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USC (4-3, 3-2) vs Arizona State (3-4, 1-3)

Date: Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018

Kickoff: 12:30 pm PT

Series Record: USC 22-12

TV: ABC/ESPN2

Radio: ESPNLA 710

Three Keys When USC Has The Ball

- 1. Let Jack Sears be a gamer.** Backup QBs are often hamstrung by play calling. If Sears starts, let him play
- 2. Get a push up front.** ASU leads the Pac-12 with 8.3 tackles for loss per game. USC is 7th with 6.5 allowed
- 3. Win time of possession.** USC hasn't done well here, but ASU is last in the Pac-12 and 118th overall in TOP

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- 1. Generate turnovers.** ASU has just five giveaways this year and ASU RBs haven't fumbled in 26 games
- 2. Tackle.** RB Eno Benjamin is even better than Utah's Zack Moss at creating missed tackles
- 3. Contain WR N'Keal Harry.** Harry has at least five catches in all but one game this year

USC Offense

QB #18 JT Daniels
#10 Jack Sears
RB #28 Aca'Cedric Ware
#7 Stephen Carr
#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
#83 Josh Falo
LT #73 Austin Jackson
#76 Clayton Bradley
LG #77 Chris Brown
#56 Jordan Austin
C #50 Toa Lobendahn
#62 Brett Neilon
RG #72 Andrew Vorhees
#75 Alijah Vera-Tucker
RT #70 Chuma Edoga
#54 Jalen McKenzie

Notes From The Week

- Jack Sears will start at QB if JT Daniels doesn't pass concussion protocol
- Palaie Gaoteote will start at MLB again, as Cameron Smith is out with a knee injury
- Connor Murphy saw increased practice time along the DL, while Caleb Tremblay battles tendinitis and is eligible for a redshirt year

Numbers of Note

- 3** ASU starts three true freshmen on defense (M. Robertson, D. Butler and A. Crosswell)
- 20** Palaie Gaoteote has 20 tackles in his last two games at middle linebacker
- 126** Tyler Vaughns burned ASU for 126 yards and 2 TDs on 6 catches in 2017
- 182** USC needs 182 rushing yards to reach 1,000 for the season

Injury Report

Out -- Cameron Smith (knee), Matt Fink (ribs)

Doubtful -- JT Daniels (concussion)

USC Defense

OLB #89 Christian Rector
#31 Hunter Echols
DT #44 Malik Dorton
NT #91 Brandon Pili
#51 Marlon Tuipulotu
DE #78 Jay Tufele
#96 Caleb Tremblay
OLB #56 Jordan Iosefa
#26 Kana'i Mauga
ILB #1 Palaie Gaoteote
#47 Reuben Peters
ILB #10 John Houston
#13 Levi Jones
CB #8 Iman Marshall
#9 Greg Johnson
NB #27 Ajene Harris
#23 Jonathan Lockett
SS #15 Talanoa Hufanga
#28 C.J. Pollard
FS #7 Marvell Tell
CB #24 Isaiah Langley
#4 Olaijah Griffin