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2005 USC Football Schedule

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<td>at Hawaii</td>
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<td>at Arkansas</td>
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<td>at Oregon</td>
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<td>at Arizona State</td>
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<td>at Notre Dame</td>
<td>South Bend, Ind.</td>
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*All times are local to game site and subject to change.

2004 Results (13-0)

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2004 Attendance

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

USC Quick Facts

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 ..................................... Pac-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 Tessalone
(213) 740-3180
Coliseum Press Box Telephone ..........(213) 741-1341 or (213) 747-7111

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 all games but UCLA). 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). For tickets and information, contact the USC Ticket Office at File No. 2235, Los Angeles, Calif. 90074-2235, (213) 740-2311 or (213) 740-GO SC (4672). The office is located in Student Union 100 and is open between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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.

Why Only 208 Pages?

New NCAA legislation enacted this past spring limits the number of pages allowed in media guides to 208 pages. Therefore, USC’s football guide—which was 408 pages last year—had to be reduced by 200 pages! This was accomplished by eliminating some long-standing material and many photos, as well as reducing type size and changing type font.
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The USC 125th Anniversary Project (1880-2005) showcases USC’s leadership in defining the research university of the 21st century while celebrating and honoring its proud heritage as one of the oldest continuing academic and cultural institutions in the region. USC has been reinventing itself since 1880. Thanks to the dedication, talent, and resources of the Trojan Family, USC will be inventing the future for generations to come. Between now and spring 2006, USC will host a variety of university-wide as well as school-based academic programs, including conferences and guest lectures focused on the first part of USC’s 125th anniversary theme — “inventing the future.” At the same time, the university will explore the second part of the theme — “honoring the past” — through history projects, celebrations, campus tours, and publications reflecting our rich heritage. Finally, USC’s 125th anniversary year — 2005-2006 — will culminate in spring 2006 with a university-hosted international academic conference aimed at defining the research university of the 21st century.

USC Athletic Department Mission Statement
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.

In a more specific context, the goals for USC Athletics include the following: (1) to compete successfully in every sport, striving to be in the Top 10 nationally, with the ultimate goal of winning national championships; (2) to graduate every student-athlete who completes athletics eligibility at USC; (3) to provide an environment conducive to positive growth and development of student-athletes and Athletic Department staff; (4) to provide adequate financial support within the department to ensure continuing development of the sports programs without university subsidization; and (5) to comply fully with all NCAA and Pac-10 regulations.
### Key Numbers

**Alumni House** — x2300 — ALM, mc061

**Athletic Administration** — x3843 — HER 203A, mc0602

**Athletic Development** — x4155 — HER 203A, mc0602

**Bookstore** — x5200 — BKS, mc2540

**Equipment Room** — x7862 — HER BAS, mc0601

**Event Reservations** — x4164 — HER 203A, mc0602

**Football** — x4204 — HER 203B, mc0602

**Galen Center** — x7004 — HER 203A, mc0602

**Game Day Information** — 888-TROY-TIME

**Group Sales** — x3801 — HER BAS, mc0602

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**Group Sales** — x4170 — HER 203B, mc0602

**Lyon Center** — x5127 — LRC, mc2500

**Sports Information** — x8480 — HER 103, mc0601

**Student-Athlete Academic Services** — x3801 — HER BAS, mc0602

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**Training Room** — x5845 — HER BAS, mc0602

**TROJAN MARCHING BAND** — x6317 — STO B, mc1141

**University Operator** — x2311

**Weight Room** — x7990 — HER BAS, mc0602

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  - 3501 Watt Way
  - Los Angeles, CA 90089-0602

- **Kennedy Athletic Building (KAB)**
  - 1026 34th St.
  - Los Angeles, CA 90089-2511

- **Dedeaux Field Building (BDF)**
  - 1021 Childs Way
  - Los Angeles, CA 90089-7311

- **Loker Track Stadium (LTS)**
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  - Los Angeles, CA 90089-0602

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**Compliance** — x6744
**Equipment Room** — x9864
**Football** — x6665

**Kennedy Building (Aquatics, Golf, Soccer)** — x6177

**Men’s Basketball** — x7586
**Operations/Game Management** — 821-1075

**Sports Information** — x7584
**Student-Athlete Academic Services** — x4407
**Ticket Office** — x4300
**Track and Field** — x7289
**Training Room** — x0504
**Weight Room** — 821-3142

**Women’s Basketball** — x7380
**Women’s Volleyball** — 821-1354

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- **Coliseum** — 741-1341 or 747-7111
- **Cromwell Field** — x0078
- **Dedeaux Field** — 748-3449
- **Howard Jones Field** — 743-2436
- **Lyons Center** — x8976
- **Marks Tennis Stadium** — x988 (men)/x0330 (women)
- **McDonald’s Swim Stadium** — x7005
- **North Gym** — x7590
- **Sports Arena** — 741-0174 or 741-1064

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**It’s Not ‘Southern Cal’**

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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.

Offensively, the Trojans once again have an unarguably top one-two punch of quarterbacks Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush, who each contributed to USC's record-setting 2004 team. Bush, a Bush clone. Leinart is 28-1 as a starter and has thrown for 11,134 yards, 131 touchdowns and 27 interceptions in his career. He is the Trojans' all-time leader in completions (732), passing touchdowns (128), rushing touchdowns (16) and total offense (10,926 yards). Leinart was named the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner.

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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 Sulak became director of football operations. They will join the 5 other holdovers from the staff: Greg Burns (secondary), Brennan Carroll (tight ends) and Todd McNoir (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, intercontinental 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 13 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, crossover 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 Herschel 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 20 games with a margin of at least 30 points. The Trojans have put up at least 20 points in 8 of its 14 games this season and are 18-0 in games where they scored at least 20 points.

“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.

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QUARTERBACKS

Two-time All-American first team quarterback Matt Leinart (269-of-412, 65.3%, 3,322 yards, 36 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 Units Awards, as well as a third season as an All-American. This past January, Leinart decided to return to USC despite declaring early for the NFL draft. The 2-time All-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 list for completions (554), 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 recovering 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 Ryan Kalil is also available.

Bolstering the signal-calling 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.”

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 avg, 2 TD) and Reggie Bush (143 tcb, 905 yds, 6.3 avg, 6 TD in 2004, plus 31 overall TDs), along with 8 games with 100 rushing yards (including 5 in 2004). 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 finished fifth) and earned All-American first team honors for his all-purpose play. He was sixth nationally in scoring offense (38.2), seventh in passing efficiency (157.4). 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 finished fifth) and earned All-American first team honors for his all-purpose play. He was sixth nationally in scoring offense (38.2), seventh in passing efficiency (157.4).

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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 1 rec, 0 yds, 0.0 avg and 7 KOR, 150 yds, 21.4 avg and 1 PR, 16 yds, 16.0 avg and 1-1 of passing, 100.0%, 55 yds and 5 sac, 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 Herschel 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 681 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.

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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."

### 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 (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.

"Dwayne Jarrett had a fantastic freshman year and should build upon that in 2005," Carroll said. "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 FR, 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 Buchanan (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.

"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."

### Offensiv 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 Harrington, 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 sophomores Drew Radovich and Alatimi 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.

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SAM BAKER, So., OT
Ross Burruel, Sr., C
Jeff Byers, So., OG
Thomas Harrington, Fr., OT
Winston Justice, Jr., OT
RYAN KAIL, Jr., C
John Lanza, Jr., OG
TAITUSI LUTUI, Sr., OT
Alatimi Malu, So., OG
Jed 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

DE LAWRENCE JACKSON

FROSTEE RUCKER, Sr., DE
LAURENCE JACKSON, So., DE
Mike Davis, Jr., DT
Travis Draper, Rs., Fr., DT
Sedrick Ellis, So., DT
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But both starting ends return in sophomore Lawrence Jackson (32 tac, 11 for loss, 6 sack, 1 int, 1 dlf in 2004) and senior Frostee Rucker (29 tac, 7.5 for loss, 1.5 sack, 1 FF, 1 dlf 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 sophomores 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 sophomores Jeff Schweiger (18 tac, 4.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 FF, 1 dlf 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 and Jeff Tola—are also available.

A trio of prep All-Americans—tackles Walker Lee Ashley (Eden Prairie High in Eden Prairie, Minn.) and Averrell 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.”

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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, defections, 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.”

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There is also sophomore walk-on Alex Gomez (9 tac, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2004), who can play at either free or strong, plus junior twins Luthur Brown (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 Kevin Ellison, who 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 Jamar Williams (9 tac, 1 FR, 1 FF in 2004), who can play at either free or strong, plus junior twins Brandon Ting (11 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 corner. Also available at the corner spots are walk-ons senior Alex Gomez (2 tac in 2004) and junior twins Jamal Williams and Jerry Williams, and redshirt freshman Jim Abbott.

Then, enrolling this fall as freshmen is a trio of prep All-Americans--cornersbacks 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 Moizique 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, Fr., CB
Will Harris, Fr., S
Moizique McCurtis, In., So., CB
Chase McWhorter, So., S
Josh Pinkard, So., S
Jamal 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 season, with 18 of their 281 kickoffs converted to touchbacks.

**Place Kickers**

Troy Van Blarcom, In. Fr., PK

**Holders**

Senior punter Tom Malone will be the holder for his fourth season, with understudy 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 kick return 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 Danielo, So., PK
Sean Limahelu, Rs., Fr., P
Tom Malone, Sr., P
Phil Mellinger, Rs., Fr., PK
Taylor Odégar, Rs., Fr., P
Troy Van Blarcom, In., Fr., PK

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2005 USC DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE — 8
- DWAYNE JARRETT (6-5, 200, So.)
  31 William Buchanan (6-3, 185, Sr.*)
  19 Greig Carlson (5-10, 190, Sr.*)
  26 Wil Smith (6-1, 200, Sr.*)
  1 Patrick Turner (6-5, 220, So.)

LT — 79
- SAM BAKER (6-5, 305, So.*)
  78 Kyle Williams (6-6, 295, Jr.*)
  77 Thomas Herring (6-6, 335, Fr.)

LG — 53
- Jeff Byers (6-3, 300, So.)
  60 Drew Radovich (6-5, 300, So.*)
  70 Alatini Malu (6-4, 340, So.*)

C — 67
- RYAN KALIL (6-3, 285, Jr.)
  69 Matt Spanos (6-5, 300, So.*)
  61 Ross Burrell (6-2, 290, Sr.*)

RG — 51
- FRED MATUA (6-2, 305, Jr.*)
  66 Chilo Rachal (6-5, 300, Fr.*)
  72 John Lanza (6-3, 255, Jr.*)

RT — 74
- Winston Justice (6-6, 300, Jr.*)
  71 TAITUSI LUTUI (6-3, 245, Sr.)
  73 Jonathan Richard (6-4, 290, Jr.)
  76 Nick Howell (6-6, 265, Fr.)

TE — 89
- Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, So.)
  83 Fred Davis (6-5, 220, So.*)
  87 Nick Vanderboom (6-5, 245, Jr.*)
  88 Jimmy Miller (6-5, 250, Fr.*)
  86 Dominique Byrd (6-3, 260, Sr.)

FL — 2
- STEVE SMITH (6-0, 195, Jr.)
  82 Chris McFoy (6-1, 200, Jr.*)
  4 Whitney Lewis (6-1, 225, So.*)
  48 Brad Walker (6-2, 200, So.)
  80 John Zilka (6-4, 200, Jr.*)

QB — 11
- MATT LEINART (6-5, 225, Sr.*)
  10 John David Booty (6-1, 200, Sr.*)
  13 Tom Harwood (6-3, 170, So.*)
  6 Mark Sanchez (6-4, 215, Fr.)

FB — 37
- David Kirtman (6-0, 230, Sr.*)
  40 Brandon Hancock (6-1, 230, Jr.*)
  41 Jody Adewale (6-0, 230, So.*)
  30 Mike Brittingham (6-1, 205, Jr.)
  47 Sean Kelly (6-0, 192, So.*)

TB — 5
- Reggie Bush (6-0, 200, Jr.)
  22 Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, So.*)
  27 Michael Coleman (6-1, 235, Fr.)
  21 LenDALE WHITE (6-2, 235, Jr.)
  28 Andre Woodert (6-0, 220, Sr.*)
  29 John Griffin (6-0, 195, So.*)
  34 Hershel Dennis (5-11, 200, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE — 96
- LAWRENCE JACKSON (6-5, 265, So.*)
  97 Alex Morrow (6-6, 265, So.*)
  65 Jeff Tota (6-0, 220, So.)
  91 Kyle Moore (6-7, 265, Fr.)

NT — 49
- Sedrick Ellis (6-1, 285, So.*)
  63 Travis Draper (6-4, 295, Fr.)
  64 Mike Davis (6-0, 280, Jr.*)
  94 Walker Lee Ashley (6-5, 295, Fr.)

DT — 98
- LaJuon Ramsey (6-3, 290, Sr.)
  75 Fili Moala (6-4, 300, Fr.*)
  95 Travis Toft (6-4, 255, Jr.*)
  93 Lawrence Miles (6-2, 260, Fr.*)
  99 Aveller Spicer (6-2, 265, Fr.)

DE — 54
- Jeff Schweiger (6-4, 260, So.)
  44 Rasheed Goodrum (6-3, 245, Jr.*)
  91 Chris Barrett (6-5, 265, So.*)
  90 FROSTEE RUCKER (6-3, 260, Sr.*)

SLB — 42
- DALLAS SARTZ (6-5, 230, Sr.)
  41 Thomas Williams (6-6, 230, So.*)
  47 Clay Matthews (6-3, 225, Fr.)
  10 Brian Cushing (6-4, 235, Fr.)

MLB — 45
- Oscar Luo (6-1, 240, Jr.*)
  56 Ryan Powdrell (6-0, 250, Sr.*)
  40 Thomas Williams (6-3, 230, So.*)
  52 Luthur Brown (6-3, 235, Fr.)
  58 Rey Maualuga (6-3, 250, Fr.)

WLB — 55
- Keith Rivers (6-3, 220, So.)
  59 Collin Ashton (6-1, 220, Sr.*)
  43 Kaluka Maiava (6-0, 220, Fr.)

CB — 24
- JUSTIN WYATT (5-10, 185, Sr.)
  18 John Walker (6-1, 200, Sr.*)
  46 Alex Gomez (5-10, 180, Sr.*)
  30 Jerry Williams (5-10, 170, Jr.)
  17 Cary Harris (6-1, 180, Fr.)

FS — 29
- Scott Ware (6-2, 215, Sr.)
  36 Josh Pinkard (6-1, 200, So.)
  39 Ryan Ting (5-10, 180, Jr.)
  38 Brandon Ting (5-10, 180, Jr.)
  26 Will Harris (6-2, 200, Fr.)

SS — 20
- DARNELL BING (6-2, 220, Jr.)
  36 Josh Pinkard (6-1, 200, So.)
  4 Kevin Ellison (6-1, 220, Fr.)
  16 Chase McWhorter (5-8, 190, So.*)

CB — 28
- Terrell Thomas (6-1, 195, So.*)
  22 Jim Abbott (5-10, 175, Fr.*)
  35 Jamel Williams (5-10, 170, Jr.)
  15 Kevin Thomas (6-1, 190, Fr.)
  9 Mozique McCurtis (6-1, 225, So.*)

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- TOM MALONE (6-0, 205, Sr.)
  18 Taylor Odegard (5-9, 170, Fr.*)
  46 Sean Limahelu (6-2, 175, Fr.*)

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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 has compiled a 65-13 record since he took over as 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 guided USC to 30-7 (.805) in the past 2 years with 27 of his 33 victories representing 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 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 sellouts at 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, cornerback Daylon McCutcheon, wide receivers Mike Williams and Jacob Hester and punter Tom Malone) were named All-American first teamers. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer and safety Troy Polamalu were first team All-Americans. Carroll was 1 of 8 finalists for the 2005 Paul “Bear” Bryant Coach of the Year Award and was 1 of 4 runners-up for the 2004 Football Monthly Schutt Sports Division I-A Coach of the Year.

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 (1999-2001) and was also named the 1999 AFC Eastern Division Coach of the Year. He led the Patriots to a 27-14 victory in 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 record in 1998. His overall record in New England was 27-21 in the regular season and 8-5 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 3 of its last 5 games, including the 1980 Sugar Bowl.

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 CNNSI.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 born on Sept. 15, 1951 in San Francisco. He and his wife, Glenda, 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 the school, and Jonathan, 22, who played offensive line at the University of Notre Dame. Glenda was a member 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 organizations working to reduce urban 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 Wiggin, 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 Seifert, 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: “He’s one of those unique, dynamic people with great charisma who has a gift. I don’t think there’s anybody better.”

Steve Gutman, 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 Young, San Francisco 49ers quarterback under Carroll: “He’s a great coach. He’s 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.”

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.”

Former USC All-American receiver Whatsapp: “He’s a great coach. He’s 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.”

Eric Davis, San Francisco 49ers All-Pro corner 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.”

Former USC All-American corner Marcell Almond: “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.”

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PETE CARROLL

PLAYERS

Carson Palmer, former USC Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback: “He’s the beat. 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 corner Marcell Almond: “If you don’t like Pete, you’re wrong, and the players will be the first to find out.”

Former USC computers’ coach 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: “I believe 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.”
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: “UCLA used to be the best program in its own city to maybe the best in the country.”

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 mediocrity 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 he returned the Trojans to the top of the polls…He has won his team over with his brash style, 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.”

**Year-by-Year with Pete Carroll**

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#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 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 won 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, 95) 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 Niem 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.  
**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 8 years  

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**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).


**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  

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**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 bowl games 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

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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.


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 (1999-98) 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 USC. He prepped at Pennsauken (N.J.) HS.

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

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2004 USC Running Backs Orange —
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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 Grothe and Jofa Tukapu were named All-American first teamers (Grothe also was a Butkus Award finalist and Tukapu 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 1988.

He prepped at Westminster (Calif.) High.

Born Sept. 29, 1966, he and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: daughters Brittany, 19, and Sabrina, 11, and son Kenny II, 9. His father, Ken Sr., is the former world heavyweight boxing champion and played football at Northeast Missouri State.
Sabra, 18. His full name is Golden Pat Ruel. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Miami in 1972. He was the offensive line coach with the Buffalo Bills in 2003 before going to the Green Bay Packers. The Packers were in the NFC playoffs both seasons. Ruel was the assistant head coach duties in the second season. The Spartans played in the 2000 Orange Bowl. He next was the assistant offensive line coach before adding offensive coordinator duties for his final two 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 then was the offensive assistant 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 offensive line assistant 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 is married, with Marti, he has 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**
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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./OC/Off. Line | Florida Citrus
1998 | Michigan State | Offensive Line | —
1996 | Kansas | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1995 | Kansas | Asst./OC/Off. Line | Aloha
1994 | Kansas | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1993 | Kansas | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1992 | Kansas | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1991 | Kansas | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1990 | Kansas | Off./Coord./Off. | —
1989 | Kansas | Off./Coord./Off. | —
1988 | Kansas | Off./Coord./Off. | —
1987 | Northern Illinois | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1986 | Northern Illinois | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1985 | Northern Illinois | Asst./OC/Off. Line | —
1984 | Texas A&M | Off./Coord./Off. | —
1983 | Texas A&M | Off./Coord./Off. | —
1982 | Texas A&M | Off./Coord./Off. | —

Saskatchewan, ranked eighth in passing in the NFL. Sarkisian, 31, originally joined the USC staff as an offensive assistant in January 2001. Then, after spending 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, quarterbacks 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 U.S. 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.

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 CHPs 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. He was picked 14-1 and won the 1997 Cotton Bowl. In 1995, 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 (shortcut) 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 is married, with Stephanie, they 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**
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2004 | Oakland Raiders | Quarterbacks | —
2003 | USC | Quarterbacks | Rose
2002 | USC | Quarterbacks | Orange
2001 | USC | Offensive Assistant | Las Vegas
2000 | El Camino JC | Quarterbacks | CHPs For Kids

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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 Dornell 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.


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 prepped 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

2004 USC Linebackers Orange Bowl
2003 USC Safeties Rose Bowl
2002 USC Graduate Assistant/Safeties Orange
2001 USC Graduate Assistant Las Vegas
2000 USC Administrative Graduate Assistant
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 on 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 —
2003 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 1992.

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.
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
FOOTBALL STAFF

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Football Receptionist

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.

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 All-American 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 Blackbutter 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.