#18/19 USC Trojans
Big Ten

Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 2023

Current Status: Bubble
Projected JNG Seed: 3

Head Coach: Eric Musselman
School: 41-32 (3 seasons)
Career: 262-125

Record		H/R/N/B		NET/WAB/SOS		Resume		Predictive		KenPom	
Overall	6-0	Home	4-0	NET	1	KPI	1	BPI	18	AdjO	29
vs D1	6-0	Road	1-0	WAB	1	SOR	27	T-R	18	AdjD	21
Conference	0-0	Neutral	1-0	N/C WAB	1	JNG	11	KenPom	22	Tempo	54
vs Tier 1-2	2-0	vs Board	0-0	SOS	1	AVG	13.0	AVG	19.3	Luck	69
vs Tier 1-3	3-0			N/C SOS	1	OAR: 19 (12.6 avg)*				Streak	W6

Average JNG Win: 216.2

Wins Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
63	*11/08*	*vs Wichita State*	*93-86*
100	*11/11*	*@ California*	*77-65*

Wins Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
148	11/19	Tarleton	96-51

Wins Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
293	11/02	Milwaukee	95-63
345	11/15	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	122-46
348	11/22	Louisiana	82-56

Average JNG Loss: 0.0

Loss Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Loss Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Loss Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Loss Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

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REMAINING SCHEDULE

Date	JNG	Opponent
11/25	56	vs South Carolina*
11/26	39	vs Utah State*
12/02	95	Washington
12/05	80	@ Oregon
12/08	110	@ San Diego*
12/13	8	vs Texas Tech*
12/19	292	Jacksonville*
12/22	127	Western Michigan*
12/30	73	@ Purdue
01/02	22	@ Indiana
01/05	106	@ Maryland
01/08	112	@ Rutgers
01/12	13	Michigan State
01/16	77	Wisconsin
01/23	54	Michigan
01/27	6	@ Illinois
01/30	137	@ Northwestern
02/03	58	Iowa
02/06	24	Minnesota
02/10	95	@ Washington
02/13	7	UCLA
02/20	70	Ohio State
02/23	16	@ Nebraska
02/27	80	Oregon
03/02	90	Penn State
03/06	7	@ UCLA

Glossary:

NET: NCAA NET Metric
WAB: Wins Above Bubble (NCAA Metric)
KPI: kpisports.net / Kevin Pauga
SOR: espn.com Strength of Record
JNG: hoopshd.com / Joby Fortson
BPI: espn.com BPI Ratings
T-R: barttorvik.com / Torvik Rankings
KenPom: kenpom.com / Ken Pomeroy
AdjO: Adjusted Offensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
AdjD: Adjusted Defensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
Tempo: Adjusted Tempo per kenpom.com
Luck: Luck Ranking per kenpom.com

OAR: Overall Average Ranking (average of NET, KPI, SOR, WAB, POM, BPI and T-R ranked 1-365)
Projected JNG Seed: NCAA Tournament Seed per the JNG Rating if this team qualifies for the NCAA Tournament
* Games marked with an * are non-conference games

USC DEFCON Game Ratings for Wednesday, November 25, 2026

DEFCON 1

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
4:30 PM	South Carolina vs USC	CBS-SN	USC

DEFCON 3

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
5:00 PM	Southern at Nebraska	BTN	Southern
7:00 PM	Connecticut vs Duke	prime	Duke

DEFCON 4

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
2:30 PM	Texas A&M vs Xavier	ESPN2	Xavier
2:30 PM	Ole Miss vs Arizona	ESPN	Ole Miss
5:30 PM	BYU vs Providence	ESPN2	Providence

DEFCON 5

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
12:00 PM	Marquette vs Virginia	ESPN	Marquette
2:00 PM	Arizona State vs LSU	CBS-SN	Arizona State
2:00 PM	Arkansas-Pine Bluff at South Dakota	summit	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
5:00 PM	Memphis vs Penn State	ESPNU	Memphis
7:00 PM	Northeastern at Wisconsin	BTN	Northeastern
7:00 PM	SMU vs Utah State	CBS-SN	Utah State