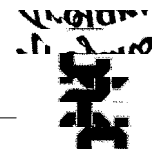


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2005 USC Football Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME* |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Sept. 3 | at Hawaii | Honolulu, Hi. | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 17 | Arkansas | L.A. Coliseum | 7:15 p.m. |
| Sept. 24 | at Oregon | Eugene, Ore. | 4 p.m. |
| Oct. 1 | at Arizona State | Tempe, Ariz. | TBA |
| Oct. 8 | Arizona | L.A. Coliseum | TBA |
| Oct. 15 | at Notre Dame | South Bend, Ind. | 2:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 22 | at Washington | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Oct. 29 | Washington State | L.A. Coliseum | 12:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 5 | Stanford | L.A. Coliseum | TBA |
| Nov. 12 | at California | Berkeley, Calif. | TBA |
| Nov. 19 | Fresno State | L.A. Coliseum | 7:15 p.m. |
| Dec. 3 | UCLA | L.A. Coliseum | 1:30 p.m. |

*All times are local to game site and subject to change

2004 Results (13-0)

| DATE | OPPONENT | USC | OPR | ATTENDANCE |
|----------|---|-----|-----|------------|
| Aug. 28 | Virginia Tech (at Landover, Md.)--Black Coach Assoc. Classic | 24 | 13 | 91,665 |
| Sept. 11 | Colorado State (at L.A. Coliseum) | 49 | 0 | 85,521 |
| Sept. 18 | BYU (at Provo, Ut.) | 42 | 10 | 63,467 |
| Sept. 25 | Stanford (at Palo Alto, Calif.) | 31 | 28 | 55,750 |
| Oct. 9 | California (at L.A. Coliseum) | 23 | 17 | 90,008 |
| Oct. 16 | Arizona State (at L.A. Coliseum) | 45 | 7 | 90,211 |
| Oct. 23 | Washington (at L.A. Coliseum) | 38 | 0 | 72,855 |
| Oct. 30 | Washington State (at Pullman, Wash.) | 42 | 12 | 35,117 |
| Nov. 6 | Oregon State (at Corvallis, Ore.) | 28 | 20 | 36,412 |
| Nov. 13 | Arizona (at L.A. Coliseum) | 49 | 9 | 80,167 |
| Nov. 27 | Notre Dame (at L.A. Coliseum) | 41 | 10 | 92,611 |
| Dec. 4 | UCLA (at Pasadena, Calif.) | 29 | 24 | 88,442 |
| Jan. 4 | Oklahoma (at Miami, Fla., Orange Bowl) | 55 | 19 | 77,912 |

2004 Attendance

| | |
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| Average per home game (6 games, 511,373) | 85,229 |
| Average per road game (7 games, 448,765) | 64,109 |
| Average per game (13 games, 960,138) | 73,857 |

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USC Quick Facts

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| Location | Los Angeles, Calif. 90089 |
| University Telephone | (213) 740-2311 |
| Founded | 1880 |
| Size | 235 acres |
| Enrollment | 32,000 (16,500 undergraduates) |
| President | Dr. Steven Sample |
| Colors | Cardinal and Gold |
| Nickname | Trojans |
| Band | Trojan Marching Band (270 members) |
| Fight Song | "Fight On" |
| Mascot | Traveler VII |
| First Football Team | 1888 |
| USC's All-Time Football Record | 707-297-54 (69.4%) |
| Stadium | Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (92,000 capacity, natural grass surface) |
| Conference | Pacific-10 |
| Athletic Director | Mike Garrett |
| Head Football Coach | Pete Carroll (Pacific, 1973) |
| Record at USC | 42-9, Fifth Year |
| Overall College Coaching Record | 42-9, Fifth Year |
| Coach's Telephone | (213) 740-4204 |
| Offensive Formation | Multiple |
| Defensive Formation | 4-3 |
| 2004 Record .. | 13-0 overall, 8-0 for 1st in Pac-10, No. 1 rank |
| Squadmen Returning | 75 (49 lettermen) |
| Starters Returning | 15 (8 offense, 6 defense, 1 kickers) |
| Squadmen Lost | 27 (19 lettermen) |
| Sports Information Director | Tim Tesselone (w-213-740-8480 (fax-7584); h-310-540-7052; cel-213-725-3572) |
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USC Football Ticket Information

Season and individual game tickets are available from the USC Ticket Office for all 6 of the Trojans' 2005 home contests. Reserved tickets cost \$40 per game, with the UCLA game at \$65. A Season Ticket package is \$265. Additionally, there is a Mini Plan season ticket package (seating in west end zone, no UCLA ticket) available for \$175. There also are Fan Pack (2 tickets, 2 hot dogs and 2 sodas for \$60) and Family Pack (4 tickets, 4 hot dogs and 4 sodas for \$120) packages available for all games but UCLA. Reserved children's tickets (12 years and under), sold only at the gate on game day, are \$20 (these are not available for the UCLA game). Group rates (20 or more) and pre-game hospitality packages are also available by calling (213) 740-4170.

The USC Ticket Office also has tickets on sale for 3 of Troy's 6 road games (Hawaii, Arizona State and California).

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USC home game tickets also are on sale at the Los Angeles Sports Arena box office and on-line at www.usctrojans.com. On the day of home games, tickets are on sale at the Coliseum, starting 3 hours prior to kickoff.

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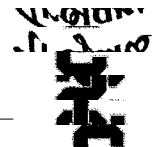


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To recruit and develop student-athletes who will perform successfully in the classroom and compete at the championship level in every sport, in compliance with the letter and spirit of all applicable rules and under an administrative structure managed in an open and fiscally sound manner, supporting equitable opportunity for all students and staff, and committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct. Decision-making in the Athletic Department will follow 4 basic principles: (1) promoting the well-being of student participants; (2) attaining and maintaining competitive excellence; (3) administering clearly, openly and responsibly; and (4) supporting the overall goals of the USC community.

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2005 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Forget all the talk about a "three-peat"—or rather, a "three-Pete"—for the 2005 USC football team.

Instead, the Trojans will just focus on their annual goal: win the Rose Bowl.

Of course, if the two-time defending national champion Trojans do capture the "Granddaddy of All Bowl Games" this season, they will accomplish something never before done in modern college football history...win three consecutive national titles by major selectors. That's because the upcoming Rose Bowl hosts the BCS Championship Game.

But "three-peating" won't be easy, despite the fact that Troy returns so many ingredients from its recent success. The 2005 Trojans realize they will have a giant target on their backs every game.

"It's an exciting challenge to be the returning national champion and we look forward to dealing with everything that goes with that," said fifth-year head coach **Pete Carroll**, who has won 82.4% of his games (42-9) at USC and has guided Troy to its winningest 3-year period ever (36 victories). **"We'll handle it well. Our approach will be the same as it always is. Our goal always is to win the Pac-10 and win the Rose Bowl."**

The Trojans have been on quite a run lately. Three straight BCS bowl wins, a current streak of 22 victories in a row (and 33 in the last 34 games), three consecutive Pacific-10 titles, an unprecedented three-year sweep of rivals UCLA and Notre Dame, an active string of 15 straight Pac-10 conquests, two of the last three Heisman Trophy winners, and 11 first team All-Americans in the past 2 years.

In 2004, USC went 13-0 overall (8-0 in the Pac-10) to post its first-ever 13-win season. Troy became only the second team ever to hold its AP No. 1 ranking from the pre-season all the way through the entire season. USC captured its 11th national title when it demolished No. 2 Oklahoma, 55-19, in the BCS Championship Game in the Orange Bowl. Troy outscored opponents by nearly 26 points a game, including a school-record 8 games with a margin of at least 30 points. Defensively, the Trojans were in the national Top 10 in every statistical category, including first in rushing defense and turnover margin.

"We're really proud of our recent accomplishments," said Carroll. **"But we view those now as things in the past. All indications are that we have been able to move forward. Our focus is on the 2005 season."**

Fourteen starters (8 on offense, 5 on defense, plus the punter) return in 2005. In all, 75 squadmen are back from a year ago, including 58 who saw playing time (49 were lettermen and 28 were on USC's season-ending 2-deep). On the roster are 24 Trojans who have started at least once in their career.

Joining them will be 19 new scholarship players—including 3 who enrolled at USC this past spring and participated in spring practice—who comprise what some recruiting observers have ranked as the nation's top class for the third year in a row.

"Our primary objective will be to recapture the intensity and competitive atmosphere that we've had the past few years here," said Carroll. **"If our returning players and the group of outstanding new players we have coming in can do that, then we have a chance to have another good season."**

"We have grown comfortable with being in this environment, with all this attention on us. We've been there. We went through the whole season last year as the nation's No. 1 team. We deal with that kind of thing as we deal with everything, by going about our business in a normal fashion. We aren't concerned with the hype and the future. We'll just try to prove our worth week to week. I love that kind of challenge. We have to see if we can do it."

"We don't know yet how we are going to do. But I do know how we are going to attack the challenges. Knowing that, I like our chances of being a really good team again this year."

Headlining the offensive returnees is 2004 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback **Matt Leinart**, who after much deliberation spurned the NFL to return for his senior season in an attempt to lead the Trojans to an unprecedented third consecutive national title and to become only the second player ever to win a pair of Heismans. The 2-time All-American first teamer and Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year is 25-1 as a starter. He has completed 64.3% of his career passes for 6,878 yards and 71 touchdowns (1 shy of the USC record). Last fall, he hit 65.3% of his throws for 3,322 yards and 33 TDs with just 6 interceptions.

He'll be joined in the backfield by the "Thunder and Lightning" tailback duo of powerful **LenDale White** and electrifying **Reggie Bush**. At least one of the juniors-to-be has scored a TD in USC's last 24 games, including 11 times when they both did so. White, who has 28 career rushing touchdowns, ran for 1,103 yards and scored a Pac-10 leading 17 times in 2004. He has 8 100-yard rushing games in his career. The all-purpose Bush, who was fifth in the 2004 Heisman voting when he earned All-American first team honors, finished in the national Top 20 in all-purpose running, punt returns and kickoff returns last season. He

RETURNING STARTERS (14)

OFFENSE (8)

QB Matt Leinart
TB LenDale White
WR Steve Smith
WR Dwayne Jarrett
OT Sam Baker
OG Fred Matua
C Ryan Kalil
OT Taitusi Lutui

DEFENSE (5)

S Darnell Bing
LB Dallas Sartz
DE Lawrence Jackson
DE Frostee Rucker
CB Justin Wyatt

SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

P Tom Malone

OTHERS RETURNING WITH CAREER STARTS

OT Winston Justice (23)
TB Hershel Dennis (13)
WR Chris McFoy (10)
FB Brandon Hancock (9)
TE Dominique Byrd (6)
FB David Kirtman (5)
OG Jeff Byers (4)
S Scott Ware (3)
WR William Buchanan (3)
TB Reggie Bush (2)
LB Collin Ashton (2)

had 2,330 all-purpose yards in 2004 and in his career has produced touchdowns 5 different ways (rushing, receiving, kickoff returns, punt returns and passing). He shared the 2004 Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year trophy with Leinart.

USC has an equally-effective pair of wide receivers in **Steve Smith** and **Dwayne Jarrett**. Smith caught 42 passes for 650 yards in 2004 despite missing 5 games with a broken leg. Three of his 6 TD catches last season came in the Orange Bowl. Jarrett had a Mike Williams-like freshman season in 2004. He was a Freshman All-American first teamer, grabbing a team-best 55 aerials for 849 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Four of last year's starting offensive linemen return: tackles **Sam Baker** (a 2004 Freshman All-American first team pick) and **Taitusi Lutui**, 2-year starting guard **Fred Matua** and center **Ryan Kalil**.

Also available are several other key offensive performers, including dominating tight end **Dominique Byrd** (37 catches and 3 TDs in 2004 despite missing the first 4 games with a broken kneecap), guard **Jeff Byers** (a 2004 Freshman All-American second teamer after starting 4 games), fullback **David Kirtman** (19 catches in 2004), wide receiver **Chris McFoy** (21 catches and 9 starts in 2004) and tailback **Desmond Reed**, a Bush clone.

And don't forget about the trio of top offensive players who missed last year, but are back now: tackle **Winston Justice** (a starter in 2002 and 2003), speedy fullback **Brandon Hancock** (a 2003 starter) and wide receiver **Whitney Lewis** (he had won a starting job in the spring of 2004).

On defense, 2 defensive backs, 2 linemen and a linebacker return as starters. Two-year starting strong safety **Darnell Bing**, who has 132 tackles in his career, anchors a secondary that also returns lock-down cornerback **Justin Wyatt**. Ends **Lawrence Jackson**, who had 11 tackles for loss and 6 sacks while winning Freshman All-American first team honors last fall, and **Frostee Rucker** (7.5 tackles for loss in 2004) will again patrol the perimeter. Veteran **Dallas Sartz**, who made 48 tackles last year, returns at strongside linebacker.

Also back are some other defenders who played key roles in 2004, including safety **Scott Ware** (16 tackles with 3 starts last year), linebacker **Keith Rivers** (25 stops in 2004), end **Jeff Schweiger** (18 tackles last fall) and cornerback **Terrell Thomas** (2 interceptions in 2004).

All-American first team punter **Tom Malone**, like Leinart, put off the NFL to return for his 2005 senior season. The Ray Guy Award candidate's 44.5 career punting average is above the school record and just shy of the Pac-10 mark. Last year, he was ninth nationally with a 43.8 average.

But USC's personnel losses are significant, particularly on defense. Gone are 4 defensive All-American first teamers: tackles Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson and linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu. Last year, Cody and Patterson were USC's first pair of defensive line All-Americans since 1969 and Cody was USC's first-ever defensive lineman to be named Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Between them, they had 7 years of starting experience and posted 29 tackles for loss and 16 sacks in 2004. Patterson was an NFL first round pick and Cody was a second rounder. Grootegoed, a 4-year starter like Cody, had 222 career tackles (41.5 for losses) and 6 interceptions. Tatupu, who declared for the NFL following his 2004 junior season (he was a second round selection), was USC's tackle leader the past 2 seasons (he had 202 total stops after transferring from Maine). Also missing on defense is 2-year starting free safety Jason Leach (he had 9 career interceptions) and cornerback Eric Wright (2 picks in 2004).

USC's offensive losses are more manageable. They include tight end Alex Holmes, who had 82 career catches, plus fullback Lee Webb and 350-pound guard John Drake.

But three-year placekicker Ryan Killeen is gone after leading the Pac-10 in scoring in 2004, as well as setting the Pac-10 career record for PATs (176) and the USC all-time points mark (329).

"In previous years, we have shown the ability to deal with the loss of great players," said Carroll. **"I'm confident we have the personnel who will seize their opportunities and step up, especially among our new and our younger players. This kind of an annual challenge is what makes college football so much fun."**

Besides trying to replace some talented departed players, USC lost several key assistant coaches: offensive coordinator Norm Chow (same job with the Tennessee Titans), assistant head coach/defensive line coach/recruiting coordinator Ed Orgeron (head coach at Mississippi), offensive line coach Tim Davis (same position with the Miami Dolphins) and quarterbacks coach Carl Smith (offensive coordinator with the Jacksonville Jaguars).

So, Carroll adjusted his staff by giving wide receivers coach **Lane Kiffin** the additional duties of offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator, re-hiring Oakland Raiders assistant **Steve Sarkisian** as quarterbacks coach and also making him assistant head coach (he was on the USC staff for Carroll's first 3 seasons), elevating **Ken Norton Jr.** to full-time status as linebackers coach (with returnee **Rocky Seto**) and hiring a pair of NFL assistants in defensive line coach **Jethro Franklin** from the Green Bay Packers and offensive line coach **Pat Ruel**

from the New York Giants. Former USC and NFL linebacker **Sam Anno** joined the staff as a graduate assistant working with the special teams and defense and ex-Division I-AA All-American **David Watson** came from Michigan State to be an offensive line graduate assistant, while former graduate assistant **Dennis Slutak** became director of football operations. They will join the 3 other holdovers from the staff: **Greg Burns** (secondary), **Brennan Carroll** (tight ends) and **Todd McNair** (running backs).

USC will be challenged by a schedule that includes 6 opponents who played in bowls last season, with 4 who won at least 8 games. USC opens its 2005 slate at Hawaii on Labor Day weekend, then has a bye before hosting Arkansas (the schools' first meeting since 1974) in the Coliseum, where Troy has won its past 21 games (5 shy of the Pac-10 record). The Trojans then begin Pac-10 action by playing 4 of their next 5 games on the road, with a home contest versus Arizona sandwiched in the middle of trips to Oregon, Arizona State, intersectional rival Notre Dame and Washington. USC then closes its regular season with 4 of its last 5 games at home (Troy has won a league record 15 consecutive Pac-10 home games) by hosting Washington State for Homecoming and Stanford before going to California and then coming home for non-conference foe Fresno State (the Bulldogs beat Troy in the 1992 Freedom Bowl in the only other meeting) and, after a bye, crosstown rival UCLA.

This schedule should help USC once again be among college football's most popular draws. Last season, the Trojans set a Pac-10 record for home attendance average (85,229), as well as school marks for total home attendance, overall attendance average and total overall attendance.

"From start to finish, we realize this is a very demanding schedule," said Carroll. **"We'll have to be at our best each game because we know our opponents will fire their best shots at us. But if you're a USC fan, or just a college football fan, we think it'll be fun to watch us play. We're counting on getting the same kind of fan support we had last year, especially at home when the Coliseum was so electric and we had such a home field advantage, to help us be successful again."**

OFFENSE

Eight starters return on offense in 2005: quarterback **Matt Leinart**, tailback **LenDale White**, wide receivers **Steve Smith** and **Dwayne Jarrett**, tackles **Sam Baker** and **Taitusi Lutui**, guard **Fred Matua** and center **Ryan Kalil**. Others back with starting experience are tailbacks **Reggie Bush** and **Hershel Dennis**, tight end **Dominique Byrd**, fullbacks **David Kirtman** and **Brandon Hancock**, wide receivers **Chris McFoy** and **William Buchanan**, tackle **Winston Justice** and guard **Jeff Byers**. USC's top 5 rushers (and 11 of its 14 ballcarriers), its top 4 receivers (and 12 of its 15 pass catchers) and its top passer from last season return in 2005. The components are in place to exceed last year's potent offense, which was sixth nationally in scoring offense (38.2), seventh in passing efficiency (157.4), 12th in total offense (449.1) and 13th in passing offense (271.7). For each of the past 3 seasons, USC has produced at least 5,800 yards of total offense and 60-plus touchdowns. In fact, USC's 5,838 yards of total offense last fall were just 2 yards shy of the school season record (set in 2002) and its 6.3 yards per play was the second best mark in Trojan history (behind 2003's 6.5). The Trojans have put up at least 20 points in their last 39 games (including 28 times with 30 points). USC outscored opponents by 25.2 points a game last year, including a school-record 8 games with a margin of at least 30 points. Three Trojans—White, Bush and Jarrett—scored at least 13 TDs in 2004, a first at USC since at least 1931. Six Trojans had 20-plus catches in 2004 and all 8 of USC's running backs who carried the ball last fall averaged at least 3.9 yards per carry. And USC's line allowed less than 2 sacks a game in 2004. Not only was the Trojan offense high-powered in 2004, but it was explosive: of USC's 78 offensive scoring drives, 50 took less than 3 minutes (including 32 under 2 minutes).

"We return lots of starters and key players from an offense that was very productive last year," said Carroll. **"We were a very diverse, yet balanced and efficient, offense, and we didn't turn the ball over much."**

"But we're still young and developing on this side of the ball. We need to work hard to maintain our production level and to improve our depth. There will be some spirited competition to get into the playing rotation at many positions. I anticipate a lot of players seeing action and contributing on offense."

"The offense should be improved over last year. Our confidence on this side of the ball is high."



QB MATT LEINART



TB REGGIE BUSH

QUARTERBACKS

Two-time All-American first team quarterback **Matt Leinart** (269-of-412, 65.3%, 3,322 yards, 33 TD, 6 int in 2004, plus 3 rush TD), the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner, returns for his senior season. He'll attempt to become just the second player ever to win a pair of Heismans (along with Ohio State's Archie Griffin). He's also a candidate for the O'Brien and Unitas Awards, as well as a third season as an All-American. This past January, Leinart decided to return to USC instead of declare early for the NFL draft. The 2-time Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year is 25-1 as a USC starter. His 71 career touchdown passes are 1 shy of Carson Palmer's USC record and he ranks fourth on the Trojan all-time lists for completions (524), passing yardage (6,878) and total offense (6,772). Last fall, he tossed 5 scoring passes against both Notre Dame (throwing for 400 yards) and in the Orange Bowl versus Oklahoma. He missed 2005 spring practice while recuperating from minor tendinitis surgery performed in January on his left (throwing) elbow, but he'll be ready to go in the fall.

"Matt Leinart's decision to return for his senior year really sent a message about him as a person and about how much fun it is to play college football," said Carroll. **"He has two outstanding seasons under his belt now and is in such command of our offense. He's a gifted quarterback and a true team leader. We expect him to pick right up where he left off."**

In Leinart's absence in the spring, sophomore **John David Booty** got a good portion of the work and he emerged with the No. 2 job. Booty redshirted last fall after bruising his right (throwing) elbow in 2004 fall drills. He was Leinart's backup in 2003 (he saw action in 5 games, completing 7-of-14 passes for 90 yards before breaking his left wrist) after becoming the first Division I-A football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major university.

Walk-on sophomore **Tom Harwood** is also available.

Boistering the signalcalling corps this fall as a freshman is prep All-American **Mark Sanchez** (Mission Viejo High in Mission Viejo, Calif.), who was the national high school player of the year in 2004.

"Based on his performance in the spring, John David Booty could be our quarterback right now if we had to go to him," said Carroll. **"He proved it day in and day out in the spring. He can make all the throws and has gained the confidence of his teammates and the staff with his consistency."**

QUARTERBACKS

- John David Booty, So.
- Tom Harwood, So.
- MATT LEINART, Sr.
- Mark Sanchez, In. Fr.

RUNNING BACKS

USC features the top tailback duo in the nation, with the "Thunder and Lightning" pair of juniors **LenDale White** (203 tcb, 1103 yds, 5.4 avg, 15 TD in 2004, plus 11 rec, 97 yds, 8.8 avg, 2 TD) and **Reggie Bush** (143 tcb, 908 yds, 6.3 avg, 6 TD in 2004, plus 43 rec, 509 yds, 11.8 avg, 7 TD and 24 PR, 376 yds, 15.7 avg, 2 TD and 21 KOR, 537 yds, 25.6 avg and 1-of-1 passing, 100.0%, 52 yds, 1 TD). At least 1 of them has scored a touchdown in USC's last 24 games (including 11 times when they both scored). They have combined for 54 TDs in Troy's last 26 games. Both are Doak Walker Award and All-American candidates.

The bull-like White, Troy's rushing leader the past 2 years, was USC's 23rd 1,000-yard runner when he did so last season and he became the first Trojan to lead the Pac-10 in touchdowns (17) since Marcus Allen in 1981. He made the All-Pac-10 second team in 2004. He has 28 rushing TDs in 26 career games (and 31 overall TDs), along with 8 games with 100 rushing yards (including 5 times in 2004).

The keep-you-on-the-edge-of-your-seat Bush was a Heisman finalist in 2004 (he finished fifth) and earned All-American first team honors for his all-purpose play. He was in the nation's Top 20 in all-purpose running (179.2), punt returns (15.7) and kickoff returns (25.6). He scored 15 TDs and had 2,330 all-purpose yards in 2004 (he has 3,661 in his career). He has produced touchdowns 5 different ways as a Trojan (rushing, receiving, kickoff returns, punt returns and passing). He and Leinart were named the 2004 Pac-10 Co-Offensive Players of the Year, but Bush was named USC's team MVP.

"With LenDale White and Reggie Bush, we have an unusually effective combination of running backs," said Carroll. **"LenDale packs a punch on every down. He's the engine of our offense. Reggie creates problems wherever he lines up because of his speed and elusiveness, so teams always have to pay extra attention to him. He has the potential to score every time he touches the ball."**

USC also can call on do-it-all sophomore tailback **Desmond Reed** (31 tcb, 173 yds, 5.6 avg, 1 TD in 2004, plus 3 rec, 0 yds, 0.0 avg and 7 KOR, 150 yds, 21.4 avg and 1 PR, 16 yds, 16.0 avg and 1-of-1 passing, 100.0%, 55 yds and 5 tac, 1 for loss, 1 FF), who has Bush-like skills. Reed made the 2004 All-Pac-10 second team as a special teams player.

"Desmond Reed was maybe the MVP of spring practice every day," said Carroll. **"He seemed to make a big play every day."**

Senior **Hershel Dennis** (28 tcb, 109 yds, 3.9 avg, 1 TD in 2004), who started all of 2003, will redshirt this season after tearing knee ligaments prior to the Orange Bowl. He gained 661 yards on 137 carries (4.8 avg) with 4 TDs in 2003.

Also looking to break into the tailback mix is freshman **Michael Coleman**, who graduated a semester early from Arroyo Valley High in San Bernardino, Calif., and enrolled at USC this spring.

2005 SEASON OUTLOOK

Two walk-on tailbacks—senior **Andre Woodert** (1 tcb, 4 yds, 4.0 avg in 2004) and sophomore **John Griffin**—are also available.

"We have some nice depth at tailback," said Carroll. **"We'll work to continue developing the roles of our players and see how they all fit in."**

Although USC lost starting fullback Lee Webb, an inspirational performer who went all out whether running, catching or playing on special teams, the Trojans are in good shape at that position.

Senior **David Kirtman** (8 tcb, 45 yds, 5.6 avg in 2004, plus 19 rec, 161 yds, 8.5 avg, 1 TD and 1 tac) started 4 times in 2004 and also sees plenty of special teams work. And deceptively-fast junior **Brandon Hancock**, the starting fullback in 2003, returns after redshirting last season while recuperating from knee and chest surgery. He caught 13 passes for 160 yards (12.3 avg) and 2 TDs in 2003. Both Kirtman and Hancock are outstanding blockers and pass catchers.

Sophomore **Jody Adewale** (1 rec, 16 yds, 16.0 avg in 2004) also will compete for time at fullback, as will walk-ons **Mike Brittingham** (1 tac in 2004), a junior who sees action on special teams, and sophomore **Sean Kelly**.

"The return of Brandon Hancock really bolsters our fullback group," said Carroll. **"We use our fullbacks in a lot of ways and we have the type of players who can handle all those roles."**

RUNNING BACKS

Jody Adewale, So., FB
Mike Brittingham, Jr., FB
Reggie Bush, Jr., TB
Michael Coleman, Fr., TB
Hershel Dennis, Sr., TB
John Griffin, So., TB
Brandon Hancock, Jr., FB
Sean Kelly, So., FB
David Kirtman, Sr., FB
Desmond Reed, So., TB
LenDALE WHITE, Jr., TB
Andre Woodert, Sr., TB



TB LenDALE WHITE



WR DWAYNE JARRETT

WIDE RECEIVERS

Much like its tailback position, USC might have the best pair of wide receivers in the land in steady junior **Steve Smith** (42 rec, 650 yds, 15.7 avg, 6 TD in 2004, plus 1 tcb, -1 yd, -1.0 avg rushing and 1 tac, 1 FF) and eye-opening sophomore **Dwayne Jarrett** (55 rec, 849 yds, 15.4 avg, 13 TD in 2004). Both are Biletnikoff Award and All-American candidates. Smith was Troy's third-leading receiver in 2004 despite missing 5 mid-season games with a broken leg. He caught 3 TD passes against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. Jarrett was a Freshman All-American first teamer last year as he led the Trojans in receptions and touchdown catches. His 13 TD grabs were 1 shy of the school freshman mark owned by the player of whom he reminded Troy fans, 2003 All-American Mike Williams. He had 4 100-yard outings in 2004.

"Steve Smith is such a steady, reliable player who knows how to come up with big plays," said Carroll. **"Dwayne Jarrett had a fantastic freshman year and should build upon that in 2005. He creates lots of mismatches with his size and catching ability."**

There is quality depth behind them, too. Junior **Chris McFoy** (21 rec, 272 yds, 13.0 avg in 2004) started USC's first 9 games of 2004, first for Jarrett and then for an injured Smith. Sophomore **Whitney Lewis** emerged from 2004 spring practice as a starter, but redshirted last fall while academically ineligible. Then there's a pair of seniors in **Greig Carlson** (5 PR, 14 yds, 2.8 avg in 2004, plus 1 tac), who also can return punts (he led the Trojans in that category in 2003), and one-time cornerback **William Buchanon** (4 rec, 15 yds, 3.8 avg in 2004). Three walk-ons—senior **Wil Smith**, junior **John Zilka** and sophomore **Brad Walker**—also provide help.

This fall, prep All-American **Patrick Turner** (Goodpasture High in West Madison, Tenn.) enrolls as a freshman.

"The wide receiver corps is about the same as it was last year," said Carroll. **"We're still young, but we're pretty good here. This year, we'll look to expand everybody's roles."**

WIDE RECEIVERS

William Buchanon, Sr.
Greig Carlson, Sr.
DWAYNE JARRETT, So.
Whitney Lewis, So.
Chris McFoy, Jr.
STEVE SMITH, Jr.
Wil Smith, Sr.
Patrick Turner, In. Fr.
Brad Walker, So.
John Zilka, Jr.

TIGHT ENDS

Despite graduating 2-year starting tight end Alex Holmes, who had 82 career receptions, USC is still well-stocked at the position. In 2005, the spot will be manned by senior **Dominique Byrd** (37 rec, 384 yds, 10.4 avg, 3 TD in 2004, plus 1 tcb, 1 yd, 1.0 avg and 1 tac), who not only is an adept blocker but a dangerous pass catching target (especially as a deep threat). He missed the first 4 games last fall because of a broken kneecap, but was dominant upon his return, even making several spectacular one-handed clutches (think TDs versus Oregon State and Oklahoma). He is a Mackey Award and All-American candidate.

"Dominique Byrd can do it all as a tight end," said Carroll. **"He can block, he can catch the short pass in traffic and he has the speed to go long."**

Angling for playing time are junior **Nick Vanderboom**, sophomores **Dale Thompson** (1 tac in 2004) and **Fred Davis** (4 rec, 30 yds, 7.5 avg in 2004), and redshirt freshman **Jimmy Miller**.

Entering the mix this fall as a freshman is prep All-American **Charles Brown** (Diamond Ranch High in Pomona, Calif.).

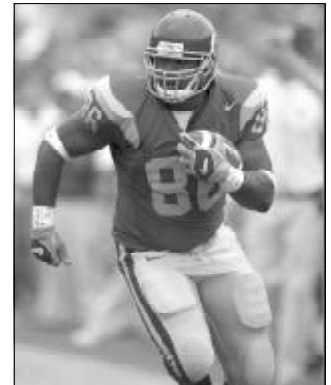
"We like to use lots of tight ends in our offense," said Carroll. **"So we'll see who emerges behind Byrd. It'll be a very competitive battle."**

TIGHT ENDS

Charles Brown, In. Fr.
Dominique Byrd, Sr.
Fred Davis, So.
Jimmy Miller, Rs. Fr.
Dale Thompson, So.
Nick Vanderboom, Jr.



WR STEVE SMITH



TE DOMINIQUE BYRD

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Last year, the USC offensive line entered the season as a question mark because 4 starters had to be replaced. But the line exceeded all expectations in 2004 (Troy ran for more than 2,300 yards and Trojan quarterbacks were sacked less than twice a game).

So, the line should be a team strength in 2005. Four starters—tackles **Sam Baker** (a 2004 Freshman All-American first team pick) on the left side and 365-pound **Taitusi Lutui** on the right, 2-year starting right guard **Fred Matua** and reliable center **Ryan Kalil**—return from 2004 and all could be in line for post-season honors. The only loss is 350-pound guard John Drake, who started most of the past 2 years.

Also back are tackle **Winston Justice**, a junior who started in 2002 and 2003 on the right side but sat out last season because of a student conduct violation (he emerged from 2005 spring drills as the starter), and sophomore left guard **Jeff Byers**, who notched 4 late-season starts at guard in 2004 (he also played some at center last year). Byers made Freshman All-American second team in 2004.

"This is an exciting position for us because our offensive line basically returns intact and it's the best depth we've had since I've been here," said Carroll. **"We have 10 players who can play for us now and we can rotate them in. Behind the play and leadership of Sam Baker and Ryan Kalil, our line did a great job last year of opening holes for the running backs and protecting the quarterback. We hope they can improve this year as much as they did last season. I think they will. They are now an experienced, savvy group."**

Other tackles competing for playing time are junior **Kyle Williams** and freshman **Thomas Herring**, who originally signed with USC in 2004 as a defensive lineman out of Fremont High in Los Angeles, Calif., but did not qualify for admission (he enrolled this past spring and participated in spring drills), while sophs **Drew Radovich** and **Alatini Malu** and redshirt freshman **Chilo Rachal** will push for action at guard and sophomore **Matt Spanos** will work at center after being switched from tackle. Walk-ons **Ross Burruel**, a senior center, junior guards **John Lanza** and **Dominique Wise** and junior tackle **Jonathan Richert** fill out the o-line corps.

Nick Howell (Bullard High in Fresno, Calif.), the son of ex-USC All-American and NFL offensive lineman Pat Howell, comes aboard as a freshman tackle this fall.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

SAM BAKER, So., OT
 Ross Burruel, Sr., C
 Jeff Byers, So., OG
 Thomas Herring, Fr., OT
 Nick Howell, In. Fr., OT
 Winston Justice, Jr., OT
 RYAN KALIL, Jr., C
 John Lanza, Jr., OG
 TAITUSI LUTUI, Sr., OT
 Alatini Malu, So., OG
 FRED MATUA, Jr., OG
 Chilo Rachal, Rs. Fr., OG
 Drew Radovich, So., OG
 Jonathan Richert, Jr., OT
 Matt Spanos, So., C
 Kyle Williams, Jr., OT
 Dominique Wise, Jr., OG



OT SAM BAKER



C RYAN KALIL

DEFENSE

Five defensive starters return from 2004: safety **Darnell Bing**, linebacker **Dallas Sartz**, ends **Lawrence Jackson** and **Frostee Rucker**, and cornerback **Justin Wyatt**. Others back with starting experience include safety **Scott Ware** and linebacker **Collin Ashton**. However, the 2005 Trojan defense will be hard-pressed to repeat the success of last year's stellar unit. After all, USC's 2004 leader in each defensive category—tackles, tackles for loss, sacks, interceptions, deflections, fumble recoveries and forced fumbles—is gone. Last year, USC ranked in the nation's Top 10 in every defensive statistical listing: first in rushing defense (79.4) and turnover margin (+1.5), third in scoring defense (13.0), sixth in total defense (279.3) and ninth in pass efficiency defense (101.3). It was the second consecutive year that USC led the country in rushing defense. Its 279.3 total defense average and 4.3 yards per play allowed were Troy's lowest since 1989. The Trojans were especially stingy late in games, allowing only 26 fourth-quarter points in 2004. USC posted 50 sacks and forced 28 turnovers last season.

"We were a very dominating defense last year," said Carroll, who also serves as the team's defensive coordinator. **"But this year we have some big issues to deal with because of the loss of a pair of All-American defensive tackles and another pair of All-American linebackers. So that's our focus defensively, as well as developing depth at every position, especially at cornerback.**

"Our defensive philosophy will remain the same: play fast, play aggressively and take away the football. Our defense is structured to play solidly and make it hard for people to score."

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

There are some big shoes to fill on USC's defensive front. Two of Troy's greatest defensive linemen are gone: tackle-end Shaun Cody and tackle Mike Patterson, who both won All-American first team laurels in 2004 (USC's first pair of defensive line All-Americans since 1969). Cody was a 4-year starter who became the first Trojan defensive lineman to be named Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. The 2004 Lombardi Award and Hendricks Award finalist, who blocked 5 field goals in his career, had 13 tackles for loss and a team-best 10 sacks among his 45 tackles last fall. At times last year, Cody lined up at end. Patterson, a 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer, had a team-high 16 tackles for loss along with 6 sacks among his 45 stops last year (he also led the Pac-10 in fumble recoveries

with 4). Both were NFL draft picks, Patterson in the first round and Cody in the second.

But both starting ends return in sophomore **Lawrence Jackson** (32 tac, 11 for loss, 6 sack, 1 int, 1 dfl in 2004) and senior **Frostee Rucker** (29 tac, 7.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 FR, 1 FF, 2 dfl in 2004). Jackson was a Freshman All-American first teamer in 2004, while Rucker has 17 career starts.

"We'll count on Lawrence Jackson and Frostee Rucker to be our veteran leaders up front," said Carroll. **"They'll be more in the limelight this year."**

The fill-in at Cody's tackle spot will be either senior **LaJuan Ramsey** (2 tac in 2004), junior **Travis Tofi** (2 tac in 2004) or redshirt freshman **Fili Moala**. Patterson's nose tackle spot likely will be taken over by sophomore **Sedrick Ellis** (2 tac in 2004), his 2004 backup.

Other tackles aiming to see action are redshirt freshmen **Lawrence Miles** and converted offensive guard **Travis Draper**. Candidates for time at end are sophs **Jeff Schweiger** (18 tac, 4.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF, 1 dfl in 2004), who saw action in 12 games last season, **Alex Morrow** (2 tac in 2004) and converted tight end **Chris Barrett**, along with junior **Rashaad Goodrum** (1 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2004). Two walk-ons—junior tackle **Mike Davis** and sophomore end **Jeff Tola**—are also available.

A trio of prep All-Americans—tackles **Walker Lee Ashley** (Eden Prairie High in Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **Averell Spicer** (Rancho Cucamonga High in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) and end **Kyle Moore** (Houston County High in Warner Robins, Ga.)—have a chance to contribute as freshmen upon their arrival this fall.

"With the loss of Cody and Patterson, the defensive line will be a major project for us and will be an area of great focus," said Carroll. **"We need some players to emerge."**

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Walker Lee Ashley, In. Fr., DT
 Chris Barrett, So., DE
 Mike Davis, Jr., DT
 Travis Draper, Rs. Fr., DT
 Sedrick Ellis, So., DT
 Rashaad Goodrum, Jr., DE
 LAWRENCE JACKSON, So., DE
 Lawrence Miles, Rs. Fr., DT
 Fili Moala, Rs. Fr., DT
 Kyle Moore, In. Fr., DE
 Alex Morrow, So., DE
 LaJuan Ramsey, Sr., DT
 FROSTEE RUCKER, Sr., DE
 Jeff Schweiger, So., DE
 Averell Spicer, In. Fr., DE
 Travis Tofi, Jr., DT
 Jeff Tola, So., DE



DE LAWRENCE JACKSON



LB DALLAS SARTZ

LINEBACKERS

Similar to the situation on the defensive line, USC lost 2 All-American first team linebackers—Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu—so some younger players will need to step up. Grootegoed, a 2-time All-Pac-10 first teamer, had 222 career tackles (41.5 for losses) and 6 interceptions while starting for 4 years. He was a Butkus Award finalist in 2004 when he had 68 tackles, 12.5 for loss and a team-high 5 interceptions. Tatupu was USC's tackle leader the past 2 seasons (with 202 total stops) after transferring from Maine. He had 104 tackles in 2004, with 13.5 for loss, 6 sacks, 3 interceptions and a team-high 8 deflections. But he declared for the NFL following his 2004 junior season and was a second round selection.

Senior **Dallas Sartz** (48 tac, 3.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 int, 6 dfl, 1 FF in 2004) is the only starter returning among the linebacker unit. He mans the strong side (he also started there the last 6 games in 2003).

"The linebacker corps will be the most competitive position on our team," said Carroll. **"That competition will continue all the way into the fall. Dallas Sartz needs to take over a leadership role and continue his steady play, while the others need to step up in a hurry."**

The replacements for Grootegoed on the weak side and Tatupu in the middle will come from a number of possibilities. Sophomores **Keith Rivers** (25 tac, 3 for loss, 2.5 sack, 1 int, 1 dfl, 1 FF in 2004), who often played as an end in pass rushing

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situations in 2004, and **Thomas Williams** (14 tac, 2 for loss, 1 sack in 2004) are outside linebackers. Rivers likely will start on the weak side. The middle job will be contested between senior **Ryan Powdrell**, junior **Oscar Lua** (13 tac, 1 for loss in 2004) and even Williams. Senior **Collin Ashton** (16 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack, 1 FF in 2004), who also has handled the long snaps, can play anywhere. Then there's redshirt freshman walk-on strongside linebacker **Clay Matthews**, the son of the ex-USC All-American and NFL linebacker of the same name.

There are additional freshmen reinforcements this fall with the arrival of prep All-Americans **Luthur Brown** (Lakewood High in Lakewood, Calif.), **Brian Cushing** (Bergen Catholic High in Oradell, N.J.), **Kaluka Maiava** (Baldwin High in Wailuku, Hi.) and **Rey Mauluga** (Eureka High in Eureka, Calif.).

LINEBACKERS

Collin Ashton, Sr.
Luthur Brown, In. Fr.
Brian Cushing, In. Fr.
Oscar Lua, Jr.
Kaluka Maiava, In. Fr.
Clay Matthews, Rs. Fr.
Rey Mauluga, In. Fr.
Ryan Powdrell, Sr.
Keith Rivers, So.
DALLAS SARTZ, Sr.
Thomas Williams, So.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

USC's secondary is somewhat unsettled in 2005, with only 2 returning starters. Two-year starting free safety Jason Leach, who had 9 career interceptions (he posted 51 tackles and 3 picks in 2004), and 2004 starting cornerback Eric Wright (2 interceptions in 2004) must be replaced.

Hard-hitting junior **Darnell Bing** (63 tac, 8 for loss, 0.5 sack, 2 int, 2 FF, 7 dfl in 2004), a 2-year starter at strong safety, anchors the secondary. He's a candidate for the Thorpe Award and All-American honors. He was third on the Trojans in tackles and second in deflections in 2004, when he earned All-Pac-10 second team notice. He has 132 career stops.

Senior cornerback **Justin Wyatt** (40 tac, 4.5 for loss, 1 int, 1 FF, 7 dfl in 2004), highly-regarded for his ability to shut down receivers, also returns.

"**Darnell Bing is a great player to have anchoring the secondary,**" said Carroll. "**We expect him to show the same kind of improvement that he showed throughout last season. And I'm real excited about Wyatt. His ability allows us to do lots of things defensively.**"

The likely new starter at Leach's free safety spot will be senior **Scott Ware** (16 tac, 1 dfl in 2004), who started 3 times there in 2004 when Leach moved to strong safety for an injured Bing. Also in the mix are sophomore **Josh Pinkard** (9 tac, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2004), who can play at either free or strong, plus junior twins **Brandon Ting** (1 tac in 2004) and **Ryan Ting** (7 tac in 2004) at free safety and freshman **Kevin Ellison**, who graduated a semester early from Redondo Union High in Redondo Beach, Calif., and enrolled at USC this spring, at strong safety. There is also sophomore walk-on **Chase McWhorter**.

Sophomore **Terrell Thomas** (9 tac, 2 int, 2 dfl in 2004) likely will emerge at Wright's corner spot. Senior **John Walker** (1 rec, 22 yds, 22.0 avg in 2004, plus 3 tac), who worked at wide receiver the last half of 2004, also will compete for time at cornerback. Also available at the corner spots are 4 walk-ons: senior **Alex Gomez** (2 tac in 2004), junior twins **Jamel Williams** and **Jerry Williams**, and redshirt freshman **Jim Abbott**.

Then, enrolling this fall as freshmen is a trio of prep All-Americans--cornerbacks **Cary Harris** (Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, Calif.) and **Kevin Thomas** (Rio Mesa High in Oxnard, Calif.), plus safety **Will Harris** (Charter Oak High in Covina, Calif.)--along with sophomore juco transfer **Mozique McCurtis** (Grossmont JC in El Cajon, Calif.).

"**This will be a very physical and very fast secondary,**" said Carroll. "**And there's some depth among the mix of experience and youth.**"

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Jim Abbott, Rs. Fr., CB
DARNELL BING, Jr., S
Kevin Ellison, Fr., S
Alex Gomez, Sr., CB
Cary Harris, In. Fr., CB
Will Harris, In. Fr., S
Mozique McCurtis, In. So., CB
Chase McWhorter, So., S
Josh Pinkard, So., S
Kevin Thomas, In. Fr., CB
Terrell Thomas, So., CB
Brandon Ting, Jr., S
Ryan Ting, Jr., S
John Walker, Sr., CB
Scott Ware, Sr., S
Jamel Williams, Jr., CB
Jerry Williams, Jr., CB
JUSTIN WYATT, Sr., CB

SPECIAL TEAMS

Most of USC's specialists return in 2005: the punter (**Tom Malone**), returners (**Reggie Bush**, **Desmond Reed**, **Greig Carlson**), snappers (**Will Collins**, **Collin Ashton**) and holder (Malone). But there will be a new placekicker and he will need to be productive, because the position accounted for nearly a quarter of USC's points in 2004. The Trojans were effective on special teams last



S DARNELL BING



P TOM MALONE

fall, ranking 12th nationally in kickoff returns (23.7), 15th in net punting (38.5) and 17th in punt returns (13.5). USC had 2 scoring punt returns in 2004.

"**We should be strong in special teams again this year,**" said Carroll. "**How can you not be when you have Reggie Bush returning punts and kickoffs and you have Tom Malone being such a weapon as a punter? They've both already been recognized as All-Americans for their performances on special teams. But the key is developing a new placekicker. If we can do that, we have a chance to be as effective overall as last year's special teams.**"

PUNTERS

USC has the nation's best punter in senior **Tom Malone** (43.8 avg in 2004), who was an All-American first team pick in 2003 and decided to return to Troy in 2005 after flirting with an early departure to the NFL. The 2-time Ray Guy Award semifinalist is a leading candidate to capture that award in 2005. His career punting average of 44.5 is above the USC record and just .1 shy of the Pac-10 mark. Last year, he was ninth nationally with a 43.8 punting average.

Backing him are walk-on redshirt freshmen **Taylor Odegard** and **Sean Limahelu**, the nephew of ex-USC placekicker Chris Limahelu.

PLACEKICKERS

USC has a huge hole to fill at placekicker with the graduation of Ryan Killeen, who handled all placements and kickoffs for the past 3 years. He led the Pac-10 in scoring in 2004 (8.6 average to rank 17th nationally), the first Trojan to do so since 1990. He set the Pac-10 career records for PATs (176) and PAT attempts (180) and the USC all-time mark for points scored (329). He nailed 16-of-25 field goals last year (51 in his career) and connected on his last 77 PATs dating to 2003 (including all 64 in 2004). In his career, 159 of his 281 kickoffs pinned opponents within the 20-yard line, including 110 touchbacks.

His likely replacement will be sophomore walk-on **Mario Danelo**, the son of ex-Washington State and NFL kicker Joe Danelo. However, he has yet to kick in a collegiate game (he was effective with his placement kicks in 2005 spring practice, but his kickoffs were not as booming as Killeen's).

Pushing him are walk-on redshirt freshman **Phil Mellinger** and freshman fall enrollee **Troy Van Blarcom** (Orange Lutheran High in Orange, Calif.), a prep All-American.

SNAPPERS

Both of USC's snappers return after doing flawless jobs in 2004: senior long snapper **Collin Ashton**, who doubles as a linebacker, and sophomore short snapper **Will Collins**.

HOLDERS

Senior punter **Tom Malone** will be the holder for his fourth season, with untested senior wide receiver **Greig Carlson** the likely backup.

RETURNERS

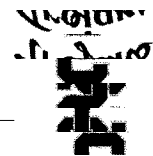
Junior tailback **Reggie Bush** (24 PR, 376 yds, 15.7 avg, 2 TD in 2004, plus 21 KOR, 537 yds, 25.6 avg) returns as the punt and kick returner, his second year handling punts and third on kickoffs. He was ninth nationally in punt returns and 16th in kickoff returns last fall. In 2004, he was the first Trojan to lead the Pac-10 in punt returns since 1979 and, combined with his league kick return title in 2003, became the first Trojan to ever win Pac-10 titles in both categories. His 2 scoring punt returns last year were the most by a Trojan since 1998 (and were just 1 shy of the USC and Pac-10 season records). He already is fourth on USC's career kickoff return chart (and tied for 18th in punt returns).

Sophomore tailback **Desmond Reed** (7 KOR, 150 yds, 21.4 avg in 2004, plus 1 PR, 16 yds, 16.0 avg) again will join Bush in returning kickoffs and might even run back some punts. Also available for kickoff return duty is sophomore wide receiver **Whitney Lewis**.

Sure-handed senior wide receiver **Greig Carlson** (5 PR, 14 yds, 2.8 avg in 2004), who topped Troy in punt returns in 2003, backs up Bush on that task and is usually called on whenever a punt needs to be fielded deep in opponent territory.

SPECIALISTS

Will Collins, So., SNP
Mario Danelo, So., PK
Sean Limahelu, Rs. Fr., P
TOM MALONE, Sr., P
Phil Mellinger, Rs. Fr., PK
Taylor Odegard, Rs. Fr., P
Troy Van Blarcom, In. Fr., PK



2005 USC DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-------------|---|--|
| SE — | 8 | DWAYNE JARRETT (6-5, 200, So.) William Buchanon (6-3, 185, Sr.*) Greig Carlson (5-10, 190, Sr.*) Wil Smith (6-1, 200, Sr.*) Patrick Turner (6-5, 220, Fr.) |
| LT — | 79 | SAM BAKER (6-5, 305, So.*) Kyle Williams (6-6, 295, Jr.*) Thomas Herring (6-6, 335, Fr.) |
| LG — | 53 60 70 | Jeff Byers (6-3, 300, So.) OR Drew Radovich (6-5, 300, So.*) Alatini Malu (6-4, 340, So.*) |
| C — | 67 69 61 | RYAN KALIL (6-3, 285, Jr.) Matt Spanos (6-5, 300, So.*) Ross Burrell (6-2, 290, Sr.*) |
| RG — | 51 66 72 62 | FRED MATUA (6-2, 305, Jr.*) Chilo Rachal (6-5, 300, Fr.*) John Lanza (6-3, 255, Jr.*) Dominique Wise (6-4, 250, Jr.*) |
| RT — | 74 71 73 76 | Winston Justice (6-6, 300, Jr.*) TAITUSI LUTUI (6-6, 365, Sr.) Jonathan Richert (6-4, 290, Jr.*) Nick Howell (6-6, 265, Fr.) |
| TE — | 89 83 87 88 86 85 | Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, So.) OR Fred Davis (6-4, 225, So.) OR Nick Vanderboom (6-4, 245, Jr.*) OR Jimmy Miller (6-5, 250, Fr.*) OR Dominique Byrd (6-3, 260, Sr.) Charles Brown (6-6, 250, Fr.) |
| FL — | 2 82 4 48 80 | STEVE SMITH (6-0, 195, Jr.) Chris McFoy (6-1, 200, Jr.*) Whitney Lewis (6-1, 225, So.*) Brad Walker (6-2, 200, So.) John Zilka (6-4, 200, Jr.*) |
| QB — | 11 10 13 6 | MATT LEINART (6-5, 225, Sr.*) John David Booty (6-3, 195, So.*) Tom Harwood (6-3, 170, So.*) Mark Sanchez (6-4, 215, Fr.) |
| FB — | 37 40 41 30 47 | David Kirtman (6-0, 230, Sr.*) Brandon Hancock (6-1, 230, Jr.*) Jody Adewale (6-0, 230, So.*) Mike Brittingham (6-1, 205, Jr.*) Sean Kelly (6-0, 195, So.*) |
| TB — | 5 22 27 21 28 29 34 | Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, Jr.) Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, So.*) Michael Coleman (6-1, 235, Fr.) LenDALE WHITE (6-2, 235, Jr.) Andre Woodert (6-0, 220, Sr.*) John Griffin (6-0, 195, So.*) Hershel Dennis (5-11, 200, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

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|--------------|---|---|
| DE — | 96 97 65 91 | LAWRENCE JACKSON (6-5, 265, So.*) Alex Morrow (6-6, 265, So.*) Jeff Tola (6-0, 220, So.) Kyle Moore (6-7, 265, Fr.) |
| NT — | 49 63 64 94 | Sedrick Ellis (6-1, 285, So.*) Travis Draper (6-4, 295, Fr.*) Mike Davis (6-0, 280, Jr.*) Walker Lee Ashley (6-5, 295, Fr.) |
| DT — | 98 75 95 93 99 | LaJuan Ramsey (6-3, 290, Sr.) OR Fili Moala (6-4, 300, Fr.*) OR Travis Tofi (6-4, 255, Jr.*) Lawrence Miles (6-2, 265, Fr.*) Averell Spicer (6-2, 265, Fr.) |
| DE — | 54 44 91 90 | Jeff Schweiger (6-4, 260, So.) Rashaad Goodrum (6-3, 245, Jr.*) Chris Barrett (6-5, 265, So.*) FROSTEE RUCKER (6-3, 260, Sr.*) |
| SLB — | 42 41 47 10 | DALLAS SARTZ (6-5, 230, Sr.) Thomas Williams (6-3, 230, So.*) Clay Matthews (6-3, 225, Fr.*) Brian Cushing (6-4, 235, Fr.) |
| MLB — | 45 56 41 52 58 | Oscar Lua (6-1, 240, Jr.*) OR Ryan Powdrell (6-0, 250, Sr.*) OR Thomas Williams (6-3, 230, So.*) Luthur Brown (6-3, 235, Fr.) OR Rey Mauluga (6-3, 250, Fr.) |
| WLB — | 55 59 43 | Keith Rivers (6-3, 220, So.) Collin Ashton (6-1, 220, Sr.*) Kaluka Maiava (6-0, 220, Fr.) |
| CB — | 24 18 46 30 17 | JUSTIN WYATT (5-10, 185, Sr.) John Walker (6-1, 200, Sr.*) Alex Gomez (5-10, 180, Sr.*) Jerry Williams (5-10, 170, Jr.) Cary Harris (6-1, 180, Fr.) |
| FS — | 29 36 39 38 26 | Scott Ware (6-2, 215, Sr.) Josh Pinkard (6-1, 200, So.) Ryan Ting (5-10, 180, Jr.) Brandon Ting (5-10, 180, Jr.) Will Harris (6-2, 200, Fr.) |
| SS — | 20 36 4 16 | DARNELL BING (6-2, 220, Jr.) Josh Pinkard (6-1, 200, So.) Kevin Ellison (6-1, 220, Fr.) Chase McWhorter (5-8, 190, So.*) |
| CB — | 28 22 35 15 9 | Terrell Thomas (6-1, 195, So.*) Jim Abbott (5-10, 175, Fr.*) Jamel Williams (5-10, 170, Jr.) Kevin Thomas (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR Moziq McCurtis (6-1, 225, So.) |

SPECIAL TEAMS

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| P — | 14 18 46 | TOM MALONE (6-0, 205, Sr.) Taylor Odegard (5-9, 170, Fr.*) Sean Limahelu (6-2, 175, Fr.*) |
| PK — | 19 9 13 | Mario Danelo (5-10, 185, So.*) Phil Mellinger (6-0, 170, Fr.*) Troy Van Blarcom (6-3, 210, Fr.) |
| SNP — | 50 59 51 | WILL COLLINS (6-2, 220, So.*) OR COLLIN ASHTON (6-1, 220, Sr.*) Fred Matua (6-2, 305, Jr.*) |
| HLD — | 14 19 | TOM MALONE (6-0, 205, Sr.) Greig Carlson (5-10, 190, Sr.*) |
| KOR — | 5 22 4 | REGGIE BUSH (6-0, 200, Jr.) AND DESMOND REED (5-9, 180, So.*) Whitney Lewis (6-1, 225, So.*) |
| PR — | 5 19 22 | REGGIE BUSH (6-0, 200, Jr.) Greig Carlson (5-10, 190, Sr.*) Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, So.*) |

Depth chart as of start of 2005 fall practice
 Projected 2005 starters in boldface
 Players connected with "OR" are considered equal
 Returning 2004 starters are listed in ALL CAPS
 Incoming 2005 players listed alphabetically at end of positions
 *Used up redshirt year



HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL



It didn't take energetic and charismatic fifth-year USC head football coach Pete Carroll long to restore the glory of the Trojan football program and return Troy to national prominence.

He is 42-9 (82.4%) as a college head coach (all at USC). His losses were by a total of 42 points (4.7 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 40-4 (90.9%). He is 28-5 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 84.8% winning mark (a league record). He is 13-0 in November. His teams have

posted 6 shutouts and have scored at least 20 points in the last 39 games (a school record). USC's 13, 25 and 36 wins over the past 1, 2 and 3 years represent the winningest 1-, 2- and 3-year periods in Trojan history. USC is riding a 22-game winning streak (as well as 21 straight home games, a Pac-10 record 15 consecutive league home games, 15 straight Pac-10 games and 9 road games in a row). USC has been AP's No. 1 team for a school-record 18 straight polls. He also serves as USC's defensive coordinator. He was the **2005 Playboy Pre-Season All-American team Coach of the Year**.

In 2004, he guided No. 1-ranked USC to its second consecutive national championship with a convincing win over Oklahoma in the BCS Championship Game in the Orange Bowl. USC became only the second team ever to hold its AP pre-season No. 1 ranking all the way through a season. It was only the 10th time that a team won back-to-back AP crowns. His team was 13-0 (a school record for wins) and went 8-0 in the Pac-10. He also led the Trojans to their third consecutive Pac-10 title and their third straight season sweep of traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame (a first at Troy). Troy was in the national Top 10 in every defensive statistical category (its total defense average was USC's lowest in 15 years), including first in rushing defense and turnover margin and third in scoring defense. USC outscored opponents by 25.2 points (including a school-record 8 games with a margin of at least 30 points). USC played before 3 home sellouts, 7 regular-season sellouts and 8 season sellouts, all school marks. And Troy set a USC and Pac-10 record for home attendance average, as well as school records for total home attendance, overall attendance average and total overall attendance. A school-record 6 Trojans (Heisman Trophy quarterback Matt Leinart, tailback Reggie Bush, defensive linemen Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson, and linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu) were named All-American first teamers. He was the **2004 National Quarterback Club College Coach of the Year** and a **finalist for the 2004 Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award and the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award and a semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award**. He was the **2004 ESPN.com Pac-10 Coach of the Year**.

The 2003 season—his third at Troy—was one of the best in USC history. The Trojans won the AP national championship (USC's first national crown since 1978) and entered the Rose Bowl also ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN poll but weren't allowed to keep the top spot after winning that bowl because of a contractual agreement which required the coaches to vote the Sugar Bowl winner as their poll's champion (USC ended up second). USC was 12-1 overall (the only loss was by 3 points at California in triple overtime) and, at 7-1 in the Pac-10, Troy won its second consecutive league title for the first time since 1988-89 (and its first outright crown since 1989). His Trojans won their last 9 games and posted back-to-back seasons of double digit wins for the first time since 1978 and 1979. For just the second time in history (the other time also was 1978 and 1979), USC swept traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame in consecutive years. His 2003 squad featured a potent offense, a stingy defense and productive special teams. USC had a stretch of 11 consecutive 30-point games (also a school mark) and 7 straight 40-point contests (a Pac-10 record). USC's 534 points was a Pac-10 record. The defense led the nation in rushing defense and was second in turnover margin, forced 42 turnovers and scored 8 touchdowns. And the Trojans topped the nation in net punting. Five Trojans—wide receiver Mike Williams, offensive tackle Jacob Rogers, defensive end Kenechi Udeze, punter Tom Malone and quarterback Matt Leinart—were first team All-Americans (Leinart and Williams finished sixth and eighth, respectively, in the Heisman Trophy voting).

For all this, Carroll was named the **2003 American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Coach of the Year, Home Depot National Coach of the Year, Maxwell Club College Coach of the Year, ESPN.com National Coach of the Year, Pigskin Club of Washington D.C. Coach of the Year and All-American Football Foundation Frank Leahy Co-Coach of the Year**. He also was the **Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year** (USC's first honoree since Larry Smith in 1988), a **finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year, 1 of 6 semifinalists for the Eddie Robinson/Football Writers Association of America Coach of the Year and American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year**. In early 2004, he received the **Chuck Benedict Founders Award (for special achievement) from the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association, the Orange County Youth Sports Foundation Sportsman of the Year Award, the Spirit of Los Angeles Award from the Los Angeles Headquarters Association and the Vincent T. Lombardi Hall of Fame Award from the Boy Scouts of America San Gabriel Valley Council**.

In 2002, just his second season at USC, his Trojans thrived despite playing what was ranked by the NCAA, Sagarin and the BCS as the nation's most difficult schedule (facing 9 AP-ranked teams and 11 bowl squads). USC—which beat Iowa in the Orange Bowl—posted an 11-2 overall record and a No. 4 ranking in the

final polls, and won the Pac-10 championship while going 7-1. The Trojans also won their last 9 home games. It was USC's first 11-win season since 1979 and its highest ranking since 1988. Troy won its final 8 games (scoring at least 30 points in each), including blowouts of traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame (the first time USC beat both in the same season since 1981 and the first time in back-to-back games since 1978). USC led the Pac-10 in total offense (449.3) and total defense (284.9), as well as scoring offense (35.8) and scoring defense (18.5), and was in the NCAA's Top 25 in nearly every team statistical category on both sides of the ball. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer and safety Troy Polamalu were first team All-Americans. Carroll was **1 of 8 finalists for the 2002 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award** and was **1 of 4 runners-up for the 2002 American Football Monthly Schutt Sports Division I-A Coach of the Year Award**.

Carroll brought big doses of experience, enthusiasm and leadership in his quest to revive the USC football program when he was named the Trojans' head football coach on Dec. 15, 2000 (he signed a 5-year contract). After USC started off his opening 2001 season slowly at 1-4, Carroll stayed the course and got his troops to rally by winning 5 of their last 7 games (including the final 4 regular season contests) to finish at 6-6 overall. USC, which won its last 5 Pac-10 games after beginning league play at 0-3, placed fifth in the conference at 5-3 and earned a berth into the Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl. Putting an exclamation point on the regular season was a 27-0 blanking of No. 20 UCLA, USC's first shutout in the crosstown rivalry since 1947 and the series' biggest margin of victory since 1979.

The 53-year-old Carroll has 30 years of NFL and college experience, including 14 on the college level.

He was the head coach of the NFL's New England Patriots for 3 seasons (1997-99) and New York Jets for 1 year (1994). He guided the Patriots into the playoffs in his first 2 seasons, winning the AFC Eastern Division title at 10-6 in 1997 and advancing to the second round of the playoffs, then posting a 9-7 regular season mark in 1998. His overall record in New England was 27-21 in the regular season (including 8-8 in 1999) and 1-2 in the playoffs. He owns the franchise's second-best winning percentage (54.9%).

After serving as the Jets' defensive coordinator for 4 seasons (1990-93), he became the team's head coach the following season. His 1994 Jets went 6-10. Only 3 other Jets head coaches won more games in their rookie campaign.

He spent the next 2 years (1995-96) as the defensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers, who won the NFC Western Division title both seasons. The 49ers were 11-5 in the 1995 regular season when they had the NFL's top-ranked defense and then went 12-4 in 1996.

Carroll began his coaching career at the college level, serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Pacific, for 3 years (1974-76), working with the wide receivers and secondary. He then spent a season as a graduate assistant working with the secondary at Arkansas (1977) under Lou Holtz as the Razorbacks won the 1978 Orange Bowl, and then a season each as an assistant in charge of the secondary at Iowa State (1978) under Earle Bruce (the Cyclones played in the 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl) and at Ohio State (1979) under Bruce. That Buckeye squad lost to USC in the 1980 Rose Bowl. He next spent 3 seasons (1980-82) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at North Carolina State, then returned to Pacific in 1983 as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

He entered the NFL in 1984 as the defensive backs coach of the Buffalo Bills, then held a similar position with the Minnesota Vikings for 5 seasons (1985-89). The Vikings advanced to the playoffs his last 3 years there, getting to the NFC Championship game in 1987. The 1988 team was 11-5 in the regular season and the 1989 squad won the NFC Central Division crown with a 10-6 mark. His secondary averaged 25 interceptions a season and led the NFL in passing defense in 1989.

Carroll spent the 2000 season as a consultant for pro and college teams, doing charitable work for the NFL and writing a column about pro football for CNN.com.

Carroll was a 2-time (1971-72) All-Pacific Coast Conference free safety at Pacific and earned his bachelor's degree in 1973 in business administration. He received his secondary teaching credential and a master's degree in physical education from Pacific in 1976. He was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

After he graduated from Pacific, he spent a year trying out for the World Football League and selling roofing materials in the Bay Area.

He was a 3-sport (football, basketball and baseball) standout at Redwood High in Larkspur, Calif., earning the school's Athlete of the Year award as a senior. He played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back. He then played football at Marin Junior College in Kentfield, Calif., in 1970 (he also was on the team in 1969, but did not letter).

He was born on Sept. 15, 1951 in San Francisco. He and his wife, Glenna, who played volleyball at Pacific, have 3 children: sons Brennan, 26, who played tight end at Pittsburgh (he previously played at Delaware) and is now an assistant at USC, and Nathan, 17, and daughter Jaime, 22, who played on the Women of Troy's highly-ranked volleyball team which competed in the 2000 NCAA Final Four.

In 2003, he helped develop "A Better L.A.," a non-profit group consisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities. He received the **Courageous Leadership Award from Women Against Gun Violence in 2005**, as well as being named a **Cedars-Sinai Sports Spectacular Honoree**.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PETE CARROLL**COACHES**

Bud Grant, former Minnesota Vikings head coach: "He's got that intangible I think head coaches have to have. There's an instinct you have to have. A lot of excellent coaches can't be head coaches. We used to talk a lot. He was always interested in the whys of things, and not just in his sphere. He wanted to know: 'Why do this? Where did you get this idea? Where did you come up with that idea? You do it differently. Why?' I think that has made him a better coach. Pete is special. He's the right kind of guy. Honorable. He has a good philosophy of the game, he teaches good technical skills and he understands the abilities of his players. The thing that helps Pete the most as a head coach is his ability to see the whole picture. Some head coaches don't have that ability to be able to stand in the middle of a practice field and know everything that's going on. And he's secure enough in his knowledge and his ability to take what he learns on the practice field and use it to make the tough decisions and stand by them. Pete has all of that and more."

Paul Wiggins, Minnesota Vikings defensive line coach during Carroll's tenure: "There was something there about Pete that Bud Grant saw. The thing that was so interesting about Pete is that he always studied Bud. Pete has football genius about him. He knows how to simplify and unscramble. The thing that's neat about Pete is that, when he calls a meeting, players will look forward to going."

George Seiffert, former San Francisco 49ers head coach: "He's got quite an energy level. In fact, we kid him about being so hyper. I've been impressed by the way his players play, the enthusiasm with which they play."

Bill Walsh, former San Francisco 49ers head coach: "Pete is one of those unique, dynamic people with great charisma who has a gift. I don't think there's anybody better."

New York Jets assistant coach Bob Sutton: "He's a very good technician, yet he has that other side of him that lets him reach outside the boundaries. That's one thing he does very well. He's not afraid to try something new."

Ed Donatelli, New York Jets assistant coach under Carroll: "USC got a dandy coach. He'll be a phenomenal recruiter. I think the college game is probably where he belongs. He's just a unique individual. He knows what's important in life. He knows the coaches don't have to be in the offices until midnight. But if people think he's easy, they're wrong, and the players will be the first to find out."

Steve Gutman, New York Jets president during Carroll's tenure: "He's a good guy in a business not famous for good guys. He has achieved a rare balance of man-husband-father-coach."

Chester Caddas, Carroll's Pacific head coach: "I loved Pete as a player. He was a tremendous college player. He truly loved the game. He was intense and he was smart and he looked forward to every snap. I knew once he committed himself 100 percent to coaching, he would make a great coach. He had an idea every 30 seconds. He also had great knowledge of the technical aspects of the game, on both sides of the ball. But most importantly, the players liked him. He was honest and upbeat. Whatever Pete tells you, you can go to the bank with. I think players appreciate that. One thing Pete has always had is an ability to deal with people. I think people enjoy his enthusiasm. He's always upbeat, but he's never out of control. I don't think I've ever seen him down."

Bob Troppman, Carroll's Redwood High head coach: "Pete was born to coach. His mind was always going. Even when he was playing Pop Warner and freshman football, he was the guy in the huddle drawing plays in the dirt. He was always off someplace working out new drills. He's really an ingenious type of guy. He's always been an innovator, always a step ahead."

PLAYERS

Carson Palmer, former USC Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback: "He's the best. He's the coach who is going to make USC what USC used to be. He's going to take the school back to the top, just because of the type of person he is and the way he treats his players and his coaches and the people around the program. He's the answer that USC has been looking for."



Shaun Cody, former USC All-American defensive lineman: "The energy he brings to the field every day and the work ethic he brings on and off the field, it's just inspirational. You go out to practice, you see how he works so hard. He's with you in the huddle. He's all around. You can feel his presence everywhere."

USC Heisman Trophy quarterback Matt Leinart: "It's his personality, how he relates to players, how he coaches. He coaches with tremendous enthusiasm. Also, he's a defensive genius. He makes us want to play with him, go all out for him. You don't get that in coaches today, where he's kind of a little kid inside a grown man."

Mike Williams, ex-USC All-American wide receiver: "He's one of us. He's not about ego. He really just loves football and loves being around young people and everything having to do with football. Guys will line up and play for him. His competitive nature has rubbed off on this whole team. Guys will support him, and whatever he asks us to do, we'll just go out there and do it 110 percent."

USC tailback LenDale White: "My first reaction to him was, 'How can't you play for this guy?' People say he's a players' coach, and some people say that's a bad thing. But I know when it's time to get the job done, he'll stick his foot in your behind and make you take care of business. I also know when it's time to have fun, he'll be right there having fun with you."

Former USC cornerback Marcell Allmond: "The last thing he is is soft. He knows when to have fun, but he is extremely serious about work. And if someone gets out of line, he's the one who's going to bring the wood."

Former USC cornerback Will Poole: "Players love the style of play we play here. Freshmen get an opportunity to come in and play. The coaching staff is just great, they're jumping around, they're in your face. And you're in L.A. Who wouldn't want to come to L.A.?"

Former USC All-American quarterback Paul McDonald: "Pete Carroll is the total package. It's amazing how he relates to everyone—players, recruits, parents, alumni—all of those things that are so important."

Willie McGinest, New England Patriots defensive end under Carroll: "Pete is a good coach, he's approachable, you can speak to him, he's energetic, he knows how to motivate guys and he's also knowledgeable about the game. His style fits the college game, especially USC. College kids will definitely relate to him. His energy suits college guys. They'll love him. That type of enthusiasm he has will be great in the college game. He's fun to play for. He gets you fired up to play for him."

Tim McDonald, San Francisco 49ers safety under Carroll: "Anyone who calls a corner blitz when there's 99 yards to go has some big knobbies. And he's definitely got them. He's not afraid to take a chance. He also makes it fun. He tries to get a vibe for what a team needs. He's willing to do whatever it takes to get a team going."

Steve Young, San Francisco 49ers quarterback under Carroll: "If he walked into my living room and recruited me, there's no way I could turn him down."

Eric Davis, San Francisco 49ers All-Pro cornerback under Carroll: "He listens to the players. We had a voice. Everybody is not going to be happy. But, if you have a problem, you can go to him. He's a teacher. He wants to make sure that everybody not only knows what to do, but why they're doing it. That made us better."

Lawyer Milloy, New England Patriots strong safety under Carroll: "We all believed in his system, we all believed in the type of coach he is. He's a great coach and I loved playing for the guy."



HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

Art Monk, New York Jets end under Carroll: "His optimism and enthusiasm. I've never been around a coach like Pete. He gives energy."

Gary Plummer, San Francisco 49ers linebacker under Carroll: "He's a diverse individual and he knows there's more to life than just football. He forges relationships with people. There are coaches out there who will leave you hanging, tell you one thing, and if it doesn't work, you get hung out to dry in the papers. Pete Carroll isn't one of those guys."

MEDIA

Allen Wallace, Super Prep: "He's really the hottest college coach in America."

Bill Plaschke, Los Angeles Times: "Today, he's the best coach in the country, the perfect man for a perfectly impossible job."

Eric Sondheimer, Los Angeles Times: "USC became a recruiting champion because Carroll's enthusiasm, charisma and competitiveness are resonating among prospects in Southern California."

Dennis Dodd, CBSsportsline.com: "The perfect coach with the perfect staff at the perfect school makes the perfect storm. Carroll looks like he is ready to rule Los Angeles, the Pac-10 and college football for years to come. The formula is a simple one: Round up all the best talent in Southern California with work ethic, charisma and charm. Then go out on Saturday and beat the heck out of the opponent. Nothing is going to change for the foreseeable future."

Diane Pucin, Los Angeles Times: "Carroll has rebuilt the Trojan program from mediocre to excellent, from stagnating to electric, from boring to intriguing, from No. 2 in its own city to maybe the best in the country."

Josh Dubow, Associated Press: "Carroll is a new-age kind of coach, who makes points without yelling, plays pickup hoops with his players and even will throw himself into drills...His players say it's a big reason why Carroll returned the Trojans to the top of the polls...He has won his team over with his backslapping, low-key approach. But he bristles at the suggestion that he runs a loose ship. He points to the way his team plays on the field to show that he's a disciplinarian."

Clark Judge, FOXsports.com/San Jose Mercury News: "Carroll is the perfect fit for USC. He is from the West Coast. He was a successful defensive coordinator and experienced head coach in the NFL. He is a superb tactician. He is energetic. He is charismatic. In short, he is everything you'd want from your college football coach. Don't you want someone coaching your team who can, first, get the talent, then, know how to use it? He proved he could win with ordinary talent and without having complete authority in New England. He is young, he is enthusiastic, he is articulate, he works well with the media, he works better with his players and, most important, he does his job as proficiently as anyone in the business. Nobody will accuse Carroll of running with the pack. He quotes Jerry Garcia, splices film clips of beavers at work in with defensive highlight footage, used to surf the aisles of charter flights on cafeteria trays and, yes, spends afternoons after practice running with a football."

Dan Shaughnessy, Boston Globe: "Pete Carroll is the perfect coach for USC. He's a guy with great family values. I would send my son to USC to play under him."

C.W. Nevius, San Francisco Chronicle: "He is the kind of guy who can take a player to unexpected heights by sheer force of enthusiasm. The Jets players loved him in his four years as defensive coordinator, which was why he was an enormously popular choice to become their head coach. He's a great guy, talkative, bright and cooperative."

Mike Lupica, Newsday: "He is a good coach. Everyone talks about how hard the Jets played for Pete Carroll. I think he's better suited to coach college than the pros. He's a good person with a good heart."

Bob Glauber, The Sporting News: "Jets owner Leon Hess made a huge mistake when he fired Carroll after only one season. Carroll's ingenious schemes and player-friendly personality would have eventually turned around the Jets."

Glenn Dickey, San Francisco Chronicle: "He's bright and personable, able to relate to players and the media. Carroll did a great job in both coaching the 49ers defense and coming up with imaginative game plans. One of his biggest assets is his flexibility. The trick, always, is to keep the offense off-balance. Carroll is a master at that."

John Crumacker, San Francisco Examiner: "Carroll's belief is to make fun what is often taken so darn seriously, this business that masquerades as a game."

Mark Cannizzaro, New York Post: "Pete Carroll permeates his energetic lightning-rod touch among his players and coaches. But part of Carroll's style is toughness."



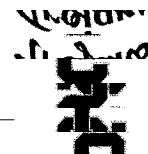
Year-by-Year with Pete Carroll

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | RECORD (POST-SEASON) | HEAD COACH |
|------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1974 | Pacific | Graduate assistant/wide receivers | 6-5 | Chester Caddas |
| 1975 | Pacific | Graduate assistant/secondary | 5-6-1 | Chester Caddas |
| 1976 | Pacific | Graduate assistant/secondary | 2-9 | Chester Caddas |
| 1977 | Arkansas | Graduate assistant/secondary | 11-1 (Orange) | Lou Holtz |
| 1978 | Iowa State | Secondary coach | 8-4 (Hall of Fame) | Earle Bruce |
| 1979 | Ohio State | Secondary coach | 11-1 (Rose) | Earle Bruce |
| 1980 | North Carolina State | Defensive coordinator/secondary coach | 6-5 | Monte Kiffin |
| 1981 | North Carolina State | Defensive coordinator/secondary coach | 4-7 | Monte Kiffin |
| 1982 | North Carolina State | Defensive coordinator/secondary coach | 6-5 | Monte Kiffin |
| 1983 | Pacific | Asst. head coach/offensive coordinator | 3-9 | Bob Cope |
| 1984 | Buffalo Bills | Defensive backs coach | 2-14 | Kay Stephenson |
| 1985 | Minnesota Vikings | Defensive backs coach | 7-9 | Bud Grant |
| 1986 | Minnesota Vikings | Defensive backs coach | 9-7 | Jerry Burns |
| 1987 | Minnesota Vikings | Defensive backs coach | 8-7* (2-1) | Jerry Burns |
| 1988 | Minnesota Vikings | Defensive backs coach | 11-5* (1-1) | Jerry Burns |
| 1989 | Minnesota Vikings | Defensive backs coach | 10-6** (0-1) | Jerry Burns |
| 1990 | New York Jets | Defensive coordinator | 6-10 | Bruce Coslet |
| 1991 | New York Jets | Defensive coordinator | 8-8* (0-1) | Bruce Coslet |
| 1992 | New York Jets | Defensive coordinator | 4-12 | Bruce Coslet |
| 1993 | New York Jets | Defensive coordinator | 8-8 | Bruce Coslet |
| 1994 | New York Jets | Head coach | 6-10 | - |
| 1995 | San Francisco 49ers | Defensive coordinator | 11-5** (0-1) | George Seiffert |
| 1996 | San Francisco 49ers | Defensive coordinator | 12-4** (1-1) | George Seiffert |
| 1997 | New England Patriots | Head coach | 10-6** (1-1) | - |
| 1998 | New England Patriots | Head coach | 9-7* (0-1) | - |
| 1999 | New England Patriots | Head coach | 8-8 | - |
| 2001 | USC | Head coach | 6-6 (Las Vegas) | - |
| 2002 | USC | Head coach | 11-2 (Orange) | - |
| 2003 | USC | Head coach | 12-1# (Rose) | - |
| 2004 | USC | Head coach | 13-0# (Orange) | - |

*Advanced to playoffs

**Division champions and advanced to playoffs

#Won national championship



ASSISTANT COACHES



GREG BURNS Secondary

Greg Burns, who was a defensive back in the Pac-10, is in his fourth year as USC's secondary coach. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2002.

In 2004, USC's pass efficiency defense was ninth nationally. The Trojans won their second consecutive national championship.

In 2003, cornerback Will Poole was an All-Pac-10 first team pick and was a NFL fourth round pick, while

safety Darnell Bing was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Troy won its first national championship since 1978.

Safety Troy Polamalu won his second consecutive All-American first team honor in 2002, plus he was a Thorpe Award finalist and was a NFL first round pick.

USC played in the 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl and 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game).

Burns, 32, handled the cornerbacks at Louisville the previous 4 years (1998-2001) before coming to USC. The Cardinals were 18th nationally in pass efficiency defense and had 20 interceptions in 2001 (the team went 11-2 and beat BYU in the Liberty Bowl). In 2000, Louisville led the nation in interceptions (27) and was 20th in pass efficiency defense. In 1998, Cardinal cornerback Antonio Roundtree earned All-Conference USA first team honors. Louisville also played in the 1998 Motor City Bowl, 1999 Humanitarian Bowl and 2000 Liberty Bowl.

He was the cornerbacks coach at Idaho in 1997, as the Vandals intercepted 13 passes.

He was a 4-year letterman (1991-93, 1995) and 2-year starter as a defensive back at Washington State, earning All-Pac-10 honorable mention honors in 1992. The 1992 Cougar squad won the Copper Bowl. He ranks ninth on WSU's career interception list with 9 (his 5 picks in 1992—including 2 against USC—is tied for ninth on the school's season chart). He won WSU's Laurie Niemi Award in 1995 (for the senior exhibiting courage, spirit and positive attitude). He missed the 1994 season with torn ligaments in his knee and his 1995 season was cut short because of a shoulder injury.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1995 and a master's degree in counseling psychology in 1997, both from Washington State.

He was on the football and track teams at Dorsey High in Los Angeles, Calif. Born Nov. 9, 1972, he is single. He has a son, Christopher, 2.

His brother, Dexter, was a defensive back at San Jose State in the mid-1990s.

BURNS SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Nov. 9, 1972

FAMILY: Single; Son, Christopher, 2

HIGH SCHOOL: Dorsey HS, Los Angeles, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, psychology, Washington State, 1995

Master's degree, counseling psychology, Washington State, 1997

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Dorsey HS, Los Angeles, Calif.

Washington State, defensive back, 1991-93, 1995

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 8 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2004 | USC | Secondary | Orange |
| 2003 | USC | Secondary | Rose |
| 2002 | USC | Secondary | Orange |
| 2001 | Louisville | Cornerbacks | Liberty |
| 2000 | Louisville | Cornerbacks | Liberty |
| 1999 | Louisville | Cornerbacks | Humanitarian |
| 1998 | Louisville | Cornerbacks | Motor City |
| 1997 | Idaho | Cornerbacks | - |

BRENNAN CARROLL Tight Ends



Brennan Carroll, the oldest son of USC head coach Pete Carroll, is in his fourth year on the USC staff, including his second as a full-time assistant. He is in charge of the tight ends.

In 2003 and 2004, the Trojans won national championships.

He joined the USC staff in August of 2002 as a graduate assistant. He spent 2002 working with the offense and special teams, then handled the tight ends

in 2003.

USC played in the 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl and 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game).

Carroll, 26, was a reserve tight end and key special teams player at Pittsburgh the previous 3 years (1999-2001). He caught 3 passes for 25 yards (8.3 average) as a 2000 junior, including 1 for a touchdown (a 3-yarder versus Boston College). He added a 12-yard reception as a senior in 2001. The Panthers played in the 2000 Insight.com Bowl and the 2001 Tangerine Bowl. He redshirted the 1998 season.

He spent his 1997 freshman season at Delaware, but did not see action as a reserve tight end.

He prepped at Saratoga (Calif.) High, where he starred as a linebacker in football and also played basketball.

He earned his bachelor's degree in social sciences from Pittsburgh in 2001. Born March 20, 1979, he is single.

His father, Pete, has been USC's head coach since 2001 and has 30 years coaching experience in college and the NFL (he was the head coach of the New England Patriots and New York Jets). His mother, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific. His sister, Jaime, was on the USC women's volleyball team in 2000 and 2001 (the 2000 Women of Troy advanced to the NCAA Final Four). His late grandfather, Dean Goranson, received his master's degree from USC.

CARROLL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 20, 1979

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Saratoga (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, social sciences, Pittsburgh, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Saratoga (Calif.) HS.

Delaware, tight end, 1997

Pittsburgh, tight end, 1999-2001

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 3 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 2004 | USC | Tight Ends | Orange |
| 2003 | USC | Offensive Assistant/Tight Ends | Rose |
| 2002 | USC | Offensive Assistant/Special Teams | Orange |



JETHRO FRANKLIN Defensive Line

Jethro Franklin, who has spent 14 years coaching defensive lines at the NFL and collegiate levels, is in his first year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in January of 2004 and works with the defensive line.

Franklin, 39, handled the defensive line for the Green Bay Packers for the previous 5 seasons (2000-04). The Packers were sixth in the league in total defense in 2004, 10th in rush defense in 2003, third in

pass defense in 2002 and fifth in scoring defense in 2001. The defense set various Packers game, season and all-time sack records during his tenure

Before his stint in Green Bay, he coached the interior defensive line at UCLA in 1999.

Franklin began his coaching career at his alma mater, Fresno State, where he was in charge of the defensive line for 8 seasons (1991-98). The Bulldogs played in 3 bowls while he was there: the 1991 California Bowl, the 1992 Freedom Bowl (a 24-7 upset over USC) and the 1993 Aloha Bowl.

While at Fresno State, he had a pair of NFL coaching fellowships, working with the Buffalo Bills in the summer of 1994 and the Cleveland Browns in the summer of 1995.

After being drafted by the Houston Oilers in 1988, he spent the 1989 season playing defensive line for the Seattle Seahawks. He then was the No. 1 draft choice of the San Antonio Rough Riders of the World League of American Football in 1991, but instead opted to begin his coaching career.

He started on the defensive line for 2 seasons (1986-87) at Fresno State, earning All-American second team honors both seasons. As a 1986 junior, he set a then-school record with 19.5 sacks. He was the Pacific Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year and Fresno State's MVP as a 1987 senior. He had 31.5 career sacks.

Prior to Fresno State, he played 2 seasons (1984-85) at San Jose (Calif.) Community College, winning junior college All-American honors in 1985.

He was on the football and track teams at Yerba Buena High in San Jose (Calif.).

He earned his bachelor's degree in criminology at Fresno State in 1989.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1965, in St. Lazaire, France, where his father was stationed in the military.

He and his wife, Cherise, have a son, Khalil, 8, and a daughter, Takara, 6.

FRANKLIN SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 25, 1965

FAMILY: Wife, Cherise; Son, Khalil, 8; Daughter, Takara, 6

HIGH SCHOOL: Yerba Buena HS, San Jose, Calif.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, criminology, Fresno State, 1989

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Yerba Buena HS, San Jose, Calif.

San Jose (Calif.) Community College, defensive line, 1984-85

Fresno State, defensive line, defensive line, 1986-87

Seattle Seahawks, defensive line, 1989

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 14 years

ASSISTANT COACHES

FRANKLIN SNAPSHOT (CON'T.)

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 2004 | Green Bay Packers | Defensive Line | NFC playoffs |
| 2003 | Green Bay Packers | Defensive Line | NFC playoffs |
| 2002 | Green Bay Packers | Defensive Line | NFC playoffs |
| 2001 | Green Bay Packers | Defensive Line | NFC playoffs |
| 2000 | Green Bay Packers | Defensive Line | — |
| 1999 | UCLA | Interior Defensive Line | — |
| 1998 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | — |
| 1997 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | — |
| 1996 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | — |
| 1995 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | — |
| 1994 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | — |
| 1993 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | Aloha |
| 1992 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | Freedom |
| 1991 | Fresno State | Defensive Line | California |



LANE KIFFIN Offensive Coordinator Wide Receivers Recruiting Coordinator

Lane Kiffin, the son of longtime pro and collegiate coach Monte Kiffin, is in his fifth year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2001 and spent the 2001 season handling the tight ends. He became the wide receivers coach in 2002. In 2004, he took on the additional duty of passing game coordinator. In 2005, he was promoted to offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator, in addition to continuing as the wide receivers coach.

He was named one of the nation's Top 25 recruiters in 2005 by Rivals.com.

In 2004, wide receiver Dwayne Jarrett was named a Freshman All-American first teamer. The Trojans won their second consecutive national championship.

Wide receiver Mike Williams was a consensus All-American first teamer and a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award in 2003 (he finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting) as he set the USC career (30) and season (16) touchdown reception records, while fellow wide receiver Keary Colbert set the USC career reception record (207) and was a NFL second round pick. Troy won its first national championship since 1978.

In 2002, Williams was a Freshman All-American first teamer and the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year as he and Colbert became USC's first pair of 1,000-yard receivers. Also in 2002, wide receiver Kareem Kelly became the Trojan career reception leader and was a sixth round NFL draft pick.

USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl and the 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game).

Kiffin, 30, was the defensive quality control coach for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars in 2000 (he worked with the secondary).

He began his coaching career at Fresno State, his alma mater, where for 2 seasons (1997-98) he worked with the quarterbacks, wide receivers and defensive backs.

He then was an assistant at Colorado State in 1999, working with the offensive line. The Rams played in the Liberty Bowl that season.

Kiffin was a quarterback at Fresno State for 3 seasons (1994-96).

He earned his bachelor's degree in leisure service management from Fresno State in 1998.

He prepped at Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High, where he played football, basketball and baseball.

He was born May 9, 1975. His wife's name is Layla. They have a newborn daughter, Landry.

His father, Monte, is the defensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The elder Kiffin, a longtime NFL and collegiate assistant coach who served as North Carolina State's head coach in the early 1980s, has a long history with Pete Carroll (Carroll was an assistant on Kiffin's Wolfpack staff from 1980 to 1982, and they served as assistants together with Arkansas in 1977, the Buffalo Bills in 1984, the Minnesota Vikings from 1986 to 1989 and the New York Jets in 1990).

His brother, Chris, was a defensive lineman at Colorado State (2001-04).

KIFFIN SNAPSHOT

| BIRTHDAY: May 9, 1975 | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| FAMILY: Wife, Layla; Daughter, Landry, newborn | | | |
| HIGH SCHOOL: Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson HS | | | |
| EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, leisure service management, Fresno State, 1988 | | | |
| PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson HS Fresno State, quarterback, 1994-96 | | | |
| COACHING EXPERIENCE: 8 years | | | |
| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
| 2004 | USC | Wide Receivers/Pass. Game Coord. | Orange |
| 2003 | USC | Wide Receivers | Rose |
| 2002 | USC | Wide Receivers | Orange |
| 2001 | USC | Tight Ends | Las Vegas |
| 2000 | Jacksonville Jaguars | Defensive Quality Control | — |
| 1999 | Colorado State | Offensive Line Assistant | Liberty |
| 1998 | Fresno State | Graduate Assistant | — |
| 1997 | Fresno State | Graduate Assistant | — |



TODD McNAIR Running Backs

Former NFL player Todd McNair, a one-time NFL running back and assistant coach, is in his second year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2004.

In 2004, tailback Reggie Bush finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy balloting, was an All-American and was the Pac-10 Co-Offensive Player of the Year. The Trojans won the national championship.

USC played in the 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS

Championship Game).

He spent the previous 3 seasons (2001-03) coaching the running backs for the Cleveland Browns.

McNair, 40, began his coaching career as the offensive coordinator at Camden (N.J.) High in 1998 and 1999, then handled similar duties at Schalick High in Pittsgrove, N.J., in 2000.

He was a running back and special teams standout for 8 seasons in the NFL, first with the Kansas City Chiefs for 5 years (1989-93), followed by 2 seasons (1994-95) with the Houston Oilers and then back with the Chiefs in 1996. In his career, he ran for 803 yards with 3 touchdowns, caught 252 passes with 7 scores and averaged 18.6 yards on kickoff returns. He retired as the Chiefs' No. 10 all-time receiver.

He lettered 4 years (1985-88) as a running back at Temple, where he was a 1987 All-American honorable mention selection. He ended up third on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,383 yards and 16 TDs. As a junior in 1987, he ran for 1,058 yards with 6 scores.

He prepped at Pennsauken (N.J.) High. Among his prep teammates were future NFL players John and Keith Taylor and David and Billy Griggs (the Griggs were his cousins).

He was born on Aug. 16, 1965. He and his wife, Lynnette, have 3 daughters: Logan, 12, Daryn, 7, and Thai, 2.

McNAIR SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 16, 1965

FAMILY: Wife, Lynnette; Daughters, Logan, 12, Daryn, 7, and Thai, 2

HIGH SCHOOL: Pennsauken (N.J.) HS

EDUCATION: Temple

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Pennsauken (N.J.) HS

Temple, running back, 1985-88

Kansas City Chiefs, running back, 1989-93, 1996

Houston Oilers, running back, 1994-95

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 7 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2004 | USC | Running Backs | Orange |
| 2003 | Cleveland Browns | Running Backs | — |
| 2002 | Cleveland Browns | Running Backs | AFC playoffs |
| 2001 | Cleveland Browns | Running Backs | — |
| 2000 | Schalick HS | Assistant Coach | — |
| 1999 | Camden HS | Assistant Coach | — |
| 1998 | Camden HS | Assistant Coach | — |



KEN NORTON JR. Linebackers

Ken Norton Jr., one of the premier linebackers in NFL and collegiate history, is in his second year on the USC staff, but his first as a full-time assistant working with the linebackers (he was promoted in February of 2005). He spent his first year at USC as a graduate assistant (helping with the linebackers) after joining the Trojan staff in February of 2004.

In 2004, linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu were named All-American first teamers (Grootegoed also was a Butkus Award finalist and Tatupu was a NFL second round pick). The Trojans won the national championship.

USC played in the 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game).

Norton Jr., 38, spent 13 years playing in the NFL, first with the Dallas Cowboys for 6 seasons (1988-93) and then 7 years with the San Francisco 49ers (1994-2000). The All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection is the only player in history to play on 3 consecutive Super Bowl-winning teams (the Cowboys in 1992 and 1993 and the 49ers in 1994).

After retiring from the NFL, he was a radio and television commentator and analyst, including on the NFL Network.

He also served as the defensive coordinator at Hamilton High in Los Angeles in 2003.

He was the Cowboys' second round NFL draft pick in 1988 after earning All-American honors at UCLA in 1987. He lettered 4 seasons (1984-87) with the Bruins and was a finalist for the 1987 Butkus Award. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from UCLA in 1998.

He prepped at Westchester (Calif.) High.

Born Sept. 29, 1966, he and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: daughters Brittney, 19, and Sabrina, 11, and son Ken III, 9. His father, Ken Sr., is the former world heavyweight boxing champion and played football at Northeast Missouri State.

NORTON JR. SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Sept. 29, 1966
FAMILY: Wife, Angela; Daughters, Brittney, 19, and Sabrina, 11; Son, Ken III, 9
HIGH SCHOOL: Westchester (Calif.) HS
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, sociology, UCLA, 1998
PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Westcheser (Calif.) HS
 UCLA, linebacker, 1984-87
 Dallas Cowboys, linebacker, 1988-93
 San Francisco 49ers, linebacker, 1994-2000
COACHING EXPERIENCE: 2 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|-------------|------------------------|--------|
| 2004 | USC | Def. Asst./Linebackers | Orange |
| 2003 | Hamilton HS | Assistant Coach | - |



PAT RUEL
 Offensive Line

Pat Ruel, who has 31 years of college and NFL coaching experience, is in his first year at USC. He joined the Trojan staff in February of 2004 and works with the offensive line.

Ruel, 54, spent the 2004 season as an offensive line assistant with the New York Giants.

He worked on the college level for the first 26 years of his career before moving to the NFL for the next 5 years. His coaching career began in 1973 as a graduate assistant at Miami, his alma mater. He was promoted to a fulltime assistant handling the offensive line for the Hurricanes for the following 3 years (1974-76).

He next was the assistant offensive line coach at Arkansas in 1977 (USC head coach Pete Carroll was a member of that Razorbacks' staff and the team played in the 1978 Orange Bowl).

He then spent 4 years (1978-81) at Washington State, the first 2 seasons as the offensive line coach before adding offensive coordinator duties for his final two seasons. The 1981 Cougars played in the Holiday Bowl.

He was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Texas A&M for the next 3 years (1982-84), then had similar duties (along with being the assistant head coach) at Northern Illinois for 3 seasons (1985-87).

He spent the next 9 years (1988-96) at Kansas, the first 3 as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, then adding assistant head coach to his title the final 6 years. The Jayhawks played in the 1992 and 1995 Aloha Bowls.

After spending 1997 in private business, he then was at Michigan State for 2 years (1998-99), the first year as the offensive line coach and then adding assistant head coach duties in the second season. The Spartans played in the 2000 Florida Citrus Bowl.

He moved to the NFL in 2000 as the offensive line coach with the Detroit Lions, then spent the next 2 seasons (2001-02) as the assistant offensive line coach for the Green Bay Packers. The Packers were in the NFC playoffs both seasons. He was the offensive line coach with the Buffalo Bills in 2003 before going to the Giants.

He lettered at offensive guard for Miami in 1971 and 1972. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Miami in 1972.

He prepped at Coral Gables (Fla.) High, where he starred in football.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1950. He and his wife, Marti, have a daughter, Sabra, 18. His full name is Golden Pat Ruel.

RUEL SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 5, 1950
FAMILY: Wife, Marti; Daughter, Sabra, 18
HIGH SCHOOL: Coral Gables (Fla.) HS
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, psychology, Miami, 1972
PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Coral Gables (Fla.) HS
 Miami, offensive guard, 1971-72
COACHING EXPERIENCE: 31 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2004 | New York Giants | Offensive Line Asst. | — |
| 2003 | Buffalo Bills | Offensive Line | — |
| 2002 | Green Bay Packers | Asst. Offensive Line | NFC playoffs |
| 2001 | Green Bay Packers | Asst. Offensive Line | NFC playoffs |
| 2000 | Detroit Lions | Offensive Line | — |
| 1999 | Michigan State | Asst. HC/Off. Line | Florida Citrus |
| 1998 | Michigan State | Offensive Line | — |
| 1996 | Kansas | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1995 | Kansas | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | Aloha |
| 1994 | Kansas | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1993 | Kansas | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1992 | Kansas | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | Aloha |
| 1991 | Kansas | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1990 | Kansas | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |
| 1989 | Kansas | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |
| 1988 | Kansas | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |
| 1987 | Northern Illinois | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1986 | Northern Illinois | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1985 | Northern Illinois | Asst. HC/OC/Off. Line | — |
| 1984 | Texas A&M | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |
| 1983 | Texas A&M | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |
| 1982 | Texas A&M | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |

RUEL SNAPSHOT (CONT.)

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1981 | Washington State | Off. Coord./Off. Line | Holiday |
| 1980 | Washington State | Off. Coord./Off. Line | — |
| 1979 | Washington State | Offensive Line | — |
| 1978 | Washington State | Offensive Line | — |
| 1977 | Arkansas | Asst. Offensive Line | Orange |
| 1976 | Miami | Offensive Line | — |
| 1975 | Miami | Offensive Line | — |
| 1974 | Miami | Offensive Line | — |
| 1973 | Miami | Graduate Assistant | — |



STEVE SARKISIAN
 Assistant Head Coach
 Quarterbacks

Steve Sarkisian, who is in his fourth stop at USC as an assistant coach or athlete, returned to the Trojan staff in February of 2005 as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach.

He spent the 2004 season as the quarterbacks coach with the Oakland Raiders. His quarterbacks passed for more than 4,000 yards in 2004 as Oakland ranked eighth in passing in the NFL.

Sarkisian, 31, originally joined the USC staff as an offensive assistant in January of 2001. Then, after joining San Diego State briefly as the quarterbacks coach in January of 2002, he returned to USC in March of 2002 to handle the quarterbacks fulltime for 2 seasons (2002-03).

In 2003, quarterback Matt Leinart was an All-American first teamer and was the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year (he finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting) while setting Pac-10 season records for TD passes (35) and consecutive passes without an interception (212). He also had the highest passing efficiency rating of any USC quarterback (163.2). USC won its first national championship since 1978.

In 2002, quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman and Unitas Award en route to setting the Pac-10 career records for passing yards and total offense (he was the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NFL draft), plus he was an All-American first teamer.

USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl and 2004 Rose Bowl.

He spent the 2000 season as the quarterbacks coach at El Camino Junior College in Torrance (Calif.). His quarterback, Robert Hodge, earned All-American honors. El Camino played in the CHiPs For Kids Bowl.

Sarkisian starred at the quarterback position at the prep, collegiate and pro levels. He was with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League for 3 seasons (1997-99). He started in 1999 and threw 16 touchdowns.

He had a record-setting 2-year (1995-96) career at BYU, where he was coached by former USC assistant Norm Chow. He completed 549-of-824 passes (66.6%) for 7,755 yards and 55 TDs in his career. His 162.0 career passing efficiency rating is third on the all-time NCAA list. As a senior in 1996, he led the nation in passing efficiency (173.6, the seventh best mark ever) as the Western Athletic Conference champion Cougars went 14-1 and won the 1997 Cotton Bowl. He was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1996, won All-American second team honors and played in the East-West Shrine Game and Hula Bowl. As a 1995 junior, he made the All-WAC team and led BYU to the WAC title. Against Fresno State that season, he set an NCAA game completion percentage record when he hit 31-of-34 passes (91.2%).

He came to BYU from El Camino Junior College, where he starred for 2 seasons (1993-94). He was a J.C. All-American first teamer as a 1994 sophomore and won All-Mission Conference honors in 1993 as a freshman. He also played baseball (shortstop) at El Camino in 1993.

He actually began his college career at USC, spending the fall of 1992 on the Trojan baseball team before transferring to El Camino.

He was a standout football and baseball player at West Torrance (Calif.) High.

He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from BYU in 1997 after getting his associate's degree in general studies from El Camino in 1994.

He was born March 8, 1974. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a 3-year-old daughter, Ashley, and a son, Brady, 1.

SARKISIAN SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 8, 1974
FAMILY: Wife, Stephanie; Daughter, Ashley, 3; Son, Brady, 1
HIGH SCHOOL: West Torrance (Calif.) HS
EDUCATION: Associate's degree, general studies, El Camino Junior College, 1994
 Bachelor's degree, sociology, BYU, 1997
PLAYING EXPERIENCE: West Torrance (Calif.) HS
 El Camino Junior College, Torrance, Calif., quarterback, 1993-94
 BYU, quarterback, 1995-96
 Saskatchewan Roughriders, quarterback, 1997-99
COACHING EXPERIENCE: 5 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2004 | Oakland Raiders | Quarterbacks | — |
| 2003 | USC | Quarterbacks | Rose |
| 2002 | USC | Quarterbacks | Orange |
| 2001 | USC | Offensive Assistant | Las Vegas |
| 2000 | El Camino JC | Quarterbacks | CHiPs For Kids |

ASSISTANT COACHES



ROCKY SETO Linebackers

Former USC linebacker Rocky Seto is in his seventh year on the USC staff, including his third as a full-time assistant. He took over handling of the linebackers in 2004 after being in charge of the safeties in 2003.

In 2004, linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Lofa Tatupu were named All-American first teamers (Grootegoed also was a Butkus Award finalist and

Tatupu was a NFL second round pick). The Trojans won their second consecutive national championship.

In 2003, safety Darnell Bing was a Freshman All-American first teamer. Troy won its first national championship since 1978.

He spent the previous 2 years (2001-02) as a Trojan graduate assistant, the first year working with the defense in general and then handling the safeties in 2002 (where he worked with All-American first teamer and NFL first rounder Troy Polamalu).

He spent the 2000 season as an administrative graduate assistant with the USC program. In 1999, he was a volunteer assistant, working with the defense and special teams.

USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl and 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game).

Seto, 29, was a linebacker at USC for 2 seasons (1997-98). After spending 1997 as a walk-on, he earned a scholarship for the 1998 season. He was awarded USC's Black Shirt (scout team) Defensive Player of the Year Award in 1998.

He transferred to USC from Mt. San Antonio Junior College in Walnut (Calif.), where he was a fullback and defensive end in 1995 and 1996. His coach at Mt. San Antonio was ex-USC All-American offensive guard Bill Fisk.

He played at Arcadia (Calif.) High, where he was on the football and track teams.

He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from USC in 1999 after getting his associate's degree in general studies from Mt. San Antonio in 1997. He then earned his master's degree in public administration from USC in 2001.

Born March 12, 1976, his wife's name is Sharla (she played soccer at USC under her maiden name of Chiang, including on the Women of Troy's 1998 Pac-10 championship squad). They have a newborn daughter, Kaylani.

SETO SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1976

FAMILY: Wife, Sharla; Daughter, Kaylani, newborn

HIGH SCHOOL: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Associate's degree, general studies, Mt. San Antonio Junior College, 1997

Bachelor's degree, exercise science, USC, 1999

Master's degree, public administration, USC, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Arcadia (Calif.) HS

Mt. San Antonio Junior College, Walnut, Calif., fullback/defensive end, 1995-96
USC, linebacker, 1997-98

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 6 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 2004 | USC | Linebackers | Orange |
| 2003 | USC | Safeties | Rose |
| 2002 | USC | Graduate Assistant/Safeties | Orange |
| 2001 | USC | Graduate Assistant | Las Vegas |
| 2000 | USC | Administrative Graduate Asst. | — |
| 1999 | USC | Volunteer Assistant | — |



SAM ANNO Special Teams Graduate Assistant Defensive Graduate Assistant

Former USC and NFL linebacker Sam Anno is in his first year on the Trojan staff as a special teams and defensive graduate assistant. He joined the staff in February of 2005.

Anno, 40, spent 2004 as an assistant coach at Venice (Calif.) High. He also was an assistant for 4 seasons (1996-99) at St. Monica High in Santa Monica (Calif.) and was the defensive coordinator at his alma mater, Santa Monica High, for 2 seasons (2000-01). During that time, he also was a teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

He was a linebacker and a highly-recognized long snapper and special teams player in the NFL for 7 years (1987-93), with the Los Angeles Rams (1987), Minnesota Vikings (1987-88, when USC head coach Pete Carroll was an assistant there), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1989-92) and San Diego Chargers (1993). He was the NFL's Special Teams Player of the Year in 1989.

He was involved in various business and entertainment ventures following his NFL career.

He was a 4-year (1983-86) letterman linebacker at USC. He posted 127 tackles while starting as a 1985 junior and added 51 stops while the first half of his 1986 senior year before being sidelined with a knee injury. His Trojan teams played in the 1985 Rose Bowl (beating Ohio State and finishing 10th in the final AP poll), 1985 Aloha Bowl and 1987 Citrus Bowl.

He received his bachelor's degree in communication from USC in 1987. He prepped at Santa Monica High.

He was born Jan. 26, 1965. He is single. He is part Japanese, American Indian, Scottish and Irish.

ANNO SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Jan. 26, 1965

FAMILY: Single

HIGH SCHOOL: Santa Monica (Calif.) HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, communications, USC, 1987

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Santa Monica (Calif.) HS

USC, linebacker, 1983-86

Los Angeles Rams, linebacker/snapper, 1987

Minnesota Vikings, linebacker/snapper, 1987-88

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, linebacker/snapper, 1989-92

San Diego Chargers, linebacker/snapper, 1993

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 7 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------|------|
| 2004 | Venice HS | Assistant Coach | — |
| 2001 | Santa Monica HS | Defensive Coordinator | — |
| 2000 | Santa Monica HS | Defensive Coordinator | — |
| 1999 | St. Monica HS | Assistant Coach | — |
| 1998 | St. Monica HS | Assistant Coach | — |
| 1997 | St. Monica HS | Assistant Coach | — |
| 1996 | St. Monica HS | Assistant Coach | — |



DAVID WATSON Offensive Line Graduate Assistant

David Watson is in his first year on the Trojan staff as offensive line graduate assistant. He joined the staff in February of 2005.

He spent 2004 as a defensive graduate assistant at Michigan State.

He began his coaching career at Southwest Minnesota State, a Division II school. He was a graduate assistant working with the defensive line in 2002, then

became a fulltime assistant in 2003 handling the defensive line and linebackers, as well as being the front 7 coordinator.

Watson, 29, played defensive end at both Minnesota and Western Illinois. He began at Minnesota for 3 years (1994-96). He earned Academic All-Big Ten honors as a freshman in 1994, then took medical redshirts because of injuries in both 1995 (knee) and 1996 (foot). He then transferred to Division I-AA Western Illinois for 3 years (1997-99), where he was an All-Gateway Conference selection each season. He earned All-American first team honors in 1998 and honorable mention notice in both 1997 and 1999. He set Western Illinois records for season (41) and career (72) tackles for loss. The Leathernecks advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinals in 1997 and semifinals in 1998.

He earned his bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Western Illinois in 2001.

He was a 3-sport (football, basketball, baseball) star at Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High. He was the Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year in football in 1993.

He was born on Aug. 16, 1976. He is married and his wife's name is Lesley.

WATSON SNAPSHOT

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 16, 1976

FAMILY: Wife, Lesley

HIGH SCHOOL: Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson HS

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, liberal arts, Western Illinois, 2001

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson HS

Minnesota, defensive end, 1994-96

Western Illinois, defensive end, 1997-99

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 3 years

| YEAR | TEAM | POSITION | BOWL |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 2004 | Michigan State | Defensive Graduate Assistant | — |
| 2003 | SW Minnesota State | Front 7 Coord./Def. Line/LBs | — |
| 2002 | SW Minnesota State | Defensive Line Graduate Assistant | — |



CHRIS CARLISLE Strength and Conditioning Coach

Chris Carlisle is in his fifth year as USC's head strength and conditioning coach. He joined the Trojan program in February of 2001.

USC played in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003 Orange Bowl, 2004 Rose Bowl and 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game). The Trojans won national championships in 2003 and 2004.

He came to USC from Tennessee, where he was the associate head strength and conditioning coach for 3 years (1998-2000). The Volunteer football team won the 1998 national title and Southeastern Conference championship.

Carlisle, 43, began his career as the head football coach and strength coach at Dodge (Neb.) High in 1985. He then spent 6 seasons (1986-91) as an offensive line coach and strength coach at Blytheville (Ark.) High. He next was a

strength and conditioning graduate assistant coach at Arkansas for 2 years (1992-93) before becoming the head football coach and strength coach at Subiaco (Ark.) Academy, a college prep school, for 4 seasons (1993-96). He spent 1997 as an offensive line coach and strength coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Tex. (Trinity was the NJCAA national champion that season).

After playing offensive line at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Ia., in 1980, he was a 3-year (1981-83) starting offensive lineman at Chadron (Neb.) State College, earning All-Area honors.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Chadron State in 1985 and a master's degree in history from Arkansas in 1997.

He prepped at Mason City (Ia.) High, where he starred in football.

He was born on Aug. 7, 1962. He and his wife, Louon, have a son, Alex, 5.

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.

He is assisted by Jamie Yanchar, Charr Gahagan, Gary Uribe, Leslie Cordova and Bryan Bailey.



DENNIS SLUTAK
Director of Football Operations

Dennis Slutak is in his third year at USC, including his first as director of football operations after spending 2 seasons (2003-04) as a graduate assistant working with the special teams. He joined the Trojan staff in July of 2003.

In 2004, punter Tom Malone was an All-Pac-10 first teamer, while placekicker Ryan Killeen set the USC and Pac-10 career records for PATs and PAT attempts

and the USC career points record. The Trojans won their second consecutive national championship.

In 2003, Malone was an All-American first teamer (USC's first punter so honored) who set the school record for season punting average (49.0), while Killeen set the Pac-10 season record for PATs (65) and tied the Trojan season mark for field goals (19). Troy won its first national championship since 1978.

USC played in the 2004 Rose Bowl and 2005 Orange Bowl (BCS Championship Game).

Slutak, 33, has 12 years of coaching experience and has been involved with special teams each season.

He began his coaching career as an assistant at Lincoln High in Tallahassee (Fla.) in 1993 and 1994. He also was there during the 1995 and 1997 spring practices. He tutored prep All-American Mark Mariscal, who went on to win the 2002 Ray Guy Award (nation's top punter) as an All-American at Colorado.

He then became an assistant at Lehigh for 3 seasons (1995-97). Punter Ben Talbott earned NCAA Division I-AA All-American first team honors in 1996 (and was an All-Patriot League first teamer in 1995 and 1996).

He spent the next 2 seasons (1998-99) as the special teams coordinator at Santaluces High in Lantana (Fla.). He also taught mathematics and physical education at Jefferson Davis Middle School.

He then was a graduate assistant for 2 seasons (2000-01) at North Carolina State, involved with the special teams. In 2001, Adam Kiker was the Atlantic Coast Conference's most accurate field goal kicker. The Wolfpack played in the 2000 Micronpc.com Bowl and the 2001 Tangerine Bowl.

He returned to Santaluces High in 2002 as the special teams coordinator (and he also resumed teaching at the middle school) before coming to USC.

He has served as an instructor at various kicking camps from 1994 to 2002.

He was a walk-on punter at Florida State in 1990 (the Seminoles won the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl).

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Florida State in 1995 and his master's degree in liberal studies (athletic administration and management) from North Carolina State in 2002.

He prepped at Forest Hill High in West Palm Beach (Fla.), where he played football.

Born May 30, 1972, he is single.



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