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<u>2021</u>	USC	CAL
WEEK 1	Sept. 4 W, 30-7 vs. San Jose State	Sept. 4 L, 22-17 vs. Nevada
WEEK 2	Sept. 11 L, 42-28 vs. Stanford	Sept. 11 L, 34-32 at TCU
WEEK 3	Sept. 18 W, 45-14 at Washington State	Sept. 18 W, 42-30 vs. Sacramento State
WEEK 4	Sept. 25 L, 45-27 vs. Oregon State	Sept. 25 L, 31-24 (OT) at Washington
WEEK 5	Oct. 2 W, 37-14 at Colorado	Oct. 2 L, 21-6 vs. Washington State
WEEK 6	Oct. 9 L, 42-26 vs. Utah	Oct. 9 <i>bye</i>
WEEK 7	Oct. 16 <i>bye</i>	Oct. 15 L, 24-17 at Oregon
WEEK 8	Oct. 23 L, 31-16 at Notre Dame	Oct. 23 W, 26-3 vs. Colorado
WEEK 9	Oct. 30 W, 41-34 vs. Arizona	Oct. 30 W, 39-25 vs. Oregon State
WEEK 10	Nov. 6 L, 31-16 at Arizona State	Nov. 6 L, 10-3 at Arizona
WEEK 11	Nov. 13 at Cal (postponed due to COVID)	Nov. 13 vs. USC (postponed due to COVID)
WEEK 12	Nov. 20 L, 62-33 vs. UCLA	Nov. 20 W, 41-11 at Stanford
WEEK 13	Nov. 27 L, 35-31 vs. BYU	Nov. 27 L, 42-14 at UCLA
WEEK 14	Dec. 4 at California (rescheduled from Nov. 13)	Dec. 4 vs. USC (rescheduled from Nov. 13)

USC COACH & QUARTERBACK

HEAD COACH	Donte WILLIAMS 3-6 as interim head coach Age: 39 Graduated from Idaho State in 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Named interim coach on Sep. 13 following the firing of head coach Clay Helton; Williams was elevated from associate head coach -Also coached the USC cornerbacks and was passing game coordinator -USC's first African-American head football coach -Will stay in charge this week, despite USC naming Lincoln Riley head coach -Williams had prior coaching stints at Oregon, Nebraska, Arizona & San Jose St -Played defensive back at Pasadena City College, Syracuse, and Idaho State -Played two seasons in the Arena Football League for the Rio Grande Valley Dorados and Arkansas Twisters
2 6-3, 215 FR	QB2 Jaxson DART Kaysville, UT 2021: 100-163, 61%, 1,162 yds, 8 TDs, 5 INTs; 51 yds rushing, 2 TDs (sacked 3 times...all vs. UCLA)	<p>Sat vs. BYU: 23-35, 248 yds, 1 TD, no INTs; 4 carries for 28 yds, 1 TD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Set the USC mark for most passing yards in a debut with 391 after relieving an injured Kedon Slovis in blowout win against Washington St (added 4 TD tosses) -HS: 2020 Gatorade National Football Player of the Year (past winners include Emmitt Smith, Peyton Manning, and Kyler Murray) -HS: Completed 240-of-345 passes (70%) for national-best 4,961 yds and a state-record 67 TDs with 4 only INTs; also ran for 1,195 yds and 12 TDs -HS: also played baseball; twice all-state and hit .468 as a freshman -Father Brandon was a safety at Utah (1994-96; 1999-2000)

CAL COACH AND QUARTERBACK

HEAD COACH	Justin WILCOX 5 th year at Cal: 25-28 Age: 45 Graduated from Oregon in 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Including a first stint at Cal as part of Jeff Tedford's staff (2003-05), Wilcox has coached in the Pac-12 for twelve seasons now. In 11 seasons as defensive coordinator for FBS schools, 10 of those seasons ended with a bowl bid. -1-1 as head coach in bowl games (Bears beat Illinois in 2019 Redbox Bowl) -He was an assistant at USC (2014-15), Washington (2012-13), Tennessee (2010-11), Boise State (2006-09) and that initial stint at Cal. -A native of Junction City, OR, Wilcox is the son of Pro Football Hall of Famer Dave Wilcox, a former linebacker for the 49ers for 11 seasons
7 6-2, 225 RS-SR	QB Chase GARBERS Newport Beach, CA 2021: 205-326, 63%, 2,354 yds, 16 TDs, 8 INTs; 444 yds rushing, 4 TDs (sacked 18 times)	<p>Sat at UCLA: 16-31, 125 yds, no TDs, 2 INTs; 20 yds rushing, 1 TD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -With 50 career touchdown passes, Garbers is tied for sixth all-time at Cal. With one more TD toss, Garbers would match Troy Taylor (1986-89) and Nate Longshore (2005-08) for fourth in Cal history. -22-29 (76%), 225 yards, 2 TDs, plus 96 yards on the ground vs. Colorado -Started each of the Bears' four games last season: completing 63% of his passes for 771 yards with six touchdowns and three interceptions -Passer rating of 148.86 as a sophomore in 2019 ranks fifth all-time at Cal -Graduated in May with a degree in political economy and is pursuing a graduate degree in business administration

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9 6-3, 205 JR	QB2 Kedon SLOVIS Scottsdale, AZ 2021: 193-297, 65%, 2,153 yds, 11 TDs, 8 INTs; -40 yds rushing, no TDs (sacked 12 times)	Sat vs. BYU: Did Not Play -Started splitting snaps with Dart in the latter half of the season before suffering a lower leg injury at Arizona State; his availability is uncertain -Ranked first in nation in 2020 in completions (29.5 per game); Sixth in nation in passing yards (320.2) en route to First Team All-Pac-12 honors -2019 Pac-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year, while setting USC freshman records for completions (292), attempts (392) and yardage (3,502) -2019: Broke Matt Barkley's USC record with 515 yds passing in a win over UCLA -High school position coach was NFL Hall of Famer Kurt Warner
7 6-2, 205 FR	QB3 Miller Moss Los Angeles, CA 2021: Has not recorded a statistic	Sat vs. BYU: Did Not Play -As a high school senior, made the 2020 PrepStar Dream Team -Completed 67% of his passes for 3,118 yds and 28 touchdowns as a HS junior -Scouting reports say he has a lightning-quick release -Mother Emily was a professor in USC's School of Architecture
6 6-0, 220 RS-SR	RB Vavae MALEPEAI Aiea, HI 2021: 96 carries for 395 yds, 6 TDs; 11 catches for 57 yds, no TDs	Sat vs. BYU: 20 carries for season-best 99 yds, 1 TD; 2 catches for 9 yds, no TDs -Narrowly missed the fourth 100-yard rushing game of his career -Ran for three touchdowns vs. UCLA on only 10 carries -Three of his uncles played football at Oregon in the 1990s
28 6-0, 215 SR	RB Keaontay INGRAM Carthage, TX 2021: 156 carries for 911 yds, 5 TDs; 22 catches for 156 yds, no TDs	-Sat vs. BYU: Did Not Play (was a game-time decision with upper-body injury) -Three 100-yd games this season, including career-high 204 yards vs. Arizona -Texas transfer had five 100-yard rushing games in his career with the Longhorns -Has nine siblings, including Kelvontay, who is a RS-freshman WR at Texas
22 5-11, 205 RS-SO	RB Darwin BARLOW Newton, TX 2021: 56 carries for 266 yds, 2 TDs; 3 catches for 21 yds, no TDs	-Sat vs. BYU: 19 carries for season-hi 81 yds, no TDs; 2 catches for 15 yds, no TDs -Was limited in fall camp by hamstringing injury; had been used sparingly before Sat. -TCU transfer ran for 428 yds (5.9 avg.) with 4 TDs for the Horned Frogs in 2020 -Rushed for a career-hi 117 yds at Baylor in 2020, including a 74-yard run
1 5-11, 180 SO	WR Gary BRYANT JR. Riverside, CA 2021: 44 catches for 579 yds, 7 TDs; 1 carry for 3 yds, 1 TD	-Sat vs. BYU: 5 catches for 56 yds, 1 TD -Fifth gm this yr with 5+ catches (career-hi 9 grabs for career-hi 161 yds vs. UCLA) -Second in the Pac-12 last season on kick returns with a 26.2 average -2020 All-American Bowl invitee out of high school
16 5-11, 175 RS-SO	WR Tahj WASHINGTON Marshall, TX 2021: 49 catches for 543 yds, 1 TD	Sat vs. BYU: 4 catches for 32 yds, no TDs -Memphis transfer hasn't found the end zone since game one vs. San Jose State -His 743 receiving yds for the Tigers in '20 were the most by any frosh in the nation -He had three 100-yd receiving games in 2020 (none this season) -Sprinter/ long jumper on high school track team that won three state titles
84 6-6, 250 RS-SR	TE Erik KROMMENHOEK Danville, CA 2021: 14 catches for 128 yds, 1 TD	Sat vs. BYU: 2 catches for 16 yds, no TDs -2020 Semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy, nicknamed the Academic Heisman -Both of his parents attended arch-rival UCLA
48 6-3, 205 SO	PK Parker LEWIS Phoenix, AZ '21: 17-20 FGs, career-long 52-yarder at Arizona State, 21-22 PATs	Sat vs. BYU: 3-3 FGs (long of 37 yds), 2-2 PATs -2020 All-Pac 12 Honorable Mention (9-13 FGs, 23-23 PATs) -HS: 2019 MaxPreps All-American First Team honors -His grandfather, Ben Butler, was set to play football at USC before a career-ending shoulder injury as a 1948 high school senior
24 6-7, 240 RS-JR	P Ben GRIFFITHS Melbourne, Australia '21: 42 punts, 45.4 avg, long of 71 yds	Sat vs. BYU: 4 punts, 49.0 avg, long of 59 yards -46.4 avg in 2020 was the highest by a Trojan since Tom Malone's 49.0 in 2003 -30-year-old, who played forward for eight seasons with the Richmond Tigers, a pro Australian rules football team but retired due to injuries and concussions
26 6-2, 245 SR	ILB Kana'i MAUGA Waianae, HI 2021: Team-leading 87 tackles, 52 solo, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT	Sat vs. BYU: Team-high 9 tackles, 3 solo, 0.5 TFL, 1 INT -Averaging eleven tackles per game in the last four contests (14 stops vs. UCLA) -2020 Pro Football Focus All-Pac-12 Third Team; despite battling COVID and hamstring issues, still finished second on team in tackles with 41
21 6-4, 205 RS-SR	S Isaiah POLA-MAO Phoenix, AZ 2021: 47 tackles (third on team), 32 solo, 1 TFL, 1 fumble recovery	Sat vs. BYU: 4 tackles, 3 solo -Starting at free safety for the third straight season with the Trojans -2020 All-Pac-12 honorable mention after finishing 3rd on the team in tackles (40) -Uncle is former USC All-American and NFL Hall of Famer Troy Polamalu -Father Tracey played football at San Diego St and with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers; brother Matthew is a sophomore defensive lineman at Arizona State

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<p>9 6-2, 215 SR</p>	<p>QB2 Ryan GLOVER Atlanta, GA 2021: 11-29, 94 yds, No TDs, No INTs (all at Arizona)</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: Did Not Play -Struggled in first start for Bears at Arizona when Chase Garbers was out due to COVID protocols (Garbers was one of 24 Bears out that game due to COVID) -Transferred from FCS Western Carolina: made six starts for the Catamounts in Spring, 2021, completing 59% of his passes for 832 yards and three touchdowns -Before Western Carolina, played for Penn, but Ivy League season was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic; limited playing time in 2019, started 10 games in 2018, completing 60% of his passes for 1,482 yards, 7 TDs, 6 INTs</p>
<p>34 6-1, 235 SR</p>	<p>RB Christopher BROOKS Oceanside, CA 2021: 102 carries for 558 yds, 2 TDs; 17 catches for 126 yds, 3 TDs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 12 carries for 61 yds, 1 TD; 2 catches for 10 yds, no TDs -75-yd rush at Stanford was the longest of career (131 rushing yds at the Cardinal) -Four career 100-yd rushing games, including 197 yds against UC Davis in 2019 -Honored his mother Raquel by changing his last name from "Brown" to "Brooks," her maiden name, between the 2020 and 2021 seasons</p>
<p>28 5-10, 220 SO</p>	<p>RB Damien MOORE La Puente, CA 2021: 100 carries for 517 yds, 6 TDs; 13 catches for 85 yds, 1 TD</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 1 carry for 1 yd, no TDs -Team's second-leading rusher but just a total of 8 carries for 15 yds last three gms -Before that, he had 111 yards rushing on 11 carries against Oregon State -Posted team-best 188 yards and 4.9 yards per carry in 2020's four-game slate</p>
<p>11 6-1, 195 RS-SR</p>	<p>WR Kekoa CRAWFORD Pasadena, CA 2021: 36 catches for 491 yds, no TDs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 5 catches for 42 yds, no TDs -Five or more catches in four games this year (8 grabs for 107 yards at Washington) -Led the Bears last season in catches (19), receiving yds (232) and receiving TDs (2) -Sixth year senior began his college career as a Michigan Wolverine (2016-17)</p>
<p>4 5-10, 190 SR</p>	<p>WR Nikko REMIGIO Orange, CA 2021: 34 catches for 195 yds, 2 TDs; 6 rushes for 58 yds, no TDs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 2 catches for 27 yds, no TDs; 4 kick returns for 150 yds -Dynamic kick returner: went 99 yards for a score against Sacramento State -Leads the Bears with 796 all-purpose yards -Set career highs with 9 catches for 157 yards against Stanford in 2019</p>
<p>80 6-4, 195 SR</p>	<p>WR Trevon CLARK Victorville, CA 2021: 29 catches for 604 yds, 4 TDs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: no catches -Second game this season he's been held without a catch, but he's had four games with at least three receptions, incl. 3 grabs for season-high 135 yards at Stanford -Caught Big Game record 84-yard TD catch, Cal's longest scrimmage play this year -Has a team-high 10 explosive plays (all catches) of 20 yards or more in 2020</p>
<p>85 6-5, 240 RS-SR</p>	<p>TE Jake TONGES Los Gatos, CA 2021: 21 catches for 239 yds, 2 TDs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 2 catches for 18 yds, no TDs -Nominated for Burlsworth Trophy, which is given to the nation's top FBS player who began his career as a walk-on -Career-best nine catches and a score at Oregon State last season</p>
<p>30 6-0, 185 RS-JR</p>	<p>PK Dario LONGHETTO Newbury Park, CA '21: 10-13 FGs, long of 51, 28-28 PATs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: no FG attempts, 2-2 PATs -Drilled career-long 52-yarder at Oregon State last season -Punted in 2019 after top punter went down with injury and averaged 40.9 yards</p>
<p>37 6-0, 205 SR</p>	<p>P Jamieson SHEAHAN Bendigo, Australia '21: 49 punts, 43.1 avg, long of 64</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 4 punts, 45.5 avg, career-long of 64 yds -Prior to the 2020 season, had not played in an American football game -Reached the second-highest level of Australian Rules Football and was selected the Essendon Victorian Football League squad's top player in 2018</p>
<p>19 6-4, 220 RS-SR</p>	<p>OLB Cameron GOODE Spring, TX 2021: 41 tackles, 25 solo, 7.5 TFLs, 6.0 sacks, 1 fumble recovery</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 4 tackles, 2 solo, 1 fumble recovery -Twenty career sacks tie him for ninth all-time at Cal with Joel Dickson (1986-90) -Has recorded at least two TFLs ten times in his career -Father James played college football at Oklahoma</p>
<p>32 6-2, 205 RS-SR</p>	<p>S Daniel SCOTT Pasadena, CA 2021: Team-leading 72 tackles, 52 solo, 2.5 TFLs, 3 INTs</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: Team-leading 12 tackles, 10 solo -Second game this season with a team-high 12 stops (also at Arizona) -Returned INT for a score at TCU for Bears' first Pick-6 since 2018 -Made the most of his first career start in 2019, with 16 tackles and his first INT in the Redbox Bowl victory against Illinois</p>
<p>3 5-11, 200 SR</p>	<p>S Elijah HICKS Long Beach, CA 2021: 65 tackles, 44 solo, 5.5 TFLs, 1 sack, 3 INTs, 3 forced fumbles</p>	<p>Sat at UCLA: 9 tackles, 7 solo -Ball hawk, who had a three-game interception streak this season -Does a tremendous amount of community service work and founded the non-profit Intercept Poverty Foundation; volunteers at the UC-Berkeley Food Pantry</p>

TEAM NOTES

USC

-The big news this week is obviously the hiring of Lincoln Riley to be its new head coach. Riley will immediately transition to USC. Donte Williams will remain USC's interim head coach for the final week of the 2021 season, including the Cal game.

-The 38-year-old Riley posted a 55-10 overall record in his five years (2017-21) at Oklahoma for an .846 winning percentage.

The Sooners were 37-7 (.841) in league play and won Big 12 championships in his first four years there as Riley became the first person to win outright FBS conference crowns in each of his first four seasons as a collegiate head coach. He set Oklahoma records for most victories in his first two (24), three (36) and four (45) seasons, breaking marks held by Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops.

-Riley has three playoff appearances in the last four seasons and in the same span USC has gone 22-20.

-Will be without star wide receiver Drake London, who suffered a season-ending fractured ankle Oct. 30 against Arizona. London's 88 catches in only 8 games still leads the Trojans by a wide margin. Kyle Ford, London's replacement in the "X" receiver role, has totaled 7 catches for 77 yards in the last three games.

-Trying to avoid first 4-game losing streak since 2001

Last game – USC erased a 15-point lead in the second half, but BYU denied the Trojans' upset bid on the final possession of the game, and the Cougars hung on for a 35-31 win Saturday in the Coliseum. USC finished with 210 total rushing yards despite missing senior RB Keontay Ingram. Vavae Malepeai rushed for 99 yards with a TD and Darwin Barlow had 81 yards on 19 touches.

Last meeting – Kedon Slovis threw for 406 yards and four touchdowns to lead USC to a 41-17 victory over Cal in California Memorial Stadium on Nov. 16, 2019. Michael Pittman had 11 catches for 180 yards and a score for the Trojans. USC's Drake London finished with six catches for 111 yards.

2021 Offense Stats (FBS Rank out of 130)

RUSH YDS 145.7 (83)

PASS YDS 301.4 (17)

TOT YDS 447.1 (25)

SCORING 30.0 (53)

2021 Defense Stats (FBS Rank)

RUSH YDS 174.3 (98)

PASS YDS 247.7 (100)

TOT YDS 422.0 (98)

SCORING 32.5 (106)

USC HISTORY

-First season: 1888; joined what is now the Pac-12 in 1928

-11 National Titles (most recently 2007 under Pete Carroll)

-Has produced 169 All-Americans

-6 Heisman Trophy Winners

-34-19 all-time bowl record

California Memorial Stadium: Berkeley, CA

- **Capacity:** 62,467

- **Opened:** 1923; remodeled for 2012 season

- **Surface:** FieldTurf

CAL

-Cal officially will miss a bowl game for the eighth time in 12 years. With one game left, the Bears are stuck in neutral for another season under fifth-year head coach Wilcox, who must be frustrated by the COVID-19 obstacles put in his program's way during an otherwise solid second half of the season. The low point was when the Bears were forced to travel to Arizona without 24 players (including 10 starters), who had tested positive for the virus. Cal was playing its best football of the season, totaling 65 points in back-to-back wins. They fell to the Wildcats 10-3. Wilcox's future is murky given his sub .500 record.

-Cal (3-5 in the Pac-12) will finish with a losing conference record for the 12th consecutive season. Not since 2009, when the Bears finished 5-4 in the Pac-10 under Jeff Tedford, have the Bears had a winning conference record.

-UCLA scored 42 points in Saturday's blowout, the most by a Cal opponent this season, and the 28-point margin of defeat represented Cal most lopsided loss of the season. The Bears have not lost by a bigger margin since 2019, when they lost to Utah 35-0. It was the most points Cal has given up in a game since they lost to Oregon 42-24 in 2018.

Last game – Cal was routed by UCLA 42-14 in the Rose Bowl last Saturday, as a competitive game turned ugly, as the Bruins scored 32 unanswered points after trailing 14-10. After racking up 636 yards in their Big Game blowout of Stanford, the Bears managed just 14 net yards on their first four drives of the second half while UCLA pulled away.

Series history – This will be the 108th meeting between the two teams, in a series that dates to 1915. USC has faced Cal more than any other opponent. The Trojans boast a record of 70-31-5 (USC's win in 2005 was vacated due to NCAA penalties) and have been dominant recently, having won 14 of the last 15 matchups.

2021 Offense Stats (FBS Rank out of 130)

RUSH YDS 171.2 (58)

PASS YDS 225.8 (70)

TOT YDS 397.0 (70)

SCORING 23.7 (97)

2021 Defense Stats (FBS Rank)

RUSH YDS 136.5 (45)

PASS YDS 226.3 (65)

TOT YDS 362.8 (48)

SCORING 23.0 (43)

CAL HISTORY

-Started playing in 1886; joined what is now the Pac-12 in 1916

-Began its rivalry game with Stanford – "The Big Game" – in 1892

-14 conference titles, most recently in 2006

-12-11-1 in bowl games

-2 Rose Bowl titles, most recently in 1937

-Traditionally, during all football games and especially during the Big Game against Stanford, the hill overlooking the eastern side of Memorial Stadium attracts spectators hoping to watch a game for free, earning the nickname "Tightwad Hill".