



# 2009 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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## 2009 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 5	San Jose State	12:30 p.m. (FSN)
Sept. 12	at Ohio State	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 19	at Washington	12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sept. 26	Washington State	TBA
Oct. 3	at California	5 p.m. (ABC)
Oct. 17	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 24	Oregon State	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Oct. 31	at Oregon	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Nov. 7	at Arizona State	5 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Nov. 14	Stanford	TBA
Nov. 28	UCLA	7 p.m. (FSN)
Dec. 5	Arizona	12:30 p.m. (ABC)

## 2008 RESULTS

(12-1 overall, 8-1 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Pac-10)

52	at Virginia	7
35	Ohio State	3
21	at Oregon State	27
44	Oregon	10
28	Arizona State	0
69	at Washington State	0
17	at Arizona	10
56	Washington	0
17	California	3
45	at Stanford	23
38	Notre Dame	3
28	at UCLA	7
38	vs. Penn State	24
	(Rose Bowl)	

## RETURNING STARTERS (12)

### OFFENSE (9)

TB C.J. Gable	TE Anthony McCoy
C Kristofer O'Dowd	OT Charles Brown
OG-C Jeff Byers	OT Butch Lewis
WR Damian Williams	OG-C Alex Parsons
FB Stanley Havili	

### DEFENSE (3)

S Taylor Mays	DT Christian Tupou
S-CB Josh Pinkard	

### KICKERS (0)

None

## OTHERS RETURNING WITH CAREER STARTS

QB Mitch Mustain (8)*	WR Ronald Johnson (3)
OT Nick Howell (6)	CB Shareece Wright (3)
S Shane Horton (6)*	DT Averell Spicer (3)
S Will Harris (5)	TE Rhett Ellison (2)
DE Everson Griffen (5)	TB Allen Bradford (2)
OG Zack Heberer (5)	TB Stafon Johnson (1)
WR David Ausberry (5)	TB Joe McKnight (1)
CB Kevin Thomas (4)	LB Michael Morgan (1)

\*Mustain's starts were at Arkansas, Horton's at UNLV

## USC FOOTBALL

**11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**31 BOWL VICTORIES**  
**154 ALL-AMERICANS**  
**7 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS**  
**426 NFL PLAYERS**  
**22 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

## 2009 USC FOOTBALL NOTES

### PRE-SEASON RANKINGS...

The 2009 Trojans will be in the hunt to win another national title and to capture their eighth straight Pac-10 title, according to various pre-season prognosticators. Here's a look:

	National	Pacific-10
Kickoff	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Phil Steele's	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
ESPN.com	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
SI.com	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sporting News	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Athlon	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Lindy's	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
NationalChamps.net	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
CollegeFootballNews.com	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
CBSSports.com	5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

### ...AND PRE-SEASON HONORS

**S Taylor Mays** (Playboy, Sporting News, Athlon, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, NationalChamps.net, Kickoff), **C Kristofer O'Dowd** (Playboy, Sporting News, Athlon, Lindy's, Phil Steele's, NationalChamps.net, Kickoff) and OG-C **Jeff Byers** (Phil Steele's) have been named to various 2009 pre-season All-American first teams. WR **Damian Williams** made an All-American second team. USC's offensive line, defensive backs and wide receivers/tight ends position units are ranked No. 1 nationally by some of these media outlets. Besides the above-mentioned players, DE **Everson Griffen** and OT **Charles Brown** have been selected to various pre-season All-Pac-10 first teams.

### WATCH LISTS

The following Trojans have made the official "Watch Lists" for national 2009 post-season awards, to date:

OG-C <b>Jeff Byers</b>	Outland Trophy (top interior lineman)
S <b>Taylor Mays</b>	Lott Trophy (top defensive impact player)
C <b>Kristofer O'Dowd</b>	Rimington Trophy (top center)
	Lombardi Award (top lineman)
WR <b>Damian Williams</b>	College Performance Award (top wide receiver)

### SCHEDULE

As usual, USC's schedule is imposing, as half of the teams on the 2009 slate played in bowl games last season (5 won their bowl) and 5 opponents posted at least 8 victories in 2008. Six of USC's first 9 games are on the road. After opening 2009 by hosting San Jose State on Labor Day weekend, the Trojans travel to Ohio State for the first time since 1990 for a Sept. 12 clash. Troy then opens its Pac-10 season the following week at Washington, now coached by former USC offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian. Two more league contests (versus Washington State and at California) and a bye follow before USC makes its biennial trip to Notre Dame on Oct. 17 aiming for an eighth straight win over the Irish. The Trojans return to conference play on Oct. 24 to host Oregon State, the only team to defeat them in 2008. Games at Oregon on Halloween night and Arizona State follow before USC concludes the regular season with a 3-game homestand: versus Stanford (the Homecoming game on Nov. 14), UCLA following a bye and Arizona on Dec. 5. Whether at home or on the road, USC football has been a popular attraction lately. In the past 5 years, Troy has averaged at least 85,000 fans in the Coliseum and 72,000 for any game. During head coach **Pete Carroll's** tenure, USC has set Pac-10 records for home total and average attendance and school standards for overall total and average attendance.

## QUOTING PETE CARROLL

### THE 2009 TROJANS

“We always have high expectations at USC, and 2009 is no exception. Every season presents new and different challenges, as is certainly the case this year, but we do have the ingredients to have another very good team. The key is to recapture the competitiveness and intensity that we’ve always played with. I loved how competitive we were in spring practice and how our players worked in the off-season to get ready. Their conditioning and focus was phenomenal, and that should carry over at a high level into the fall. We had a really good spring and dealt well with some obvious issues. We identified personnel at critical positions and we had new coaches transition in well. Our team spirit and work ethic and competitiveness are just right. It has all come together in really good fashion and we’re right on track. All 12 games we play are as challenging as ever. We know each team will be ready for us. It’s important that we develop our competitive edge.”

### THE OFFENSE

“Our goal each year on offense is to create a balanced attack. We not only plan on doing that again in 2009, but we want to continue to expand our offense. It’ll be all about competition on the offensive side of the ball, as we have a lot of players who can contribute and a number of ways to use them. We’ll surround our new quarterback with some impressive talent that will allow us to put together an explosive, wide-open offense. We’ll be very stout up front with our deep, experienced line. And our skill guys are fast, exciting, veteran playmakers. Jeremy Bates’ background in the NFL and John Morton’s background here give us a great 1-2 coaching punch. They’ll be very comfortable in their new roles with our offense.”

### THE DEFENSE

“I expect us to play with great speed and athleticism on defense. And we’ll count on our guys to be very aggressive in the style of previous years. Rocky Seto, who will now coordinate our defense, has been with us from the start and has a great feel for how we do things. Yes, we lost a lot of outstanding defensive players, but I’m confident we’ll have another strong defense, led by the secondary. We’ll be very fast up front, where we have a chance to field one of our best pass rushing units in years. Obviously, the key area is the new linebacking group, but don’t underestimate them.”

### THE SPECIAL TEAMS

“For the first time, we’ll have a fulltime special teams coach in Brian Schneider and his expertise and experience will really help us. Our return game should be a real strength, with some very dangerous players involved there. The focus will be developing a kicker and a punter.”

## RETURNING TROJANS

USC returns just 12 starters from last fall’s squad (9 on offense, only 3 on defense and neither the kicker or punter). In all, 85 squadmen are back from last year, including 68 who saw playing time (58 were lettermen and 39 were on USC’s season-ending 2-deep). On the roster are 28 Trojans who have started at least once in their career. Joining them in 2009 will be 18 new scholarship players, including 1 who enrolled at USC early so he could participate in spring practice. For the seventh year in a row, USC’s recruiting class was ranked in the Top 10 nationally by the media.

## 2009 OUTLOOK

In each of the past 7 seasons, the Trojans have registered an AP Top 4 finish (including national championships in 2003 and 2004), played in a BCS bowl (an NCAA record), captured a Pac-10 crown (a league record) and won at least 11 games (also an NCAA record). Head coach **Pete Carroll** has turned out 33 All-American first teamers (including 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span, plus winners of the Walter Camp, Chuck Bednarik, Johnny Unitas, Doak Walker and John Mackey Awards) and 53 NFL draft picks (including 14 first rounders) in his 8 years at USC. The Trojans—who have been ranked in the AP Top 25 for their past 91 contests, a school mark—enter 2009 riding some winning streaks: 8 Pac-10 games, 10 overall games, 12 non-conference games, 13 non-conference home games, 27 November games and 28 night games. Continuing that success in 2009 will certainly be challenging, but Carroll—whose mantras are “Win Forever” and “Always Compete”—likes nothing better than a challenge. On offense, USC’s top 4 rushers from 2008 return, including tailbacks **Stafon Johnson** (1,058 all-purpose yards in 2008, including 705 on the ground with 9 TDs), **Joe McKnight** (905 all-purpose yards last fall including 659 rushing) and **C.J. Gable** (875 all-purpose yards with 10 TDs in 2008, with 617 yards coming on rushes), as does 2-year starting fullback **Stanley Havili** (45 career receptions). All but 2 of Troy’s top 11 pass catchers of 2008 are back, including dynamic wide receivers **Damian Williams** (58 catches, 869 yards, 9 TDs last year) and **Ronald Johnson** (982 all-purpose yards in 2008 and 33 receptions) and steady tight end **Anthony McCoy** (22 receptions in 2008). And 2008’s offensive line returns intact: All-Pac-10 first team center **Kristofer O’Dowd**, guards **Jeff Byers** (a 2-year starter who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA) and **Alex Parsons** and tackles **Charles Brown** and **Butch Lewis** (tackle **Nick Howell** and guard **Zack Heberer** also have significant starting experience). Defensively, **Taylor Mays**, USC’s marquee player, returns for his fourth season as the starting free safety. The hard-hitting, athletic 2-time All-American first teamer was a Thorpe Award finalist in 2008 while recording 53 tackles and 9 deflections. Joining him in the secondary is 2-year starter **Josh Pinkard**, who has 108 tackles and 3 interceptions in his career while playing safety and cornerback. Like Byers, he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. USC’s only other returning defensive starter is nose tackle **Christian Tupou**. But there are a number of other defenders available who have starting experience, including end **Everson Griffen**, safety **Will Harris** and cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** and **Shareece Wright**. On special teams, both snappers (long snapper **Cooper Stephenson** and short snapper **Chris Pousson**) return in 2009, as do the primary returners, Ronald Johnson and Gable on kickoffs (fifth and 11<sup>th</sup>, respectively, on the all-time USC kick return chart) and Stafon Johnson and McKnight on punts.

## LAST YEAR

USC is coming off a 12-1 season in 2008 (8-1 in the Pac-10) that featured a big early-season home win over No. 5 Ohio State and culminated in a dominant victory over No. 8 Penn State in the Trojans’ record fourth consecutive Rose Bowl appearance. Troy ended up No. 3 in the final AP poll. Last year, USC’s offense ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in total offense (454.7), 14<sup>th</sup> in scoring offense (37.5) and 20<sup>th</sup> in rushing offense (194.9) in the nation. The 2008 Trojan defensive unit led the nation in scoring defense (9.0, USC’s best mark since 1967), pass efficiency defense (85.8) and pass defense (134.4, USC’s best since 1977), plus it was second in total defense (221.8, USC’s best since 1967) and fifth in rushing defense (87.4). On special teams, USC was second nationally in kickoff returns (26.5) and first in the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage (48.2) in 2008.

## GONE FROM 2008

Twenty-three squadmen are gone from 2008, including 19 lettermen and 12 starters (11 were selected in the 2009 NFL draft). USC’s offense lost the veteran throw-and-catch combo of quarterback Mark Sanchez and Patrick Turner. Sanchez, who passed up his senior season to enter the NFL draft, completed 65.8% of his passes for 3,207 yards and 34 touchdowns with 10 interceptions last year. The 2008 All-Pac-10 first teamer led the Pac-10 in passing efficiency (a school record 164.6) and total offense last fall. He wound up ninth on USC’s career passing chart and 15<sup>th</sup> in total offense. Turner, who caught 49 passes for 741 yards and 10 TDs in 2008, finished 10<sup>th</sup> on the school’s all-time receiving ladder with 138 grabs and 30 TDs as a 2-year starter. The Trojan defense must be revamped

### **USC PRE-SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE/ PLAYER, COACH INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY**

The Trojans will conduct all 4 weeks of their 2009 pre-season practices on the USC campus. Drills begin Aug. 8 and lead up to Troy's Sept. 5 home opener against San Jose State. Player and coach interviews are available following any of the practices. Contact the USC Sports Information Office for further details. Practice times are tentative.

**Aug. 7**—players report

**Aug. 8-9-10-11**—practices at 3 p.m.

**Aug. 12**—practice at 3 p.m. (first day of pads)

**Aug. 13-15**—practices at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Aug. 14-16**—practices at 4 p.m.

**Aug. 17**—closed scrimmage in Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

**Aug. 18-19-21**—practices at 4 p.m.

**Aug. 20**—practices at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Aug. 22**—practices at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., followed by Salute to Troy fan kickoff banquet on campus

**Aug. 23-24**—no practice (classes start on 24th)

**Aug. 25-26-27**—practices at 4 p.m.

**Aug. 28**—practice at 4:15 p.m.

**Aug. 29**—free open-to-the-public scrimmage in Coliseum at 12:30 p.m.

**Aug. 30**—no practice

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2-3**—week-of-game practices at 4 p.m. (classes start on 25th)

**Sept. 1**—first Pete Carroll weekly media lunch at 11:30 a.m.

**Sept. 4**—closed walk-through at 4:15 p.m.

### **QUOTABLE**

TE **Blake Ayles**, on his 1-yard touchdown catch against Ohio State in 2008: **"When the ball was in the air, I thought to myself, 'I better not look stupid right now.' When they called the play, I got a little nervous all of a sudden. I kept thinking, 'Uh, oh. Uh, oh. Uh, oh.'"**

USC strength and conditioning coach **Chris Carlisle**, on S Taylor Mays: **"Have I ever seen anyone that big move that fast? Maybe when I walked by the cheetah cage at the wildlife park."**

OG **Martin Coleman**, on his first exposure to football when he moved from Tonga to America at age 17: **"I thought it was soccer at first."**

USC quarterback **Aaron Corp**, on former prep teammate and current Trojan TE Blake Ayles: **"I would say Blake's a little off. He doesn't really care what people think of him."**

DE **Everson Griffen**, on making sacks: **"I don't know how to explain it, because it's the greatest feeling in the world. When you're coming off the edge and the quarterback doesn't see you, it's like a free shot to heaven."**

OL coach **Pat Ruel**, on OG-C Jeff Byers: **"Even when he does something wrong, I have a hard time getting on him because I don't have my MBA!"**

after heavy personnel losses, including 8 NFL draftees. Those gone from USC's dominant 2008 defense read like a Who's Who. Ferocious middle linebacker Rey Mauluga was a unanimous 2008 All-American first team pick and won the Bednarik Award while notching 79 tackles (he had 273 in his career). Fellow 3-year starting linebacker Brian Cushing also was an All-American first teamer in 2008 while making 73 stops, including 10.5 for losses. And linebacker Kaluka Maiava (66 tackles in 2008) became the third consecutive Trojan to win Rose Bowl Defensive Player of the Game accolades (joining Mauluga and Cushing). Also departed are strong safety Kevin Ellison (a 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer) and tackle Fili Moala (a 2008 All-Pac-10 first team selection), both 3-year starters, plus both ends—2-year starter Kyle Moore (he was USC's 2008 sack leader) and converted linebacker Clay Matthews—and 3-year starting cornerback Cary Harris, who had 5 career picks. All 8 players were selected in the 2009 NFL draft. The Trojans will be breaking in new specialists in 2009, as both 2-year starting placekicker David Buehler and 3-year punter Greg Woidneck have graduated. The strong-legged Buehler—an All-Pac-10 first teamer in 2008 who was drafted by the NFL—was not only a consistent point scorer (117 PATs and 26 field goals in his career), but he was a weapon as 58.3% of his career kickoffs pinned foes within the 20-yard line. Woidneck—who doubled as Buehler's holder—averaged just 37.7 yards in his career, but that number is deceiving as he punted for hangtime and placement.

### **7 CONSECUTIVE**

USC is riding a streak of *7 consecutive* Pac-10 crowns (a league record) and BCS bowls (an NCAA record) and 11-win seasons (also an NCAA record) and AP Top 4 finishes (including national championships in 2003 and 2004).

### **WIN STREAKS**

USC owns several active winning streaks:

- overall games (10);
- Pac-10 games (8);
- home games (9);
- non-conference home games (13);
- non-conference road games (9, not including 6 neutral site wins and 1 neutral site loss);
- non-conference games (12);
- home night games (28);
- November games (27).

### **USC'S PAST 7 YEARS UNDER CARROLL**

Ninth-year USC head coach **Pete Carroll** has a system in place that, after going 6-6 in his 2001 debut season, has made the past 7 years (since 2002) glorious ones for the Trojans:

- Seven AP Top 4 finishes, including national championships in 2003 and 2004;
- Seven BCS bowl appearances (an NCAA record);
- Seven Pac-10 championships (a Pac-10 record);
- Seven seasons with at least 11 victories (an NCAA record);
- A winning record of 90.1% (82-9), including 13-1 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA;
- An AP Top 25 ranking for the past 91 games, a school record;
- 79 wins in the last 86 games, with the losses coming by just 26 points (by 3 points in triple overtime at California in 2003, by 3 points in the final 19 seconds to Texas in the 2006 Rose Bowl's BCS Championship Game to fall just short of an unprecedented third consecutive national championship, by 2 points on a failed 2-point conversion pass with 7 seconds to play at Oregon State in 2006, by 4 points at UCLA in 2006 to deny Troy an appearance in a third straight BCS Championship Game, by 1 point at home to Stanford, by a TD at No. 5 Oregon and by 6 points at Oregon State in 2008);
- Thirty-one victories over AP Top 25 teams (31-4 overall, 88.6%);
- No-longer-active win streaks for home games (35), overall games (34), Pac-10 games (27), Pac-10 home games (24), road games (18), non-conference games (16), games against AP Top 25 teams (16), September games (15) and Pac-10 road games (13);
- A no-longer-active national-record 63 straight 20-point games;
- A no-longer-active national-record 33 consecutive weeks as AP's No. 1-ranked team;
- A no-longer-active school record 63 consecutive games ranked in the AP Top 10;
- Thirty-two All-American first teamers;
- Three Heisman Trophy winners;
- Fifty-one NFL draft picks, including 14 first rounders;
- Seven Top 10 recruiting classes.

### **HIGH RANKING**

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for its past 91 games, a school record. Troy has been in the AP Top 10 for 79 of its past 83 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 58 of the last 79 games.

## USC'S WINNINGEST SPANS

USC's 88 wins during the past 8 years (2001-08) is the winningest 8-year span in Trojan annals, as are its 82 wins during the past 7 years (2002-08) the winningest 7-year span. USC's 71 wins during the 6 years of 2003-08 is the winningest 6-year span in school history. Its 59 wins during the 5-year periods of 2004-08, 2003-07 and 2002-06 are tied for its best 5-year runs. Its 48 wins during the 4-year spans of both 2002-05 and 2003-2006 are tied for its best 4-year spans. Troy's 37 wins from 2003-05 represent the winningest 3-year period in Trojan history. Also, USC's 25 wins during the 2-year spans of both 2003-04 and 2004-05 are tied for its best 2-year spans. And USC posted its first 13-win season in 2004, its eighth perfect (unbeaten, untied) season ever.

## USC'S PAC-10 TITLES

After sharing the Pac-10 championship in 2002, USC won the 2003 Pac-10 title outright (its first outright crown since 1989) and again in 2004 and 2005 before sharing it in 2006 and 2007 and winning it outright in 2008. Those 7 consecutive conference titles are unprecedented in Pac-10 history. USC has won the league title 38 times, more than twice as much as any other school.

## USC IN BCS GAMES

Last season, USC made an NCAA-record seventh consecutive BCS bowl appearance (2003 Orange Bowl vs. Iowa, 2004 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2005 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma, 2006 Rose Bowl vs. Texas, 2007 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2008 Rose Bowl vs. Illinois, 2009 Rose Bowl vs. Penn State). USC's 6 BCS bowl wins are a record. USC's 7 overall BCS bowl trips are tied for most with Ohio State and Oklahoma.

## 4 CONSECUTIVE ROSE BOWLS

When USC played in the 2009 Rose Bowl last season, it was only the third time that a team has played in 4 consecutive Rose Bowl games. USC also did it from 1967 to 1970 and Ohio State did it from 1973 to 1976.

## PETE CARROLL

Ninth-year USC head coach Pete Carroll has returned the Trojan football program to national prominence. He is 88-15 (85.4%) in 8 years (2001-2008) as a college head coach (all at USC), the best winning percentage of any current Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience. His 88 victories tied Bob Pruett of Marshall for most by a Division I coach in their first 8 seasons since 1900 (Penn's George Woodruff had 102 before then). He reached 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of just 65 points (4.3 average) and only 1 was by more than a touchdown (it was by 11 points). After starting off his Trojan career 2-5, he has gone 85-10 (89.5%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 57-10 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 85.1% winning mark (a league record). His teams have been ranked in the AP Top 25 for the past 91 games, a school record. He is 27-0 in November. He has 32 victories over AP Top 25 teams (32-7 overall, 82.1%). His teams have won an unprecedented 7 consecutive Pac-10 titles and appeared in an NCAA-record 7 consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games). His teams have recorded at least 11 victories in each of the past 7 seasons, an NCAA record, and finished ranked in the AP Top 4 in each of those 7 seasons. USC's 13, 25, 37, 48, 59, 71, 82 and 88 wins during 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- and 8-year spans under Carroll represent the winningest periods in Trojan history. He is 6-2 in bowl games, including 6-1 in BCS games. Under Carroll, USC is riding winning streaks of 28 home night games, 27 November games, 13 non-conference home games, 12 non-conference games, 9 non-conference road games (not including 7 neutral site contests) and 10 overall games. His USC teams also had a number of other since-broken winning streaks: a Pac-10 record 35 consecutive home games, Pac-10-record 34 overall games, a Pac-10-record 27 Pac-

10 games, a Pac-10 record 24 consecutive league home games, a school-record 18 road games (not including 4 neutral site contests), 18 October games, 16 non-conference games, 16 games against AP Top 25 teams, 15 September games and a school-record 13 Pac-10 road games. His Trojans also set a no-longer-active NCAA record by scoring at least 20 points in 63 consecutive games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including 2 pre-season polls) and was ranked in the AP Top 10 for a school-record 63 consecutive games. He has gone 14-2 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA. He was named the 2003, 2005 and 2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year. Under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. He has also coached winners of the Walter Camp, Chuck Bednarik, Johnny Unitas, Doak Walker and John Mackey Awards. Carroll has produced 33 All-American first teamers and 53 NFL draft picks (including 14 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His last 7 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 10 nationally (including first 5 times by some experts). He also served as USC's defensive coordinator his first 5 seasons.

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

	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
1. <b>Pete Carroll, USC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.854</b>
2. Urban Meyer, Florida	8	83	17	0	.830
3. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	10	109	24	0	.820
4. Mark Richt, Georgia	8	82	22	0	.788
5. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	43	382	123	4	.754
6. Joe Paterno, Penn State	43	383	127	3	.750
7. Jim Tressel, Ohio State	23	218	76	2	.740
8. Brian Kelly, Cincinnati	18	159	57	2	.734
9. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	19	170	62	2	.731
10. Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	12	116	43	0	.730

## OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Nine starters return on offense from 2008: tailback **C.J. Gable**, wide receiver **Damian Williams**, fullback **Stanley Havili**, center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, guard-center **Jeff Byers**, tight end **Anthony McCoy**, tackles **Charles Brown** and **Butch Lewis** and guard **Alex Parsons**. Others back with starting experience include tailbacks **Stafon Johnson**, **Joe McKnight** and **Allen Bradford**, wide receivers **Ronald Johnson** and **David Ausberry**, tackle **Nick Howell**, guard **Zack Heberer** and tight end **Rhett Ellison**, as well as quarterback **Mitch Mustain**, who was a starter while at Arkansas. Nine of USC's top 11 rushers and pass catchers from 2008 return (including its 4 leading runners), but the Trojans' top passer is gone. With all that returning personnel, Troy is hopeful that it can build upon last year's offensive output that saw it finish 11<sup>th</sup> in total offense (454.7), 14<sup>th</sup> in scoring offense (37.5) and 20<sup>th</sup> in rushing offense (194.9) nationally.

## QUARTERBACKS

When Mark Sanchez unexpectedly declared for the NFL draft following his 2008 junior campaign (he was the draft's fifth pick), it meant that for the first time in the Pete Carroll era USC will enter consecutive seasons breaking in a new starting quarterback. Sanchez had an outstanding 2008 in his only season as a starter, earning All-Pac-10 first team honors as he completed 241-of-356 passes (65.8%) for 3,207 yards and 34 touchdowns with 10 interceptions (he also ran for 3 scores). He topped the Pac-10 in passing efficiency (a school record 164.6) and total offense (247.9) last fall, was 14-2 as a starter and wound up ninth on USC's career passing chart and 15<sup>th</sup> in total offense. There was a spirited battle this past spring to replace Sanchez in 2009. Sophomore **Aaron Corp** (2-of-4, 50.0%, 14 yds in 2008), USC's most mobile signalcaller, emerged as the starter, but the fight for the job will continue this fall. Corp, who guided his high school team to the California state championship in 2006, saw minimal action in 2008,

getting into 5 games. Precocious first-year freshman **Matt Barkley** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.) was thrown into the competition this past spring after graduating high school a semester early and was very impressive. Expect to hear lots more about the prep All-American, who in 2007 was the first junior to be the Gatorade national prep player of the year. Junior **Mitch Mustain** (11-of-16, 68.8%, 157 yds, 2 TD, 2 int in 2008) is USC's most experienced quarterback, as he started—and won—8 games for Arkansas in 2006 while throwing for 894 yards with 10 scores. After sitting out 2007 at USC, he saw limited time in 8 Trojan contests last fall, highlighted by a 111-yard outing against Oregon. He has a 61-2 record as a starting quarterback dating back to eighth grade. Like Barkley, he was a Gatorade national prep player of the year (in 2005). Versatile senior **Garrett Green** (7 tac in 2008), who has also played safety, wide receiver and on special teams at USC, is available at quarterback in an emergency role (he'll be used also at wide receiver in 2009). He took a few snaps in just 3 games last year. His only career pass as a Trojan was a touchdown, but it came off a lateral in the 2008 Rose Bowl while playing wideout. A fine student, he has begun work on his master's degree in business. Bolstering the quarterback corps is untested redshirt freshman walk-on **John Manoogian**.

### TAILBACKS

USC's 2009 tailback corps is deep, talented, experienced and multifaceted. The team's 4 most productive tailbacks from 2008—senior **Stafon Johnson** (138 tcb, 705 yds, 5.1 avg, 9 TD in 2008, plus 7 rec, 48 yds, 6.9 avg and 33 PR, 305 yds, 9.2 avg), juniors **Joe McKnight** (89 tcb, 659 yds, 7.4 avg, 2 TD in 2008, plus 21 rec, 193 yds, 9.2 avg, 1 TD and 9 PR, 53 yds, 5.9 avg) and **C.J. Gable** (107 tcb, 617 yds, 5.8 avg, 8 TD in 2008, plus 6 rec, 62 yds, 10.3 avg, 1 TD and 7 KOR, 196 yds, 28.0 avg, 1 TD) and sophomore **Marc Tyler** (36 tcb, 198 yds, 5.5 avg, 1 TD in 2008, plus 1 rec, 10 yds, 10.0 avg, 1 TD and 1 tac)—return, as do junior **Allen Bradford** (14 tcb, 57 yds, 4.1 avg, 1 TD in 2008, plus 4 rec, 44 yds, 11.0 avg and 1 tac) and redshirt freshman **Curtis McNeal**. Each offers a different look to opponents. Johnson, who led the Trojans in rushing and punt returns in 2008, is a consistent, dependable runner who is especially effective running up the middle. He has 1,395 career rushing yards (33<sup>rd</sup> on USC's career list) and 5 career 100-yard games. McKnight is an exciting, speedy all-purpose breakaway back who can strike as a runner (he has 1,199 career rushing yards and 3 career 100-yard rushing games), receiver (44 career receptions) and returner. He has 8 career games with at least 100 all-purpose yards. His 7.4 average per carry in 2008 was fourth best in the nation. The slashing Gable, an 11-time starter last fall, is the most experienced of the group, with 18 starts, 1,194 rushing yards and 4 100-yard games in his career. He is also 11<sup>th</sup> on Troy's career kickoff return list (662 yards). In limited appearances in 2008, Tyler showed much promise attacking both inside and on the edge, including an 85-yard rushing performance against Washington. Bradford, a hard-charging runner who is particularly adept catching passes out of the backfield and who also shines on special teams, is coming off a hip injury that sidelined him most of last season. The diminutive McNeal had many eye-opening showings on the practice field in 2008 and in 2009 spring drills, leading the coaches to believe that will translate into more of the same in games.

### FULLBACKS

Junior **Stanley Havili** (13 tcb, 71 yds, 5.5 avg in 2008, plus 24 rec, 324 yds, 13.5 avg, 3 TD) will man the fullback spot for his third season in 2009. He is not only a fine blocker, but an effective runner and receiver. Senior **Adam Goodman** (1 tcb, 1 yd, 1.0 avg in 2008, plus 2 rec, 8 yds, 4.0 avg and 1 KOR, 13 yds, 13.0 avg and 3 tac) is the prototype blocking fullback and also sees time on special teams. Sophomore **D.J. Shoemate** (1 tac in 2008), who came to USC last year as a wide receiver, offers some intriguing possibilities, as he is now a combo fullback/tailback/receiver. Joining the fullbacks in the fall as a freshman is **Simione Vehikite** (Kapolei High in Kapolei, Hi.).

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Despite losing one of the most productive wide receivers in USC history, the Trojans should be in good shape here in 2009. Two-year starter Patrick Turner ended his USC career 10<sup>th</sup> on the school's all-time receiving chart (138 receptions) and his 30 career touchdowns were tied for the second most at USC. He had 49 catches for 741 yards and 10 TDs in 2008. He was an NFL third round selection. A quartet of juniors highlights the wideout group. **Damian Williams** (58 rec, 869 yds, 15.0 avg, 9 TDs in 2008, plus 4 tcb, 43 yds, 10.8 avg and 1 PR, -1 yd, -1.0 avg), a clutch possession receiver, stepped right in after transferring from Arkansas and led USC in receiving in 2008. Equally impressive is fleet **Ronald Johnson** (33 rec, 570 yds, 17.3 avg., 8 TD in 2008, plus 14 KOR, 380 yds, 27.1 avg and 6 tcb, 32 yds, 5.3 avg and 0-of-1 passing, 0 yds, 0.0% and 3 tac), the Trojans' deep threat. He also was Troy's top kickoff returner the past 2 seasons and already ranks fifth on the program's career kickoff return list (1,000 yards). Then there's the physical **David Ausberry** (6 rec, 85 yds, 14.2 avg, 1 TD in 2008), who had 5 starts in 2007, and **Travon Patterson** (3 rec, 25 yds, 8.3 avg in 2008), who is among the fastest Trojans. Looking to break into the playing rotation are soph **Brandon Carswell** (1 rec, 7 yds, 7.0 avg in 2008, plus 3 PR, 20 yds, 6.7 avg and 5 PR, 31 yds, 6.2 avg and 1 tac), junior **Jordan Cameron**, who also played on the Trojan basketball team, and redshirt freshman **Brice Butler**. Senior **Garrett Green**, who doubles as a quarterback, also could see action here. A group of walk-ons who have yet to catch a pass fill out the wideout unit: juniors **Sean Calcagnie**, **Preston Cavignac**, **Joe Gibson**, **Scott Stephens** and **Spencer Vigoren**, sophomores **Kit Barmeyer** and **Drew Ness** and redshirt freshmen **Steve Blackhart** and **Robbie Boyer**. Prep All-American **De'Von Flournoy** (Birmingham High in Van Nuys, Calif.) enrolls in the fall as a freshman.

### TIGHT ENDS

USC's tight end position is not deep, but it is very capable. Senior **Anthony McCoy** (22 rec, 256 yds, 11.6 avg, 1 TD 2008, plus 0 tcb, 23 yds) did a commendable job as the starter in 2008. He'll be backed by sophomores **Rhett Ellison** (4 rec, 58 yds, 14.5 avg in 2008, plus 1 tac), who even started twice at fullback in 2008, and **Blake Ayles** (6 rec, 41 yds, 6.8 avg, 1 TD in 2008). Ellison is the son of ex-USC and NFL linebacker Riki (Gray) Ellison. Also figuring in are senior **Thomas Herring**, a converted offensive guard who missed 2009 spring drills with an Achilles injury, and senior walk-on **Steve Gatena**, who has also worked at center and offensive tackle.

### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

USC's offensive line could be among the premier units in the country, as all 5 starters and 2 part-time starters from last season return in 2009. Anchoring the line is junior center **Kristofer O'Dowd**, who made the 2008 All-Pac-10 first team after winning Freshman All-American first team acclaim in 2007. He missed 2009 spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery. Senior left guard **Jeff Byers** is a 2-year starter who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA because he missed 2005 and 2006 with injuries. He can also play center. One of USC's top student-athletes, he is completing work on his M.B.A. Also back as starters are senior right guard **Alex Parsons**, who can also play center or tackle, plus tackles **Charles Brown**, a senior on the left side, and junior **Butch Lewis** on the right side. Lewis might work on the left side in 2009. Both senior **Nick Howell** (6 starts at right tackle), the son of former USC All-American and NFL guard Pat Howell, and junior **Zack Heberer** (3 starts at right guard) saw significant action in 2008. They give the Trojans plenty of options and flexibility up front (for instance, Howell might work at right guard and Heberer at left guard), and they could even end up starting. Also competing to get into the mix are sophomore tackle **Tyron Smith** (he emerged from 2009 spring drills as the starter on the right side), soph guard **Martin Coleman**, sophomore center **Michael Reardon** (he has also worked at tackle

and tight end), redshirt freshman guard **Khaled Holmes** and redshirt freshman tackle **Matt Kalil**. Then there are walk-ons **Garrett Nolan**, a senior center, and **Abe Markowitz**, a redshirt freshman center who can also play guard. A pair of prep All-Americans—tackle **Kevin Graf** (Agoura High in Agoura, Calif.), whose father and brother played at USC, and center **John Martinez** (Cottonwood High in Salt Lake City, Utah)—come aboard in the fall as freshmen.

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Only 3 defensive starters return from 2008: safety **Taylor Mays**, safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard** and tackle **Christian Tupou**. Others back with starting experience are end **Everson Griffen**, safety **Will Harris**, cornerbacks **Kevin Thomas** and **Shareece Wright**, linebacker **Michael Morgan** and tackle **Averell Spicer**, plus safety **Shane Horton** (while at UNLV). The bar has been set high for the 2009 defense, as the 2008 Trojans led the nation in scoring defense (9.0, USC's best mark since 1967), pass efficiency defense (85.8) and pass defense (134.4, USC's best since 1977) and were second in total defense (221.8, USC's best since 1967) and fifth in rushing defense (87.4). USC also was 11<sup>th</sup> nationally in tackles for a loss (7.5) and led the Pac-10 in opponent third down conversions (27.6%). Foes got into the end zone just 14 times (only 6 via passing) in 2008, as Troy posted 3 shutouts. USC set an NCAA record by allowing only 8.8 yards per completion last fall, and opponents also averaged just 3.6 yards per play and 2.7 yards per rush. The Trojans' +0.5 turnover margin figure was their best in 3 years. But the team's top 4 tacklers from last season are gone, as are its 2008 leaders in tackles for a loss and sacks.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

There will be a near-overhaul of USC's defensive line in 2008, as gone are 3-year starting tackle Fili Moala (a 2008 All-Pac-10 first team selection), plus both ends, 2-year starter Kyle Moore (he was USC's 2008 sack leader with 5) and Clay Matthews. Moala had 90 tackles and 23.5 tackles for a loss in his career and Moore had 76 career stops. Matthews, who converted from linebacker last fall, was the surprise of the 2008 Trojan defense, getting 56 tackles, including 9 for a loss with 4.5 sacks. He also was a special teams fiend, blocking 3 field goals in his career. All 3 were NFL draftees, Matthews in the first round, Moala in the second and Moore in the fourth. The only somewhat stable position on the defensive front in 2009 is at nose tackle, where junior **Christian Tupou** (12 tac, 3 for loss, 1 dfl in 2008) returns after starting the last 10 contests in 2008. But promising sophomore **Jurrell Casey** (12 tac, 2 for loss, 1 FF in 2008) had an impressive spring and could emerge as the starter there. Junior college transfer **Hebron Fangupo** (Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif.), who enrolls as a junior in the fall, also will figure in the rotation. Senior **Averell Spicer** (8 tac, 1 for loss in 2008), who started at nose tackle in 2008's first 3 games, moved over to Moala's tackle spot in the spring and won the starting job. Competing with him are junior **Derek Simmons**, who moves back to his original position after spending 2008 as an offensive guard, and sophomore **DaJohn Harris** (1 tac, 0.5 for loss, 0.5 sack in 2008). Fangupo also will be used here. Aiming to fill the vacant end spots will be quick-off-the-ball junior **Everson Griffen** (18 tac, 6 for loss, 4.5 sack in 2008), a 2007 Freshman All-American first teamer who has 5 career starts (including the first 3 games of 2008), sophomores **Armond Armstead** (10 tac, 3 for loss, 1 sack in 2008), who slid out from tackle, and **Malik Jackson** (4 tac, 2 tac for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF, 1 dfl in 2008) and redshirt freshmen **Wes Horton** and **Nick Perry**. Griffen and Armstead had impressive spring performances and won the starting roles. There's also walk-on redshirt freshman end **Eric Childs**. Then, in the fall, prep All-American ends **James Boyd** (Jordan High in Los Angeles, Calif.) and **Devon Kennard** (Desert Vista High in Phoenix, Ariz.) enter the fray as freshmen.

## LINEBACKERS

USC will have a drastically new-look linebacking corps in 2009, as all 3 of last year's starters—Rey Mauluga in the middle and Brian Cushing and Kaluka Maiava outside—are gone. To say those are huge losses is an understatement. Mauluga, who had 273 career tackles, was a unanimous 2008 All-American first team pick and won the Bednarik Award while leading the Trojans in tackles (79). He also was a finalist for the Lombardi, Nagurski and Butkus Awards last fall. He was a 3-time All-Pac-10 first teamer, including being named the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 2008. Cushing, like Mauluga a 3-year starter and 2008 Butkus finalist, earned All-American first team honors last season while making 73 stops, including a team-best 10.5 for losses. In his career, he had 178 tackles (27 for losses). Maiava was third on the Trojans in tackles in 2008 with 66 and was named the Rose Bowl Defensive Player of the Game (following in the footsteps of the 2 previous winners, Mauluga and Cushing). Cushing was an NFL first round pick, Mauluga went in the second round and Maiava was a fourth rounder. None of the returning linebackers enter 2009 with more than 35 career tackles, but each has seen the field to a limited degree, mostly on special teams. This past spring's drills sorted things out, leaving the coaches pleased with the new starters' potential. Although less experienced than last year's group, this year's version is much faster. Sophomore **Chris Galippo** (12 tac, 2 for loss, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2008), who was Mauluga's backup last season (but saw minimal action), takes over in the middle. Junior **Michael Morgan** (24 tac, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FR in 2008), the only current Trojan linebacker to have started a game (he did so against Oregon last year), backed up Cushing on the strong side in 2008 and he'll start there in 2009. Fellow junior **Malcolm Smith** (18 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2008), the brother of ex-Trojan All-American and NFL wide receiver Steve Smith, was Maiava's backup on the weak side and emerged as the 2009 starter there. Senior **Luthur Brown**, who had a back injury and missed last season, is able to play any linebacker position. Then there are senior **Nick Garratt** (5 tac, 0.5 for loss in 2008) and sophomores **Jordan Campbell** (7 tac in 2008) and **Uona Kaveinga** (3 tac, 1 for loss in 2008), along with a pair of walk-ons in junior **Dan Deckas** and soph **Ross Cumming** (3 tac in 2008). Kaveinga and Cumming play in the middle, the others on the outside. A trio of prep All-Americans—**Jarvis Jones** (Carver High in Columbus, Ga.), **Marquis Simmons** (Dominguez High in Compton, Calif.) and **Frankie Telfort** (Gulliver Prep High in Miami, Fla.)—join the battle in the fall as freshmen, along with **Kevin Greene** (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in San Francisco, Calif.). Simmons' brother, Melvin ("Champ"), played linebacker at USC early in Carroll's tenure.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

Even though 2 of last fall's starters are gone, USC's strength on defense in 2009 will be the secondary. Leading the way will be senior 2-time All-American first team free safety **Taylor Mays** (53 tac, 2 for loss, team-best 9 dfl in 2008), who will be starting for his fourth year. A punishing tackler and freakish athlete, he was a Thorpe Award finalist last season when he made 53 tackles and broke up a team-best 9 passes. In his career, he has 180 tackles and 4 interceptions. Joining him will be **Josh Pinkard** (39 tac, 1 for loss, 3 dfl, 2 FR, 2 FF, 1 int in 2008), whose career resume as a 2-year starting cornerback includes 108 tackles and 3 interceptions. He will start this season at strong safety, where he played during the first part of his Trojan career. Like teammate Jeff Byers, he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA after missing the 2006 and 2007 campaigns with injuries. The openings in the secondary come as a result of the loss of a pair of 3-year starters: 2-time All-Pac-10 first team strong safety Kevin Ellison and cornerback Cary Harris. Both had 5 career picks and both were NFL sixth round selections. Senior **Will Harris** (38 tac, 4.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 2 int, 1 FR, 3 dfl in 2008) performed capably while starting 5 late-season contests at strong safety in 2008 when Ellison was out with an injury,

so he has some invaluable experience. Two players with starts under their belts—senior **Kevin Thomas** (15 tac, 2 for a loss, 2 sack, 3 int with 1 TD, 7 dfl in 2008) and junior **Shareece Wright** (8 tac in 2008)—will be first in line for the open cornerback spots. Thomas has 4 career starts, 1 more than Wright, who missed most of last season with a neck injury after starting the first 2 games. Among the other safeties seeking time are sophomores **Drew McAllister** (16 tac, 3 int in 2008, plus 1 KOR, 21 yds, 21.0 avg), who had an impressive rookie showing in 2008, and **Shane Horton**, who started 6 games at UNLV in 2007 but sat out last season after transferring (he's the brother of Trojan defensive end Wes Horton). There are also 3 walk-on safeties: junior **Robert Erickson** (1 tac in 2008) and sophomores **Ryan McMahon** and **Spencer Spiegel**. The other cornerbacks pushing to get into the rotation are junior **Marshall Jones** (6 tac in 2008), a converted safety, soph **T.J. Bryant** (7 tac, 2 dfl, 1 int in 2008) and redshirt freshman **Brian Baucham**, along with 3 walk-ons: senior **Justin Hart**, junior **Omari Crittenden** and sophomore **Daniel Harper** (4 tac in 2008). This fall as freshmen, prep All-Americans **Patrick Hall** (St. Bonaventure High in Ventura, Calif.), **T.J. McDonald** (Edison High in Fresno, Calif.) and **Jawanza Starling** (Lincoln High in Tallahassee, Fla.) enter the safety competition, while prep All-American **Byron Moore** (Narbonne High in Harbor City, Calif.) along with **Torin Harris** (Palo Verde High in Las Vegas, Nev.) compete at cornerback. Hall is the cousin of former USC and NFL receiver Keary Colbert, while McDonald is the son of ex-USC All-American and NFL All-Pro safety Tim McDonald.

### SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

USC's top kickoff (**Ronald Johnson**) and punt (**Stafon Johnson**) returners and both snappers (long snapper **Cooper Stephenson** and short snapper **Chris Pousson**) from last year are back in 2009, but a new placekicker, punter and holder must be found. The Trojans hope to remain as sound as they were in some areas of special teams in 2008, when they ranked second nationally in kickoff returns (26.5) and first in the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage (48.2). However, USC's net punting (33.0, in the nation's bottom 20), punt returning (8.0) and field goal kicking (9-of-13) numbers from 2008 could stand improvement.

### SPECIALISTS

A replacement must emerge for Greg Woidneck, whose 3-year career as USC's punter is completed. He averaged just 37.7 yards in his career, but he specialized in hangtime and placement (39.4% on his punts trapped opponents within the 20-yard line). Battling for the job will be untested but much-improved junior walk-on **Billy O'Malley** and JC All-American **Jacob Harfman** (Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif.), who transfers in as a junior in the fall and can also placekick. Walk-on sophomore **Boomer Roepke**, a one-time USC football manager and Trojan swimmer, also is available. USC is looking for a successor to strong-legged David Buehler, the 2008 All-Pac-10 first team placekicker. Besides doing a nice job putting the ball through the uprights (he had 117 PATs and 26 field goals in his career), Buehler was an underrated weapon when kicking off as 58.3% of his career kickoffs pinned foes within the 20-yard line (including 38.3% that were touchbacks). He was a fifth round NFL draft pick. A pair of promising walk-on kickers—senior **Jordan Congdon** and junior **Joe Houston**—have yet to get on the field at USC, although Congdon was Nebraska's kicker in 2004 and 2005. They'll compete for the job with JC All-American transfer **Jacob Harfman** (Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut, Calif.), a junior enrollee this fall who is also looking to be USC's punter. Both snappers—junior long snapper **Cooper Stephenson**, who can also play tight end, and sophomore short snapper **Chris Pousson**—return in 2009 after performing well last fall. Punter Greg Woidneck doubled as the holder on placekicks last season, but he has graduated. The logical replacement is senior quarterback-wide receiver **Garrett Green**, who served as Woidneck's backup in 2008 (although he was never called to duty). Junior walk-on punter **Billy**

**O'Malley** could be the backup. USC will have some effective and exciting returners in 2009, as the key performers from last fall are back. Junior wide receiver **Ronald Johnson** (14 KOR, 380 yds, 27.1 avg in 2008) topped Troy in kickoffs the past 2 years and already ranks fifth on the all-time Trojan kickoff return list (1,000 yards), while junior tailback **C.J. Gable** (7 KOR, 196 yards, 28.0 avg, 1 TD in 2008) also stands back deep and is 11<sup>th</sup> on that chart (662 yards). Gable returned a kickoff for a TD at Stanford in 2008. Senior tailback **Stafon Johnson** (33 PR, 305 yds, 9.2 avg in 2008) was USC's leading punt returner last season. Junior tailback **Joe McKnight** (9 PR, 53 yds, 5.9 avg in 2008)—he led the team in punt returns in 2007—and sophomore wide receiver **Brandon Carswell** (5 PR, 31 yds, 6.2 avg in 2008) also fielded some punts in 2008. Others who might be tried include junior wide receiver **Damian Williams** as a punt returner and redshirt freshman tailback **Curtis McNeal** as a kickoff returner.

### ASSISTANT COACHES

Besides the changes on the USC roster in 2009, there also was some movement within the Trojan coaching staff. There are 3 new fulltime assistants, each who came to USC from the NFL: quarterbacks coach and assistant head coach of the offense **Jeremy Bates** (Denver Broncos), defensive line coach **Jethro Franklin** (Houston Texans) and special teams coordinator **Brian Schneider** (Oakland Raiders). Wide receivers coach **John Morton** added the offensive coordinator duty, secondary coach **Rocky Seto** took on the additional role of defensive coordinator and linebackers coach **Ken Norton Jr.** added the title of assistant head coach of the defense. Maintaining their 2008 coaching roles are **Todd McNair** (running backs), **Pat Ruel** (offensive line) and **Brennan Carroll** (tight ends/recruiting coordinator). **Justin Mesa** went from recruiting and operations assistant to wide receivers graduate assistant, joining returnee **Kris Richard** (cornerbacks) in a G.A. role. Plus, **Mark Jackson** (senior associate athletic director) and **Matt Capurro** (director of football operations) joined the staff from the Raiders' front office.

### TAKEAWAYS

In head coach Pete Carroll's 8 seasons at USC, Troy is +107 overall (268 takeaways and 161 giveaways). Those 268 takeaways since 2001 are the most in the nation. USC has been effective in the takeaway department during Carroll's tenure, although the Trojans were not as dominant the past 3 seasons as they were in his first 5 seasons.

YEAR	TO MARGIN (NCAA/PAC)	TAKEAWAYS (INT/FUM)	GIVEAWAYS (INT/FUM)
2001	+1.3 (5/1T)	35 (20/15)	19 (12/7)
2002	+1.4 (5/2)	36 (17/19)	18 (10/8)
2003	+1.5 (2/1)	42 (22/20)	22 (9/13)
2004	+1.5 (1/1)	38 (22/16)	19 (7/12)
2005	+1.6 (2/1)	38 (22/16)	17 (10/7)
2006	+0.3 (38T/5)	22 (11/11)	18 (11/7)
2007	+0.2 (41/4)	28 (12/16)	26 (16/10)
2008	+0.5 (25/2)	29 (19/10)	22 (12/10)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+1.0 (103 gm)</b>	<b>268 (144/124)</b>	<b>161 (88/73)</b>

### CARROLL'S DEFENSE

Here's a look at USC's impressive defensive figures in the **Pete Carroll** era:

YEAR	RUSH D	PASS D	TOTAL D	SCORE D
2001	155.2	175.6	330.8	17.3
2002	83.2	201.8	284.9	18.5
2003	60.2	276.2	336.4	18.4
2004	79.4	199.9	279.3	13.0
2005	130.5	230.4	360.9	22.8
2006	91.1	204.8	295.8	15.2
2007	84.2	189.0	273.2	16.0
2008	87.4	134.3	221.8	9.0

## STATS OF NOTE

### WINS

\*\*\*USC has won 68 of its last 74 games, 79 of its last 86, 80 of its last 88, 82 of its last 91 and 86 of its last 96.

\*\*\*USC has won 44 of its past 45 home games.

\*\*\*USC has won at least 11 games in each of the past 7 seasons, an NCAA record.

### OFFENSE

\*\*\*Offensively, USC ranked sixth nationally in passing efficiency (163.1, first in Pac-10), 11<sup>th</sup> in total offense (454.7, second in Pac-10), 14<sup>th</sup> in scoring offense (37.5, second in Pac-10) and 22<sup>nd</sup> in both rushing offense (194.9, third in Pac-10) and passing offense (259.9, first in Pac-10) in 2008.

\*\*\*Of USC's 69 offensive scoring drives in 2008, 39 took 3 minutes or less (including 20 under 2 minutes), while 14 went 80-plus yards and 24 took 5 plays or less.

\*\*\*USC's top 9 rushers of 2008 all averaged at least 4.1 yards per carry.

### SCORING

\*\*\*USC scored 138 unanswered points in 2008, dating from the second quarter of the Oregon game to the second quarter of the Arizona contest.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 90 of its past 94 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 61 of its last 83 games.

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 43 times under Pete Carroll (including 16 times with at least 50 points).

\*\*\*In the second half in 2008, USC outscored its foes, 198-39 (including 94-7 in the third quarter).

\*\*\*Since trailing late in the third quarter at Oregon State in 2006, 33-10, USC has outscored its opponents by nearly triple, 1,115-389.

\*\*\*USC has a knack for scoring 20 or more unanswered points in a game (11 times in 2008, 8 times in 2007, 5 times in 2006, 13 times in 2005, 12 times in 2004 and 11 times in both 2003 and 2002).

\*\*\*During the Pete Carroll era, USC has more than doubled the score of its opponents in the second half of games (1,832 to 809 points).

\*\*\*Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 136 times.

### DEFENSE

\*\*\*Defensively in 2008, USC ranked first nationally in scoring defense (9.0, first in Pac-10), pass efficiency defense (85.8, first in Pac-10) and pass defense (134.4, first in Pac-10), second in total defense (221.8, first in Pac-10), fifth in rushing defense (87.4, first in Pac-10), 11<sup>th</sup> in tackles for a loss (7.5, third in Pac-10) and 25<sup>th</sup> in turnover margin (+0.5, second in Pac-10) in 2008.

\*\*\*USC's total defense in 2008 (221.8) was its best since 1967 (201.8).

\*\*\*USC's scoring defense in 2008 (9.0) was its best since 1967 (7.9) and the lowest in the nation since Michigan's 8.9 in 1997.

\*\*\*USC's pass defense in 2008 (134.4) was its best since 1977 (127.8).

\*\*\*USC allowed only 8.8 yards per pass completion, equalling the NCAA record set by Michigan in 1997.

\*\*\*USC allowed just 14 total touchdowns (only 6 passing touchdowns) in 2008.

\*\*\*USC allowed just 39 second-half points in 2008 (and posted 8 second-half shutouts).

\*\*\*USC allowed only 117 points in its 13 games in 2008 (and just 80 points in its last 10 games).

\*\*\*USC allowed just 19 points at home in 2008, its fewest since also surrendering 19 in 1962.

\*\*\*USC did not allow a point in 11 consecutive quarters in 2008 from the third quarter of the Oregon game through the first quarter of the Arizona game, its longest such stretch since 12 straight scoreless quarter in 1959 (and it did not allow a touchdown in 12 consecutive quarters from the second quarter of the Oregon game through the first quarter of the Arizona game and in 10 consecutive quarters from the third quarter of the Arizona game to the fourth quarter of the California game).

\*\*\*USC's back-to-back shutouts in 2008 (28-0 over Arizona State and 69-0 over Washington State) were its first since 1971.

\*\*\*USC's 3 shutouts in 2008 were its most since 1982 (also 3) and its most against conference opponents since 1965's 4.

\*\*\*USC has held 20 of its last 33 opponents to 14 points or less, dating back to mid-2006 (including 10 times in 2008, all to 10 points or less).

\*\*\*USC held 10 of its 2008 opponents to 10 points or less, the most since Auburn also did it 10 times in 1988.

\*\*\*In 167 drives against USC in 2008, opponents had only 19 drives of 50-plus yards.

\*\*\*In USC's last 9 games of 2008, opponents scored just 8 touchdowns and 8 field goals in a combined 117 drives (only 12 of those drives were over 50 yards).

\*\*\*USC held 6 its last 8 opponents in 2008 (including 4 in a row)—and 7 overall foes—to less than 200 total yards.

\*\*\*In 2008, USC only once allowed more than 180 passing yards in a game (273 by Penn State), only once allowed more than 200 rushing yards (202 by Stanford) and only 3 times allowed more than 300 total yards (343 by Oregon, 367 by Stanford and 410 by Penn State).

\*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 70 of the last 88 games.

\*\*\*USC had 2 touchdowns on interception returns in 2008.

\*\*\*USC blocked 3 field goals and 1 punt in 2008.

\*\*\*USC allowed opponents to convert just 27.6% of third downs (51-of-185) in 2008

\*\*\*USC scored 91 points following opponent turnovers in 2008 (after 14 of the 29 times it came up with a turnover); conversely, opponents scored 31 points following Trojan turnovers (after 5 of the 22 times the opponents came up with a turnover).

\*\*\*After having turnover margins of +0.3 in 2006 and +0.2 in 2007, USC's margin of +0.5 in 2008 leaned more towards the positive trend from each previous year under Pete Carroll (+1.3 in 2001, +1.4 in 2002, +1.5 in both 2003 and 2004 and +1.6 in 2005).

\*\*\*USC has held 59 of its last 90 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less (10 times in 2008, 10 times in 2007, 6 times in 2006, 5 times in 2005, 8 times in 2004, 10 games in 2003 and 10 times in 2002).

\*\*\*Only 11 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 86 games (California's Adimchinobe Echemandu did so in 2003 with 147, breaking a streak of 16 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher, Cal's J.J. Arrington in 2004 with 112, Washington State's Jerome Harrison in 2005 with 147, Fresno State's Wendell Mathis in 2005 with 109, Texas' Vince Young in 2005 with 200, Oregon State's Clinton Polk in 2006 with 100, Oregon's Jonathan Stewart in 2007 with 103, Cal's Justin Forsett in 2007 with 164, Illinois' Rashard Mendenhall in 2007 with 155, Oregon State's Jacquizz Rodgers in 2008 with 186 and Stanford's Toby Gerhart in 2008 with 101).

\*\*\*Under Pete Carroll, USC is 51-2 when holding opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense (the losses were at UCLA in 2006 and Stanford in 2007).

### MISCELLANEOUS

\*\*\*USC was second nationally in kickoff returns (26.5, first in Pac-10).

\*\*\*All 6 of USC's home games in 2008 were sold out (they did so by Aug. 4, 2008).

\*\*\*For the fourth consecutive year, USC ranked last in the Pac-10 in opponent penalty yardage average (44.7) in 2007 and it was ninth in 2008 (50.6).

\*\*\*USC has played before crowds of at least 85,000 in 34 of its past 68 games.

\*\*\*Nineteen of USC's last 28 home games (including a since-broken streak of 14 in a row) have been played in front of 90,000-plus crowds.

\*\*\*USC is 44-4 in the final 6 regular-season games in head coach Pete Carroll's 8 years (the losses were to Notre Dame in 2001, Oregon State and UCLA in 2006 and Oregon in 2007).

\*\*\*Fourteen of the 15 losses in the Pete Carroll era at USC were by a touchdown or less (the other was by just 11 points).

### USC DOMINANT AT HOME IN 2008

USC went 6-0 in the Coliseum in 2008 and posted some impressive stats:

—USC scored 218 points and allowed only 19 (an average score of 26.3-3.2).

—Only once did an opponent score more than a field goal (Oregon had 10 points).

—Opponents were shut out in 19 of the 24 quarters.

—Foes averaged only 185.8 yards per game.

—USC did not allow any more than 239 total yards, 75 rushing yards or 179 passing yards in a game.

## RANDOM NOTES

\*\*\*The 2009 season marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's 1939 national championship team, which went 8-0-2 and snapped No. 2 Tennessee's 23-game winning streak with a 14-0 win in the Rose Bowl (the only points scored on the Volunteers that season). Head coach Howard Jones' squad featured a pair All-American first teamers in back Grenny Lansdell and guard Harry Smith. Only 33 points were scored on the Trojans that year (no USC defense has allowed less since then) as Troy shut out 6 teams and allowed just 7 points to 3 others. Its 20-12 win at Notre Dame was USC's last in South Bend until 1967.

\*\*\***John Robinson**, one of USC's most popular and successful football coaches who guided the Trojans to the 1978 national championship and into 8 bowl games, was named to the 18-member 2009 Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) Class of the College Football Hall of Fame. Robinson will be inducted at a Dec. 8 dinner in New York City and then enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in ceremonies in the summer of 2010 in South Bend, Ind. He is the third USC head coach selected to the College Football Hall of Fame, joining Howard Jones and John McKay. He becomes the 36th Trojan, including 28 players, in the Hall. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 8 of the past 10 years. Robinson won 74.1% of his games while compiling a 104-35-4 record during 2 coaching stints spread over 12 years at USC (1976-82 and 1993-97), recording more victories than any Trojan gridiron coach except Jones and McKay. He produced 24 All-American first teamers, 22 NFL first rounders, 2 Heisman Trophy winners and a Lombardi Award winner at USC. He was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 2004, based on his 5-0 record in the Pasadena classic. He twice was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year (1976, 1978). After spending 12 years (1960-71) as an assistant at Oregon, his alma mater, he became a Trojan assistant for 3 seasons (1972-74) as Troy won a pair of national crowns. He also served as the head coach of the Los Angeles Rams (1983-91), twice advancing to the NFC title game, and at UNLV (1999-2004), where he was the Mountain West Coach of the Year in 2000, and was an assistant with the Oakland Raiders in 1975. He currently does analysis on college football national radio broadcasts.

\*\*\*Head coach **Pete Carroll** has made it a practice to play first-year freshmen at USC. During Carroll's 8 years at Troy, 86 first-year freshmen have seen action at USC (7 in 2001, 12 in 2002, 13 in 2003, 8 in 2004, 11 in 2005, 15 in 2006, 8 in 2007 and 12 in 2008).

\*\*\*USC's returning offensive linemen have loads of experience, with 81 combined starts in their careers. OG-C **Jeff Byers** is the veteran, with 20 career starts, followed by C **Kristofer O'Dowd** (16), OT **Charles Brown** (14), OT **Butch Lewis** (10), OG-C **Alex Parsons** (10), OT **Nick Howell** (6) and OG **Zack Heberer** (5).

\*\*\*USC currently has 2 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. OG **Martin Coleman** enrolled in the spring of 2007 and QB **Matt Barkley** enrolled in the spring of 2009. Since 1999, 13 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (including 1 who graduated a full year early).

\*\*\*FB **Adam Goodman** is USC's only married player. Goodman and wife Jessica—she's the daughter of former USC and NFL tight end Mark Boyer—were married in the summer of 2007. Their son, Elijah, was born in June of 2009.

\*\*\*Three current Trojans played against USC in 2006 as members of opposing teams. QB **Mitch Mustain** (4-of-6 passing for 47 yards and an interception, plus a 4-yard TD run) and WR **Damian Williams** (4 catches for 61 yards) played for Arkansas in Troy's 50-14 season-opening road win. PK **Jordan Congdon** (38-yard field goal and a PAT) was on Nebraska's team that lost at USC, 28-10.

\*\*\*Who's the fastest among the 2009 Trojans? It might be WR **Travon Patterson** (best of 10.44 in the 100 meters and 21.41 in the 200 meters), who was fourth in the 2006 California state 100. TB **Joe McKnight** has been clocked at 10.4 in the 100 (he was the 2006 Louisiana state 100 champ and was second in 2007). S **Taylor Mays**, the 2004 and 2005 Washington state 3A champ in the 100 and 200, has USC's fastest time in the 40: 4.25!

\*\*\*Speaking of track and field, several other Trojan footballers shined in high school at their state meets. CB **Brian Baucham** won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles title at the 2008 California state meet despite taking up the event in just the final 6 weeks of his senior season. TE **Blake Ayles** was second at the 2008 California state meet in the discus throw. C **Abe Markowitz** was second at the 2008 Hawaii state meet in the shot put and discus. OT **Kevin Graf** was third in the shot put at the 2009 California state meet.

\*\*\*Several USC football players have participated on other Trojan sports teams. Last year, WR **Jordan Cameron** played forward on the men's basketball team, WR **Travon Patterson** sprinted on the track team and C **Abe Markowitz** redshirted as a thrower on the track squad. P **Boomer Roepke** swam for the Trojans in 2008 and 2009.

\*\*\*A couple Trojans have participated in some non-traditional sports. OG **Martin Coleman**, who grew up on the Tongan island of Vavau, played rugby as a youngster. LB **Kevin Greene** tried out for the USA Team Handball national team in 2009.

\*\*\*OG-C **Jeff Byers**, QB-WR **Garrett Green** and TE **Steve Gatena** already received their bachelor's degree (Byers in the summer of 2007 and Green in the spring of 2009, both in business administration, while Gatena's came in the spring of 2009 in strategic public relations). Byers is in his final semester of working on his M.B.A., while Green has started work on his master's in business and real estate development and Gatena is working on his master's in communication management.

\*\*\*OG **Martin Coleman** enjoys art and had some of his sculpture pieces displayed at the 2008 and 2009 "Arletics" on-campus exhibits that featured the works of USC student-athletes.

\*\*\*PK **Jordan Congdon** wears his normal-sized 10.5 cleated shoe on his left (non-kicking) foot, but a very tight 7.5-sized cleat on his right foot.

\*\*\*In 2009, head coach **Pete Carroll** was named "Coach of the Decade" by Lindy's.

\*\*\*USC's 2009 games at Ohio State (Sept. 12) and Notre Dame (Oct. 17) marks the first time since 1987 that the Trojans have made 2 trips to Big Ten territory in a season. In 1987, Troy played at Michigan State and Notre Dame. This is just the 10<sup>th</sup> season in history this has happened: 1954 (at Northwestern and Notre Dame), 1962 (Illinois, Iowa), 1965 (Wisconsin, Notre Dame), 1967 (Michigan State, Notre Dame), 1968 (Minnesota, Northwestern in consecutive weeks), 1975 (Iowa, Notre Dame), 1981 (Indiana, Notre Dame) and 1985 (Illinois, Notre Dame), in addition to 1987 and this year.

\*\*\*This year's USC-UCLA game in the Coliseum kicks off at 7 p.m., a late-night rarity in the crosstown rivalry. This 2009 game is the second latest start in the Trojan-Bruin series, behind only 1945's 8:30 p.m. kickoff. In fact, this will be only the sixth time in the series' 79 contests that a game has been played at night (5 p.m. or later): the 1970, 1972 and 1975 meetings started at 5 p.m., while the 1977 game was at 6 p.m. Like this year's matchup, the first 5 USC-UCLA night games were played in the Coliseum. This is just the third time (along with 1970 and 1972) the USC-UCLA will be on a Saturday night as the others were on Friday evening. USC has a 3-2 mark in night games against UCLA (with wins in 1945-72-77).

\*\*\*For the first time since 1982, both USC and UCLA wore their home jerseys in the 2008 crosstown rivalry game (a UCLA home game in the Rose Bowl). Per an NCAA football-playing rule, because the Trojans were not in their white road jerseys, they were charged with a timeout at the opening kickoff. UCLA responded by calling a timeout immediately after to even things up. The tradition of USC in its cardinal jerseys and UCLA in its blue jerseys, regardless of whose home game it was, went on from 1949 to 1951 and then 1957 through 1982 before an NCAA football rules change required the visiting team to wear white.

\*\*\*USC's current coaching staff has a combined 49 years of experience coaching in the NFL. Head coach **Pete Carroll** spent 16 years coaching in the NFL, followed by assistants **John Morton** (8), **Jethro Franklin** (8), **Jeremy Bates** (7), **Pat Ruel** (5), **Todd McNair** (3) and **Brian Schneider** (2).

\*\*\*Not only has head coach **Pete Carroll** produced numerous NFL draft picks (53) from his USC teams, but 10 of his Trojan assistant coaches have gone on to the NFL from USC: Lane Kiffin, Norm Chow, Kennedy Pola, Greg Burns, Tim Davis, **Jethro Franklin**, Steve Sarkisian, Carl Smith, DeWayne Walker and Kirby Wilson. Kiffin, Franklin (now in his second stint at USC), Smith, Walker and Wilson all previously had NFL experience before coming to USC (as do current assistants **Pat Ruel**, **Todd McNair**, **John Morton**, **Jeremy Bates** and **Brian Schneider**). Nick Holt (Idaho), Ed Orgeron (Mississippi) and Sarkisian (Washington) went from USC to become collegiate head coaches, while Kiffin moved on from being head coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders back to college as Tennessee's head coach.

\*\*\*The newly-redesigned USCTrojans.com features live game broadcasts and stat trackers, replays of classic contests, exclusive behind-the-scenes video, blogs and original programming covering all 19 of USC's men's and women's sports, with an emphasis on football and basketball. Nearly all of USC's home sporting events are shown live. Most home and road football, basketball and other games that are aired live on commercial or cable television networks, and thereby protected contractually from live coverage elsewhere, are replayed upon their conclusion on the site's Trojans All-Access platform. Also featured are daily post-practice reports, live coverage of head football coach Pete Carroll's Tuesday and post-game press conferences and coverage of breaking news pertaining to Trojan athletics. All programming is archived for later viewing. USCTrojans.com also has an online athletic merchandise store and ticket office. USCTrojans.com can also be followed on Facebook (Facebook.com/USCTrojansAllAccess) and Twitter (Twitter.com/USCTrojans\_com).

\*\*\*USC president **Steven Sample** has issued the following message to Trojan fans regarding good sportsmanship in the Coliseum: "Dear Friends of Trojan Football: The Coliseum is 'our house' on game days. I hope you are as committed as I am to being good hosts. You set the example: The way you cheer our team and show respect to your fellow fans (including those of the opposing team) has a powerful influence on everyone around you. Only a small number of fans—most of them *not* USC students or alumni—cause trouble at games. However, those being subjected to boorish behavior or abusive language certainly don't take the time to discover the offenders' affiliation to USC. Crass fans sully the game for everyone. The best way for us to be good hosts is, first, to model good sportsmanship and civility and, second, to refuse to tolerate other spectators' bad or unruly behavior. If you see someone disrupting others' enjoyment of the game, please alert a Coliseum usher or security staff. You also can report inappropriate behavior by calling 213-765-8525. Let's enjoy the games and show our true Trojan spirit by setting a tone of sportsmanship and civility. Fight On!"

\*\*\*In 2003, head coach **Pete Carroll** helped develop "A Better L.A.," a nationally-recognized non-profit group consisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities. For more information, go to [ABetterLA.com](http://ABetterLA.com).

\*\*\*Head coach **Pete Carroll** has an extensive online and social media presence. He has his own website, [PeteCarroll.com](http://PeteCarroll.com), which features a variety of Carroll-related information, multimedia, merchandise, and fan club memberships that include exclusive benefits. Proceeds benefit "A Better LA," the non-profit organization the Carroll helped found to help reduce gang violence in Los Angeles. He also has the "RipsIt Blog" on [USCTrojans.com](http://USCTrojans.com), which offers an exclusive window into the Trojan football program, complete with behind-the-scenes photos and stories. It also can be followed via Twitter ([Twitter.com/USCRipsIt](http://Twitter.com/USCRipsIt)). It is run by former Daily Trojan sportswriter-turned-USC walk-on wide receiver **Ben Malcolmson**. Carroll also has a Facebook page ([Facebook.com/PeteCarroll](http://Facebook.com/PeteCarroll)) and a Twitter page ([Twitter.com/PeteCarroll](http://Twitter.com/PeteCarroll)). And his [CampPete.com](http://CampPete.com) is an online educational experience for kids based on Carroll's "Win Forever" philosophy, with proceeds benefitting "A Better L.A."

\*\*\*The Dec. 2008 CBS "60 Minutes" segment on head coach **Pete Carroll's** success at USC and his work with "A Better L.A." has been nominated for an Emmy in the "Feature Story in a News Magazine" category. The winner will be announced on Sept. 21.

\*\*\*In recognition of his on-field success with the USC football team and his work to reduce gang violence in Los Angeles through "A Better L.A.," head coach **Pete Carroll** will be honored with the 2009 Roy Firestone Award from the Westcoast Sports Associates at a Nov. 18 dinner gala at USC's Galen Center. For tickets, call (310) 294-7179.

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

\*\*\* The latest book about USC football is "Trojans 1972: An Immortal Team of Mortal Men" (Xlibris) by Bill Block, a former Trojan track and field manager who is a long-time USC football follower. The book chronicles the lives of 47 players from that USC national championship team as they went from glory days on campus into their everyday lives as men. It will be published in August of 2009.

\*\*\*Due for publication in the spring of 2010 is "Win Forever" (Penguin Group) by head coach **Pete Carroll**. The book will detail Carroll's 5 principles of his "Win Forever" philosophy, as well as his advice on team building, leadership and motivation. Also included will be an inside look at his USC football program and Carroll's non-profit organization, "A Better L.A.," which will receive a portion of the book's proceeds.

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

\*\*\*Eight Trojans have relatives who played on national championship USC football squads: TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison, was on the 1978 team), OT **Kevin Graf** (father, Allan, was on the 1972 team), OG **Khaled Holmes** (brother, Alex, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams), S **Patrick Hall** (cousin, Keary Colbert, was on the 2003 team), OT **Nick Howell** (father, Pat, was an All-American on the 1978 team), OT **Matt Kalil** (brother, Ryan, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams), LB **Marquis Simmons** (brother, Melvin "Champ," was on the 2003 team) and LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, 2006 All-American Steve Smith, was on the 2003 and 2004 teams).

\*\*\*Several Trojans have other relatives with USC football connections. QB-WR **Garrett Green's** cousin is former Trojan quarterback Brandon Hance (2003-04). FB **Adam Goodman's** father-in-law is former Trojan tight end Mark Boyer (1982-84). OT **Kevin Graf's** brother, Derek, lettered at center at USC in 2002. C **Abe Markowitz's** grandfather, Larry, played football at USC in the early 1950s, while his cousin is former USC offensive lineman Faesea Mailo (1996, 1999-2002). S **T.J. McDonald's** father, Tim was a 2-time (1985-86) All-American and 4-year (1983-86) letterman safety at USC, where he was the team MVP his final 2 seasons, was Troy's 1986 captain and helped the Trojans win the 1985 Rose Bowl.

\*\*\*Speaking of genes: WR **David Ausberry's** cousin is Tommie Smith, the 1968 Olympic gold medalist in the 200 meters who is long remembered for giving the "Black Power" salute (with John Carlos) on the medal stand. QB **Matt Barkley's** father, Les, lettered for 4 years (1976-79) in water polo at USC, captaining the Trojans his final 2 seasons and earning All-American second team notice in 1979. WR **Brice Butler's** father, Bobby, was a 1980 All-American cornerback at Florida State who then played 12 years (1981-92) with the Atlanta Falcons, while his brother, Brenton, is a senior on Fordham's basketball team. WR **Jordan Cameron's** sister, Brynn, was a guard on USC's women's basketball team (2005-09), while his grandfather, Jack Cravens, played basketball and baseball at BYU (1957-59). QB **Aaron Corp's** father, Chris, lettered at wide receiver for 2 years (1980-81) at Idaho State and was a member of the Bengals' NCAA Division I-AA championship team (he caught a TD pass in the title game), while his mother, Mary, played volleyball at Idaho State and his sister, Lauren, is a freshman on the St. Mary's volleyball team. TE **Rhett Ellison's** father, Riki (Gray) Ellison, lettered at linebacker for 4 seasons (1978-80, 1982) at USC, where he was a member of the 1978 national championship team and earned All-Conference honors in 1979, then played in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers (1983-89), where he appeared in the 1985 and 1989 Super Bowls, and Los Angeles Raiders (1990-92), while his sister, Wesley, played water polo at Michigan for 4 years (2004-07). DE **Everson Griffen's** cousin is former Arizona State tailback Keegan Herring. OG **Khaled Holmes's** father, Mike, lettered at defensive end at Michigan (1974-75). S **Shane Horton** and DE **Wes Horton** are the sons of Myke Horton, who lettered 2 years (1973-74) as an offensive tackle at UCLA, was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1975, played professionally in the USFL (with Washington and Memphis) and the CFL (with Calgary), then was one of the original members of the syndicated TV show "American Gladiators" (he was Gemini from 1989 to 1992). OT **Matt Kalil's** father, Frank, was a center at Arkansas (1978) and Arizona (1980-81-82), then was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 1982 before playing for the USFL's Arizona Wranglers in 1983 and Houston Gamblers in 1984. DE **Devon Kennard's** father, Derek, was an All-American offensive lineman at Nevada (lettering from 1981 to 1983) who then played 2 years in the USFL (Los Angeles Express) and 11 seasons in the NFL (St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals, New Orleans Saints and Dallas Cowboys), including on the Cowboys' 1995 team that won the Super Bowl, while his brother, Derek Jr., was a 4-year (2000-03) football letterman at Nevada. C **Abe Markowitz's** father, Barry, lettered as a linebacker at UCLA in 1974 and his cousins include

former Hawaii and San Francisco 49er offensive lineman Jesse Sapolu and Colorado redshirt freshman offensive guard Max Tuoti-Mariner. C **John Martinez's** cousins, Henry (1994-95), Jeff (1994-96), Doug (1998-2001) and Jason (2000-03) Kaufusi all played football at Utah, with Doug later playing in the NFL and DFL. S **Taylor Mays's** father, Stafford Mays, was a defensive lineman at Washington in 1978 and 1979 who then played in the NFL with the St. Louis Cardinals (1980-86) and Minnesota Vikings (1987-88). S **Drew McAllister's** father, Ken, lettered as a defensive back at California in 1976 and 1977 (he led the team in punt returns both season and in kickoff returns in 1976), while his mother was a Golden Bears' cheerleader. TB **Joe McKnight's** sister, Johanna, was on the basketball (guard) and track (sprints/jumps) teams at Richmond. LB **Michael Morgan's** brother, Steve, was a defensive tackle at UCLA from 1999 to 2002. C **Kristofer O'Dowd's** grandfather, Jack, lettered in football at Arizona for 3 years (1930-32). OG-C **Alex Parsons's** brother, B. Jay Parsons, was a defensive end at Kentucky (2004-05). LB **Marquis Simmons's** brother, Marvin, lettered in 2004 at linebacker for Kansas State. S **Jawanza Starling's** cousin, Bryan Evans, is a senior cornerback at Georgia. SNP **Cooper Stephenson's** father, Curt, was a 3-year (1975-77) letterman wide receiver at Michigan (the 1976 Wolverine squad lost to USC in the Rose Bowl), where he twice made the Big Ten All-Academic team, and then played with the Buffalo Bills. DT **Christian Tupou's** brother, Fenuki, was an offensive tackle at Oregon (2007-08) who then played with the Philadelphia Eagles. TB **Marc Tyler's** father, Wendell Tyler, was a running back at UCLA (1973-76) who led the Bruins in rushing in 1975 (they won the Rose Bowl that season), earned All-Conference first team honors in 1976 and is fifth on the school's career rushing list, then was an All-Pro with the Los Angeles Rams (1977-82) and San Francisco 49ers (1983-86), appearing in the Super Bowl in 1980 and 1985. Head coach **Pete Carroll's** wife, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific, while his son, Brennan, was a tight end at Delaware and Pitt (he currently is an assistant football coach at USC) and his daughter, Jaime, played on the 2000 USC women's volleyball team. DB coach **Rocky Seto's** wife, Sharla, played soccer at USC. TE coach **Brennan Carroll** is the son of USC head coach Pete Carroll; his wife, Amber played volleyball at North Carolina, in Europe and on the AVP beach tour. LB coach **Ken Norton Jr.** is the son of Ken Norton Sr., the former world heavyweight boxing champion who played football at Northeast Missouri State. QB coach **Jeremy Bates** is the son of longtime NFL and college assistant coach Jim Bates and the brother of ex-Florida linebacker James Bates.

\*\*\*OT **Butch Lewis's** real first name is Wendell and offensive line coach **Pat Ruel's** is Golden. TB **C.J. Gable's** initials stand for Carl Jr., FB **D.J. Shoemate's** stand for Dennis Jr., CB **T.J. Bryant's** stand for Tevin JeVon and S **T.J. McDonald's** stand for Tim Jr.

## IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 50 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 32 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as QBs Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart and Matt Cassel, RBs Reggie Bush, Justin Fargas and LenDale White, LBs Junior Seau, Lofa Tatupu and Keith Rivers, DBs Troy Polamalu, Sammy Knight and Brian Kelly, DLs Willie McGinest, Shaun Cody, Mike Patterson, Sedrick Ellis, Kenechi Udezue and Lawrence Jackson, WRs Steve Smith and Keary Colbert, OLs Taitusi Lutui, Ryan Kalil and Sam Baker and TEs Fred Davis and Billy Miller. Three NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio, Tennessee's Jeff Fisher and San Diego's Norv Turner. Sixteen current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: WR **Brice Butler** (father, Bobby), TE **Rhett Ellison** (father, Riki Gray Ellison), FB **Adam Goodman** (father-in-law, Mark Boyer), S **Patrick Hall** (cousin, Keary Colbert), OG **Khaled Holmes** (brother, Alex), OT **Nick Howell** (father, Pat), OT **Matt Kalil**

(brother, Ryan), DE **Devon Kennard** (father, Derek), C **Abe Markowitz** (cousin, Jesse Sapolu), C **John Martinez** (cousin, Doug Kaufusi), S **Taylor Mays** (father, Stafford), S **T.J. McDonald** (father, Tim), LB **Malcolm Smith** (brother, Steve), SNP **Cooper Stephenson** (father, Curt), DT **Christian Tupou** (brother, Fenuki) and TB **Marc Tyler** (father, Wendell). Myke Horton, father of S **Shane Horton** and DE **Wes Horton**, played in the USFL and CFL, while OT **Matt Kalil's** father, Frank, played in the USFL. Additionally, head coach **Pete Carroll** was an NFL head coach and assistant coach, and assistants **Jeremy Bates**, **Jethro Franklin**, **Todd McNair**, **John Morton**, **Pat Ruel** and **Brian Schneider** were NFL assistants. Five assistant coaches played professionally: **Jethro Franklin**, **Ken Norton Jr.**, **Todd McNair** and **Kris Richard** were in the NFL, while **John Morton** was in the CFL and NFL Europe. Football staffers **Mark Jackson** and **Matt Capurro** previously worked in the Oakland Raiders' front office.

#### ON TV

USC is one of America's most televised teams. The Trojans have appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 386 times, including 252 of the past 254 games (USC's last 93 games have been televised live). In fact, USC had an amazing streak of 111 consecutive games on some form of live television from 1988 to 1997 (snapped against Oregon State) and another streak of 48 in a row from 1997 to 2001 (broken against California).

#### ACADEMICS

Twenty-five Trojans have cumulative grade point averages of 2.75 or higher, including 12 with 3.00 or better. Among the top scholars on the 2008 Trojan squad are: WR **Steve Blackhart** (4.00, business administration), TE **Steve Gatena** (3.67, communication management), QB-WR **Garrett Green** (3.50, business administration), PK **Jordan Congdon** (3.36, American studies and ethnicity), OG-C **Jeff Byers** (3.27, business administration), QB **John Manoogian** (3.25, undeclared), QB **Matt Barkley** (3.17, communication), S **Drew McAllister** (3.10, business administration), WR **Preston Cavignac** (3.08, business administration), OG **Khaled Holmes** (3.01, classics), C **Michael Reardon** (3.00, communication), FB **Adam Goodman** (3.00, public policy, management and planning), C **Garrett Nolan** (2.98, public policy, management and planning), LB **Nick Garratt** (2.96, history), PK **Joe Houston** (2.95, sociology), FB **D.J. Shoemate** (2.94, undeclared), TE **Rhett Ellison** (2.94, international relations), WR **Kit Barmeyer** (2.92, public policy, management and planning), CB **Daniel Harper** (2.89, business administration), DT **Christian Tupou** (2.85, political science), S **Robert Erickson** (2.83, business administration), DE **Eric Childs** (2.80, biomedical engineering), SNP **Cooper Stephenson** (2.79, public policy, management and planning), P **Boomer Roepke** (2.77, communication) and LB **Dan Deckas** (2.77, public policy, management and planning). Green made the 2008 Pac-10 All-Academic first team, while Byers, Goodman and Tupou were honorable mention picks last year. Byers also made the 2007 Pac-10 All-Academic second team, as well as being a 2009 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society selection and a finalist for the 2008 Lowe's Senior Class Award and a quarterfinalist for the 2008 Draddy Trophy (both given to the nation's top football senior student-athlete). In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tops in the Pac-10 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 12 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 5 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top Eight winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar and 1 Academic All-American Hall of Famer.