9	76	298.5
Miller Moss	2	187.3	12-17-0	70.6	197	1	71	98.5
Malachi Nelson	1	33.3	1-3-0	33.3	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>215.5</b>	<b>49-69-0</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>397.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>135.6</b>	<b>43-73-0</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>254.5</b>

**Receiving**

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dorian Singer	2	6	78	13.0	1	30	39.0
Mario Williams	2	6	92	15.3	0	29	46.0
Tahj Washington	2	5	160	32.0	3	76	80.0
Zachariah Branch	2	5	80	16.0	2	25	40.0
Brenden Rice	2	4	49	12.3	2	16	24.5
Lake McRee	2	4	46	11.5	0	22	23.0
Makai Lemon	2	4	13	3.3	0	6	6.5
Duce Robinson	2	4	115	28.8	1	71	57.5
MarShawn Lloyd	2	3	71	23.7	0	54	35.5
Kyron Hudson	2	2	28	14.0	0	20	14.0
Ja'Kobi Lane	2	2	16	8.0	0	11	8.0
Darwin Barlow	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Michael Jackson III	1	1	15	15.0	1	15	15.0
Raleek Brown	1	1	14	14.0	0	14	14.0
Quinten Joyner	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>397.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>254.5</b>

**Interceptions**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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**Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Denis Lynch	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	37	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Eddie Czaplicki	4	168	42.0	47	0	3	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Scoring**

Player	td	fg	PAT					dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Denis Lynch	-	1-1	16-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Tahj Washington	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Zachariah Branch	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Austin Jones	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Brenden Rice	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
MarShawn Lloyd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Stanley Ta'ufo'ou	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Miller Moss	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Michael Jackson III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dorian Singer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Quinten Joyner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Duce Robinson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyler Robles	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>17-17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>

**Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Southern California	28	28	28	38	0	122
Opponents	7	14	7	14	0	42

**Punt Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zachariah Branch	4	78	19.5	0	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Kick Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zachariah Branch	3	125	41.7	1	96
Makai Lemon	1	13	13.0	0	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

**All Purpose**

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Zachariah Branch	2	12	80	78	125	0	295	147.5
MarShawn Lloyd	2	118	71	0	0	0	189	94.5
Tahj Washington	2	0	160	0	0	0	160	80.0
Duce Robinson	2	0	115	0	0	0	115	57.5
Quinten Joyner	2	99	7	0	0	0	106	53.0
Mario Williams	2	-4	92	0	0	0	88	44.0
Dorian Singer	2	0	78	0	0	0	78	39.0
Austin Jones	2	73	0	0	0	0	73	36.5
Brenden Rice	2	0	49	0	0	0	49	24.5
Lake McRee	2	0	46	0	0	0	46	23.0
Darwin Barlow	2	30	10	0	0	0	40	20.0
Caleb Williams	2	40	0	0	0	0	40	20.0
Kyron Hudson	2	0	28	0	0	0	28	14.0
Makai Lemon	2	0	13	0	13	0	26	13.0
Ja'Kobi Lane	2	0	16	0	0	0	16	8.0
Michael Jackson III	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
Raleek Brown	1	0	14	0	0	0	14	14.0
Matt Colombo	2	7	0	0	0	0	7	3.5
Miller Moss	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1385</b>	<b>692.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>438.5</b>

**Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Caleb Williams	2	60	40	597	637	318.5
Miller Moss	2	18	4	197	201	100.5
MarShawn Lloyd	2	16	118	0	118	59.0
Quinten Joyner	2	9	99	0	99	49.5
Austin Jones	2	8	73	0	73	36.5
Darwin Barlow	2	4	30	0	30	15.0
Zachariah Branch	2	1	12	0	12	6.0
Matt Colombo	2	1	7	0	7	3.5
Mario Williams	2	1	-4	0	-4	-2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>584.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>378.0</b>





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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick
19	Jaylin Smith	2	12	2	14	2.5-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
53	Shane Lee	2	5	5	10	1-13	1-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1	Domani Jackson	2	8	2	10	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	
7	Calen Bullock	2	7	2	9	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	
4	Max Williams	2	5	1	6	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
13	Mason Cobb	1	5	1	6	2-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
10	Jamil Muhammad	2	4	2	6	1-4	1-4	.	1	1	.	1	.	
51	Solomon Byrd	2	2	3	5	1.5-19	1.5-19	.	.	.	.	1	.	
27	Bryson Shaw	2	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
22	Ceyair Wright	2	5	.	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
90	Bear Alexander	2	1	4	5	1-12	0.5-11	.	1	.	.	.	.	
9	Raesjon Davis	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	
8	Zion Branch	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
6	Anthony Lucas	2	3	1	4	2-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
25	Tackett Curtis	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
34	Braylan Shelby	2	3	1	4	2-10	1-9	.	.	.	.	1	.	
17	Christian Roland-Wallace	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
79	De'jon Benton	1	3	.	3	1-7	1-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	
14	Jacobe Covington	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
92	Kyon Barrs	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
94	Kobe Pepe	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
2	Romello Height	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
30	Chris Thompson Jr.	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
18	Eric Gentry	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
56	Elijah Hughes	2	2	.	2	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
47	Stanley Ta'ufo'ou	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	
42	Deuce Palmer	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
15	Anthony Beavers Jr.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
0	Korey Foreman	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
84	Carson Tabaracci	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
44	Sam Greene	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
24	Christian Pierce	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>17-98</b>	<b>6-63</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Opponents		2	77	16	93	7-41	3-31	0-0	4	1	1-0	1	0	0