



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Texas A&M

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Sunday, November 26, 2017

Final: USC 59, Texas A&M 75

- With the loss tonight, USC fell to 4-1 and Texas A&M improved to 6-0.
- Tonight's loss snapped a 21-game home winning streak over nonconference opponents.
- Texas A&M led 38-31 at halftime. USC shot 30.8 percent in the first half, while Texas A&M shot 44.7 percent. USC was 3 of 15 from three-point range (20 percent).
- USC shot 28.2 percent from the floor tonight. Its previous low in a game this season was 41.2 percent in the opener vs. CS Fullerton on Nov. 10. USC's low in a game last year was 31.0 percent. Tonight's shooting percentage was USC's lowest since making 26.5 percent vs. Utah on Feb. 1, 2015.
- USC tied the game at 42-all at the 14:15 mark of the second half, then Texas A&M went on a 19-3 run over the next 2 minutes and 59 seconds to make it 61-45 and closed the game on a 33-17 run.
- USC's 59 points were a season low and its lowest since also scoring 59 in a 64-59 loss at Arizona State on Feb. 22, 2015.
- USC had six blocks tonight, one each by six different players. USC now has 27 blocks in its five games.
- Nick Rakocevic had season highs in points (11) and rebounds (7). His career high in both categories came against Pepperdine on Dec. 11, 2016, when he had 13 points and 9 rebounds.
- USC's next game will be at SMU in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. PT

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"Unfortunately, tonight we didn't play very well. Texas A&M played better than us and they deserved to win. We kept missing easy shots. They went on a 19-3 run, we missed a lot of open jump shots and shots at the rim. That was a tough stretch for us.

"This game is on me. It was the worst we shot from the field since I've been here. That's on me.

"Bennie had an off game. He'll bounce back. We wouldn't be here without him. We believe in him.

"There were a lot of good players on the court on both sides. We just didn't play as well as they did. You can learn from wins and losses. I thought our defense was good enough to win, but our offense wasn't, missing open shots, shots at the rim, not executing, whatever it was.

"Nick was terrific tonight. He gave us energy and great defense in the post."

JORDAN McLAUGHLIN QUOTES:

"We know we have a lot of fight in us. We kept fighting. We just came up short.

"I told them to keep pushing, push through it. I told the guys to keep shooting. We just fell short knocking down shots. We had open looks. We just didn't make shots tonight."

CHIMEZIE METU QUOTES:

"We didn't make shots. We'll regroup and take the positives."



TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH BILLY KENNEDY:

"In the second half, our guys really responded and provided us support."

"Coach Enfield will always bring the defense. He's got tough defensive-minded teams that really provide support on the defensive end."

"We needed to be dynamic offensively tonight, which I believe we did as a team."

"Even with four minutes left, we still told our guys 'It's far from over.' They have so many guys who have the potential to make a comeback."

"We settled down in the second half and really controlled getting points in the paint and made some big plays in transition. Our guys love playing when they know what they are running."

"These guys are playing with each other and really like playing with one another."