

**WEEK FIVE  
USC AT ARIZONA**

Ware runs for 2 TDs, USC holds off Arizona 24-20

TUCSON, Ariz. -- Southern California clicked on both sides of the ball, overcoming a rash of penalties while building a 24-point lead.

Then the offense bogged down. Two fumbles were lost in the fourth quarter. The penalties kept piling up.

What appeared to be an easy road victory turned into an ugly one.

Aca'Cedric Ware ran for 197 yards and two touchdowns, and USC overcame a mountain of penalties to hold off Arizona for a 24-20 victory Saturday night.

"The one thing I love about our kids is they're realists," USC coach Clay Helton said. "To be able to come out of here with a victory and know there's still more on the bone is a good thing."

USC (3-2, 2-1 Pac-12) dominated the Wildcats while building a 24-point third-quarter lead, but lost two fourth-quarter fumbles to let Arizona (2-3, 1-1) back in it. The Trojans also had 18 penalties for 169 yards, including a pass interference call that negated an interception in the fourth quarter.

Arizona's Gary Brightwell scored on a 1-yard run with 1:40 to play, but Lucas Havrisik missed the extra point and USC recovered the onside kick.

"We didn't play very well," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said. "Really, after that first drive of the second half, our defense did a good job."

JT Daniels managed the Trojans offense well in the first half before the Trojans went stagnant in the second. He completed 16 of 24 passes for 197 yards and lost a fumble to set up Khalil Tate's 32-yard touchdown pass to Cedric Peterson.

Tate threw for 232 yards and two touchdowns, but was limited to 38 yards rushing. J.J. Taylor, who had 284 yards rushing against Oregon State last week, was held to 50 yards on 18 carries.

"USC did a nice job of challenging us," Sumlin said.

The Trojans controlled Arizona on both sides of the ball while building a 17-0 halftime lead.

USC racked up 281 total yards in the first half, scoring on Vavae Malepeai's 1-yard run in the first quarter and Ware's 26-yarder in the second. The Trojans stymied the Wildcats' offense, limiting them to 116 yards while intercepting a pass by Tate to set up Michael Brown's 42-yard field goal.

Arizona caught a break when a facemask penalty -- USC's ninth penalty of the half -- tacked on to a 20-yard completion gave the Wildcats a chance for a field goal with no time on the clock. Marvell Tell blocked Havrisik's 28-yard field-goal attempt, preserving the first-half shutout.

The second half continued the same as the first: Arizona gained 13 yards before punting on its first drive, Ware ripped off a 69-yard touchdown run.

Arizona's offense finally showed some life with Tate connecting on two long throws. The second one, 33 yards to Stanley Berryhill III, cut USC's lead to 24-7.

The Wildcats recovered a fumble at USC's 32-yard line after sacking Daniels early in the fourth quarter and Tate hit Cedric Peterson for a 32-yard touchdown on the next play, cutting the lead to 10.

Arizona got another score, but took too long in getting it and couldn't get the ball back.

"We just need to play a complete game in all three phases," Arizona linebacker Colin Schooler said. "If you look at our losses, we haven't done that."

**THE TAKEAWAY**

USC had a good rhythm going in the first half offensively, but labored after Ware's second TD run. And those penalties. The Trojans have plenty to clean up in their week off.

Arizona took too long to get going, unable to fight all the way back from a 24-0 deficit.

**RUN DOMINANCE**

With a freshman quarterback starting in his first conference road game, USC's coaches didn't want to put any extra pressure on Daniels. That meant running the ball -- a lot.

The Trojans ran 47 times for 253 yards and threw it just 24 times, mostly underneath and mid-range passes. Daniels tried a couple of shots downfield, but couldn't connect. He didn't really need to the way USC was running the ball.

"We came in here saying we didn't want to put a young quarterback in a hostile atmosphere," Helton said. "We wanted to lean on the run and he would make the plays."

<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>
USC	7	10	7	0	24
ARIZ	0	0	7	13	20

**Scoring Summary -----**

	USC	ARIZ
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
USC TD 5:52 Vavae Malepeai 1 Yd Run (Michael Brown Kick)	7	0
12 plays, 80 yards, 4:40		
<b>second Quarter</b>		
USC FG 11:12 Michael Brown 42 Yd Field Goal	10	0
4 plays, 8 yards, 2:20		
USC TD 5:08 Aca'Cedric Ware 26 Yd Run (Michael Brown Kick)	17	0
8 plays, 65 yards, 5:12		
<b>third Quarter</b>		
USC TD 10:36 Aca'Cedric Ware 69 Yd Run (Michael Brown Kick)	24	0
4 plays, 70 yards, 2:06		
ARIZ TD 7:44 Stanley Berryhill III 33 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick) 7 plays, 84 yards, 2:52	24	7
<b>fourth Quarter</b>		
ARIZ TD 9:34 Cedric Peterson 32 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick) 1 play, 32 yards, 0:08	24	14
T ARIZ D 1:40 Gary Brightwell 1 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik PAT failed)	24	20
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:23		

	USC	ARIZ
<b>Team Stats</b>		
First Downs	18	20
Total Yards	450	330
Total Plays	71	70
Avg Gain Per Play	6.3	4.7
Net Yards Rushing	253	98
Rushes	47	37
Yards Per Rush	5.4	2.6
Net Yards Passing	197	232
Comp-Att	16-24	16-33
Yards Per Pass	8.2	7.0
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	-2
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	6	9
Punt Average	43.0	38.0
Penalties	18	8
Penalty Yards	169	80
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	3	0
<b>Possession</b>	<b>29:19</b>	<b>30:41</b>

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>USC</b>					
28 Aca'Cedric Ware	21	173	8.2	69	2
7 Stephen Carr	14	80	5.7	24	0
29 Vavae Malepeai	3	8	2.7	8	1
18 JT Daniels	4	2	0.5	7	0
<b>ARIZ</b>					
21 J.J. Taylor	18	50	2.8	6	0
14 Khalil Tate	13	38	2.9	9	0
23 Gary Brightwell	4	14	3.5	10	1
6 Shun Brown	1	3	3.0	3	0
9 Tony Ellison	1	-7	-7.0	0	0

**PASSING**

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>USC</b>							
18 JT Daniels	16	24	197	8.2	0	0	135.6
<b>ARIZ</b>							
14 Khalil Tate	16	33	232	7.0	2	1	121.5

**RECEIVING**

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>USC</b>					
83 Josh Falo	3	54	18.0	37	0
8 Amon-Ra St. Brown	5	54	10.8	20	0
21 Tyler Vaughns	2	23	11.5	19	0
1 Velus Jones Jr.	2	22	11.0	19	0
6 Michael Pittman Jr.	1	20	20.0	20	0
29 Vavae Malepeai	2	14	7.0	8	0
82 Tyler Petite	1	10	10.0	10	0
<b>ARIZ</b>					
6 Shun Brown	5	81	16.2	33	0
18 Cedric Peterson	2	38	19.0	32	1
Stanley Berryhill III	1	33	33.0	33	1
9 Tony Ellison	2	29	14.5	16	0
21 J.J. Taylor	3	22	7.3	20	0
19 Shawn Poindexter	2	22	11.0	11	0
7 DeVaughn Cooper	1	7	7.0	7	0