

GAME NOTES



2006 USC TROJANS FOOTBALL

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2006 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	at Arkansas	7:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 16	Nebraska	5 p.m. (ABC)
Sept. 23	at Arizona	5 p.m. (ABC)
Sept. 30	at Washington State	TBA
Oct. 7	Washington	TBA
Oct. 14	Arizona State	5 p.m. (ABC)
Oct. 28	at Oregon State	TBA
Nov. 4	at Stanford	TBA
Nov. 11	Oregon	7:15 p.m. (FSN)
Nov. 18	California	5 p.m. (ABC)
Nov. 25	Notre Dame	5 p.m. (ABC)
Dec. 2	at UCLA	1:30 p.m. (ABC)

PAC-10 STANDINGS

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

AP POLL

- Ohio State
- Notre Dame
- Texas
- Auburn
- West Virginia
- USC**
- Florida
- LSU
- California
- Oklahoma
- Florida State
- Miami (FL)
- Louisville
- Michigan
- Georgia
- Iowa
- Virginia Tech
- Clemson
- Penn State
- Nebraska
- Oregon
- TCU
- Tennessee
- Arizona State
- Texas Tech

USA TODAY POLL

- Ohio State
- Texas
- USC**
- Notre Dame
- Oklahoma
- Auburn
- West Virginia
- Florida
- LSU
- Florida State
- Miami (FL)
- California
- Louisville
- Georgia
- Michigan
- Virginia Tech
- Iowa
- Clemson
- Penn State
- Oregon
- TCU
- Nebraska
- Tennessee
- Alabama
- Texas Tech

NO. 3-RANKED USC FOOTBALL TRAVELS TO ARKANSAS FOR 2006 OPENER

FACTS

USC (0-0 overall, 0-0 Pacific-10) vs. Arkansas (0-0 overall, 0-0 Southeastern), Saturday, Sept. 2, 7:45 p.m. CDT (5:45 p.m. PDT), Razorback Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark.

THEMES

The No. 3/6-ranked USC football team, which has won 45 of its last 47 games (both losses were by 3 points in the final seconds, including in last season's BCS Championship Game), opens its 2006 campaign on Labor Day weekend by making its first trip ever to Fayetteville to face Arkansas. It's Troy's first visit to the state since 1974, when USC's hopes for an undefeated season seemingly opened with a thud against the Razorbacks in Little Rock (but the Trojans regrouped to win the national championship that season). USC, which plays 3 of its first 4 contests on the road this year, is riding a school-record 15-game road winning streak and also has captured its last 8 season openers. The Trojans have been on quite a run lately. In each of the past 4 years under sixth-year USC head coach **Pete Carroll**, USC has had an AP Top 4 finish (including national championships in 2003 and 2004), a BCS bowl appearance and a Pac-10 championship. And Troy has scored at least 20 points in its last 52 games, a school record. USC begins its life after the Heismans, having lost Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush among the 11 NFL draftees from the 2005 class. The Trojan offense returns the likes of 2005 Biletnikoff Award finalist and All-American first team WR **Dwayne Jarrett**, who is within 3 touchdown catches of the Pac-10 career record, plus 2005 All-American OT **Sam Baker** and Rimington Award candidate C **Ryan Kalil**. But there'll be a new quarterback (**John David Booty**) and tailback (it's possible a true freshman could start an opener for the first time in Trojan history) among the 7 new offensive starters. USC's defense appears improved over the 2005 version, with DE **Lawrence Jackson** and a slew of talented linebackers such as **Keith Rivers**, **Dallas Sartz**, **Oscar Lua**, **Rey Mauluga** and **Brian Cushing**. Carroll coached at Arkansas early in his career. Arkansas, featuring 20 returning starters who are looking to rebound from a 4-7 campaign in 2005, figures to be a bit motivated for this game after last year's 70-17 loss to Troy. Coach **Houston Nutt's** Razorbacks have won 41 of their 54 home games in his 8-year tenure. Arkansas has led the SEC in rushing 3 of the past 4 years, but could be without 2005

RADIO-TV—Live national cable TV: 5:45 p.m. (PDT), ESPN, Mike Patrick, Todd Blackledge, Holly Rowe.

Live local radio: 10:15 a.m. (PDT), ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), Pete Arbogast, Paul McDonald, John Jackson, Suzy Shuster, Steve Mason, Curt Sandoval, Curtis Conway, Darrell Rideaux, David Newbury, Brandon Hancock, Dave Denholm, Jeff Biggs, Harvey Hyde (includes 7 ½ hour pre-game and 3-hour post-game shows). Eight other stations are included on the USC radio network: KSPA-AM 1510 in Ontario/San Bernardino County/Inland Empire, ESPN 800 in San Diego, KXPS-AM 1010 in Palm Springs, KVEN-AM 1450 in Ventura, ESPN 1280 in San Luis Obispo, KSZL-AM 1230 in Barstow, KCBL-AM/KVBL-AM 1340/1400 in Fresno and Spike 1140 in Las Vegas. Fans also can hear the live ESPN Radio broadcast on www.usctrojans.com, on SIRIUS satellite radio (Channel 123) or by dialing 1-800-846-4675 ext. 5933.

Live local Spanish-language radio: 5:45 p.m. (PDT), KMXE-AM (830), John Laguna, Adrian Garcia Marquez.

USC Trojan Talk: 1-3 p.m. (PDT), Tuesdays, ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), Gary Miller, D'Marco Farr (replayed on Saturdays, 7 ½ hours before kickoff).

Trojan Roundtable: 7-9 p.m. (PDT), Thursdays, ESPN Radio 710 (KSPN-AM), Dave Denholm, Curtis Conway, Darrell Rideaux, David Newbury (replayed on Saturdays, 5 ½ hours before kickoff).

USC Trojan Talk: 7 p.m. (PDT), Sundays, KDWN-AM (720), Harvey Hyde, Chuck Hayes. Fans also can hear the live KDWN broadcast on www.usctrojans.com.

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

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

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

PAC-10 SATELLITE FEED—The Pac-10 provides a weekly satellite feed featuring interviews with coaches and flyers regarding upcoming games along with highlight footage. The half-hour feed airs every Wednesday (through Nov. 29) at 11:30 a.m. (PDT). Coordinates are **IA6/Transponder 11 C**. Trouble numbers: (310) 779-3467, (714) 686-2011 or 925-932-4411.

PAC-10 COACHES TELECONFERENCE—Pac-10 football coaches are available for 10 minutes each on a media teleconference beginning at 10 a.m. (PDT) every Tuesday (through Nov. 14) during the season. **USC coach Pete Carroll comes on at 10:40 a.m. (PST)**. Beginning at 3 p.m. (PDT) each of those Tuesdays, a taped replay of the teleconference is available until the next call. Call the Pac-10 office (925-932-4411) or USC sports information office (213-740-8480) to obtain the media-only phone numbers for the Pac-10 Coaches Teleconference.

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

USC FOOTBALL

- 11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 28 BOWL VICTORIES
- 141 ALL-AMERICANS
- 7 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS
- 395 NFL PLAYERS
- 22 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

USC VS. ARKANSAS (3-1-0)

1972	W	31-10	N1
1973	W	17-0	H
1974	L	7-22	N1
2005	W	70-17	H

N1-War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock, Ark.

PRE-SEASON RANKINGS...

The 2006 Trojans will be in the hunt to win another national title and to capture their fifth straight Pac-10 title, according to various pre-season prognosticators. Here's a look:

	National	Pacific-10
Athlon	3 rd	1 st
USA Today	3 rd tie	1 st
Phil Steele's	4 th	1 st
Sports Illustrated	5 th	1 st
Playboy	5 th	1 st
NationalChamps.Net	5 th	1 st
AP	6 th	1 st
The Sporting News	6 th	1 st
Lindy's	6 th	1 st
Gold Sheet	7 th	1 st
Street & Smith's	7 th	2 nd
Pac-10 Media	—	1 st

...AND PRE-SEASON HONORS

WR **Dwayne Jarrett** (Playboy, Sporting News, Athlon, Lindy's, Street & Smith's, Blue Ribbon, Phil Steele's, Collegefootballnews.com, Rivals.com, NationalChamps.Net), OT **Sam Baker** (Playboy, Athlon, Lindy's, Street & Smith's, Rivals.com, NationalChamps.Net), DE **Lawrence Jackson** (ESPN.com, Sporting News, Athlon, Street & Smith's, Phil Steele's) and C **Ryan Kalil** (ESPN.com, Street & Smith's) have been named to various pre-season All-American first teams. LB **Keith Rivers** was an All-American second teamer. Several of USC's position units were ranked No. 1 nationally by some of these media outlets: wide receivers, linebackers, offensive line, defensive line. Besides the above mentioned players, WR **Steve Smith**, DT **Sedrick Ellis**, LB **Oscar Lua**, LB **Rey Mauluga** and LB **Brian Cushing** were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-10 first teams.

WATCH LISTS

These Trojans have made the official "Watch Lists" for national 2006 post-season awards:

OT **Sam Baker**

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

QB **John David Booty**

Maxwell Award (top player)

LB **Brian Cushing**

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)

TE **Fred Davis**

Mackey Award (top tight end)

DE **Lawrence Jackson**

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

WR **Dwayne Jarrett**

Maxwell Award (top player)
Walter Camp Award (top player)

C **Ryan Kalil**

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

LB **Oscar Lua**

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)

LB **Rey Mauluga**

Butkus Award (top linebacker)

LB **Keith Rivers**

Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
Butkus Award (top linebacker)

WR **Steve Smith**

Maxwell Award (top player)

Freshman All-American TB **Darren McFadden**, a 1,000-yard runner last fall (he has a toe injury). If he's out, watch for TBs **Felix Jones** and burly **Peyton Hillis** to pick up the slack. Veteran QB **Robert Johnson** directs the Razorback offensive attack, while 2005 All-SEC LB **Sam Olajubutu** spearheads the defense. The game, which is sold out in 72,000-seat Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, will be shown live nationally on ESPN.

RANKINGS

USC is ranked tied for third by USA Today and sixth by AP. Arkansas is not ranked.

SERIES

USC holds a 3-1 edge in its series with Arkansas. The Trojans are 1-1 in games in Arkansas, although both of those contests were played in Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium.

Last year, behind a pair of touchdowns by both TBs Reggie Bush and LenDale White and another 4 TD passes by QB Matt Leinart (including 2 to WR **Dwayne Jarrett**), top-ranked USC overwhelmed Arkansas, 70-17, in its 2005 home opener before a near-capacity crowd of 90,411 (a school record for a home opener). It was Troy's most points scored since getting 70 at Washington State in 1970, its most in the Coliseum since getting 70 versus California in 1930 and the most allowed by Arkansas since 1918. It was USC's 24th consecutive victory, 22nd home win in a row and 14th straight over a non-conference foe. USC piled up 736 yards of total offense, its most since at least 1972 and the most ever allowed by Arkansas, and averaged 11.0 yards per play despite holding the ball only 25:51. Troy's 445 passing yards were 3 yards shy of the school record set in 2002 at Oregon. USC struck quickly and scored touchdowns on its first 6 possessions (and 9 of its first 10), including tallying 28 points while having the ball only 1:32 of the first quarter (gaining 246 yards on just 8 plays in that opening quarter). On the Trojans' third play of their first possession, Bush jetted 76 yards on his first touch for a score. After Arkansas responded on the next series with a 12-yard scoring pass from QB Robert Johnson to SE Marcus Monk, Leinart hit a streaking Bush on USC's next play for a 29-yard score. Two plays into each of Troy's next 2 drives, USC scored: first, Leinart and Jarrett hooked up for a 24-yard TD, then Leinart scrambled for a 17-yard score following an interception by S **Josh Pinkard** (who started for injured S Darnell Bing). PK Chris Balseiro nailed a 31-yard field goal early in the second quarter on the Razorbacks' next possession, but USC responded by scoring touchdowns on its next two series: a 3-yard White run and an 8-yard Leinart-to-Jarrett pass to make it 42-10 at halftime. The Trojans then scored on their first 3 drives of the second half, on a 1-yard White run, a 21-yard pass from Leinart to FB David Kirtman and a 21-yard score from QB **J.D. Booty** to WR **Patrick Turner** early in the fourth quarter. Monk caught a 5-yard TD pass from QB Alex Mortensen on the next series. Then, late in the game following an interception by LB **Kaluka Maiava**, QB **Michael McDonald** hit TE **Jimmy Miller** for a 4-yard TD. Leinart was 18-of-24 for 381 yards (the second most of his career) in less than 3 full quarters of action, Bush ran for 125 yards on 8 carries and added 4 catches for 70 yards, White had 60 yards on 10 rushes, WR **Steve Smith** caught 4 passes for a game-best 129 yards (his third consecutive 100-yard

game), Jarrett added 4 grabs for 70 yards and TB **Desmond Reed** ran for 50 yards on 3 carries and returned 2 kickoffs for 101 yards. For the second week in a row, PK **Mario Danelo** set a school record by hitting all 10 of his PATs. LB **Oscar Lua** led USC with 8 tackles and LB **Keith Rivers** added 7, while DE Frostee Rucker had 2.5 sacks to help limit Arkansas, which entered the game with the nation's top rushing offense (338.5), to 197 yards on the ground (but the most USC surrendered in the last 37 games when Washington State had 201 in 2002). For the Razorbacks, Johnson was 8-of-16 for 91 yards, FL Cedric Washington caught 5 passes for 63 yards and TB Darren McFadden ran for 88 yards on 13 tries.

The first 3 meetings were season openers in the 1970s. The No. 8-ranked Trojans began their undefeated national championship 1972 season with a 31-10 upset at No. 4 Arkansas in Little Rock. Trailing 3-0 midway through the second quarter, USC scored the next 24 points to win behind the efforts of QB Mike Rae, TB Rod McNeill, FB Sam Cunningham, WR Lynn Swann and LB Richard Wood. In 1973, top-ranked USC shut out the Razorbacks in the Coliseum, 17-0, with QB Pat Haden (in his first career start), TB Anthony Davis and Wood leading the way. In 1974, No. 20 Arkansas shocked No. 5 USC, 22-7, in Little Rock, seemingly quashing Troy's hopes of a national title (Haden didn't complete a pass until the third quarter and USC's only points came on a Davis kickoff return in the first quarter, while all of Arkansas' points came off of Trojan turnovers). But USC rebounded to go 10-0-1 the rest of the season and win the national crown.

OPENERS

USC's record in all season openers is 82-23-8 (.761), with 36 shutout victories. Troy has won its last 8 openers and 10 of the last 12. In season openers on the road, the Trojans are 25-7-1 (.773). In its first road game of each season, USC is 74-27-8 (.713).

USC VERSUS SEC

USC is 16-10-1 against teams from the Southeastern Conference, including wins in the last 3 meetings (over Arkansas in 2005 and Auburn in 2002 and 2003). Conversely, Arkansas is 4-5-1 against the Pac-10.

IN SEPTEMBER

USC has a 150-37-8 (.790) all-time record while playing in the month of September.

WIN STREAKS

USC has the longest current Pac-10 win streaks for:

—home games (a Pac-10 and school-record 27, with 4 shutouts):

—overall Pac-10 games (a Pac-10 and school-record 23):

—Pac-10 home games (a Pac-10 and school-record 19):

—road games (a school-record 15, which does not include 3 neutral site victories and 1 neutral site loss during that span);

—Pac-10 road games (11), tying USC's longest since a school-record 11 in a row in 1971-74, which does not include 2 neutral site wins;

—non-conference home games (8);

—non-conference road games (5, not including 3 neutral site wins and 1 neutral site loss);

—October games (16);

—November games (16).

USC'S LAST 4 YEARS UNDER CARROLL

Sixth-year USC head coach **Pete Carroll** has a system in place that has made the past 4 years glorious ones for the Trojans:

—Four AP Top 4 finishes, including national championships in 2003 and 2004;

—Four BCS bowl appearances;

—Four Pac-10 championships;

—Still-active win streaks for home games (27), Pac-10 games (23), Pac-10 home games (19), road games (15) and Pac-10 road games (11) to go along with the just-snapped victory strings for overall games (34), non-conference games (16) and games against AP Top 25 teams (16);

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

—A winning record of 92.3% (48-4), including 8-0 against traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA;

—45 wins in the last 47 games, with the losses coming by just 3 points each (the first in triple overtime at California in 2003 and the second in the final 19 seconds to Texas in the 2006 Rose Bowl's BCS Championship Game to fall just short of an unprecedented third consecutive national championship);

—A current school-record 52 straight 20-point games;

—Nineteen All-American first teamers;

—Three Heisman Trophy winners;

—Twenty-five NFL draft picks, including 7 first rounders;

—Four Top 5 recruiting classes.

HIGH RANKING

USC has been ranked in the AP Top 10 for its past 46 games, a school record. The Trojans have been in the AP Top 5 in 51 of the last 53 polls (including 3 pre-season polls).

USC'S WINNINGEST 3, 2 AND 1 YEAR SPANS

USC's 37 wins over the last 3 years (12 in 2003, 13 in 2004 and 12 in 2005) represent the winningest 3-year period in Trojan history. Also, USC's 25 wins during the 2-year spans of both 2003-04 and 2004-05 tie for its best 2-year spans. And USC posted its first 13-win season in 2004, its eighth perfect (unbeaten, untied) season ever.

USC'S PAC-10 TITLES

After sharing the Pac-10 championship in 2002, USC won the 2003 Pac-10 title outright (its first outright crown since 1989) and again in both 2004 and 2005. Those 4 consecutive conference titles ties the Pac-10 record (first set by California in 1920-23 and equaled by USC in 1966-69). USC has now won the league title 35 times, more than twice as much as any other school.

CONNECTIONS

USC has no players on its roster from Arkansas and the Razorbacks have no Californians...USC head coach **Pete Carroll** served as a graduate assistant coach (working with the secondary) under Lou Holtz at Arkansas in 1977, as the Razorbacks went 11-1 and won the Orange Bowl...Also on that 1977 Arkansas staff was USC offensive line coach **Pat Ruel**, who worked with the Razorbacks' offensive line...USC strength and conditioning coach **Chris Carlisle** was a strength and conditioning graduate assistant coach at Arkansas in 1992 and 1993, and he earned his master's degree in history from the school in 1997...USC C **Ryan Kalil's** father, Frank, was a center at Arkansas in 1978 before transferring to Arizona...USC QB **John David Booty's** father, Johnny, played quarterback at Arkansas before stops at Louisiana Tech and Mississippi State...USC DE

Rashaad Goodrum is from Fayetteville (North Carolina, not Arkansas!)...Remember the Apolskis brothers? C-OG **David Apolskis** played for USC (1990, 1992-93), while OT **Rick Apolskis** played for Arkansas (1986-89).

LAST YEAR

USC went 12-1 in 2005 (including 8-0 in the Pac-10) and finished No. 2 in the final polls. The Trojans came within 19 seconds of capturing their unprecedented third consecutive national championship, falling late to Texas in the Rose Bowl's BCS Championship Game, 41-38. In 2005, Troy's offense ranked in the national Top 6 in every statistical category, including tops in total offense (579.8) and second in scoring offense (49.1), and set Pac-10 records for total offense yardage, points scored, touchdowns and PATs. The Trojans had a scoring margin of 26.2 points while passing for nearly 320 yards and running for another 260 each game. USC became the first school to have a 3,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard runners and a 1,000-yard receiver in a season. And USC was second nationally in turnover margin (+1.6).

SCHEDULE

USC will play a challenging schedule that features 6 opponents who were in bowls last season, including 5 who won at least 8 games. Troy opens its 2006 campaign at Arkansas on Labor Day weekend, then returns home after a bye to meet Nebraska for the first time since 1970. Then, because of the new Pac-10 round robin scheduling format, the Trojans will embark on a full slate of Pac-10 games for the first time ever. USC faces Washington, Arizona State, Oregon and California at home and travels to Arizona, Washington State, Oregon State and Stanford. USC then concludes its regular season with back-to-back games against annual rivals Notre Dame in the Coliseum on Thanksgiving weekend and UCLA in the Rose Bowl on Championship Saturday (Dec. 2). USC already is scheduled to play 7 night games, tying the school record first set in 2004...and there are still 4 games with times that are pending. If the past couple years are any indication, tickets to Trojan games will be hard to come by in 2006 (the Nebraska and Notre Dame games are sold out and the remaining home contests have limited tickets remaining). For the second year in a row, USC in 2005 set Pac-10 records for total home attendance and home attendance average (90,812) and school marks for overall attendance (going over the million mark for the first time) and overall attendance average (79,813). The Trojans last year also set school standards for the second straight year for home (4), regular season (9) and season sellouts (10).

RETURNING TROJANS

Eleven starters (4 on offense and 6 on defense, plus the placekicker) return in 2006, USC's fewest returning starters since 1996 (when there were 10). In all, 74 squadmen are back from last year, including 56 who saw playing time (52 were lettermen and 28 were on USC's season-ending 2-deep). On the roster are 21 Trojans who have started at least once in their career. Joining them are 25 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 fourth year in a row.

GONE FROM 2005

USC's personnel losses from 2005 are significant (33 squadmen are gone, including 27 lettermen and 13 starters). A national-best 11 Trojans were selected in the 2006 NFL draft. The Trojan offense took the biggest hit. Not only are 2 Heisman winners and NFL first rounders gone (tailback Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart), but so are the school's career scoring leader (tailback LenDale White), an All-American guard (Taitusi Lutui), a pair of 3-year starting linemen (guard Fred Matua and tackle Winston Justice), a productive tight end (Dominique Byrd) and a dependable fullback (David Kirtman). Bush, White, Justice and Matua all left USC after their junior years to enter the NFL draft. Bush, a 2-time All-American who was the 2005 Heisman and Doak Walker recipient, led the nation last fall in all-purpose running (222.3) while getting a Pac-10 record 2,890 yards—including 513 against Fresno State—and was fourth in rushing (133.9) with 1,740 yards. In his career, he had 6,617 all-purpose yards, including 3,169 on the ground, and had 99 plays of 20-plus yards. Leinart, USC's second-ever 3-time All-American and the 2004 Heisman winner, was 37-2 as a starter. He set 16 school records, including Pac-10 career marks for touchdown passes (99) and completion percentage (64.8). He threw for 10,693 yards in his career, including 3,815 yards with 28 TDs in 2005. White was the nation's No. 2 scorer (12.0) in 2005 while rushing for 1,302 yards and a Pac-10 record 24 TDs. In his career, he ran for 3,159 yards, scored a USC record 342 points and set Pac-10 standards for rushing (52) and overall (57) touchdowns. Lutui earned consensus All-American acclaim in 2005 playing alongside veterans Matua and Justice. Byrd had 81 career catches, including 29 in 2005. Kirtman, who came up big in a number of games last season, had 45 career receptions (22 in 2005). USC's significant defensive losses include All-American strong safety Darnell Bing, who was USC's fifth player in 2005 to depart for the NFL after his junior season (he had 182 tackles and 4 interceptions in his career, including 50 stops and 4 picks last year), secondary mates Scott Ware at free safety (51 tackles in 2005) and Justin Wyatt at cornerback (a 2-year starter with 94 tackles and 4 interceptions in his career), All-Pac-10 first team end Frostee Rucker (25.5 career tackles for a loss, including a team-best 14 among his 56 tackles in 2005) and tackle LaJuan Ramsey (40 tackles in 2005). The Trojans also are without the only All-American punter in their history, 4-year starter Tom Malone. His 44.0 career punting average was just 0.1 short of the USC record.

FRESHMAN STARTER?

If a first-year freshman starts at tailback in the Arkansas game, it will be the first USC true freshman to start...

...[a game](#) since LB Brian Cushing, vs. Texas, 2005 (2006 Rose Bowl).

...[a game on offense](#) since WR Dwayne Jarrett, vs. Oklahoma, 2004 (2005 Orange Bowl).

...[a game at tailback](#) since Frank Strong, vs. California, 1998 (the only others: Charles White, vs. Stanford, 1979, and Scott Lockwood, vs. Boston College, 1987, and vs. Michigan State, 1987 (1988 Rose Bowl), and Malaefou MacKenzie, vs. Arizona State, 1997).

...[an opener](#) since S Darnell Bing, vs. Auburn, 2003.

...[an opener on offense](#) since TE Antoine Harris, vs. Florida State, 1997

...[an opener at tailback](#) since: never!

PETE CARROLL

It didn't take sixth-year USC head football coach Pete Carroll long to return the Trojan football program to national prominence. He is 54-10 (84.4%) in 5 years (2001-2005) as a college head coach (all at USC), the second best winning percentage of any current Division I coach with at least 5 years of experience. He got to 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojan history. His losses have been by a total of 45 points (4.5 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 52-5 (91.2%) with a pair of national championships (2003-04). He is 35-5 in Pac-10 games, giving him an 87.5% winning mark (a league record). He is 16-0 in November. His teams have posted 6 shutouts and have scored at least 20 points in the last 52 games (a school record). USC's 13, 25 and 37 wins over the previous 1, 2 and 3 years represent the winningest periods in Trojan history. USC, which had a since-broken Pac-10-record 34-game overall winning streak (as well as since-snapped streaks of 16 consecutive non-conference games and 16 straight against AP Top 25 teams), is riding wins in a Pac-10 record 27 consecutive home games, a Pac-10 record 23 straight overall Pac-10 games, a Pac-10 record 19 consecutive league home games and a school-record 15 road games in a row (not including 4 neutral site games). USC was AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including 2 pre-season polls). In 2005, he won at least a share of his fourth consecutive Pac-10 title (tying a Pac-10 record) and a trip to a fourth consecutive BCS bowl (including a second straight BCS Championship Game). Under Carroll, USC is the first school to have 3 Heisman Trophy winners in a 4-year span. Carroll has produced 20 All-American first teamers and 27 NFL draft picks (including 7 first rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His last 4 recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 5 nationally (including first each year by some experts). He also served as USC's defensive coordinator in his first 5 seasons at Troy.

In 2005, his Trojans held AP's No. 1 ranking for the entire regular season. USC went 12-1 overall (while facing 6 AP Top 25 teams) to advance to the BCS Championship Game in the Rose Bowl, where it barely fell to Texas, and 8-0 in the Pac-10 to win its fourth straight league title. The Trojans played the nation's ninth most difficult schedule, according to the NCAA. USC swept rivals Notre Dame and UCLA for an unprecedented fourth season in a row. Troy was in the national Top 6 in every offensive category, including tops in total offense (579.8) and second in scoring offense (49.1), and set Pac-10 records for total offense yardage, points scored, touchdowns and PATs. The Trojans won games by an average of 26.2 points. USC became the first school to have a 3,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard runners and a 1,000-yard receiver in a season. And USC was second nationally in turnover margin (+1.6). For the second consecutive year, a school-record 6 Trojans were All-American first teamers, including Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Reggie Bush. He was the 2005 Playboy Pre-Season All-American team Coach of the Year and was named by The Sporting News as the top coach in the nation. He received the United States Sports Academy Amos Alonzo Stagg

Coaching Award. He was the 2005 Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year, as well as the American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 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 USC). Troy was in the national Top 10 in every defensive statistical category, including first in rushing defense (for the second year in a row) 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). A school-record 6 Trojans were named All-American first teamers, including Heisman Trophy quarterback Matt Leinart. He was the 2004 National Quarterback Club College Coach of the Year and the ESPN.com Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

In 2003, 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, USC swept traditional rivals UCLA and Notre Dame in consecutive years. 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. And the Trojans topped the nation in net punting. Five Trojans were first team All-Americans. 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) and American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year.

In 2002, 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 named the Trojans' head football coach on Dec. 15, 2000. 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 54-year-old Carroll has 31 years of NFL and college experience, including 15 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. His overall record in New England was 27-21 in the regular season. 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. 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. 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 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 1989 squad won the NFC Central Division crown. 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 standout at Redwood High in Larkspur, Calif., earning the school's Athlete of the Year award as a senior. He then played football at Marin Junior College in Kentfield, Calif., in 1970. He was born on Sept. 15, 1951. He and his wife, Glenna, who played volleyball at Pacific, have 3 children: sons Brennan, 27, who played tight end at Pittsburgh and Delaware and is now an assistant at USC, and Nate, 18, a freshman at USC, and daughter Jaime, 23, who played on the Women of Troy's 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.

TOP ACTIVE COACHES BY WINNING PERCENTAGE

(Minimum five years as Division IA head coach; Record at four-year colleges only)

	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
1. Larry Coker, Miami, Fla.	5	53	9	0	.855
2. Pete Carroll, Southern California	5	54	10	0	.844
3. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	7	75	16	0	.824
4. Urban Meyer, Florida	5	48	11	0	.814
5. Dan Hawkins, Colorado	10	93	22	1	.806
6. Mark Richt, Georgia	5	52	13	0	.800
7. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	14	128	37	0	.776
8. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	40	359	107	4	.768
9. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	16	149	45	2	.765
10. Lloyd Carr, Michigan	11	102	34	0	.750
Joe Paterno, Penn State	40	354	117	3	.750

FUN FACT I

In its history dating to 1888, USC has had just one football letterman from Arkansas: 1954 letterman Roy Smith, a right tackle from Blytheville (Ark.) High.

FUN FACT II

Although USC football games have been televised live 347 times overall, this will be just Troy's seventh appearance on ESPN (including once on ESPN2). The Trojans sport a 5-1 record on ESPN's air, with wins in 1988 (Boston College), 1990 (Washington State), 1991 (Oregon), 2004 (Virginia Tech) and 2005 (Hawaii on ESPN2) and the loss coming in 1992 (UCLA).

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Four starters return on offense in 2006: wide receivers **Dwayne Jarrett** and **Steve Smith**, tackle **Sam Baker** and center **Ryan Kailil**. Others back with starting experience are wide receiver **Chris McFoy**, tight ends **Fred Davis** and **Dale Thompson**, guard **Jeff Byers**, fullback **Brandon Hancock** and tailback **Hershel Dennis**. USC's top 2 pass catchers from 2005 are back, but the Trojans lost their top 2 rushers and their leading passer. The Trojans will be hard-pressed to equal last season's record-setting offense—coordinated by wide receivers coach **Lane Kiffin**, with the aid of quarterbacks coach **Steve Sarkisian**—that ranked in the nation's Top 6 in every stat category: tops in total offense (a school-record 579.8), second in scoring offense (a USC-record 49.1), fifth in passing (319.8) and sixth in rushing (260.0). USC set Pac-10 records for total offense yardage (7,537), first downs (376), points scored (638), touchdowns (83) and PATs (83) in 2005. Troy hit the 600-yard mark in total offense 5 times last fall (including 3 games of 700 yards) and averaged a school-record 7.5 yards per play (including a Pac-10 mark 6.4 yards per rush). USC's 4,157 passing yards last season was a school record. The Trojans had a scoring average of 26.2 points in 2005 and scored 50-plus points a USC record 7 times. In 2005, USC became the first school to have a 3,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard runners and a 1,000-yard receiver in a season.

QUARTERBACKS

All eyes will be on the quarterback position in 2006 as a successor fills in for 2004 Heisman winner and NFL first round pick Matt Leinart, USC's second-ever 3-time All-American. It's a daunting challenge, as Leinart was 37-2 as a starter while setting 16 school records, including Pac-10 career marks for touchdown passes (99) and completion percentage (64.8). He threw for 10,693 yards in his career, including 3,815 yards with 28 TDs in 2005. But it's not unlike USC's 2003 season when Leinart emerged from a group of relatively untested signalcallers to become the replacement to 2002 Heisman winner Carson Palmer. The only experienced quarterback on the roster is junior **John David Booty**, who enters 2006 as the starter despite missing all but the first day of 2006 spring practice with a herniated disk in his back that required surgery in late March (he was healthy throughout 2006 fall camp). Booty, the first prep football player to graduate a full year early from high school and enroll at a major university when he did so at USC in 2003, appeared in 10 games last fall as Leinart's backup, completing 64.3% (27-of-42) of his passes for 327 yards and 2 TDs. He also played briefly in 5 games in 2003, but sat out 2004 while injured. In Booty's absence in the spring, redshirt freshman **Mark Sanchez**—who was the national high school player of the year in 2004—ran the offense and had an impressive showing. He'll back up Booty in 2006. Also in the fray is junior **Michael McDonald**, the son of ex-USC All-American and NFL standout Paul McDonald (his only career pass was a touchdown), plus a pair of walk-on freshmen in **Tyler Davis** and left-handed **Duron Sylvester**.

TAILBACKS

Perhaps even more difficult for USC than fielding a new quarterback, a tailback (or tailbacks) must emerge in 2006 to take over for Reggie Bush and LenDale White, who both departed early for the NFL (Bush was the draft's second overall selection and White was a second rounder). In their time at Troy, the duo accounted for 6,328 rushing yards and an NCAA teammate record 97 touchdowns. They were the first pair of Trojans to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing in the same season when Bush had 1,740 yards and White added 1,302 yards in 2005 (for another NCAA teammate record of 3,042 yards). The 2-time All-American Bush, who won the 2005 Heisman Trophy and Doak Walker Award, topped the nation last fall in all-purpose running (222.3) while getting a Pac-10 record 2,890 yards, including an amazing 513 against Fresno State. He also was fourth nationally in rushing (133.9). He averaged nearly a first down every rush (8.7 yards) and had 8 100-yard rushing outings in 2005. His 19 touchdowns in 2005 averaged 31.6 yards each. In his career, he had 6,617 all-purpose yards (3,169 rushing) and had 99 plays of 20-plus yards. White was second nationally in scoring (12.0) in 2005. His 24 rushing TDs and 26 overall scores last year were Pac-10 records. He had 6 100-yard rushing games in 2005. In his career, he ran for 3,159 yards, scored a USC record 342 points and set Pac-10 standards for rushing (52) and overall (57) touchdowns. So, instead of "Thunder and Lightning" (the Bush/White nickname), this year running backs coach **Todd McNair** said he expects it'll be "An Earthquake and A Series of Aftershocks" (the fullback and a variety of tailbacks). Junior **Chauncey Washington**, who was a backup in 2003 (he ran for 65 yards in brief appearances in 7 games), looks to start, but he's been nagged throughout 2006 fall camp with a hamstring injury. He missed the past 2 seasons and this past spring while academically ineligible. His style is a mix between Bush and White. He'll be challenged by a quartet of talented freshmen who were 2005 prep All-Americans: **Allen Bradford** (he can also play safety), **C.J. Gable**, **Stafon Johnson** and **Emmanuel Moody**. Sophomore **Michael Coleman**, who is in the White mold, missed 2006 spring drills while recovering from a 2005 hip injury but appears ready to go this fall. He had 95 yards and a TD on 20 carries last year. Junior **Desmond Reed**, who has Bush-like skills, appears to have recovered from torn knee ligaments in last season's Notre Dame game, although he still is bothered by subsequent nerve damage in his foot (he missed 2006 spring practice). Look for him to make an impact as a punt returner in 2006. He had 331 all-purpose yards in 2005, averaging 13.8 yards per touch. Also available little-used walk-on junior **John Griffin**. Senior **Hershel Dennis**, who started in 2003, appeared ready to re-assume his starting tailback job after redshirting last season because of torn knee ligaments suffered prior to the 2005 Orange Bowl. But he re-tore those ligaments midway through 2006 spring practice and will be sidelined again in 2006 (he might petition for a sixth year of eligibility in 2007). He has 968 career rushing yards, including 661 on 137 carries (4.8 avg) with 4 TDs in 2003.

FULLBACKS

There also will be a new fullback in 2006, as David Kirtman has graduated. He was a strong blocker, dangerous receiver (22 catches for 281 yards in 2005) and limited but effective runner (26 yards in 2005) who was a fifth round NFL draft pick. Emerging as the starter is senior **Ryan Powdrell**, a converted linebacker who was moved to offense this past spring. Because of a dearth of tailbacks available last spring, Powdrell was even used at tailback then and was a pleasant surprise. Also competing for time at fullback are freshman **Stanley Havili**, who was a 2005 prep All-American, senior **Mike Brittingham**, who is a key special teams performer, and junior **Jody Adewale**, who has yet to carry the ball at USC. Senior **Brandon Hancock**, the 2003 starter and Kirtman's backup last fall (he redshirted in 2004 with injuries), was set to start in 2006, but tore knee ligaments during fall camp and is sidelined this season.

JARRETT AND SMITH

The strength of USC's offense will be its wide receivers, as both starters return—they are the best pair of starting wideouts in the nation—and there is undeniable depth. The Trojans' marquee player is 2005 unanimous All-American and Biletnikoff Award finalist **Dwayne Jarrett**. The big (6-5), athletic junior was 12th nationally in receptions (7.0) and 13th in receiving yards (98.0) in 2005 when he caught 91 passes for 1,274 yards and his school-record tying 16 touchdown grabs (1 short of the league standard) led the nation. Already eighth on USC's career receptions chart with 146, he needs just 42 catches to equal leader Keary Colbert. His 29 career TD catches are just shy of Mike Williams' USC record of 30 and the Pac-10 mark of 32 (held by Stanford's Ken Margerum, 1977-80). He has 9 100-yard receiving games in his career (including 5 in 2005) and he has caught a pass in all 26 games in his career (with a TD reception in 17 of those contests). On the other side is steady, speedy senior **Steve Smith**. He had 60 catches for 957 yards and 5 scores in 2005. In his career, he has 119 receptions (11th on Troy's list) and 6 100-yard receiving outings (3 in 2005). He was a Biletnikoff semifinalist last fall and could be in line for post-season honors in 2006.

USC CAREER PASS CATCHING LEADERS

	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
1. Keary Colbert	207	2864	14.3	19
2. Kareem Kelly	204	3104	15.2	15
3. Johnnie Morton	201	3201	15.9	23
4. Mike Williams	176	2579	14.7	30
5. Keyshawn Johnson	168	2796	16.6	16
6. John Jackson	163	2379	14.6	17
7. R. Jay Soward	161	2672	16.6	23
8. Dwayne Jarrett	146	2123	14.5	29
9. Billy Miller	125	1602	12.8	7
10. Erik Affholter	123	1737	14.1	13
11. Steve Smith	119	1936	16.3	13

PAC-10 CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION LEADERS

1. Ken Margerum, Stanford (1977-80)	32
2. Sean Dawkins, California (1990-92)	31
3. Mike Williams, USC (2002-03)	30
Mario Bailey, Washington (1988-91)	30
5. Dwayne Jarrett, USC (2004-05)	29

OTHER WIDE RECEIVERS

Providing more-than-solid depth at wideout are senior **Chris McFoy**, who has 40 career clutches (17 in 2005) and 16 starts but has yet to snag a touchdown, sophomore **Patrick Turner**, who has a promising future (he had 12 catches with 2 TDs in 2005), and junior walk-on **Brad Walker**. Supplementing this group are 4 supremely-talented freshmen who were 2005 prep All-Americans: **Vidal Hazelton**, **Travon Patterson**, **David Ausberry** and **Jamere Holland** (he'll miss 2006 with a shoulder injury). Then there's freshmen walk-ons **Sean Calcagnie**, **Scott Stephens** and **Spencer Vigoren**.

TIGHT ENDS

Tight end is another position where a new starter must emerge to replace a reliable veteran who has departed. In this case, gone is Dominique Byrd and his 81 career receptions. He had 29 catches in 2005. He was an adept blocker and dangerous receiver (especially as a deep threat) who was a third round pick in the NFL draft. Junior **Fred Davis**, who started 3 times last year and caught 13 passes with 2 TDs, has emerged as the starter. Behind him are junior **Dale Thompson**, who started once in 2005, freshman **Anthony McCoy** (a 2005 prep All-American), sophomore **Jimmy Miller**, who caught 2 touchdowns in 2005, senior **Nick Vanderboom** and junior **Gerald Washington**, a 2005 junior college All-American who enrolled at USC this past spring. Then there's freshman walk-on **Cooper Stephenson**.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Originally, the offensive line appeared it would be a strong, experienced unit in 2006, despite the loss of graduated 2005 consensus All-American left guard Taitusi Lutui, who was an NFL second round draft choice. But then right guard Fred Matua and right tackle Winston Justice, both 3-year starters, decided to test the NFL waters after their junior campaigns (Matua was a seventh round pick and Justice a second rounder), leaving USC with just a pair of returning starters up front. But both of those returnees are good ones and they'll be starting for their third seasons, so the line appears to still be in good shape. Junior left tackle **Sam Baker** earned All-American first team notice in 2005 after winning Freshman All-American honors in 2004. Senior center **Ryan Kalil**, a 2005 All-Pac-10 first teamer, is now a candidate for All-American honors and the Rimington Award. Senior **Kyle Williams** and sophomore **Chilo Rachal**, who both saw significant action in 2005, enter the 2006 season as the starters on the right side at Justice's and Matua's tackle and guard spots, respectively. Junior **Drew Radovich** (he missed last fall with a hip injury, which limited him in 2006 spring practice) and sophomore **Jeff Byers**, a starter in 2004 who missed last season with a hip injury, will battle for Lutui's left guard opening. Byers can also play center. Sophomore **Travis Draper**, a converted defensive tackle, and redshirt freshman **Nick Howell** will be backups at center (Draper also might work at guard and Howell at tackle). Competing for action as backups at guard are junior **Alatini Malu**, freshman **Zack Heberer** (a 2005 prep All-American) and senior walk-ons **Dominique Wise** and **Jonathan Richert**, while pressing for time at tackle are redshirt freshmen **Charles Brown** and **Thomas Herring** (a knee injury sidelined him last year) and freshman **Butch Lewis**, a 2005 prep All-American. Junior guard-tackle **Matt Spanos** will sit out the 2006 season while academically ineligible.

DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Six defensive starters return from 2005: end **Lawrence Jackson**, linebackers **Oscar Lua**, **Keith Rivers** and **Thomas Williams**, safety-cornerback **Josh Pinkard** and tackle **Sedrick Ellis**. Others back with starting experience are linebackers **Dallas Sartz**, **Brian Cushing** and **Kaluka Maiava**, cornerback **Terrell Thomas** and tackle **Fili Moala**. Three of USC's top 5 tacklers from 2005 return, as do its leaders in sacks, deflections and fumble recoveries. Although the Trojans were second nationally in turnover margin (+1.6) in 2005 to continue an upward trend in that statistic since Carroll's arrival in 2001, new coordinator **Nick Holt** (also the defensive line coach) will be looking to shore up a defense that gave up the school's highest averages in total yards since 1999 (360.9), in points since 2000 (22.8) and in rushing yards since 2001 (130.5) and its second highest average in passing yards since 1999 (230.4).

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

USC lost a couple good defensive linemen from 2005, but the Trojans also return a couple good ones here. Gone are All-Pac-10 first team end Frostee Rucker, who had 25.5 career tackles for a loss (including a team-best 14 among his 56 tackles in 2005), and tackle LaJuan Ramsey (40 tackles in 2005). Rucker was selected in the NFL draft's third round and Ramsey went in the sixth round. But junior end **Lawrence Jackson** returns for his third season as a starter after winning All-Pac-10 first team honors in 2004. He's an All-American candidate now. He led USC in sacks (10), forced fumbles (4) and fumble recoveries (2) last fall while also posting 46 tackles (13 for loss) and 6 deflections. In his career, he has 24 tackles for loss and 16 sacks. Also back as a starter is underrated junior nose tackle **Sedrick Ellis**, who had 50 tackles (8 for loss, including 4.5 sacks, in 2005). Junior **Jeff Schweiger** and sophomore **Kyle Moore** are fighting for a starting role at end. Also available to play end is junior **Alex Morrow**. Junior **Chris Barrett**, a converted end, and sophomore **Fili Moala**, who started twice in 2005, are pushing for Ramsey's tackle job. Also in the hunt at the tackle spots are experienced senior **Travis Tofi**, redshirt freshman **Averell Spicer**, freshman **Walker Lee Ashley**, who enrolled at USC this spring after originally signing with the Trojans in 2005 (he did not qualify for admission then) as a 2004 prep All-American, and freshmen **Alex Parsons** and **Derek Simmons** (he also can play end), who both were 2005 prep All-Americans. There also is senior walk-on tackle **Mike Davis**. A pair of ends—senior **Rashaad Goodrum**, who missed 2006 spring drills while recuperating from a back and rib injury, and sophomore **Lawrence Miles**, a converted defensive tackle who missed 2006 spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery—likely will miss this season while injured.

LINEBACKERS

USC is linebacker heavy, as 6 players who started at the position last year return in 2006. This unit is the heart of the Trojan defense and the competition for playing time will be fierce. Senior **Oscar Lua**, USC's tackle leader (66) in 2005, returns as the starter in the middle. But he'll be challenged there by promising sophomore **Rey MauaLuaga**, a 2005 Freshman All-American when he had 37 tackles. Junior **Keith Rivers** is back as the weakside starter after getting 52 tackles in 2005 and is ready for a breakout year (he

could be in line for post-season honors). Four players started on the strong side last year. Senior **Dallas Sartz**, who began 2005 starting for his third season at the position, suffered a shoulder injury in the second game and was sidelined the rest of the way. He'll re-assume his starting role in 2006. Junior **Thomas Williams** started most of the remainder of the year there after Sartz's injury (he even started twice in the middle) and notched 27 tackles, but a late season knee injury forced him to miss USC's final 3 outings. He'll back up at weakside spot in 2006. Williams' replacement last year with 4 starts was precocious sophomore **Brian Cushing**, who is coming off post-season shoulder surgery. He had 23 stops in 2005. He'll be used in a variety of defensive roles in 2006, including at times as a stand-up defensive end (in a hybrid 3-4 defense which Pete Carroll calls the "Elephant defense"). Sophomore **Kaluka Maiava** even started once on the strong side in 2005, but will be Rivers' backup on the weak side in 2006 (he had 20 tackles in 2005). Sophomore **Clay Matthews**, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship this fall, redshirt freshman **Luthur Brown** (he missed the 2005 season with a back injury and was limited in 2006 spring drills) and freshmen **Michael Morgan** and **Joshua Tatum** (both were 2005 prep All-Americans) also will look to make an impression, as will a pair of walk-ons: redshirt freshman **Nick Garratt** and freshman **Dan Deckas**. Tatum is out with a knee injury. Senior walk-on **Lou Ferrigno Jr.** will miss the 2006 season after suffering a knee injury this past spring.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Three-fourths of last year's secondary is gone, so this unit must be rebuilt. But there is quality and depth throughout. All-American strong safety Darnell Bing was USC's only defensive player to leave early for the NFL last year (he was a fourth round selection). He recorded 182 tackles and 4 interceptions in his career as a 3-year starter, including 50 stops and 4 picks last year. His running mate at free safety, Scott Ware (he had 51 tackles and 1 interception in 2005), has graduated, as has 2-year starting cornerback Justin Wyatt, who posted 94 tackles and 4 interceptions in his career (including 34 stops and 1 pick last season). Aggressive junior **Josh Pinkard** began last season as a safety (even starting once at strong safety), but started the year's last 6 games at cornerback and made quite an impression. He had 54 tackles, 7 deflections and 2 interceptions in 2005. He'll be the starting free safety in 2006. Sophomore **Kevin Ellison**, who opened eyes in 2006 before an early-season knee injury sidelined him, emerged from 2006 spring practice as the starter at strong safety. Also battling for time at safety is freshman **Antwine Perez**, a 2005 prep All-American who got a head start on the competition after graduating a semester early from high school and enrolling at USC this past spring, plus freshmen **Taylor Mays**, **Garrett Green** (he also can play quarterback) and **Alfred Rowe** (Mays and Green were 2005 prep All-Americans). There also are 4 walk-on safeties: junior **Chase McWhorter**, sophomore **Jim Abbott**, redshirt freshman **Justin Hart** and freshman **Robert Erickson**. Sophomore safety **Will Harris**, who missed some of 2006 spring practice while recuperating from a knee injury suffered early in 2005, will miss the upcoming campaign after tearing knee ligaments this past off-season. The cornerbacks have

limited experience. The most veteran of the group is junior **Terrell Thomas**, who started the first 2 games of 2005 at cornerback before a knee injury struck him down. Sophomores **Cary Harris** and **Kevin Thomas** will compete to start at the other spot. Behind them are sophomore **Mozique McCurtis** (he redshirted last fall with a sports hernia) and sophomores **Vincent Joseph** and **Shareece Wright** (both were 2005 prep All-Americans), plus junior walk-on twins **Jamel Williams** and **Jerry Williams** and walk-on redshirt freshman **Matthew Jordan**.

SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

USC's placekicker (**Mario Danelo**), kickoff man (**Troy Van Blarcom**) and snapper (**Will Collins**) return in 2006, but a new punter, holder and returners must be found. The Trojans put up commendable numbers on punts and placekicks in 2005, but are looking to improve across the board on special teams, especially in punt and kickoff coverage. For instance, opponents averaged 17.0 yards per punt return in 2005, with a pair of scoring runbacks, and USC was 115th nationally in net punting (29.1).

SPECIALISTS

USC must replace the only All-American punter in its history, 4-year starter Tom Malone. His 44.0 career punting average was just 0.1 short of the USC record and 0.6 of the Pac-10 mark. A true weapon, 56 of his 185 career punts went at least 50 yards and 95 pinned opponents within the 20-yard line. The candidates to succeed Malone are a pair of walk-on sophomores: **Greg Woidneck**, who came to USC via Arizona State and then a junior college, and **Taylor Odegard**, whose only collegiate experience was 1 punt late in the Hawaii opener last fall. The placekicking task is on solid footing. Accurate junior **Mario Danelo** will handle the placement kicks for his second season. Last year, he set NCAA season records for PATs (83) and PAT attempts (86). He also nailed his last 11 field goal tries after missing his first career attempt. He was 20th nationally in scoring (8.9) in 2005. But his range is somewhat limited (he only tried 2 fields goals longer than 40 yards last season, connecting on a 43-yarder). Pushing for the kickoff job are sophomores **David Buehler**, a fall junior college transfer who also can play safety, and **Troy Van Blarcom**, who handled the kickoff duty last season. In 2005, 51 of his 110 kickoffs kept opponents within the 20-yard line, including 31 touchbacks. Junior **Will Collins** returns for his third year as the snapper, a role he has filled flawlessly. His backup is untested senior fullback **Mike Brittingham**. There will be a new holder after the graduation of Tom Malone, who performed that assignment perfectly the previous 4 years. Either junior QB **Michael McDonald** or sophomore punter **Greg Woidneck** will assume the job. USC will have to get used to new punt and kickoff returners in 2006. Departed tailback Reggie Bush handled kickoffs the last 3 seasons and punts the past 2 years. In 2005, he averaged 17.6 yards on kickoffs and 9.9 yards (with a TD) on punts. He ended his career second on USC's all-time kickoff return chart (1,523 yards with 1 TD) and fifth on punt returns (559 yards with 3 TDs). Junior tailback **Desmond Reed** will return punts, while sophomore cornerback **Cary Harris** will be the kickoff returner along with a freshman such as tailbacks **C.J. Gable**, **Emmanuel Moody** and **Stafon Johnson**, wide receiver **Travon Patterson**, cornerback **Shareece Wright** or safety **Taylor Mays**.

ASSISTANT COACHES

USC's coaching staff stayed reasonably intact after last season, welcoming back an old face, adjusting the responsibilities of a few others and adding a new staffer. Idaho head coach **Nick Holt**, who had spent 3 seasons under Carroll as USC's linebackers coach, returned as the defensive coordinator (a role Carroll held for his first 5 seasons) and defensive line coach. **David Watson**, who was a graduate assistant working with the offensive line last year, becomes a full-time coach and will work with Holt on the defensive line. **Rocky Seto**, who shared the linebackers job with **Ken Norton** in 2005, now moves to the secondary. Former junior college assistant **Demetric Martin**, who played on the collegiate and pro level, joined the Trojan staff in a graduate assistant role, helping Seto with the defensive backs. USC's other holdovers maintained their same job responsibilities as in 2005: **Steve Sarkisian** (assistant head coach/quarterbacks), **Lane Kiffin** (offensive coordinator/wide receivers/recruiting coordinator), **Pat Ruel** (offensive line), **Todd McNair** (running backs), **Brennan Carroll** (tight ends) and **Sam Anno** (special teams graduate assistant).

TAKEAWAYS

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

QUOTABLE

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

STATS OF NOTE

WINS

***USC has won 45 of its last 47 games, 46 of its last 49, 48 of its last 52 and 52 of its last 57.

OFFENSE

***Offensively in 2005, USC ranked first nationally in total offense (579.8, first in Pac-10), second in scoring offense (49.1, first in Pac-10), fifth in passing offense (319.8, second in Pac-10), sixth in rushing offense (260.0, first in Pac-10) and eighth in passing efficiency (155.3, third in Pac-10).

***USC's per game total offense average of 579.8 broke the USC season record by 108.5.

***USC's 7,537 yards of total offense in 2005 was a Pac-10 record and was just 39 yards shy of Texas Tech's NCAA mark of 7,576 set in 2003.

***USC has had at least 5,800 yards of total offense and 60 touchdowns each of the past 4 seasons.

***USC in 2005 was the first team since Arizona State in 1973 to rank in the NCAA Top 10 in both rushing offense and passing offense.

***USC's 312 rushing yards and 433 passing yards against Washington State in 2005 marked the first time ever that Troy has eclipsed the 300/400 marks in the same game; in all in 2005, USC had a quintet of 300-yard rushing outings (373 at Arizona State, 337 versus Arizona, 312 versus Washington State, 308 versus Fresno State, 430 versus UCLA) and a pair of 400-yard passing performances (445 versus Arkansas, 433 versus Washington State).

***USC had 700-plus yards of total offense 3 times in 2005 (736 versus Arkansas, 724 versus Arizona and 745 versus Washington State).

***USC had 600-plus yards of total offense 5 times in 2005 (the previous 3, plus 631 versus Arizona State and 679 versus UCLA).

***USC had 90-plus plays 3 times in 2005 (96 versus Arizona, 93 versus Washington State, 95 versus UCLA).

***USC averaged 648.4 yards of total offense (3,921 yards) and 55.7 points (334 points) a game at home in 2005.

***USC in 2005 became the first school in NCAA history with a 3,000-yard passer, a pair of 1,000-yard runners and a 1,000-yard pass catcher.

***USC averaged 7.5 yards per play in 2005, best in the nation in 2005 and 1.0 above the USC mark of 6.5 set in 2003.

***USC averaged 6.4 yards per carry in 2005, best in the nation in 2005 and a Pac-10 record.

***USC's 4,157 passing yards in 2005 was a USC record.

***Three of USC's 5 scholarship tailbacks who carried the ball in 2005 (Reggie Bush, LenDale White and Desmond Reed) averaged at least 6.6 yards per carry.

***USC averaged only 5.7 fourth downs a game in 2005 (33 punts, 11 field goals, 30 fourth down conversion tries).

***USC averaged only 2.5 punts per game in 2005.

***USC converted 55.1% of its third downs (92 of 167) in 2005, best in the nation.

***USC had 376 first downs in 2005, a Pac-10 record.

***Of USC's 80 offensive scoring drives in 2005, 52 took less than 3 minutes (including 29 under 2 minutes, with 16 of those less than a minute), while 36 consisted of 5 plays or less and 33 went 80-plus yards.

***For the second consecutive year, Reggie Bush, LenDale White and Dwayne Jarrett each scored at least 13 TDs (no trio had ever done that at USC since at least 1931).

***USC's offensive line allowed only 1.3 sacks per game in 2005.

SCORING

***USC has scored at least 20 points in its last 52 games, a school record and currently more than twice as many times as any other team (and in 54 of its past 55).

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 41 of its last 47 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points 31 times under Pete Carroll (including 12 times of at least 50 points).

***USC's per game scoring average of 49.1 in 2005 was a USC record.

***USC scored 638 points in 2005, a Pac-10 record (it would have been an NCAA record, but Texas scored more in 2005).

***USC scored at least 50 points a school-record 7 times in 2005 (63 at Hawaii, 70 versus Arkansas, 51 at Washington, 55 versus Washington State, 51 versus Stanford, 50 versus Fresno State, 66 versus UCLA).

***USC scored 50 points in 3 consecutive games (Washington, Washington State and Stanford) in 2005, the first time doing so since 1972, and in 5 of the last 7 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points in its past 8 home games (and 15 of the last 17 home contests).

***USC's 87 touchdowns in 2005 set a Pac-10 record, just shy of the NCAA mark of 89 by Nebraska in 1983.

***USC scored 83 touchdowns rushing and passing, just shy of Nebraska's NCAA mark of 84 set in 1983.

***USC's 83 PATs was an NCAA record.

***USC outscored opponents in 2005, 638-297 (including 340-146 in the second half), a scoring margin of 26.2.

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

***USC scored in all but 4 of 52 quarters in 2005.

***USC scored at least 23 points in 7 different quarters in 2005.

***USC scored 28 points in 4 different quarters in 2005 (third at Hawaii, first versus Arkansas, first versus Washington State, third versus Fresno State).

***In its since-broken 34-game winning streak, USC won by a combined 876 points (an average of 25.8).

***In its since-broken 34-game winning streak, USC trailed at halftime only 7 times (Virginia Tech, Stanford and Oregon State in 2004 and Oregon, Arizona State, Notre Dame and Fresno State in 2005).

***During the Pete Carroll era, USC has more than doubled the score of its opponents in the second half of games (1,213 to 553 points).

***Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 91 times (including 32 times in 2005).

***USC's 133 points in consecutive games (Hawaii and Arkansas in 2005) were its most since a school-record 138 points back-to-back in 1905 (Whittier Reform and Alumni) and also were its most ever in its first 2 games of a season.

***USC's 188 points in a 3-game span (Oklahoma in 2004 and Hawaii and Arkansas in 2005) was a school record.

***USC's 233 points in a 4-game span (Oklahoma in 2004 and Hawaii, Arkansas and Oregon in 2005) was a school record.

***USC's 178 points in the first 3 games of 2005 where the most in its first 3 contests of a season since 1925 (186 points).

***USC's 63 points in its 2005 opener at Hawaii were its most in an opener since getting 76 in the 1929 opener versus UCLA.

DEFENSE

***Defensively in 2005, USC was second nationally in turnover margin (+1.6, first in Pac-10).

***USC's turnover margin of +1.6 in 2005 continued an upward trend each year under Pete Carroll (+1.3 in 2001, +1.4 in 2002, +1.5 in both 2003 and 2004).

***In its last 5 games of 2005, USC came up with 20 turnovers (USC forced 38 turnovers in 2005).

***USC scored 167 points following turnovers in 2005 (following 26 of the 38 times it came up with a turnover).

***During its since-broken 34-game winning streak, USC allowed a team to score more than 28 points just twice (31 by Notre Dame and 42 by Fresno State, both in 2005).

***USC has intercepted a pass in 42 of the last 49 games, including 16 consecutive games before being blanked at Notre Dame in 2003.

***Sixteen Trojans made interceptions in 2005.

***USC has held 33 of its last 52 opposing teams to less than 100 rushing yards (5 times in 2005, 8 times in 2004, 10 games in 2003 and 10 times in 2002).

***Only 5 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 46 games (California's Adimchinobe Echemandu did so in 2003 with 147, breaking a streak of 16 consecutive games without a 100-yard rusher, Cal's J.J. Arrington in 2004 with 112, Washington State's Jerome Harrison in 2005 with 147, Fresno State's Wendell Mathis in 2005 with 109 and Texas' Vince Young in 2005 with 200).

***USC allowed only 17 rushing touchdowns in 2005.

***Under Pete Carroll, USC is 27-0 when holding opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense.

***Since allowing a 69-yard TD pass in the third quarter of the BYU game in 2004, USC has not allowed a pass completion longer than 45 yards (a span of 81 quarters).

MISCELLANEOUS

***USC has played before crowds of at least 85,000 in 15 of its past 29 games.

***USC's last 6 home games (and 8 of its past 10) have been in front of 90,000-plus crowds.

***With an average home attendance of 90,812 in 2005, USC broke its Pac-10 record of 85,229 set in 2004.

***USC set a Pac-10 record as it had 544,872 fans attend home games in 2005.

***USC averaged 79,813 fans for all games, above last year's school-record average overall attendance record of 73,857.

***USC went over the million mark in overall attendance for the first time in 2005 (1,037,565), which broke the school mark of 960,138 set in 2004.

***Nine of the 10 losses in the Pete Carroll era at USC have been by a touchdown or less (the other was by 11 points).

IN THE NFL

USC is always well-represented in the NFL. At the start of training camp this summer, there were 41 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters. Last year, there were 24 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters, including players such as LBs Lofa

Tatupu and Chris Claiborne, DLs Willie McGinest and Kenecchi Udeze, WRs Keyshawn Johnson and Johnnie Morton, QB Carson Palmer and DBs Troy Polamalu, Sammy Knight, Brian Kelly and Daylon McCutcheon. Five NFL head coaches have USC ties (either as former players or assistants): Washington's Joe Gibbs, Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio, Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Seattle's Mike Holmgren and Detroit's Rod Marinelli. Ten current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: DT Walker Lee Ashley (father, Walker Lee Ashley), QB John David Booty (brother, Josh Booty), PK Mario Danelo (father, Joe Danelo), C-OT Nick Howell (father, Pat Howell), LB Clay Matthews (grandfather, Clay Matthews Sr.; father, Clay Matthews; uncle, Bruce Matthews), S Taylor Mays (father, Stafford Mays), QB Michael McDonald (father, Paul McDonald), DT Fili Moala (cousin, Haloti Ngata), WR Brad Walker (cousin, Norm Katnik) and OT Kyle Williams (uncle, Eric Williams; grandfather, Roy Williams).

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RANDOM NOTES

***USC's 2006 captains, as elected by their teammates during fall camp, are: QB **John David Booty**, C **Ryan Kalil**, LB **Dallas Sartz** and LB **Oscar Lua**. Sartz, who also was a captain in 2005, is only the seventh two-time Trojan captain ever, and just the fourth since 1902-03 (along with Chad Morton in 1998-99, Troy Polamalu in 2001-02 and Matt Leinart in 2004-05).

***Former USC All-American tailback **Anthony Davis** was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., this August. Davis, a unanimous All-American on the Trojans' 1972 and 1974 national championship squads and the runnerup for the 1974 Heisman Trophy, was the first player in Pac-8 history to rush for 1,000 yards in three different seasons. He is long remembered for scoring 11 touchdowns in three games against Notre Dame, including six as a sophomore in the 1972 contest and four in the famous 55-24 comeback victory in 1974. He set an NCAA record with six scoring kickoff returns in his career (including three in 1974). USC has 27 former players, 2 ex-head coaches, 4 one-time assistant coaches and a former athletic director in the College Football Hall of Fame.

***The 2006 season marks the 75th anniversary of USC's 1931 national championship team, which posted a 10-1 record (including a victory over Tulane in the Rose Bowl) under head coach Howard Jones, and the 25th anniversary of tailback **Marcus Allen's** 1981 Heisman Trophy campaign, when he became college football's first 2,000-yard runner (2,427 rushing yards).

***USC football fans can get a behind-the-scenes look at life with the Trojans in 2006 by watching "Trojan TV All-Access" on usctrojans.com. Follow C **Ryan Kalil**, the host of the periodic segments, as he gives a player's point of view...in quite an entertaining fashion!

***Head coach **Pete Carroll** has made it a practice to play first-year freshmen at USC. During Carroll's first 5 years at Troy, 51 first-year freshmen saw action at USC (7 in 2001, 12 in 2002, 13 in 2003, 8 in 2004 and 11 in 2005).

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

***USC also currently has 5 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. FB **Brandon Hancock** came to USC in the spring of 2002. TE **Fred Davis** did so in the spring of 2004. TB **Michael Coleman** and S **Kevin Ellison** enrolled at USC in the spring of 2005. And S **Antwine Perez** enrolled at USC this past spring.

***Yes, LB **Lou Ferrigno Jr.** is the son of bodybuilder/actor Lou Ferrigno, perhaps best known as The Incredible Hulk on television and for winning a pair of Mr. Universe titles.

***C **Ryan Kalil** might be the Trojans' most musically-inclined player. He likes to sing, particularly Frank Sinatra tunes.

***Here are some of USC's more unusual multi-sport athletes. LB **Kaluka Maiava** participated in boxing in high school. TE **Gerald Washington** played tennis as a youth and competed in juniors tournaments. FB **Brandon Hancock** has been featured in various body building magazines, including Muscle Magazine International.

***Who's the fastest among the 2006 Trojans? It might be WR **Jamere Holland**, with bests of 10.36 in the 100 meters and 20.92 in the 200. He won the 100 and 200 at the 2005 California state meet (and he was second in the 100 in 2006). Right behind Holland is WR **Travon Patterson** (bests of 10.44 and 21.41), who was fourth in the 2006 California state 100.

***Three Trojans have received their bachelor's degrees from USC in the spring of 2006 and are currently working on another degree. FB **Brandon Hancock** received his bachelor's in communication (business administration minor) and is now working on his master's degree in communication management, WR **Chris McFoy** received his bachelor's in economics and is now working on another bachelor's degree in political science and TE **Nick Vanderboom** received his bachelor's in business administration and is now working on his master's degree in real estate development.

***In April of 2006, FB **Brandon Hancock** accompanied the USC Debate Squad to South Bend, Ind., to formally debate Notre Dame's forensics team on the topic of who will win the 2006 Trojan-Irish football game.

***OT **Kyle Williams** and his fiancée, former USC All-American swimmer Jana Krohn, are parents to a newborn daughter, Kylie, who was born on May 19.

***Not only has head coach **Pete Carroll** produced numerous NFL draft picks (27) from his USC teams, but 9 of his Trojan assistant coaches went on to the NFL from USC: Norm Chow, Kennedy Pola, Greg Burns, Tim Davis, Jethro Franklin, **Steve Sarkisian** (he has since returned to USC), Carl Smith, DeWayne Walker and Kirby Wilson. Franklin, Smith, Walker and Wilson all previously had NFL experience before coming to USC (as do current assistants **Pat Ruel**, **Todd McNair** and **Lane Kiffin**). And **Nick Holt** (Idaho) and Ed Orgeron (Mississippi) both left USC to become collegiate head coaches (Holt is now back at USC after a couple days' detour to the NFL).

***USC is ranked No. 2 in Street & Smith's "50 Greatest College Football Programs of All Time (published in 2005)," behind only Notre Dame.

***Head coach **Pete Carroll** has his own website, PeteCarroll.com. The site features a variety of Carroll-related information, multimedia and merchandise, as well as fan club membership that includes exclusive benefits. All proceeds benefit "A Better L.A.," the non-profit organization the Carroll founded to help reduce gang violence in Los Angeles. Carroll also is partnering with Lou Tice of the Pacific Institute on a book—"Leadership Is A Performance Art"—that will be available on the site. Proceeds from the \$24.95 book also will go to "A Better L.A."

***FB **Brandon Hancock** also has a website, www.brandanhancock.com. He is chronicling his life during the 2006 season. Now that's he is sidelined with torn knee ligaments, he'll be part of USC's radio broadcast team on KSPN-AM in hopes of advancing his sports broadcasting aspirations.

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

***USC already is scheduled to play 7 night games in 2006, tying the school record first set in 2004...and there are still 4 games with times TBA.

***"Fight On! The Colorful Story of USC Football" (Cumberland House Publishing), by longtime Southern California sports columnists Steve Bisheff and Loel Schrader, hits the bookstores this fall. The book comprehensively details the Trojan football program, including profiles on great coaches and players and a look at the best rivalries and games throughout USC history.

***"The Trojan Ten: The Ten Thrilling Victories That Changed the Course of USC History" (New American Library), by former FSN and CNN sportscaster Barry LeBrock, was published in the summer of 2006. The book covers 10 games that helped establish USC as a football dynasty.

***Two former Trojan halfbacks recently published their autobiographies. First is "Autobiography Of A California Pioneer" (Beech River Books), by 1947-48 letterman Jack Kirby. Kirby led the Trojans in scoring in their 1947 Rose Bowl campaign and then played with the Green Bay Packers in 1949. After his playing days, he was a real estate developer (communities such as Tahoe Donner), golf club manufacturer and inventor (including fairway distance markers for golf courses). Then there's "106 Yards" (C&C Publishing), by 1950-51-52 letterman Al "Hoagy" Carmichael. USC's rushing leader in 1950, he caught the game-winning touchdown passes against UCLA in 1952 and Wisconsin in the 1953 Rose Bowl. He was the seventh pick of the 1953 NFL draft, playing for the Packers (1953-58) and Denver Broncos (1960-61). He was one of pro football's top returners during his time, setting an NFL record with a 106-yard kickoff return in 1956 and scoring the first TD in the newly-formed AFL in 1960. He also appeared in Hollywood movies and was a successful businessman.

***This is the 50th anniversary of the Trojan Football Alumni Club. Founded in 1956 by former USC players who felt discontented because they only saw each other at funerals, they banded together and formed a social club with a charitable purpose. Now, about 1,000 former Trojan players maintain their special relationships with teammates from all eras and also, in partnership with the John Wayne Family, they have awarded scholarships in excess of \$1.5 million to graduate football players and other recipients. Among TFAC's many activities are the 50- and 25-year team reunions at the annual pre-season "Salute To Troy" kickoff banquet, fully-catered tailgates before every home game and the "Alumni Victory Tunnel" formed on the Coliseum field for the senior introductions

before the last home game of the year. For further information, visit the TFAC website at www.trojanfootballalumni.com.

***This year, the Trojan Marching Band moves from its seats behind the USC bench (north sideline) to the end zone at the east side of the Coliseum, improving the acoustics by ensuring that the entire stadium—not just the visitor's side—will hear the band. The east end zone will become a new spirit zone, the "Trojan Nation," that will include hundreds of student seats and will feature promotional giveaways, food, and other special spirit activities. All of the seats previously occupied by the band will be dedicated to student seating. Having bands in the end zone is a long-standing tradition among some premiere programs, including Notre Dame, Michigan, Penn State, Florida, Nebraska, Miami and Florida State. "We are psyched to be positioned as such an important catalyst of spirit for the Trojan football experience," said Dr. Arthur C. Bartner, the Trojan Marching Band's director since 1970. "I am inspired by this move, as both the band and all Trojan football ticket holders will reap the benefits. We plan to become the *ultimate* in spirit sections across the country."

***To make the Los Angeles Coliseum more family-friendly, USC and the Coliseum Commission in 2005 ended the sale of alcohol inside the Coliseum on USC game days. This move has received near-unanimous praise from the public and the media. Said USC President Steven Sample: "All across the country, universities are promoting a clean, safe and family-friendly environment in which fans can enjoy their team's games...(Our policy was) developed because of a noticeable rise in recent years of incidents involving the use of alcohol and of rude behavior of fans that is almost always exacerbated by alcohol consumption. This deterioration in fan behavior is a nationwide trend, not a USC phenomenon." Fans possessing alcohol inside the Coliseum, acting in a drunken or disorderly way, or using threatening or obscene language will be evicted and will permanently lose USC ticket buying privileges. USC will reimburse the Coliseum for lost revenue because of this stoppage of alcohol sales.

***Trojan Fan Fest, a free fun-filled celebration outside the Coliseum at every USC home football game, debuted in 2005. Beginning 3 hours before every home kickoff just east of the Coliseum peristyle, it features food, activities and live entertainment for young and old alike. It enhances the USC game experience and provides an alternative (or addition) to tailgating in Exposition Park. Adjacent to the Trojan Fan Fest near the Sports Arena is the Miller Lite Great Taste Zone (open to fans at least 21 years old), featuring Miller beverages and a bank of televisions showing live college football games.

***Strength and conditioning coach **Chris Carlisle** has beaten cancer. He learned he had Hodgkin's Disease in December of 2000, began radiation treatments in Tennessee (where he was still the Volunteers' associate strength and conditioning coach), was hired by USC in February of 2001, kept his illness a secret except to Trojan head coach Pete Carroll, continued treatments in Tennessee and at USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital, then doctors told him in the summer of 2001 that the cancer was in remission. He informed the USC players of

his ordeal at the start of fall 2001 camp. He was 1 of 17 nominees for the 2003 Most Courageous Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America and 1 of 11 nominees for the 2005 award.

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

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

***Speaking of genes: DT **Walker Lee Ashley's** father, Walker Lee Ashley, was an All-American defensive end on Penn State's 1982 national championship team who then played in the NFL as a linebacker with the Vikings (1983-88, 1990) and Kansas City Chiefs (1988-89). OT **Sam Baker's** father, David, formerly played basketball at UC Irvine and then professionally in Europe, while his brother, Ben, was an offensive lineman at Duke. QB **John David Booty's** father, Johnny, played quarterback at Arkansas, Louisiana Tech and Mississippi State, while his brother, Josh, played quarterback at LSU for 2 seasons (1999-2000) following a 5-year (1994-98) baseball career as an infielder in the Florida Marlins organization (he then played with the NFL's Cleveland Browns) and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU (1997-99) and Valdosta State (2001). FB **Mike Brittingham** has 5 relatives with athletic backgrounds: sister, Kristine, lettered on UCLA's women's soccer team in 2000 and 2001, cousins Jack and Robert Brittingham were 3-year (1933-35) football lettermen at California, great uncle Richard Munroe lettered in football at both Stanford (1942) and California (1943), and great great grandfather Louis Sumner lettered in football at Wisconsin (1889, 1891-92). PK **Mario Danelo's** father, Joe, was a placekicker at Washington State (1972-74) before playing in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers (1975), New York Giants (1976-82) and Buffalo Bills (1983-84). TB **Hershel Dennis'** father, Hershel Sr., played tailback at North Carolina A&T. S **Kevin Ellison's** brother, Chris, was a defensive back at BYU in 1997 and 1998 and another brother, Keith, was a linebacker at Oregon State in 2004 and 2005 (he also played at San Diego State in 2002), while his cousin, Donminic Ellison, played basketball at Washington State and New Mexico State. DE **Rashaad Goodrum's** brother, Nuru, is a senior running at The Citadel. DE **Lawrence Jackson's** brother, Keith, was an offensive tackle at Arizona. WR **Dwayne Jarrett's** cousin, Desmond Belton, is a junior wide receiver at Idaho. C **Ryan Kalil's** father, Frank, was a center at Arizona (1980-82) and with the USFL's Arizona Wranglers (1983) and

Houston Gamblers (1984). LB **Kaluka Maiava's** grandfather is ex-pro wrestler Neff Maiava and his uncle is pro wrestler/actor "The Rock" (Dwayne Johnson, who played football at Miami). S **Taylor Mays'** father, Stafford Mays, was a defensive lineman at Washington in 1978 and 1979 who then played in the NFL with the St. Louis Cardinals (1980-86) and Minnesota Vikings (1987-88). WR **Chris McFoy's** brother, Ryan, is a freshman safety at Arizona State. TE **Jimmy Miller's** brother, Jeff, is a freshman defensive end at UCLA. DT **Fili Moala's** cousin is former Oregon defensive lineman Haloti Ngata, now with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. LB **Michael Morgan's** brother, Steve, was a defensive tackle at UCLA from 1999 to 2002. DT **Alex Parsons'** brother, B. Jay Parsons, was a defensive end at Kentucky (2004-05). OG **Drew Radovich's** father, Mark, was a linebacker at Arizona State (1974-76). QB **Mark Sanchez's** brothers—Nick (Yale in 1992-93-94) and Brandon (DePauw in 1997)—played football in college. LB **Dallas Sartz's** father, Jeff, played safety at Oregon State and his grandfather, also named Dallas, was a Golden Gloves boxer at Washington State and a professional hydroplane racer. DT **Travis Tofi's** cousin, Suaese "Pooch" Taase, played football at Louisiana Tech. WR **Brad Walker's** uncle, Norman Katnik, was a 2-year starting center at Arizona (1978-79). OT **Kyle Williams'** father, Scott, played college basketball, while an uncle, Eric Williams, was a defensive lineman with the Detroit Lions (1984-89) and Washington Redskins (1990-93, including on the 1991 Super Bowl champs) after earning 1983 All-Pac-10 first team honors in his 3 years (1981-83) at Washington State; his grandfather, Roy Williams, played for the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers, another uncle played professional basketball in Europe, while his other grandfather played 3 sports at Lehigh in the 1960. Head coach **Pete Carroll's** wife, Glenna, played volleyball at Pacific, while his son, Brennan, was a tight end at Delaware and Pitt (he currently is an assistant football coach at USC) and his daughter, Jaime, played on the 2000 USC women's volleyball team. WR coach **Lane Kiffin's** father, Monte, is the defensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (he is a longtime NFL and collegiate assistant coach who also served as North Carolina State's head coach in the early 1980s), while his brother, Chris, was a defensive lineman at Colorado State. DB coach **Rocky Seto's** wife, Sharla, played soccer at USC. TE coach **Brennan Carroll** is the son of USC head coach Pete Carroll. LB coach **Ken Norton Jr.** is the son of Ken Norton Sr., the former world heavyweight boxing champion who played football at Northeast Missouri State. DL coach **Nick Holt** is the grandson of Clarence "Buster" Crabbe, USC's first All-American swimmer (1931) who was a 1931 NCAA freestyle titlist and 1932 Olympic gold medallist (he won a bronze in 1928) before starring in Hollywood as Tarzan, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. DB graduate assistant coach **Demetrice Martin's** brother, Jason, is a junior cornerback at Idaho.

***How about these names: OG **Alatini Malu**, who answers to "Tiny" (he's 6-4 and 330 pounds). TB **Chauncey Washington**. DT **Travis Tofi** (his real first name is Tupula). DT **Fili Moala**. CB **Mozique McCurtis**. LB **Kaluka Maiava**. LB **Rey Mauualuga**. FB **Jody Adewale**. FB **Stanley Havili**. TE **Nick Vanderboom**. CB **Sharece Wright**. What about video assistant **Yogi Roth**. OT **Butch Lewis'** real first name is Wendell and offensive line coach **Pat Ruel's** is Golden. TB **C.J. Gable's** initials stand for Carl Jr.

ROSTER UPDATE

Here are updates from the roster in the 2006 USC football media guide:

—Nine players have joined the team as walk-ons: #9 **Tyler Davis** (QB, 6-3, 200, Fr./Fr., Lakewood, CO, Hayward HS), #15 **Duron Sylvester** (QB, 6-4, 200, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, Westchester HS), #37 **Dan Deckas** (LB, 5-10, 215, Fr./Fr., Edina, MN, Edina HS), #38 **Robert Erickson** (S, 6-0, 190, Fr./Fr., Ojai, Nordhoff HS), #44 **Greg Woidneck** (P, 6-0, 195, So.*/Jr., Brea, Brea Olinda HS/Arizona State/Mt. San Antonio JC), #46 **Sean Calcagnie** (WR, 6-0, 200, Fr./Fr., Trabuco Canyon, Tesoro HS), #47 **Scott Stephens** (WR, 6-1, 185, Fr./Fr., Pasadena, St. Francis HS), #80 **Spencer Vigoren** (WR, 6-4, 230, Fr./Fr., Dana Point, Dana Hills HS) and #85 **Cooper Stephenson** (TE, 6-3, 220, Fr./Fr., San Diego, Torrey Pines HS).

—Change positions for **Allen Bradford** to TB-S, **Nick Howell** to C-OT, **Garrett Green** to S-QB, **Butch Lewis** to OT and **Derek Simmons** to DT-DE. Also, change FB **Brandon Hancock's** weight to 240, TB **Michael Coleman's** weight (numerical roster only) to 230 and TB **Desmond Reed's** hometown to Temple City.

—Pronunciation corrections: WR **Vidal Hazelton's** first name is pronounced "VEE-doll" and WR **Travon Patterson's** is "TREY-von," while PK-S **David Buehler's** last name is pronounced "BEE-lur" and OG **Zack Heberer's** is "HEB-ur."

—Former walk-on LB **Clay Mathews** was awarded a scholarship this fall. His bio: A one-time walk-on, Mathews earned a scholarship in the fall of 2006 and will serve as a reserve linebacker as a sophomore in 2006... As a redshirt freshman reserve linebacker in 2005 (he also played on special teams), he had 8 tackles and a deflection while appearing in 12 games (all but Hawaii)...He had 3 tackles versus Stanford and 2 against Washington State...He had a tackle and deflection versus Arkansas. He missed the Hawaii game with a sprained elbow...He did not see any action as a first-year freshman linebacker in 2004...He prepped at Agoura (Calif.) High...He's an international relations major at USC with a B average (3.10 GPA)...He comes from a football family...His father, Clay, was a 4-year (1974-77) letterman/linebacker at USC who played on Troy's 1974 national championship team and earned All-American honors in 1977 (he went on to play with the NFL's Cleveland Browns and Atlanta Falcons from 1978 to 1996)...His brother, Kyle, lettered at safety on USC's 2003 national championship team...His uncle, Bruce, was a 3-year (1980-82) letterman offensive guard at USC who earned All-American honors in 1982 and then played with the NFL's Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans from 1983 to 2001...His grandfather, Clay Sr., was on the football, wrestling and swimming teams at Georgia Tech in the 1940s and then played in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers in the 1950s.

—Delete S Brandon Ting (quit team to concentrate on medical school), WR **Ryan Ting** (quit team to concentrate on medical school), DE **Jeff Tola** (quit team), DT **Jermyah Graves** (quit team), TB **Kenny Ashley** (did not qualify for admission).

ACADEMICS

Among the top scholars on the 2006 Trojan squad are: FB **Brandon Hancock** (team-high 3.91, communication/communication management), TE **Nick Vanderboom** (3.60, business administration/real estate development), CB **Matthew Jordan** (3.25, communication), QB **Mark Sanchez** (3.20), OG **Jeff Byers** (3.17, business administration), OG **Jonathan Richert** (3.13, history), LB **Clay Mathews** (3.10, international relations), LB **Lou Ferrigno Jr.** (3.05, communication), S **Jim Abbott** (2.83), CB **Cary Harris** (2.81), FB **Mike Brittingham** (2.79, business administration), FB **Jody Adewale** (2.81, psychology) and LB **Nick Garratt** (2.75, history). Hancock, Vanderboom and WR Chris McFoy have received their bachelor's degrees and are working on another degree. In 2005, Hancock made the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VIII first team and the Pac-10 All-Academic first team (Vanderboom made Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention). Vanderboom made 2004 Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention. Hancock, a member of Phi Beta Kappa (the nation's oldest honor society), was a 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII first team and Pac-10 All-Academic first team selection. In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tops in the Pac-10 and sixth in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 12 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 5 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top Six winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar and 1 Academic All-American Hall of Famer.

USC IS THE PLACE TO BE

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

campus work in community projects and internships. Also, USC was lauded for stressing critical thinking, effective communication and contributing to a diverse society.

SCOUTING ARKANSAS

Arkansas, under ninth-year head coach **Houston Nutt**, returns 20 starters from a team that went 4-7 in 2005 (including wins in 2 of its last 3 games). The Razorbacks, who have won 41 of 54 home games under Nutt, have led the SEC in rushing in 3 of the past 4 seasons, including last year (216.9). Although the status of sophomore TB **Darren McFadden** (176 tcb, 1,113 yds, 6.3 avg, 11 TD in 2005, plus 14 rec, 52 yds, 3.7 avg and 12 KOR, 348 yds, 29.0 avg)—a 2005 Freshman All-American and All-SEC first teamer—is up in the air for the opener because of a toe injury, there's quality depth at the position, including soph TB **Felix Jones** (99 tcb, 626 yds, 6.3 avg, 3 TD in 2005, plus 8 rec, 100 yds, 12.5 avg and 17 KOR, 543 yds, 31.9 avg, 1 TD), who earned 2005 All-American notice as a kick returner, and 238-pound junior TB/FB **Peyton Hillis** (65 tcb, 315 yds, 4.8 avg, 3 TD in 2005, plus 38 rec, 402 yds, 10.6 avg, 4 TD and 16 PR, 165 yds, 10.3 avg), the team's top pass catcher and punt returner last fall who will line up at both running back spots this year. Junior QB **Robert Johnson** (89-of-158, 56.3%, 876 yds, 5 TD, 6 int in 2005), who started the first 7 games of 2005, regained his starting role this year. Top wideouts are junior SE **Marcus Monk** (35 rec, 476 yds, 13.6 avg, 7 TD in 2005) and senior FL **Cedric Washington** (27 rec, 365 yds, 13.5 avg, 1 TD in 2005). Among those leading the Arkansas defense is senior LB **Sam Olajubutu** (team-high 118 tac, 14.5 for loss, 4.5 sack in 2005), a 2005 All-SEC first team pick, senior DT **Keith Jackson** (74 tac, 6.5 for loss, 2.5 sack, 3 FR in 2005), senior MLB **Desmond Sims** (63 tac, 10.5 for loss, 5.5 sack in 2005), a converted defensive end, and junior DE **Jamaal Anderson** (47 tac, 10.5 for loss, 4 sack in 2005).

INJURY/STATUS UPDATE

PROBABLE: TB **Chauncey Washington** (hamstring).

QUESTIONABLE: TE **Jimmy Miller** (shoulder), TE **Nick Vanderboom** (foot), S **Jim Abbott** (ankle), WR **Scott Stephens** (collarbone).

OUT: FB **Brandon Hancock** (knee), DT **Travis Tofi** (foot), WR **Jamere Holland** (shoulder), LB **Josh Tatum** (knee), CB **Jerry Williams** (knee), TB **Hershel Dennis** (knee), S **Will Harris** (knee), DE **Rashaad Goodrum** (back), DE **Lawrence Miles** (shoulder), LB **Lou Ferrigno Jr.** (knee), OG-OT **Matt Spanos** (ineligible).

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE —	8 82 7 19	Dwayne Jarrett (6-5, 215, Jr.) Chris McFoy (6-2, 200, Sr.*) Vidal Hazelton (6-3, 200, Fr.) David Ausberry (6-5, 215, Fr.)
LT —	79 71	Sam Baker (6-5, 305, Jr.*) Charles Brown (6-6, 285, Fr.*)
LG —	60 53	Drew Radovich (6-5, 305, Jr.*) OR Jeff Byers (6-3, 285, So.*)
C —	67 76 63 53	Ryan Kalil (6-3, 285, Sr.) Nick Howell (6-5, 265, Fr.*) Travis Draper (6-5, 285, So.*) Jeff Byers (6-3, 285, So.*)
RG —	66 70 74	Chilo Rachal (6-5, 300, So.*) Alatini Malu (6-4, 330, Jr.*) Zack Heberer (6-5, 285, Fr.)
RT —	78 68 77	Kyle Williams (6-6, 300, Sr.*) Butch Lewis (6-7, 300, Fr.) Thomas Herring (6-6, 330, Fr.*)
TE —	83 89 86 81	Fred Davis (6-4, 260, Jr.) Dale Thompson (6-4, 255, Jr.) Anthony McCoy (6-5, 240, Fr.) Gerald Washington (6-6, 255, Jr.)
FL —	2 1 17 48	Steve Smith (6-0, 200, Sr.) Patrick Turner (6-5, 230, So.) Travon Patterson (5-11, 180, Fr.) Brad Walker (6-2, 205, Jr.)
QB —	10 6 16	John David Booty (6-3, 210, Jr.*) Mark Sanchez (6-3, 225, Fr.*) Michael McDonald (6-2, 185, Jr.*)
FB —	37 31 30 35	Ryan Powdrell (6-0, 255, Sr.*) Stanley Havili (6-1, 220, Fr.) Mike Brittingham (6-1, 210, Sr.*) Jody Adewale (6-0, 230, Jr.*)
TB —	23 25 26 21 22 27 13	Chauncey Washington (6-1, 220, Jr.*) OR C.J. Gable (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR Emmanuel Moody (6-1, 195, Fr.) OR Allen Bradford (6-0, 230, Fr.) OR Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Jr.*) Michael Coleman (6-1, 230, So.) Stafon Johnson (6-1, 210, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

P —	44 16	Greg Woidneck (6-0, 195, So.*) Taylor Odegard (5-9, 175, So.*)
PK —	19 14 17	Mario Danelo (5-10, 200, Jr.*)—PK David Buehler (6-2, 225, So.)—KO OR Troy Van Blarcom (6-3, 225, So.)—KO
SNP —	50 30	Will Collins (6-2, 225, Jr.*) Mike Brittingham (6-1, 210, Sr.*)
HLD —	16 44 6	Michael McDonald (6-2, 185, Jr.*) OR Greg Woidneck (6-0, 195, So.*) Mark Sanchez (6-3, 225, Fr.*)

DEFENSE

DE —	96 97	Lawrence Jackson (6-5, 265, Jr.*) Alex Morrow (6-6, 270, Jr.*)
NT —	49 56 99	Sedrick Ellis (6-1, 295, Jr.*) Alex Parsons (6-4, 260, Fr.) Averell Spicer (6-2, 295, Fr.*)
DT —	91 75 94 90	Chris Barrett (6-5, 265, Jr.*) OR Fili Moala (6-4, 295, So.*) Walker Lee Ashley (6-4, 305, Fr.) Derek Simmons (6-4, 275, Fr.)
DE —	84 54	Kyle Moore (6-6, 260, So.) Jeff Schweiger (6-4, 255, Jr.)
SLB —	42 10 47 46	Dallas Sartz (6-5, 240, Sr.*) OR Brian Cushing (6-4, 245, So.) Clay Matthews (6-4, 230, So.*) Michael Morgan (6-2, 200, Fr.)
MLB —	45 58 52	Oscar Lua (6-1, 245, Sr.*) OR Rey Mauluga (6-3, 250, So.) Luthur Brown (6-3, 235, Fr.*)
WLB —	55 43 41	Keith Rivers (6-3, 230, Jr.) Kaluka Maiava (6-0, 225, So.) Thomas Williams (6-3, 240, Jr.*)
CB —	7 15 23	Cary Harris (6-0, 180, So.) OR Kevin Thomas (6-1, 180, So.) Vincent Joseph (5-10, 185, Fr.)
FS —	36 6 14	Josh Pinkard (6-1, 215, Jr.) Antwine Perez (6-1, 190, Fr.) OR Garrett Green (6-2, 200, Fr.)
SS —	4 29 39	Kevin Ellison (6-1, 220, So.) Taylor Mays (6-4, 225, Fr.) Alfred Rowe (6-2, 210, Fr.)
CB —	28 9 24	Terrell Thomas (6-1, 200, Jr.*) Mozique McCurtis (6-1, 225, So.*) Shareece Wright (6-0, 185, Fr.)

RETURNERS

KOR —	7 25 13 29 26 17 24	Cary Harris (6-0, 180, So.) AND C.J. Gable (6-1, 190, Fr.) Stafon Johnson (6-1, 210, Fr.) OR Taylor Mays (6-4, 225, Fr.) OR Emmanuel Moody (6-1, 195, Fr.) OR Travon Patterson (5-11, 180, Fr.) OR Shareece Wright (6-0, 185, Fr.)
PR —	22 17 2 25	Desmond Reed (5-9, 180, Jr.*) Travon Patterson (5-11, 180, Fr.) OR Steve Smith (6-0, 200, Sr.) OR C.J. Gable (6-1, 190, Fr.)

2006 USC FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hgt.</u>	<u>Wgt.</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Cl.(Ath/Ac)</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School/JC)</u>
1	TURNER, Patrick	WR	6-5	230	5/19/87	So./So.	1V	Nashville, TN (Goodpasture)
2	SMITH, Steve	WR	6-0	200	5/6/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Canoga Park (Taft)
4	ELLISON, Kevin	S	6-1	220	1/8/87	So./So.	1V	Inglewood (Redondo Union)
6	SANCHEZ, Mark	QB	6-3	225	11/11/86	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
6	PEREZ, Antwine	S	6-1	190	4/10/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Westville Grove, NJ (Woodrow Wilson)
7	HAZELTON, Vidal	WR	6-3	200	1/29/88	Fr./Fr.	-	New York, NY (Hargrave Military Academy)
7	HARRIS, Cary	CB	6-0	180	3/22/87	So./So.	1V	Pacoima (Notre Dame)
8	JARRETT, Dwayne	WR	6-5	215	9/11/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	New Brunswick, NJ (New Brunswick)
9	McCURTIS, Moziq	CB	6-1	225	12/24/84	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Diego (St. Augustine/Grossmont JC)
9	DAVIS, Tyler	QB	6-3	200	6/15/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Lakewood, CO (Hayward)
10	BOOTY, John David	QB	6-3	210	1/3/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Shreveport, LA (Evangel Christian)
10	CUSHING, Brian	LB	6-4	245	1/24/87	So./So.	1V	Park Ridge, NJ (Bergan Catholic)
13	JOHNSON, Stafon	TB	6-1	210	2/6/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Bellflower (Dorsey)
14	GREEN, Garrett	S-QB	6-2	200	5/21/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Chatsworth (Notre Dame)
14	BUEHLER, David	PK-S	6-2	225	2/5/87	So./So.	JC	Anaheim (Canyon/Santa Ana JC)
15	THOMAS, Kevin	CB	6-1	180	9/20/86	So./So.	1V	Oxnard (Rio Mesa)
15	SYLVESTER, Duron	QB	6-4	200	3/3/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Los Angeles (Westchester)
16	McDONALD, Michael	QB	6-2	185	5/11/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Newport Beach (Newport Harbor)
16	ODEGARD, Taylor	P	5-9	175	7/9/85	So.*/Jr.	1V	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
17	PATTERSON, Travon	WR	5-11	180	9/20/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Long Beach (Poly)
17	VAN BLARCOM, Troy	PK	6-3	225	3/26/87	So./So.	1V	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
18	HOLLAND, Jamere	WR	6-1	180	3/6/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Pacoima (Taft)
19	AUSBERRY, David	WR	6-5	215	9/25/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Lemoore (Lemoore)
19	DANELO, Mario	PK	5-10	200	7/3/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Pedro (San Pedro)
21	BRADFORD, Allen	TB-S	6-0	230	8/31/88	Fr./Fr.	-	San Bernardino (Colton)
22	REED, Desmond	TB	5-9	180	6/16/84	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Temple City (Temple City)
22	ABBOTT, Jim	S	5-10	175	10/8/85	So.*/Jr.	1V	San Marino (Loyola)
23	WASHINGTON, Chauncey	TB	6-1	220	4/29/85	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Torrance (South Torrance)
23	JOSEPH, Vincent	CB	5-10	185	1/20/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Long Beach (Poly)
24	WRIGHT, Shareece	CB	6-0	185	4/8/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Colton (Colton)
25	GABLE, C.J.	TB	6-1	190	10/19/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Sylmar (Sylmar)
25	McWHORTER, Chase	S	5-8	185	10/3/84	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Coto de Caza (Santa Margarita)
26	MOODY, Emmanuel	TB	6-1	195	2/21/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Coppell, TX (Coppell)
26	HARRIS, Will	S	6-1	200	12/29/86	So./So.	1V	Covina (Charter Oak)
27	COLEMAN, Michael	TB	6-1	230	1/10/87	So./So.	1V	San Bernardino (Arroyo Valley)
28	THOMAS, Terrell	CB	6-1	200	1/8/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Alta Loma (Rancho Cucamonga)
29	MAYS, Taylor	S	6-4	225	2/7/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Seattle, WA (O'Dea)
29	GRIFFIN, John	TB	6-0	190	7/19/84	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Saratoga (Saratoga)
30	BRITTINGHAM, Mike	FB	6-1	210	4/22/84	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Santa Ana (Foothill)
30	WILLIAMS, Jerry	CB	5-10	170	7/28/84	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Palmdale (Highland/Antelope Valley JC)
31	HAVILI, Stanley	FB	6-1	220	11/14/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Salt Lake City, UT (Cottonwood)
31	WILLIAMS, Jamel	CB	5-10	170	7/28/84	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Palmdale (Highland/Antelope Valley JC)
34	DENNIS, Hershel	TB	5-11	200	7/12/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Long Beach (Poly)
35	ADEWALE, Jody	FB	6-0	230	2/21/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Roosevelt)
35	HART, Justin	S	6-0	175	4/3/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	West Covina (South Hills)
36	PINKARD, Josh	S-CB	6-1	215	4/2/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Oxnard (Hueneme)
37	POWDRELL, Ryan	FB-TB	6-0	255	12/20/83	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Rancho Santa Margarita (Mission Viejo/Saddleback CC)
37	DECKAS, Dan	LB	5-10	215	12/17/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Edina, MN (Edina)
38	ERICKSON, Robert	S	6-0	190	6/5/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Ojai (Nordhoff)
39	ROWE, Alfred	S	6-2	210	2/2/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Los Angeles (Poly)
40	HANCOCK, Brandon	FB	6-1	240	6/13/83	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Fresno (Clovis West)
41	WILLIAMS, Thomas	LB	6-3	240	12/25/84	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Vacaville (Vacaville)
42	SARTZ, Dallas	LB	6-5	240	7/8/83	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Granite Bay (Granite Bay)
43	MAIAVA, Kaluka	LB	6-0	225	3/22/87	So./So.	1V	Wailuku, HI (Baldwin)
44	WOIDNECK, Greg	P	6-0	195	6/9/86	So.*/Jr.	-	Brea (Brea Olinda/Arizona State/Mt. San Antonio JC)
44	GOODRUM, Rashaad	DE	6-3	270	10/28/82	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Fayetteville, NC (Pine Forest/Los Angeles Valley JC)
45	LUA, Oscar	LB	6-1	245	5/9/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Indio (Indio)
46	MORGAN, Michael	LB	6-2	200	1/16/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
46	CALCAGNIE, Sean	WR	6-0	200	4/6/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Trabuco Canyon (Tesoro)
47	MATTHEWS, Clay	LB	6-4	230	5/14/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Agoura Hills (Agoura)
47	STEPHENS, Scott	WR	6-1	185	2/5/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Pasadena (St. Francis)
48	WALKER, Brad	WR	6-2	205	10/11/85	Jr./Jr.	2V	Tustin (Foothill)
48	JORDAN, Matthew	CB	5-8	175	4/23/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Campbell Hall)
49	ELLIS, Sedrick	DT	6-1	295	7/9/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Chino (Chino)
50	COLLINS, Will	SNP	6-2	225	5/1/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Laguna Beach (Mater Dei)
51	TATUM, Joshua	LB	6-1	225	1/15/88	Fr./Fr.	-	San Pablo (McClymonds)
52	BROWN, Luthur	LB	6-3	235	4/7/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Lakewood (Lakewood)
53	BYERS, Jeff	OG	6-3	285	9/7/85	So.*/Jr.	1V	Fort Collins, CO (Loveland)
54	SCHWEIGER, Jeff	DE	6-4	255	1/1/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	San Jose (Valley Christian)
55	RIVERS, Keith	LB	6-3	230	5/5/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Lake Mary, FL (Lake Mary)
56	PARSONS, Alex	DT	6-4	260	9/14/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Irvine (Woodbridge)
57	GARRATT, Nick	LB	6-1	225	6/16/86	Fr.*/So.	SQ	South Lake Tahoe (South Tahoe)
58	MAUALUGA, Rey	LB	6-3	250	1/20/87	So./So.	1V	Eureka (Eureka)
59	FERRIGNO Jr., Lou	LB	6-1	230	11/10/84	Sr.*/Sr.	JC	Santa Monica (Notre Dame/Santa Monica JC)
60	RADOVICH, Drew	OG	6-5	305	6/20/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
62	WISE, Dominique	OG	6-3	250	4/24/84	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Morgan Hill (Belarmine Prep/Hampton/San Jose CC/Evergreen Valley CC)
63	DRAPER, Travis	C-OG	6-5	285	4/27/85	So.*/Jr.	1V	Paso Robles (Paso Robles)
64	DAVIS, Mike	DT	6-0	300	5/23/84	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Irvine (Irvine/Saddleback CC)

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66	RACHAL, Chilo	OG	6-5	300	3/15/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Compton (Dominguez)
67	KALIL, Ryan	C	6-3	285	3/29/85	Sr./Sr.	3V	Corona (Servite)
68	LEWIS, Butch	OT	6-7	300	12/1/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Denver, CO (Regis Jesuit)
69	SPANOS, Matt	OG-OT	6-5	305	12/31/84	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Corona (Corona)
70	MALU, Alatini	OG	6-4	330	4/30/81	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Torrance (Torrance/Long Beach CC)
71	BROWN, Charles	OT	6-6	285	4/10/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Chino Hills (Diamond Ranch)
73	RICHERT, Jonathan	OG	6-4	290	11/7/84	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Alturas (Modoc)
74	HEBERER, Zack	OG	6-5	285	6/9/88	Fr./Fr.	-	San Pedro (San Pedro)
75	MOALA, Fili	DT	6-4	295	6/23/85	So.*/Jr.	1V	Buena Park (Western)
76	HOWELL, Nick	C-OT	6-5	265	10/10/86	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Fresno (Bullard)
77	HERRING, Thomas	OT	6-6	330	3/22/85	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Fremont)
78	WILLIAMS, Kyle	OT	6-6	300	3/19/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Dallas, TX (Highland Park)
79	BAKER, Sam	OT	6-5	305	5/30/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Tustin (Tustin)
80	VIGOREN, Spencer	WR	6-4	230	3/14/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Dana Point (Dana Hills)
81	WASHINGTON, Gerald	TE	6-6	255	4/23/82	Jr./Jr.	-	Vallejo (Vallejo/Chaffey JC)
82	McFOY, Chris	WR	6-2	200	8/14/83	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Chino (Chino)
83	DAVIS, Fred	TE	6-4	260	1/15/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Toledo, OH (Rogers)
84	MOORE, Kyle	DE	6-6	260	10/25/86	So./So.	1V	Kathleen, GA (Houston County)
85	STEPHENSON, Cooper	TE	6-3	220	6/2/88	Fr./Fr.	-	San Diego (Torrey Pines)
86	McCOY, Anthony	TE	6-5	240	12/28/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Fresno (Bullard)
87	VANDERBOOM, Nick	TE	6-4	245	9/7/83	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Medina, MN (Breck)
88	MILLER, Jimmy	TE	6-5	260	3/4/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Thousand Oaks (Westlake)
89	THOMPSON, Dale	TE	6-4	255	4/22/86	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona (Santiago)
90	SIMMONS, Derek	DT-DE	6-4	275	2/16/88	Fr./Fr.	-	Suisun (Armijo)
91	BARRETT, Chris	DT	6-5	265	3/3/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Tustin (Tustin)
93	MILES, Lawrence	DE	6-2	265	8/10/86	So.*/Jr.	1V	Indio (La Quinta)
94	ASHLEY, Walker Lee	DT	6-4	305	3/31/87	Fr./Fr.	-	Eden Prairie, MN (Eden Prairie)
95	TOFI, Travis	DT	6-4	265	10/24/84	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Aoa, American Samoa (Fagaitua)
96	JACKSON, Lawrence	DE	6-5	265	8/30/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Inglewood (Inglewood)
97	MORROW, Alex	DE	6-6	270	2/4/85	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Rohnert Park (Rancho Cotate)
99	SPICER, Averell	DT	6-2	295	4/26/87	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)

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