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#22 USC vs Texas

Date: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018

Kickoff: 5:00 pm PT

Location: DKR Texas Memorial Stadium

Series Record: USC 5-1

TV: FOX

Radio: ESPNLA 710

Three Keys When USC Has The Ball

1. Protect the quarterback

Clay Helton mentioned UT's zone blitz scheme all week. O-Line must figure it out

2. Find a rhythm

The offense was completely out of sorts at Stanford. Find a hot hand and feed it

3. Get in the endzone

Five FGs against UNLV and no TDs against Stanford. That won't work against Texas

Three Keys When Texas Has The Ball

1. Stop the run

Texas doesn't have a Bryce Love-type back, but they want to run the ball with their zone read

2. Get pressure

UT has allowed just one sack, while USC didn't record a sack or turnover against Stanford

3. Collin Johnson

The big WR torched USC last year. Can't allow big plays on jump balls to him

Numbers of Note

4

USC forced four Texas turnovers in last year's win, with two INTs and two fumbles

4

USC's four offensive touchdowns through two games are its fewest since 2013

6.5

Opponents are rushing for 6.5 yards per carry against USC through two games

11

MLB Cameron Smith needs 11 tackles to reach 300 for his career

191

6-foot-6 WR Collin Johnson racked up 191 receiving yards against USC last year

The Week's Biggest Notes

- QB JT Daniels is playing through a bruised throwing hand suffered against Stanford
- Clay Helton said he expects to rotate players freely against Texas, due to the high volume of plays he anticipates being run by both teams
- RT Chuma Edoga missed some practice time with an illness but returned on Thursday and should be ready to go for the game
- Safety Isaiah Pola-Mao will miss the game with a dislocated shoulder, leaving a three-man rotation at safety of Marvell Tell, Talanoa Hufanga and CJ Pollard

USC Offense

QB #18 JT Daniels
RB #28 Aca'Cedric Ware
#7 Stephen Carr
#29 Vavae Malepeai
WR #6 Michael Pittman
#21 Tyler Vaughns
#8 Amon-Ra St. Brown
#1 Velus Jones
TE #82 Tyler Petite
#84 Erik Krommenhoek
LT #73 Austin Jackson
LG #77 Chris Brown
C #50 Toa Lobendahn
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
#15 Talanoa Hufanga
#28 C.J. Pollard

Texas Defense

DE #44 Breckyn Hager
DT #97 Chris Nelson
DE #90 Charles Omenihu
LB #32 Malcolm Roach
#45 Anthony Wheeler
ROV #33 Gary Johnson
CB #2 Kris Boyd
#18 Davante Davis
#11 P.J. Locke
S #7 Caden Sterns
#19 Brandon Jones

Texas Offense

QB #11 Sam Ehlinger
RB #5 Tre Watson
#32 Daniel Young
WR #9 Collin Johnson
#84 Lil'Jordan Humphrey
#6 Devin Duvernay
TE #47 Andrew Beck
LT #66 Calvin Anderson
LG #77 Patrick Vahe
C #73 Elijah Rodriguez
RG #68 Derek Kerstetter
RT #78 Denzel Okafor