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Division 5's
Kenny Howard
still looks the
part of a USC
football
player.

Former Trojan Kenny Howard Knows Metro Bus Parts, But Can He Predict Weekend's USC-UCLA Game?

By RICH MORALLO

(Dec. 2, 2004) Kenny Howard is the man to know if you need a bus part - from a 75-pound alternator to a small glass fuse.

As a maintenance material specialist at Arthur Winston Division 5, Howard can provide 2,000 different equipment supplies from the storeroom to help keep the bus fleet on the road.

"Anything you need to put a bus together, see me," says Howard.

Howard is also the man to know if you are a Trojan fan anticipating this weekend's annual rivalry match with the UCLA Bruins. For three years, Howard played defense on the football team of the University of Southern California and he can tell you all about the Trojans.

'End, tackle, nose guard'

"I played where they needed me - end, tackle, nose guard," recalls Howard, who stands 6-feet, 4 1/2-inches and weighs 360 pounds.

Howard was an offensive tackle on the 1983 All-Central City All-Star Team from Manual Arts High School when he was recruited by USC.

"I was at USC through 1985 and majored in Public Administration with a minor in Public Relations since I could speak Slavic, French and Spanish," Howard said.

Howard's highlight as a Trojan football player came at the Rosebowl in January 1985, when the Trojans played the Ohio State Buckeyes. "I was playing nose guard and when their quarterback hiked the ball, I jammed the center and tackled their running back."



A photo of the 1984 USC defensive linemen shows Number 98 Kenny Howard at far right.

Went for the pros

In 1989, Howard tried out for the NFL Cleveland Browns, but eventually returned to Metro where he had first worked the year before.

"My dad and uncle were also with Metro; they were both maintenance supervisors," said Howard, who now has almost 15 years with the agency.

Last week, Howard predicted a 42-17 Trojan win over Notre Dame. He was close - the final score was 41-10.

"This weekend, I believe the score will be USC - 56 and UCLA - 0," said Howard, who just might have been showing some favoritism to his alma mater.