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UNLV vs #15 USC

Date: Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018

Kickoff: 1:07 pm PT

Location: LA Memorial Coliseum

Series Record: USC 1-0

TV: Pac-12 Network

Radio: ESPNLA710

Three Keys When USC Has The Ball

1. Protect the quarterback

True freshman JT Daniels needs time to get his feet wet in his first college start

2. Run, run, run

UNLV finished 122nd out of 129 teams in run defense last year, allowing 239 yards per game

3. Figure it out quickly

UNLV's new defensive coordinator will throw everything he has at Daniels early

Three Keys When UNLV Has The Ball

1. Stop the run

UNLV finished 18th in the nation in rushing in 2017, at 240 yards per game

2. Contain QB Armani Rogers

He completed just 52% of his passes in 2017, but ran for 780 yards and 8 touchdowns

3. Unleash the front seven

It's a veteran group capable of imposing its will as it preps for Stanford

Numbers of Note

2 JT Daniels is just the second true freshman to start a season opener at QB for USC

16 USC has won 16-consecutive home games, dating back to October 2015

30 Senior safety Marvell Tell is making his 30th-consecutive start

191 Wide receiver Tyler Vaughns needs 191 receiving yards to reach 1,000 for his career

273 Senior linebacker Cameron Smith is USC's active leader in tackles, with 273

The Week's Biggest Notes

- Quarterback JT Daniels was named the starter on Sunday, beating out Matt Fink and Jack Sears
- Linebacker Porter Gustin returned to the field after partially tearing his meniscus in early August
- Redshirt freshman Isaiah Pola-Mao will start at safety as USC is down two potential starters at the position. Ykili Ross left the team and Bubba Bolden is unavailable for this game
- Potential starters TE Josh Imatorbhebhe, C Toa Lobendahn and TE Josh Falo are questionable to doubtful as they continue dealing with nagging injuries.

USC Offense

QB #18 JT Daniels
RB #28 Aca'Cedric Ware
#29 Vavae Malepeai
#7 Stephen Carr
WR #6 Michael Pittman
#21 Tyler Vaughns
#8 Amon-Ra St. Brown
#1 Velus Jones
TE #82 Tyler Petite
#88 Daniel Imatorbhebhe
LT #73 Austin Jackson
LG #77 Chris Brown
C #62 Brett Neilon
RG #72 Andrew Vorhees
RT #70 Chuma Edoga

USC Defense

DT #44 Malik Dorton
NT #91 Brandon Pili
#51 Marlon Tuipulotu
DE #89 Christian Rector
OLB #56 Jordan Iosefa
#45 Porter Gustin
ILB #35 Cameron Smith
#10 John Houston
CB #8 Iman Marshall
#9 Greg Johnson
#27 Ajene Harris
S #7 Marvell Tell
#21 Isaiah Pola-Mao

UNLV Defense

DE #20 Jameer Outsey
DT #42 Salanoa-Alo Wily
NT #94 Kolo Uasike
OLB #56 Roger Mann
#16 Javin White
#25 Gabe McCoy
MLB #53 Farrell Hester
CB #7 Jericho Flowers
#17 Evan Austrie
S #33 Dalton Baker
#26 Jocquez Kalili

UNLV Offense

QB #1 Armani Rogers
RG #3 Lexington Thomas
WR #80 Brandon Presley
#84 Kendal Keys
#2 Mekhi Stevenson
TE #45 Giovanni Fauolo
LT #65 Donovan Outlaw
LG #51 Zack Singer
C #70 Sid Acosta
RG #78 Justin Polu
RT #64 Nathan Jacobson