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

Date: Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019

Kickoff: 7:30 PT

Location: Los Angeles Coliseum

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.

Numbers of Note

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Fresno State welcomes back just three starters on the offensive side of the ball

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No. worn by Michael Pittman Sr. in his two 1,000-yard rushing seasons at FSU

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USC has 8 true freshmen in its two-deep depth chart, led by DE Drake Jackson

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

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.
- Head coach Clay Helton announced that linebacker Solomon Tuliaupupu will miss the entire season after undergoing foot surgery.

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
TE #84 Erik Krommenhoek
LT #73 Austin Jackson
LG #75 Alijah Vera-Tucker
C #62 Brett Neilson
RG #70 Jalen McKenzie
RT #53 Drew Richmond

USC Defense

DE 89 Christian Rector
NT #51 Marlon Tuipulotu
#91 Brandon Pili
DT #78 Jay Tufele
DE #99 Drake Jackson
OLB #31 Hunter Echols
ILB #10 John Houston
#1 Palaie Gaoteote
CB #2 Olajiah Griffin
#6 Isaac Taylor-Stuart
NB #7 Chase Williams
#9 Greg Johnson
S #15 Talanoa Hufanga
#21 Isaiah Pola-Mao

FSU Defense

DE #18 Isaiah Johnson
DT #90 Kevin Atkins
DT #98 Keiti Iakopo
DE #31 Andrew Wright
OLB #15 Arron Mosby
MLB #3 Mykal Walker
OLB #29 Justin Rice
CB #14 Jaron Bryant
#2 Chris Gaston
S #23 Juju Hughes
#4 Wylan Free

FSU Offense

QB #11 Jorge Reyna
RB #20 Ronnie Rivers
WR #27 Zane Pope
#1 Keric Wheatfall
#8 Chris Coleman
TE #16 Jared Rice
LT #72 Dontae Bull
LG #52 Netane Muti
C #59 Matt Smith
RG #66 Quireo Woodley
RT #65 Syrus Tuitele