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USC (0-0, 0-0) vs Fresno State (0-0)

Date: Saturday, August 31

Kickoff: 7:30 pm PT

Series Record: USC 3-1

TV: ESPN

Radio: AM 790

Three Keys When USC Has The Ball

- 1. Score early.** A fast start will go a long way toward creating confidence with players and fans.
- 2. Steady up front.** Fresno State is loaded at defensive tackle. USC's interior OL will be tested early and often.
- 3. No turnovers.** FSU was 7th in turnover margin in 2018, at +12. USC was better than only 7 teams, at -10.

Three Keys When FSU Has The Ball

- 1. Stop the run.** USC allowed more than 300 rushing yards to open the 2018 season.
- 2. Pressure Jorge Reyna.** The redshirt senior QB is making his first start and has just 12 career pass attempts.
- 3. Defend the tight end.** Jared Rice is a real weapon for Fresno State and he can get open anywhere on the field.

USC Offense

QB #18 JT Daniels
#9 Kedon Slovis
RB #29 Vavae Malepeai
#7 Stephen Carr
WR #6 Michael Pittman
#21 Tyler Vaughns
#8 Amon-Ra St. Brown
#1 Velus Jones
#2 Devon Williams
#80 John Jackson III
TE #84 Erik Krommenhoek
#83 Josh Falo
LT #73 Austin Jackson
#65 Frank Martin
LG #75 Alijah Vera-Tucker
#52 Jacob Daniel
C #62 Brett Neilon
#57 Justin Dedich
RG #70 Jalen McKenzie
#72 Andrew Vorhees
RT #53 Drew Richmond
#71 Liam Jimmons

Notes From The Week

- Quarterback Jack Sears announced his intention to enter the transfer portal.
- Greg Johnson and Chase Williams split time at nickelback, with Johnson also able to play cornerback, and Williams at safety.
- Former walk-on running back Quincy Jountti was put on scholarship on Thursday.

Numbers of Note

- 3 Fresno State welcomes back just three starters on the offensive side of the ball
- 4 Number worn by Michael Pittman Sr. in his two 1,000-yard rushing seasons at FSU
- 19 Fresno State recorded 19 interceptions in 2018, against just 15 passing TD allowed
- 1,000 USC was 1 of 3 Pac-12 schools without a 1,000-yard rusher or receiver in 2018

Injury Report

Out -- Jordan Iosefa, Jacob Lichtenstein, Max Williams, Eli'jah Winston

USC Defense

DE #89 Christian Rector
#90 Connor Murphy
DT #78 Jay Tufele
#50 Nick Figueroa
NT #51 Marlon Tuipulotu
#91 Brandon Pili
DE #99 Drake Jackson
#96 Caleb Tremblay
OLB #31 Hunter Echols
#41 Juliano Falaniko
ILB #10 John Houston
#19 Ralen Goforth
ILB #1 Palaie Gaoteote
#26 Kana'i Mauga
CB #2 Olaijah Griffin
NB #9 Greg Johnson
#7 Chase Williams
SS #15 Talanoa Hufanga
FS #21 Isaiah Pola-Mao
#28 C.J. Pollard
CB #6 Isaac Taylor-Stuart
#8 Chris Steele