

WEEK NINE  
ARIZONA ST AT USC

LOS ANGELES -- N'Keal Harry scored on a 92-yard punt return and Arizona State defeated Southern California 38-35 on Saturday.

Harry also caught a 44-yard touchdown pass from Manny Wilkins as the Sun Devils ended the Trojans' 19-game home winning streak. Eno Benjamin rushed for 192 yards and two touchdowns, and Arizona State (4-4, 2/3 Pac-12) won at the Coliseum for the second time in their past 10 visits dating back to 2001.

"It's quite an accomplishment for our football team," Arizona State coach Herm Edwards said. "We've been on the wrong side of a lot of these games. It's par for how we've played. We finally won a game, a close game, and it's good for the guys."

Redshirt freshman Jack Sears threw for 235 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start for USC (4-4, 3-3), which had not lost at home since Clay Helton took over as interim coach midway through 2015. Michael Pittman Jr. had two touchdown receptions, and Tyler Vaughns threw a touchdown pass, caught a touchdown and returned a punt for a touchdown.

Harry put Arizona State up 31-28 with 2:54 left in the third quarter, reversing field back to his own 2-yard line before cutting right and finding a lane down USC's sideline.

"The punt return, everybody on the sideline was yelling, 'Don't catch it. Don't catch it. Don't catch it.' He made an extraordinary play happen, and that's what he does," said Wilkins, who was 14 of 22 passing for 166 yards and one touchdown.

Helton passed on a 38-yard field goal that would have tied the game with 10:16 remaining, and Aca'Cedric Ware was stopped short on fourth-and-1 at the Arizona State 20.

Wilkins kept the ball on third-and-short for a 45-yard touchdown run to make it 38-28 following a USC punt.

Sears threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Vaughns with 35 seconds remaining, but Harry recovered the onside kick attempt. Harry also had four receptions for 95 yards and two carries for 5 yards.

Arizona State scored 24 straight points after Vaughns took a punt return 82 yards for a touchdown 2:08 into the first quarter, but USC responded with three straight touchdowns to take a 28-24 lead on a double pass from Vaughns to Pittman early in the third quarter.

"I feel like Jack battled today," said Pittman, who had six receptions for 90 yards. "He got off to a rough start, but he battled back. The second half, I felt we looked as good as we've looked all year moving the ball and that's all you can really ask for."

THE TAKEAWAY

Arizona State: Harry is the most talented receiver in the Pac-12, and possibly all of college football. Despite being the focus of USC's defensive game plan, the junior still made his mark by brushing aside cornerback Ajene Harris for his sixth touchdown catch of the season. And Harry's punt return that won the game for Arizona State was simply jaw-dropping in its audaciousness.

USC: The heat is on for Helton. Fans made their displeasure with the erratic offense, inconsistent defense and penalty-prone special teams known by leaving plenty of seats at the Coliseum empty. It's not unreasonable to think the Trojans could become the highest-profile vacancy on the coaching carousel after winning the Pac-12 last season.

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ASU	14	10	7	7	38
USC	7	7	14	7	35

Scoring Summary -----

	ASU	USC
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
USC TD 12:52		
Tyler Vaughns 82 Yd Punt Return (Michael Brown Kick)		
4 plays, 17 yards, 2:08	0	7
ASU TD 8:55		
N'Keal Harry 44 Yd pass from Manny Wilkins (Brandon Ruiz Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:57	7	7
ASU TD 6:22		
Eno Benjamin 3 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)		
2 plays, 3 yards, 0:42	14	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
ASU FG 14:12		
Brandon Ruiz 31 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 74 yards, 3:46	17	7
ASU TD 6:12		
Eno Benjamin 49 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)		
12 plays, 95 yards, 5:17	24	7
USC TD 0:13		
Michael Pittman Jr. 6 Yd pass from Jack Sears (Michael Brown Kick)		
8 plays, 90 yards, 1:33	24	14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
USC TD 10:49		
Velus Jones Jr. 8 Yd Run (Michael Brown Kick)		
9 plays, 87 yards, 4:11	24	21
USC TD 10:24		
Michael Pittman Jr. 36 Yd pass from Tyler Vaughns (Michael Brown Kick)		
1 play, 36 yards, 0:09	24	28
ASU TD 2:54		
N'Keal Harry 92 Yd Punt Return (Brandon Ruiz Kick)		
4 plays, 23 yards, 1:46	31	28
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
ASU TD 1:23		
Manny Wilkins 45 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)		
5 plays, 66 yards, 2:30	38	28
USC TD 0:35		
Tyler Vaughns 48 Yd pass from Jack Sears (Michael Brown Kick)		
4 plays, 65 yards, 0:48	38	35

Team Stats	ASU	USC
First Downs	20	19
Total Yards	448	421
Total Plays	68	63
Avg Gain Per Play	6.6	6.7
Net Yards Rushing	283	149
Rushes	44	33
Yards Per Rush	6.4	4.5
Net Yards Passing	165	272
Comp-Att	14-24	21-30
Yards Per Pass	6.9	9.1
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-7
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	5	7
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	7
Penalty Yards	48	73
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	32:15	27:45

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
ASU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Eno Benjamin	29	185	6.4	2	49		
Manny Wilkins	9	89	9.9	1	45		
Isaiah Floyd	2	6	3.0	0	3		
N'Keal Harry	2	5	2.5	0	4		
Team	2	-2	-1.0	0	0		
USC	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Aca'Cedric Ware	13	64	4.9	0	16		
Vavae Malepeai	5	51	10.2	0	41		
Stephen Carr	4	16	4.0	0	9		
Jack Sears	10	10	1.0	0	22		
Velus Jones Jr.	1	8	8.0	1	8		
PASSING							
ASU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Manny Wilkins	14	22	166	7.5	1	0	142.0
Dillon Sterling-Cole	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
USC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jack Sears	20	28	235	8.4	2	0	165.5
Tyler Vaughns	1	1	36	36.0	1	0	732.4
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	-
RECEIVING							
ASU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
N'Keal Harry	4	95	23.8	1	44		
Frank Darby	4	26	6.5	0	9		
Brandon Aiyuk	1	23	23.0	0	23		
Tommy Hudson	3	9	3.0	0	10		
Kyle Williams	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Nick Ralston	1	6	6.0	0	6		
USC	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Michael Pittman Jr.	6	90	15.0	2	36		
Tyler Vaughns	4	72	18.0	1	48		
Amon-Ra St. Brown	4	39	9.8	0	18		
Josh Faló	3	37	12.3	0	18		
Velus Jones Jr.	1	22	22.0	0	22		
Vavae Malepeai	2	15	7.5	0	12		
Aca'Cedric Ware	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		