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UNLV vs #15 USC
Date: Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018
Kickoff: 1:07 pm PT

Series Record: USC 1-0
TV: PAC-12 Network
Radio: ESPNLA 710

Three Keys When USC Has The Ball

- 1. Protect quarterback JT Daniels.** The true freshman needs time to get his feet wet in his first start
- 2. Run, run, run.** UNLV finished 122nd 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

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- 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 52% of his passes in 2017, but ran for 780 yards and 8 TDs
- 3. Unleash the front seven.** It's a veteran group capable of imposing its will as it preps for Stanford

USC Offense

QB #18 JT Daniels
#19 Matt Fink
RB #7 Stephen Carr
#28 Aca'Cedric Ware
#29 Vavae Malepeai
WR #21 Tyler Vaughns
#6 Michael Pittman
#1 Velus Jones
#8 Amon-Ra St. Brown
#13 Trevon Sidney
TE #82 Tyler Petite
#84 Erik Krommenhoek
LT #73 Austin Jackson
#76 Clayton Bradley
LG #77 Chris Brown
#56 Jordan Austin
C #62 Brett Neilon
#50 Toa Lobendahn
RG #72 Andrew Vorhees
#75 Alijah Vera-Tucker
RT #70 Chuma Edoga
#54 Jalen McKenzie

Notes From The Week

- Daniels was named starting QB on Sunday
- LB Porter Gustin took part in practice this week as he has recovered from a partially-torn meniscus
- USC is down two safeties for this game, as Ykili Ross left the team and Bubba Bolden is unavailable.

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
- 30** Senior safety Marvell Tell is making his 30th-consecutive start
- 273** Senior linebacker Cameron Smith is USC's active leader in tackles, with 273
- 191** WR Tyler Vaughns needs 191 receiving yards to reach 1,000 for his career

Injury Report

Out -- DT Liam Jimmons, LB Palaie Gaoteote
Questionable -- RB Markese Stepp, WR Josh Imatorbhebhe, TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe, TE Josh Faló, C Toa Lobendahn,

USC Defense

OLB #45 Porter Gustin
#31 Hunter Echols
DT #44 Malik Dorton
#78 Jay Tufele
NT #91 Brandon Pili
#51 Marlon Tuipulotu
DE #89 Christian Rector
#96 Caleb Tremblay
OLB #56 Jordan Iosefa
#26 Kana'i Mauga
ILB #35 Cameron Smith
#47 Reuben Peters
ILB #10 John Houston
#13 Levi Jones
CB #8 Iman Marshall
#4 Olajiah Griffin
NB #27 Ajene Harris
#23 Jonathan Lockett
SS #21 Isaiah Pola-Mao
#28 C.J. Pollard
FS #7 Marvell Tell
CB #9 Greg Johnson
#24 Isaiah Langley