

WEEK EIGHT  
**USC AT UTAH**

SALT LAKE CITY -- Tyler Huntley threw for 341 yards and four touchdowns on 22-of-29 passing to lead Utah to a 41-28 victory over Southern Cal on Saturday night.

Huntley matched a career-high in passing yards to help the Utes beat the Trojans for the third straight time at home. Zack Moss added 136 yards on 25 carries. Utah (5-2, 3-2 Pac-12) has won three straight overall and moved into a first-place tie with USC in the Pac-12 South.

JT Daniels was 6-of-16 passing for 89 yards and a score with two interceptions for USC. Matt Fink, who played the entire fourth quarter in place of the freshman, finished with 43 yards and a touchdown on 6-of-7 passing.

The Trojans (4-3, 3-2 Pac-12) generated just 205 total yards and averaged 3.8 yards per play. Utah tallied 541 yards while averaging 6.7 yards per play.

USC sprinted to a 14-0 lead behind a pair of big plays.

Michael Pittman's 34-yard catch provided the first touchdown. Daniels narrowly eluded a sack and heaved the ball toward the goal line. It slipped through the hands of Utah safety Marquiese Blair and Pittman corralled the ball in the end zone.

Then, the Trojans made it a two-touchdown lead when John Houston forced a fumble and Jay Tufele scooped up the ball and rumbled 48 yards for the score.

Britain Covey stopped the bleeding for the Utes. He returned the kickoff 38 yards and followed up by taking a screen pass 46 yards to narrow USC's lead to 14-7.

Utah took its first lead on a 3-yard run from Huntley and put the Trojans away after he threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Solomon Enis and an 11-yard strike to Demari Simpkins to extend the Utes' lead to 34-14 in the third quarter.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

USC: Aside from capitalizing on a broken play here and there, USC had almost no success moving the chains against Utah's stout defense. Daniels was largely ineffective in the passing game and the Trojan running backs gained little ground against the Pac-12's top defense.

Utah: There's no question now that Utah's offense is legit. For the third straight game, the Utes posted at least 40 points. Huntley is growing more comfortable in the pocket and his passing rallied Utah on a night where the running game got off to a rough start.

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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Final</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>T</b> |
| <b>USC</b>   | 14       | 0        | 0        | 14       | 28       |
| <b>UTAH</b>  | 7        | 13       | 14       | 7        | 41       |

**Scoring Summary** -----

|   | <b>USC</b> | <b>UTAH</b> |
|---|------------|-------------|
| <b>FIRST QUARTER</b>  |            |             |
| USC TD 7:31   |            |             |
| J. Daniels pass,to M. Pittman Jr. for 34 yds for a TD, (M. Brown KICK)  |            |             |
| 3 plays, 50 yards, 1:06   | 7          | 0           |
| USC TD 5:58   |            |             |
| T. Huntley sacked by J. Houston Jr. for -12 yds,T. Huntley fumbled, recovered by USC J. Tufele,return for 48 yds, (M. Brown KICK) |            |             |
| 6 plays, 23 yards, 1:33   | 14         | 0           |
| UTAH TD 5:05  |            |             |
| T. Huntley pass,to B. Covey for 46 yds for a TD, (M. Gay KICK)  |            |             |
| 3 plays, 51 yards, 0:45   | 14         | 7           |
| <b>SECOND QUARTER</b>   |            |             |
| UTAH FG 14:11   |            |             |
| M. Gay 33 yd FG GOOD  |            |             |
| 4 plays, 5 yards, 0:56  | 14         | 10          |
| UTAH TD 7:27  |            |             |
| T. Huntley run for 3 yds for a TD, (M. Gay KICK)  |            |             |
| 11 plays, 67 yards, 4:43  | 14         | 17          |
| UTAH FG 0:00  |            |             |
| M. Gay 30 yd FG GOOD  |            |             |
| 10 plays, 66 yards, 1:25  | 14         | 20          |
| <b>THIRD QUARTER</b>  |            |             |
| UTAH TD 12:36   |            |             |
| T. Huntley pass,to S. Enis for 27 yds for a TD,USC penalty, Defensive offside ( Yards) declined, (M. Gay KICK)                    |            |             |
| 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:24   | 14         | 27          |
| UTAH TD 3:28  |            |             |
| T. Huntley pass,to D. Simpkins for 11 yds for a TD, (M. Gay KICK)   |            |             |
| 12 plays, 85 yards, 6:38  | 14         | 34          |
| <b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>   |            |             |
| USC TD 11:34  |            |             |
| M. Fink pass,to T. Petite for 3 yds for a TD, (M. Brown KICK)   |            |             |
| 3 plays, 9 yards, 1:28  | 21         | 34          |
| UTAH TD 8:55  |            |             |
| T. Huntley pass,to J. Jackson for 11 yds for a TD, (M. Gay KICK)  |            |             |
| 5 plays, 75 yards, 3:39   | 21         | 41          |
| USC TD 3:05   |            |             |
| V. Malepeai run for 12 yds for a TD, (M. Brown KICK)  |            |             |
| 13 plays, 75 yards, 5:50  | 28         | 41          |

| <b>Team Stats</b> | <b>USC</b> | <b>UTAH</b> |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| First Downs       | 10         | 27          |
| Total Yards       | 205        | 541         |
| Total Plays       | 54         | 81          |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 3.8        | 6.7         |
| Net Yards Rushing | 73         | 200         |
| Rushes            | 31         | 51          |
| Yards Per Rush    | 2.4        | 3.9         |
| Net Yards Passing | 132        | 341         |
| Comp-Att          | 12-23      | 22-30       |
| Yards Per Pass    | 5.7        | 11.4        |
| Times Sacked      | 2          | 5           |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -10        | -27         |
| Interceptions     | 2          | 0           |
| Punts             | 7          | 4           |
| Punt Average      | 0.0        | 0.0         |
| Penalties         | 2          | 7           |
| Penalty Yards     | 20         | 69          |
| Fumbles           | 1          | 3           |
| Fumbles Lost      | 0          | 2           |
| Possession        | 25:12      | 34:48       |

**Individual Stats**

| <b>RUSHING</b>  |             |            |            |           |             |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|                 | <b>Rush</b> | <b>Yds</b> | <b>Avg</b> | <b>TD</b> | <b>Long</b> |
| <b>USC</b>      |             |            |            |           |             |
| Vavae Malepeai  | 10          | 44         | 4.4        | 1         | 12          |
| Stephen Carr    | 12          | 23         | 1.9        | 0         | 7           |
| Matt Fink       | 4           | 21         | 5.3        | 0         | 8           |
| Velus Jones Jr. | 3           | -5         | -1.7       | 0         | 0           |
| JT Daniels      | 2           | -10        | -5.0       | 0         | 0           |
| <b>UTAH</b>     |             |            |            |           |             |
| Zack Moss       | 25          | 136        | 5.4        | 0         | 23          |
| Tyler Huntley   | 16          | 33         | 2.1        | 1         | 15          |
| TJ Green        | 3           | 19         | 6.3        | 0         | 12          |
| Britain Covey   | 1           | 10         | 10.0       | 0         | 10          |
| Armand Shyne    | 3           | 7          | 2.3        | 0         | 3           |
| Team            | 3           | -5         | -1.7       | 0         | 0           |

**PASSING**

|               | <b>Comp</b> | <b>Att</b> | <b>Yds</b> | <b>Y/A</b> | <b>TD</b> | <b>Int</b> | <b>QBRat</b> |
|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| <b>USC</b>    |             |            |            |            |           |            |              |
| JT Daniels    | 6           | 16         | 89         | 5.6        | 1         | 2          | 79.9         |
| Matt Fink     | 6           | 7          | 43         | 6.1        | 1         | 0          | 184.5        |
| <b>UTAH</b>   |             |            |            |            |           |            |              |
| Tyler Huntley | 22          | 29         | 341        | 11.8       | 4         | 0          | 220.2        |
| Team          | 0           | 1          | 0          | 0.0        | 0         | 0          | -            |

**RECEIVING**

|                     | <b>Rec</b> | <b>Yds</b> | <b>Avg</b> | <b>TD</b> | <b>Long</b> |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>USC</b>          |            |            |            |           |             |
| Michael Pittman Jr. | 4          | 107        | 26.8       | 1         | 42          |
| Vavae Malepeai      | 1          | 12         | 12.0       | 0         | 12          |
| Stephen Carr        | 1          | 5          | 5.0        | 0         | 5           |
| Velus Jones Jr.     | 3          | 4          | 1.3        | 0         | 4           |
| Tyler Petite        | 1          | 3          | 3.0        | 1         | 3           |
| Tyler Vaughns       | 2          | 1          | 0.5        | 0         | 1           |
| <b>UTAH</b>         |            |            |            |           |             |
| Britain Covey       | 4          | 79         | 19.8       | 1         | 46          |
| Brant Kuithe        | 4          | 68         | 17.0       | 0         | 30          |
| Jaylen Dixon        | 2          | 56         | 28.0       | 0         | 49          |
| Samson Nacua        | 5          | 55         | 11.0       | 0         | 20          |
| Solomon Enis        | 1          | 27         | 27.0       | 1         | 27          |
| Demari Simpkins     | 2          | 24         | 12.0       | 1         | 13          |
| Jameson Field       | 2          | 16         | 8.0        | 0         | 11          |
| Jake Jackson        | 1          | 11         | 11.0       | 1         | 11          |
| Cole Fotheringham   | 1          | 5          | 5.0        | 0         | 5           |