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USC (6-4, 5-2) at Cal (5-4, 2-4)

Date: Saturday, Nov. 16 2019

Kickoff: 8:00 pm PT

Location: Cal Memorial Stadium

Series Record: USC 70-31-5

TV: FS1

Radio: AM 790

Three Keys When USC Has The Ball

1. Find Evan Weaver

The Cal linebacker is a tackling machine and can take over a game by himself

2. Get Pittman involved

When Michael Pittman has more than 64 receiving yards, USC is 5-1

3. Score TDs

Cal has been terrific in the red zone, allowing just 18 TDs in 35 opponent trips inside the 20

Three Keys When Cal Has The Ball

1. Take away the run

USC can't let the run game get going with Christopher Brown Jr. He's a big, physical back

2. Get to the QB

Cal has allowed 35 sacks this season. USC has to be able to get pressure on the Cal QB

3. Get off the field

Cal is 119th overall in gaining 1st downs. USC has to force punts and let its offense work

Numbers of Note

9

Cal has allowed just nine passing touchdowns this season, best in the Pac-12

12

Cal's offense ranks 12th in the Pac-12 in scoring, total, passing and first downs

12

John Houston Jr. needs 12 tackles to reach 100 for the season

62

Michael Pittman needs 62 receiving yards to reach 1,000 for the season

137

Cal linebacker Evan Weaver leads the nation with 137 tackles, including 75 solo

The Week's Biggest Notes

- Justin Dedich will start at center in place of Brett Neilson, who injured his calf against ASU.
- Running back Stephen Carr is likely to return.
- WR Tyler Vaughns and RB Vavae Malepeai will be game time decisions this week.
- Linebacker Palaie Gaoteote will sit out again as he deals with knee and ankle injuries.
- Linebacker Jordan Iosefa underwent a second surgery on the knee he injured during fall camp and will miss the rest of the season. He will be able to use his redshirt year and will return in 2020 as a redshirt senior.

USC Offense

QB #9 Kedon Slovis
RB #23 Kenan Christon
#7 Stephen Carr
WR #6 Michael Pittman
#21 Tyler Vaughns
#8 Amon-Ra St. Brown
#1 Velus Jones
#15 Drake London
TE #84 Erik Krommenhoek
LT #73 Austin Jackson
LG #75 Alijah Vera-Tucker
C #57 Justin Dedich
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 #42 Malik McClain
ILB #10 John Houston
#26 Kana'i Mauga
CB #2 Olajiah Griffin
#6 Isaac Taylor-Stuart
#8 Chris Steele
NB #9 Greg Johnson
S #15 Talanoa Hufanga
#21 Isaiah Pola-Mao

Cal Defense

DE #93 Luc Bequette
NT #90 Brett Johnson
DE #44 Zeandae Johnson
OLB #19 Cameron Goode
MLB #8 Kuony Deng
#89 Evan Weaver
OLB #96 Tevin Paul
CB #24 Camryn Bynum
S #27 Ashtyn Davis
#6 Jaylinn Hawkins
CB #3 Elijah Hicks

Cal Offense

QB #7 Chase Garbers
RB #34 Christopher Brown Jr.
WR #2 Jordan Duncan
#80 Trevon Clark
#4 Nikko Remigio
TE #85 Jake Tonges
LT #61 Valentino Daltoso
LG #73 Matthew Cindric
C #53 Michael Saffell
RG #72 McKade Mettauer
RT #71 Jake Curhan