



USC Men's Basketball Game Notes

Game No. 13 • USC (8-4) vs. New Mexico State (11-2) • Dec. 25, 2017



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2017-18 USC Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
11/10	CS Fullerton	W, 84-42
11/13	North Dakota State	W, 75-65
11/19	at Vanderbilt	W, 93-89 (ot)
11/22	Lehigh	W, 88-63
11/26	Texas A&M	L, 59-75
12/2	at SMU	L, 55-72
12/8	vs. Oklahoma	L, 83-85
12/14	Santa Clara	W, 82-59
12/17	UC Santa Barbara	W, 98-87
12/19	Princeton	L, 93-103 (ot)
12/22	^Akron	W, 84-53
12/23	^Middle Tennessee	W, 89-84
12/25	^vs. New Mexico State	1:00 p.m.
12/29	Washington	7:30 p.m.
12/31	Washington State	6:00 p.m.
1/4	at California	7:30 p.m.
1/7	at Stanford	7:00 p.m.
1/10	Colorado	7:00 p.m.
1/14	Utah	5:00 p.m.
1/18	at Oregon	6:00 p.m.
1/20	at Oregon State	5:00 p.m.
1/24	Stanford	6:00 p.m.
1/28	California	1:00 p.m.
2/3	at UCLA	3:00/5:15 p.m.
2/8	at Arizona State	8:00 p.m.
2/10	at Arizona	7:15 p.m.
2/15	Oregon	6:00 p.m.
2/17	Oregon State	8:00 p.m.
2/21	at Colorado	7:30 p.m.
2/24	at Utah	11:30 a.m.
3/3	UCLA	7:15 p.m.

^ Diamond Head Classic (Honolulu, Hawai'i)

-- Home Games in Bold --

-- All times local to site --

2018 Pac-12 Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)

3/7	First Round
3/8	Quarter Finals
3/9	Semi Finals
3/10	Finals

2018 NCAA Tournament

3/13-14	First Four
3/15-18	First and Second Rounds
3/22-25	Regional Semifinals & Finals
3/31, 4/2	Final Four, Championship

USC Quick Facts

Location: Los Angeles, Calif.
 Enrolment: 44,000 (19,000 undergraduates)
 Nickname: Trojans
 Colors: Cardinal and Gold
 Head Coach: Andy Enfield (5th year at USC)
 Assistant Coaches: Jason Hart (5th year at USC), Chris Capko (4th year at USC, 2nd as assistant), Martin Bahar (3rd year at USC, 1st as assistant)

BROADCAST NEWS

Dec. 25 - ESPN2 - Roxy Bernstein (pxp) & Corey Alexander (analyst)
 - Tuneln Radio with Jordan Moore (pxp)

USC FACES NEW MEXICO STATE IN DHC FINAL

• Trojans Won The Inaugural Diamond Head Classic In 2009 •

TODAY'S GAME -- The USC Trojans (8-4) are facing the New Mexico State Aggies (11-2) in the final of the Diamond Head Classic in Honolulu, Hawai'i on Dec. 25 at 1:00 p.m. PT. USC has won all five games it has played at the Diamond Head Classic, winning the 2009 title (3-0). USC is 1-1 on Christmas Day, defeating UNLV in the Diamond Head Classic in 2009 and falling to Bradley in the 1947 season (since records were kept in 1928).

BREAKING DOWN THE AGGIES -- The New Mexico State Aggies (11-2) are coming off a 63-54 win over No. 6 Miami on Dec. 23 and have won five consecutive games. Redshirt senior guard Zach Lofton leads the Aggies with a 18.4 scoring average. Senior forward Jemerio Jones averages a double-double with 10.2 points and 10.8 rebounds. NMSU averages 8.8 more rebounds than its opponents. NMSU returned three starters from a team that went 28-6 last season and made the NCAA Tournament. USC leads the all-time series 5-1, winning the last meeting 80-61 on Nov. 21, 2011.

USC DEFEATS MIDDLE TENNESSEE IN DHC SEMIFINAL -- Chimezie Metu scored 27 and Bennie Boatwright 23 as the Trojans overcame a nine-point second-half deficit to defeat Middle Tennessee 89-84 in the Diamond Head Classic semifinal on Dec. 23. USC trailed 43-42 at the break and 54-45 four minutes into the second half before going on a 10-0 run, capped by a Metu dunk to give the Trojans a 55-54 lead at 11:54 of the second half. Middle Tennessee briefly retook the lead at 66-64, but a Boatwright three-pointer with 7:24 remaining gave the Trojans the lead for good. The Blue Raiders cut the deficit back down to two at 76-74, but Shaququan Aaron hit consecutive three-pointers at 2:54 and 2:16 to make it a 6-point lead at 82-76 and the Trojans held on. USC made 68.2 percent of its shots in the second half and 57.8 percent for the game, its best since March 4, 2017 vs. Washington. Middle Tennessee made 49.2 percent of its shots, but only 42.4 percent in the second half. USC also made 52.4 percent from three-point range. Elijah Stewart added 13 points, Jordan McLaughlin 11 and Aaron 10. Nick King led Middle Tennessee with a game-high 28 points. Twelve of Boatwright's 23 points came from the free throw line as he took 16 free throws. USC as a team made 78.8 percent of its free throws.

LEARNING TO WIN EARLY -- USC has recorded at least eight wins in the nonconference schedule all five seasons under Enfield, with a best of 13-0 last season. USC had five victories in the nonconference slate in each of the two previous seasons.

PAC-12 OPENER AGAINST WASHINGTON ON DECK - USC's next game will be vs. Washington (10-3) to open Pac-12 play on Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Washington is coming off a 66-63 home win against Montana on Dec. 22 and has won three straight games. Freshman Jaylen Nowell leads four Huskies in double-figures with a 16.9 points per game average. Washington returned four starters and 10 lettermen from last year's team. USC defeated Washington three times during the 2016-17 season and have defeated the Huskies four consecutive times. USC leads the all-time series 72-71, with two wins in 2008 vacated due to NCAA penalty.

COMPACT SCHEDULE -- USC is in the midst of playing eight games in 18 days (4-1), after beginning the season with seven games in 34 days.

OFFENSE STARTING TO CLICK -- USC has scored 80 or more points in six consecutive games (88.2 points/game). USC is making 51.4 percent (186-for-362) of its shots in that stretch.

McGLAUGHLIN RISING UP THE CHARTS -- Senior point guard Jordan McLaughlin continues to lead the Trojans and move up some of USC's all-time lists. McLaughlin is averaging 13.7 points, 4.2 rebounds and 7.8 assists this season. He leads all Pac-12 players in assists per game and is second in steals per game (2.2). McLaughlin ranks second on USC's all-time list and is sixth among current players with 550 career assists. He also ranks 6th in steals (165), 10th in three-pointers (152), 14th in scoring (1,352) and 7th in minutes played on USC's all-time lists.

New Mexico State Aggies Probable Starters

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	PPG	RPG
G	12	A.J. Harris	5-9	170	So.*	Dayton, Ohio	10.7	1.5
G	13	Sidy N'Dir	6-2	190	Jr.*	Cosne, Burgundy, France	8.9	3.2
G	23	Zach Lofton	6-4	180	Sr.*	St. Paul, Minn.	18.5	4.2
F	10	Jemerio Jones	6-5	200	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	10.2	10.8
F	11	Johnathon Wilkins	6-10	230	Sr.*	Lille, France	6.5	2.9

USC Trojans Probable Starters

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	PPG	RPG
G	11	Jordan McLaughlin	6-1	185	Sr.	Etiwanda, Calif.	13.7	4.2
G	30	Elijah Stewart	6-5	195	Sr.	DeRidder, La.	13.0	3.4
F	4	Chimezie Metu	6-11	225	Jr.	Lawndale, Calif.	19.0	8.3
F	25	Bennie Boatwright	6-10	227	Jr.	Mission Hills, Calif.	14.8	7.4
F	31	Nick Rakocevic	6-11	225	So.	Chicago, Ill.	6.3	5.4

ALL ABOUT ENFIELD -- Andy Enfield, 48, a proven winner as a player, assistant coach and head coach, was named the USC men's basketball head coach on April 1, 2013 and has quickly brought success to the Trojans' basketball program. His arrival on campus created a buzz around the program and the results have come immediately with an increase in games won each season, including a school-record 26 victories during the 2016-17 season. He now has a **78-68** record in his five seasons as the USC head coach and is **119-96** in seven seasons as a head coach. His teams have also excelled in the classroom, setting the USC men's basketball record for highest GPA in the fall, spring and both summer sessions. Enfield has brought in four consecutive Top 30 recruiting classes, with the 2017 class ranking No. 18. USC went 26-10 in the 2016-17 season to set the school record for wins in a season, was in the top 25 rankings for five weeks with a high of No. 22 and won two NCAA Tournament games. The Trojans won their first 14 games which was tied for the fourth-longest winning streak in school history and was the best USC start since the 1971 season. The 13-0 mark in nonconference regular season action was just the sixth time in school history USC had gone undefeated in the nonconference slate. USC's 47 wins during the 2016 and 2017 seasons were the most by the Trojans in a two-season stretch, breaking the mark of 46 total wins in consecutive seasons done in 2001-02 and 2007-08. USC defeated Providence in a 2017 First Four game for its first NCAA Tournament win since the 2009 season, then defeated No. 11 SMU before falling 82-78 to No. 12 Baylor, one win away from a Sweet 16 berth. USC won consecutive NCAA Tournament games for the first time since also winning two straight in the 2007 Tourney. USC continued to play its up-tempo style and set the school record for assists (550), three-pointers made (283) and shots blocked (190), while recording its most steals as a team (252) since the 2003 season. USC also averaged 4.25 dunks per game (153 total) and had seven players average at least 7.0 points. After bringing in his recruits and establishing his system during the first two seasons, his Trojans took a big leap forward in the 2015-16 season. USC went 21-13 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2011. The Trojans had an 8.0 game improvement from the 2014-15 season which was tops among the Power 5 conference teams. They matched a school record with four 100-point games in a season, after not having broken the century mark since 2002. Enfield and staff brought in the No. 12-ranked freshman class in 2014-15 and they became key members of the team. McLaughlin was named to the 2015 Pac-12 All-Freshman team before shoulder injuries cut short his season and Elijah Stewart tied a school record by going 10-for-10 from the floor at Boston College. USC went 12-20 during the 2014-15 campaign, with impressive wins at New Mexico and Boston College, as well as a Pac-12 Tournament first-round upset win over Arizona State. USC went 11-21 in his first season, but Enfield developed freshmen Nikola Jovanovic and Julian Jacobs into impact Pac-12 players, Jacobs ultimately becoming an All-Conference player. Enfield captivated the nation during the 2013 season as the head coach at Florida Gulf Coast University as he guided the first No. 15 seed into the NCAA Sweet 16 with impressive wins over No. 2 seed Georgetown and No. 7 seed San Diego State and introduced the world to "Dunk City," the nickname for FGCU's high-flying and high-speed offense which often ended with thunderous dunks. In Enfield's two-year run at FGCU, the Eagles won 41 games, advanced to the A-Sun Championship game both seasons - its first two playing at the Division I level. FGCU had a 41-28 record in his two seasons as head coach (2011-12, 2012-13), equaling the win total of the program the previous four seasons. Prior to FGCU, Enfield spent the previous five seasons (2007-11) as an assistant coach at Florida State, helping the Seminoles to three consecutive NCAA Tournaments, including the Sweet 16 in 2011. FSU posted four 20-win seasons during his time on the staff and won 31 ACC games, the second-most in the conference behind Duke. In 2011 and 2012, FSU became the first program since Georgetown (1991-92) to lead the nation in defensive field goal percentage two straight seasons. Enfield helped FSU sign three straight Top 25 classes. He began his coaching career in the NBA, serving as the shooting coach for Milwaukee (1995, 1996). Then he was an assistant coach with Boston for two seasons (1999, 2000). Enfield played four seasons (1988-91) at Johns Hopkins, scoring a program-record 2,025 points. He also set the NCAA all-divisions career free throw percentage record of 92.5 percent, making 431-of-466 free throws. He was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

FACING THE BEST -- The USC men's basketball team is once again taking on an ambitious nonconference schedule for the 2017-18 season, highlighted by a home games against Texas A&M and Princeton and tough road games at SMU and Vanderbilt. USC's nonconference schedule features a potential five games against conference champions, seven games against teams which made the NCAA Tournament last season and 11 games against opponents who finished .500 or better during the 2016-17 season. When you include the tough Pac-12 slate, which includes three teams which finished ranked in the top 10 in the country, USC will play a potential 22 games against teams which were .500 or better and 12 games against 2017 NCAA Tournament teams.

TROJANS ON THE RADIO -- USC's radio flagship station once again will be ESPNLA 710 Radio with Chris Fisher calling the action and Jordan Moore providing sideline commentary. Fisher is in his eighth season as the USC play-by-play announcer. Moore is in his fourth season of providing USC basketball sideline reports. Both Fisher and Moore are USC graduates.

PAC-12 PREDICTIONS -- USC was picked to finish 2nd in the 2017-18 Pac-12 preseason poll by league media, its highest ranking ever. The rest of the predictions went as follows: 1.) Arizona (273), **2.) USC (251)**, 3.) UCLA (223), 4.) Oregon (203), 5.) Stanford (182), 6.) Arizona State (146), 7.) Utah (129), 8.) Oregon State (125), 9.) Colorado (112), 10.) Washington (71), 11.) California (46) and 12.) Washington State (33).

A HISTORY OF WINNING -- USC has compiled a record of 1,571-1,182* in its 112 years of intercollegiate basketball competition. USC has had a .500 or better record in 78 of the first 111 seasons.

THE GALEN ADVANTAGE -- USC is 128-61 in 12 seasons at the Galen Center since it opened on Nov. 16, 2006. USC is also 72-18 in nonconference games at the Galen Center. USC has won 23 of its last 25 home nonconference games and is 34-4 in home nonconference games with Enfield as the head coach.

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY -- The USC men's basketball team tries to be a conscientious member of the community and has routinely had youth groups or schools visit practice or ventured out into the community for an event over the last several years. One of their biggest involvements the past two years has been with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk, along with Director of Scouting Martin Bahar to raise money in the name of his sister Maddie who died from the disease in 2009.

* 21 wins and one loss in 2007-08 vacated due to NCAA penalty, original record: 1,592-1,183

PRONUNCIATION KEY

Shaqgan Aaron	Shuh-KWAN Air-un
Jordan McLaughlin	Mick-LAWF-lin
Chimezie Metu	CHUH-mezz-ee MET-too
Nick Rakocevic	Ruh-COE-sev-ik
Derryck Thornton	Dare-ik Thor-tun
Victor Uyaelunmo	oo-ya-loo-moe

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The Trojans have 9 players from California, 2 from Illinois and one each from Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas.

USC INFORMATION OUTLETS

TROJANS ON THE WEB

Current and historical USC men's basketball information, as well as news, statistics, and features can be found at the USC website: www.usctrojans.com.

The Pac-12 Conference web site address is: www.pac-12.org.

TROJANS ON THE RADIO

Most of USC's games will be broadcast on ESPNLA 710 Radio (KSPN-AM). Many USC games are also on Sirius and XM Radio.

TROJANS ON TELEVISION

Every USC game this season will be on television. The following is the TV broadcast outlet for each game:

11/10	CS Fullerton	Pac-12
11/13	North Dakota St.	Pac-12
11/19	at Vanderbilt	SEC
11/22	Lehigh	Pac-12
11/26	Texas A&M	Pac-12
12/2	at SMU	ESPNU
12/8	vs. Oklahoma	ESPN2
12/14	Santa Clara	Pac-12
12/17	UC Santa Barbara	Pac-12
12/19	Princeton	Pac-12
12/22	vs. Akron	ESPNU
12/23	vs. Mid.Tennessee	ESPN2
12/25	vs. New Mexico St.	ESPN2
12/29	Washington	Pac-12
12/31	Washington State	ESPN2
1/4	at California	Pac-12
1/7	at Stanford	FS1
1/10	Colorado	FS1
1/14	Utah	ESPNU
1/18	at Oregon	ESPN/2
1/20	at Oregon State	Pac-12
1/24	Stanford	ESPNU
1/28	California	Pac-12
2/3	at UCLA	ESPN/2
2/8	at Arizona State	ESPN2
2/10	at Arizona	ESPN/2
2/15	Oregon	ESPN/2
2/17	Oregon State	FS1
2/21	at Colorado	FS1
2/24	at Utah	Pac-12
3/3	UCLA	ESPN

Pac-12 = Pac-12 Network

ESPN2/U/3 = ESPN2 or ESPNU or ESPN3

FS1 = Fox Sports 1 SEC = SEC Network

PAC-12 TELECONFERENCES

The Pac-12 will hold two media teleconferences, one on Dec. 27 and the other on Feb. 7. Media can call the Pac-12 at (925) 932-4411 for the call-in number. Andy Enfield's slot is at 11:20 a.m. PT.

DT ON THE DL - USC guard Derryck Thornton suffered a dislocated right shoulder in practice on Nov. 28 and is expected to miss 3-4 weeks of action. Thornton transferred to USC from Duke prior to last season and redshirted. This season, he has averaged 3.6 points and 2.0 rebounds in five games.

TIS THE SEASON OF SHARING -- Jordan McLaughlin's 19 assists on Dec. 17 vs. UCSB broke his school record of 16 assists in a game set in 2015 and tied the Pac-12 single-game record for assists in a game of 19 set by Russell Brown of Arizona in 1979. USC's 28 assists vs. UCSB were its most in a game since registering 29 vs. George Mason on Dec. 20, 1995.

ALL AROUND THE BLOCK -- USC ranks T-44th in the country with 4.9 blocks per game. Chimezie Metu leads USC with 18 blocks and Bennie Boatwright has registered 15. Boatwright had seven blocks all of last season. Chimezie Metu now ranks fifth on USC's all-time blocks list with 127 and Elijah Stewart ranks eighth with 114 blocks.

MIGHTY METU -- USC forward Chimezie Metu has registered 34 dunks in USC's first 12 games, with at least one in every game except vs. Akron on Dec. 22. He has out-dunked USC's opponents 34-23 this season and USC has had 55 dunks to its opposition's 23.

COMEBACK KIDS AT IT AGAIN -- USC rallied from a 10-point deficit in the win vs. North Dakota State on Nov. 13, from a 14-point hole in the victory at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19, from 9 back vs. Akron on Dec. 22 and from 9 back in the second half against Middle Tennessee on Dec. 23. USC led all NCAA teams during the 2016-17 season with 13 comebacks from 10 or more points down. USC also had 15 wins in games it trailed by nine or more points in the 2016-17 season.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS... -- With De'Anthony Melton missing USC's first 12 games, Derryck Thornton missing the last seven games (shoulder), Bennie Boatwright missing two games (foot) and Jonah Mathews two games (ankle/foot), USC has missed 23 games of action by projected rotation players or 1.9 players per game this season.

CLEANING THE GLASS -- USC has had 238 rebounds to its opponent's 164 in the six games (39.7 rpg to 27.3 rpg). USC has had six games this season with at least 40 rebounds and has had six games in which it has had at least 10 more rebounds than its opponent. USC is 7-1 in games it has more rebounds than the opposition.

A SLEW FOR STEW -- USC senior Elijah Stewart surpassed the 1,000 points scored mark during the win at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19 and now has 1,137 career points scored. Stewart has made 30 three-pointers this season to give him 205 career 3-point makes, third on USC's all-time list and 13 behind Brandon Granville, who is second on USC's all-time list with 218. Stewart has also played 114 consecutive games, the most of any player in the Pac-12. Stewart matched a career high with seven three-point makes vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8. He has made at least one three-point basket in all but one game this season (Dec. 14 vs. Santa Clara).

FAN-TASTIC SUPPORT -- USC had 6,327 in attendance for the home game vs. CS Fullerton on Nov. 10 and 5,347 for the game vs. Texas A&M at Galen on Nov. 26. Those are the two highest-attended nonconference home games since drawing 5,563 for the game vs. Howard on Dec. 29, 2013. The last time USC had a home nonconference game with more fans than the 6,327 on Nov. 10 was vs. Kansas on Dec. 22, 2011 when it drew 6,431. The 2008 season was the last time USC had more than two nonconference games with higher than 5,347 fans, drawing 9,288 vs. Oklahoma on Nov. 29, 2007, 10,107 vs. Kansas on Dec. 2, 2007 and 7,140 vs. UC Riverside on Dec. 29, 2007.

TRI-TOWERS OF POWER -- Forwards Bennie Boatwright (21 points/11 rebounds), Chimezie Metu (20 points/11 rebounds) and Nick Rakocovic (16 points/10 rebounds) all posted a double-double in the game vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14. It was the first game with three Trojans posting a double-double since Dec. 19, 2009 vs. Tennessee (Mike Gerrity, Alex Stepheson and Nikola Vucevic). Rakocovic then doubled-down with his second career double-double on Dec. 17 vs. UCSB with 12 points and a career-high rebounds.

BATTLING THE BULLIES -- USC's opponents are a combined 88-54 this season (62.0 winning percent). The four teams USC has lost to (Texas A&M, SMU, Oklahoma, Princeton) are a combined 37-12 (75.5 winning percent).

STRONG IN THE CLASSROOM - During the first four seasons of the Enfield Era at USC, the men's basketball team has set program's record for grade-point average in the fall, spring and both summer school sessions.

USC'S ROSTER FEATURES RARE PAIR OF 4-YEAR SENIORS - In senior guards Jordan McLaughlin and Elijah Stewart, USC has its first pair of four-year scholarship seniors since the 2004-05 season when it had five. The seniors on the 2004-05 roster were guards Derrick and Errick Craven, forward Nick Curtis, center Rory O'Neil and forward Gregg Guenther, who was at USC on a football scholarship.

TROJANS HIGHEST PRESEASON RANKING SINCE 1974 -- The USC men's basketball team was ranked No. 10 in the Associated Press (AP) preseason poll on Nov. 1. It marks the highest preseason ranking for the Trojan men's basketball team since the 1974-75 season. It is also the highest ranking at any point for the Trojans since finishing the 1991-92 season at No. 8. USC was ranked five weeks in the 2016-17 AP poll, with a highest ranking of No. 22 on Dec. 26. USC is currently not ranked.

METU, McLAUGHLIN & BOATWRIGHT NAMED TO PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LISTS -- Junior forward Chimezie Metu was one of 32 players named to the preseason watch list for the Oscar Robertson Trophy which recognizes college's top men's basketball player. In addition, Metu and senior guard Jordan McLaughlin were named to the preseason watch list for the Lute Olson Award, given to the top college player which has played at least two seasons. Metu and McLaughlin have been named to the preseason Top 50 for the John R. Wooden Award as the nation's top player. Metu, McLaughlin & Bennie Boatwright are 3 of 50 candidates for the Citizen Naismith Trophy as the 2018 player of the year. Only 3 schools have 3 or more players on the watch list (Duke-4, USC-3, Arizona-3).

MORE PRESEASON PROPS - USC head coach Andy Enfield was named the preseason National Coach of the Year by College Sports Madness. Also, four Trojans were named to preseason watch lists: Jordan McLaughlin (Cousy Award - Top Point Guard), De'Anthony Melton (Jerry West Award - Top Shooting Guard), Bennie Boatwright (Karl Malone Award - Top Power Forward) and Chimezie Metu (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award - Top Center).

TROJANS BUILDING STEP-BY-STEP -- The Trojans have made steady progress since Andy Enfield became the head coach for the 2013-14 season. The 2016-17 continued the upward trajectory which produced a school-record 26 wins. Also, USC was 10-8 in Pac-12 play last season after being 9-9 in 2016, 3-15 in 2015 and 2-16 in 2014.

	FG%	FG Def.	3PT%	3PT Def.	3PM	FT%	Reb/G	Assists	Blocks	Points	PPG	Record
2013-14 --	.439	.430	.291	.323	146	.670	37.0	404	141	2258	70.6	11-21
2014-15 --	.422	.422	.329	.330	170	.634	35.9	397	133	2143	67.0	12-20
2015-16 --	.460	.417	.387	.325	266	.676	39.3	504	182	2737	80.5	21-13
2016-17 --	.456	.434	.362	.368	283	.741	35.7	550	190	2816	78.2	26-10

USC TO THE NBA -- USC has five former players that have played in NBA games this season: All-Star DeMar DeRozan (Toronto), Taj Gibson (Minnesota), Nikola Vucevic (Orlando), Nick Young (Golden State) and Dewayne Dedmon (Atlanta). Four of the players are starting and the other, Nick Young, comes off the bench for the defending NBA Champion Warriors. Since the 2007 NBA Draft, USC has had five players selected in the first round. Here are the 2017-18 stats for the Trojans playing in the NBA (through games of Dec. 23):

Player	Team	Minutes/G	Reb./G	Points/G
Dewayne Dedmon	Atlanta	24.3	7.8	11.1
DeMar DeRozan	Toronto	34.3	4.4	24.9
Taj Gibson	Minnesota	33.4	8.2	11.2
Nikola Vucevic	Orlando	29.9	9.3	17.4
Nick Young	Golden State	14.0	1.5	6.9

TO THE NBA TO STAY -- Of USC's five current NBA players, four are starting and all are playing significant minutes. There are only four schools that can claim more NBA starters on opening day this season:

2017 Opening Day NBA Starters	School
11	Kentucky
8	UCLA
5	Duke
5	Arizona
4	USC
	Texas
	Marquette
	North Carolina

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW...CLEAR BAG POLICY FOR GALEN -- To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite guest entry into the venue, the Galen Center will be implementing a "clear bag policy" that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the arena for all events (one clear bag no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" per person) starting January 1st, 2018. The policy does not affect other items that fans normally bring to a game, which still can be carried in their pockets or openly in their arms. Also, for increased security, all guests entering the Galen Center walk through metal detector screening with arms raised (guests should remove metal items from pockets)."

CLIMBING THE USC ALL-TIME CHARTS

Assists

1.	779	Brandon Granville	1999-02
2.	550	Jordan McLaughlin	2015-17
3.	409	Larry Friend.....	1983-86
4.	398	Duane Cooper. 1988-89, 1991-92	
	398	Julian Jacobs.....	2014-16

Games

1.	133	Dwight Lewis	2007-10
2.	124	Brandon Granville	1999-02
3.	123	Lodrick Stewart	2004-07
4.	121	Desmon Farmer	2001-04
5.	118	Duane Cooper.. 1988-89, 91-92	
	118	Rory O'Neil	2002-05
7.	116	David Bluthenthal	1999-02
	116	Wayne Carlander	1982-85
	116	Ronnie Coleman	1988-91
	116	Rodney Chatman	1990-93
	114	Elijah Stewart.....	2015-17
	104	Jordan McLaughlin	2015-17

Minutes Played

1.	4069	Dwight Lewis	2007-10
2.	4043	Brandon Granville	1999-02
3.	3978	Wayne Carlander	1982-85
4.	3597	Ronnie Coleman	1988-91
5.	3511	Sam Clancy.....	1999-02
6.	3507	Lodrick Stewart	2004-07
7.	3447	Jordan McLaughlin	2015-17
8.	3435	Taj Gibson	2007-09
9.	3337	Derrick Dowell	1984-87
10.	3281	David Bluthenthal	1999-02
11.	3261	Desmon Farmer	2001-04
	3041	Elijah Stewart.....	2015-17

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1.	232	Lodrick Stewart	2004-07
2.	218	Brandon Granville	1999-02
3.	205	Elijah Stewart.....	2015-17
4.	203	Desmon Farmer	2001-04
5.	179	Gabe Pruitt	2005-07
6.	176	Harold Miner.....	1990-92
7.	171	David Bluthenthal	1999-02
8.	163	Elias Ayuso.....	1997-99
9.	156	Phil Glenn.....	1990-93
10.	152	Jordan McLaughlin	2015-17
11	149	Dwight Lewis.....	2007-10
12.	145	Stais Boseman.....	1994-97
13.	133	Anthony Pendleton.....	1988-89
14	125	Bennie Boatwright	2016-17
15.	124	Dwayne Hackett.....	1992-93
16.	121	Burt Harris	1993-95
	121	Katin Reinhardt	2015-16
18.	119	Adam Spanich.....	1998-99
19.	114	Duane Cooper 1988-89, 1991-92	
20.	105	Rodney Chatman	1990-93
	105	Donte Smith	2009-11

Blocked Shots

1.	253	Taj Gibson	2007-09
2.	195	Sam Clancy.....	1999-02
3.	129	Rory O'Neil.....	2002-05
4.	128	Lorenzo Orr	1992-95
5.	127	Chimezie Metu	2016-17
6.	119	Omar Oraby	2013-14
7.	116	Rod Keller	1984-87
8.	114	Elijah Stewart.....	2015-17
9.	104	Jeff Trepagnier	1998-01
10.	101	Avondre Jones	1994, 1996

Steals

1.	229	Brandon Granville	1999-02
2.	224	Errick Craven	2002-05
3.	208	Stais Boseman	1994-97
4.	204	Jeff Trepagnier	1998-01
5.	179	Derrick Dowell	1984-87
6.	167	Jordan McLaughlin	2015-16
7.	158	Gabe Pruitt	2005-06
8.	148	Lodrick Stewart	2004-06
9.	134	Sam Clancy	1999-02

Points

1.	2,048	Harold Miner (87 games).....	1990-92
2.	1,727	Ronnie Coleman (116)	1988-91
3.	1,657	Sam Clancy (113).....	1999-02
4.	1,606	Desmon Farmer (121).....	2001-04
5.	1,524	Wayne Carlander (116)	1982-85
6.	1,486	Nick Young (96).....	2005-07
7.	1,484	John Rudometkin (79).....	1960-62
8.	1,483	Derrick Dowell (109).....	1984-87
9.	1,466	Lodrick Stewart (123)	2004-07
10.	1,460	Dwight Lewis (133).....	2007-10
11.	1,441	Brian Scalabrine (92).....	1999-01
12.	1,430	Brandon Granville (124)	1999-02
13.	1,423	John Block (78)	1964-66
14.	1,352	Jordan McLaughlin (104)	2015-17
15.	1,341	Lorenzo Orr (114)	1992-95
16.	1,318	Gus Williams (82)	1973-75
17.	1,313	David Bluthenthal (116)	1999-02
18.	1,307	Taj Gibson (105)	2007-09
19.	1,248	Stais Boseman (105).....	1994-97
20.	1,247	Purvis Miller (90)	1978-81
21.	1,211	Ron Holmes (111).....	1981-85
22.	1,204	Maurice Williams (111)	1979-82
23.	1,168	Allen Young (77)	1963-65
24.	1,167	Byron Wesley (94).....	2012-14
25.	1,159	Errick Craven (105)	2002-05
26	1,137	Elijah Stewart (113).....	2015-17
26.	1,128	Jeff Trepagnier (106)	1998-01
27.	1,127	Don Carfino (101).....	1977-80
29.	1,116	Jaha Wilson (111)	1994-97

STARTING LINEUPS

Nov. 10	CS Fullerton	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	W
Nov. 13	North Dakota St.	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	W
Nov. 19	at Vanderbilt	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	W
Nov. 22	Lehigh	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	W
Nov. 26	Texas A&M	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	L
Dec. 2	at SMU	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	L
Dec. 8	vs. Oklahoma	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Boatwright	Metu	L
Dec. 14	Santa Clara	McLaughlin	Mathews	Rakocevic	Boatwright	Metu	W
Dec. 17	UC Santa Barbara	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Rakocevic	Metu	W
Dec. 19	Princeton	McLaughlin	Aaron	Stewart	Rakocevic	Metu	L
Dec. 22	vs. Akron	McLaughlin	Mathews	Stewart	Rakocevic	Metu	W
Dec. 23	vs. Middle Tennessee	McLaughlin	Stewart	Boatwright	Rakocevic	Metu	W
Dec. 25	vs. TBA						
Dec. 29	Washington						
Dec. 31	Washington State						
Jan. 4	at California						
Jan. 7	at Stanford						
Jan. 10	Colorado						
Jan. 14	Utah						
Jan. 18	at Oregon						
Jan. 20	at Oregon State						
Jan. 24	Stanford						
Jan. 28	California						
Feb. 3	at UCLA						
Feb. 8	at Arizona State						
Feb. 10	at Arizona						
Feb. 15	Oregon						
Feb. 17	Oregon State						
Feb. 21	at Colorado						
Feb. 24	at Utah						
March 3	UCLA						

USC DOUBLE-DOUBLES...

Metu - 11/10: 18 points/10 rebounds
 12/8: 13 points/11 rebounds
 12/14: 20 points/11 rebounds
 12/19: 25 points/10 rebounds

Boatwright - 11/22: 19 points/11 rebounds
 12/14: 21 points/11 rebounds

Rakocevic - 12/14: 16 points/10 rebounds
 12/17: 12 points/12 rebounds

Jordan McLaughlin - 12/17: 10 points/19 assists

USC TRIPLE-DOUBLES...

*only one in USC history by Daniel Hackett on
 11/17/07 at South Carolina (22pts, 10 reb, 10 ast)

USC Opp.

55	Dunks	23
410	Pts/Paint	330
148	Bench Pts.	202
84	Fast Break	66
165	Pts. off TO	163
140	2nd Chance	119

WEARING THE COLORS:

Wearing Cardinal Uniforms -	1-0
Wearing White Uniforms -	5-3
Wearing Gold Uniforms -	2-0
Wearing Black Uniforms -	0-1

USC BY DAY/MONTH:

Mondays -	1-0	Nov. -	4-1
Tuesdays -	0-1	Dec. -	4-3
Wednesdays -	1-0	Jan. -	0-0
Thursdays -	1-0	Feb. -	0-0
Fridays -	2-1	Mar. -	0-0
Saturdays -	1-1		
Sundays -	2-1		

THE LAST TIME THE TROJANS...

Scored 100 points	103	vs. Arizona on Jan. 9, 2016 - 4OT (4th time 100 or more in 2015-16)
Allowed 100 points	103	vs. Princeton on Dec. 19, 2017 (OT)
Had 50 or more rebounds	52	vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14, 2017
Allowed 50 or more rebounds	52	vs. Texas A&M on Nov. 26, 2017
Had 25 or more assists	25	vs. Washington St. on March 1, 2017 (26 vs. UCSB on Nov. 27, 2016)
Had 15 or more steals	15	vs. New Orleans, Nov. 22, 2016 & vs. Washington, March 8, 2017
6 or more score in double figures	6	vs. Cal Poly on Dec. 17, 2015 and vs. UCLA on March 9, 2016
Beat an opponent by 50 or more	52	vs. Bethune-Cookman on Dec. 14, 2006
Beat a ranked opponent	#11	vs. SMU on March 17, 2017
Beat a top-10 ranked opponent	#8	vs. UCLA on Jan. 25, 2017
Beat a top-5 ranked opponent	#4	at UCLA on Jan. 19, 2008

TEAM COMPARISONS

USC	---	NMSU
81.9	Offensive Pts./Game	73.5
73.1	Defensive Pts./Game	64.5
.466	Field Goal Percentage	.462
.421	Field Goal Defense Pct.	.415
.400	3-Point FG Percentage	.313
.356	3-Point FG Defense Pct.	.322
.713	Free Throw Percentage	.621
39.7	Rebounds/Game	39.8
16.2	Assists/Game	13.5
11.9	Turnovers/Game	13.5
4.7	Steals/Game	5.6
4.9	Blocks/Game	2.7

THE PLAYERS

- 0 SHAQUAN AARON (R-Jr.) *Ht. - 6-7 Wt. - 195 Los Angeles, Calif. (Rainier Beach HS/Louisville)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (23, 1/25/17 vs. UCLA) **3-pointers:** (5, 2/9/19 vs. Oregon St.) **Assists:** (4, 2x, 12/11/16 vs. Pepp.)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (10, 12/23 vs. MTSU) **3-pointers:** (2, 12/23 vs. MTSU) **Assists:** (3, 11/13 vs. NDSU)
 • Transferred to USC from Louisville & sat out the 2015-16 season; Played in 23 G and averaged 1.3 ppg & 0.7 rpg in 2014-15
 • Originally a top 30 recruit nationally as he averaged 19.7 points, 8.5 rebounds & 7.5 assists & led Rainier Beach HS in Seattle to the Class 3-A title for the second consecutive season en route to earning 2013-14 Washington Player of the Year honors
 • Averaged 7.6 points and played in all 36 games for USC in 2016-17, making 20 starts; He scored in double figures 9 times
 • Scored a career-best 23 points in a 84-76 win vs. UCLA on Jan. 25, 2017
 • Last season he had 5 games with at least 3 3-point baskets made, with a career-best 5 vs. Oregon State on Feb. 9, 2017
 • Started his first game of the season on Dec. 19 vs. Princeton and scored 5 points; Scored 5 vs. Akron on Dec. 22
 • Hit 2 big, late 3-pointers and scored 10 points vs. Middle Tennessee on Dec. 23
- 25 BENNIE BOATWRIGHT (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-10 Wt. - 227 Mission Hills, Calif. (Village Christian)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (28, 11/13/17 vs. NDSU) **3-pointers:** (5, 5x, 2/26/17 at ASU) **Rebounds:** (12, 1/21/16 at Ore.)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (28, 11/13 vs. NDSU) **3-pointers:** (3, 4x, 12/23 vs. MTSU) **Rebounds:** (11, 2x, 12/14 vs. SC)
 • He was the CIF Southern Section Division 1AA Player of the Year as he averaged 27.8 points & 13 rebounds for Village Christian HS...Led his team to the 1AA title with 30 points & 13 rebounds in a 79-61 win over top-seed Great Oak
 • Named a L.A. Times All-Star, Cal-High Sports All-State Elite Second Team & CIF co-Player of the Year in Division I voting
 • Averaged 11.5 points & 5.2 rebounds as a freshman, named Pac-12 honorable mention All-Freshman; Started 32 of USC's 34 games & tied for team lead with 60 3-point baskets made; High of 23 points & career-best 12 boards vs. Oregon on Jan. 21, 2016
 • Missed 15 of USC's first 22 games due to injuries (back spasm & MCL sprain of left knee), but averaged 15.1 points in 19 games
 • Scored a then career-high 24 points in USC's comeback win in the First Four game vs. Providence on March 15, 2017
 • He had six games of 20 or more points scored last season and eight in his career
 • Had a streak of 34 consecutive FT made during the 2016-17 season, 7 short of the school record of 41 set by David Bluthenthal
 • Scored a career-high 28 points in the comeback win vs. NDSU on Nov. 13
 • Scored 14 points and grabbed 6 rebounds at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19 before fouling out...was 3 of 7 from three-point range
 • Posted his 3rd career double-double with 19 points & 11 rebounds vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22
 • Had 10 points, 9 rebounds and tied a career high with 4 assists (3rd time) vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8
 • 21 points and 11 rebounds vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14...2nd double-double of season, 4th of career
 • Missed the games on Dec. 17 and Dec. 19 with soreness in his right foot; Played Dec. 22 vs. Akron, but ejected for flagrant foul
 • Scored 23 points, making a career-high 12 free throws and registering a career-high 6 assists
- 12 DEVIN FLEMING (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-2 Wt. - 190 Moreno Valley, Calif. (Valley View HS)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (-----) **3-pointers:** (-----) **Assists:** (-----)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (-----) **3-pointers:** (-----) **Assists:** (-----)
 • Averaged 19.9 points as a Jr. and 19.0 as a Sr. at Valley View HS...3x 1st team All-League, 2nd team All-CIF & All-Inland Area
 • Played the 2015-16 season at Mt. San Jacinto College where he helped lead his team to a 24-6 record, starting 29 of their 30 G
 • He averaged 12.2 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game for San Jacinto...he made 50 3-points, hit 71.9 % of FTs
 • Played in 4 games for USC last season, going scoreless and grabbing two rebounds in six minutes of action
 • Appeared in first game as a Trojan vs. New Orleans on Nov. 22; Had a rebound vs. Pepperdine on Dec. 11 & WSU on March 1
- 3 HARRISON HENDERSON (So.) *Ht. - 6-10 Wt. - 225 Dallas, Texas (South Grand Prairie)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (5, 12/30/16 at Oregon) **3-pointers:** (1, 2x, 1/25/17 vs. UCLA) **Rebounds:** (4, 11/22/16 vs. N.O.)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (2, 2x, 12/22 vs. Akron) **3-pointers:** (-----) **Rebounds:** (1, 4x, 12/22 vs. Akron)
 • Son of Bill and Sharon Banks and his biological father Phil Henderson, who died in 2013, played at Duke on the 1987-90 teams which went to three Final Fours with him serving as team captain as a senior
 • As a senior led South Grand Prairie to a 25-9 record and the semifinals of the Texas 6A Regions 1 & 3 championships
 • He averaged 12.1 points and 6.6 rebounds and was named first team All-District
 • He averaged 1.3 points and 0.9 rebounds in 13 games (50 minutes) for USC as a freshman in 2016-17
 • Made his college debut at Texas A&M on Nov. 18, 2016 with a big contingent of family members on hand...0 points in 1 minute
 • Scored his 1st 3 points & had a career-best 4 boards, 1 assist, 1 block & 1 steal vs. N.O. on Nov. 22...his 1st points were on a dunk
 • Made his 1st career 3-pointer, with 2 rebounds, 2 blocks and 5 points in 5 minutes of action at Oregon on Dec. 30, 2016
 • Scored his 1st 2 points of this season with a dunk vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22; Had 2 points vs. Akron on Dec. 22
- 21 KURT KARIS (Sr.) *Ht. - 6-1 Wt. - 195 Northbrook, Ill. (Glenbrook North/Chicago St.)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (8, 2/24/14 vs. Eastern Ill.) **Rebounds:** (5, 3x, 2/26/15 vs. Grand Canyon) **Assists:** (5, 2x, 12/29/14 vs. Omaha)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (1, 2x, 12/22 vs. Akron) **Rebounds:** (1, 11/10 vs. CSUF) **Assists:** (-----)
 • Walk-on transferred to USC from Chicago State before the 2015-16 season with 2 years of eligibility remaining
 • Averaged 17 points and 7 assists as a senior at Glenbrook North...Glenbrook North won the conference title his last 3 seasons
 • As a freshman in the 2013-14 season at Chicago State, played in 29 games, making 6 starts...as a sophomore in the 2014-15 season he played in 21 games, making 7 starts; Scored a career-high 8 points vs. Eastern Illinois on Feb. 24, 2014
 • He played in 13 games for USC in 2016-17, averaging 1.2 points and 1.1 rebounds per game
 • Played in 1st G as a Trojan vs. N.O. on Nov. 22, 2016; 2-for-2 from the FT line vs. Pepperdine on Dec. 11, 2016 for first 2 points
 • Scored his first FG as a Trojan with a layup vs. Oregon St. on Feb. 9, 2017; Scored at the buzzer at Arizona on Feb. 23, 2017
 • Has played in five games this season...has two points, two rebounds and a steal

THE PLAYERS

- 2 JONAH MATHEWS (So.) *Ht. - 6-3* *Wt. - 195* *Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica HS)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (26, 12/23 vs. Wyoming) **3-pointers:** (5, 12/23 vs. Wyoming) **Assists:** (5, 11/27 vs. UCSB)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (18, 11/22 vs. Lehigh) **3-pointers:** (4, 2x, 12/17 vs. UCSB) **Assists:** (3, 12/22 vs. Akron)
 - Graduated Santa Monica HS in 2016 as team captain...led team in scoring with a 24.1 average...also 8.4 rebounds & 6.2 asst.
 - Led team to a 30-3 record which included a 25-game winning streak; Team won the CIF-Southern Section 1A Title
 - Was named the 2016 CIF SS Division 1A Player of the Year...also named to the L.A. Times All-Area Team and honorable mention on the MaxPreps All-State team; Ranked the No. 62 overall prospect & the No. 1 shooting guard in West by Scout.com
 - He played in 35 games as a freshman (3 starts) and averaged 7.0 points and 1.8 rebounds
 - He was fourth on the team in 3-pointers made (42), third in steals (31) and sixth in minutes (715)
 - Had season highs of 26 points, 5 3-pointers made (5 of 8) & 6 steals vs. Wyoming on Dec. 23, 2106
 - Started 1st game vs. ASU on Jan. 22 and had 14 points and 3 steals; Started & had 7 points & 2 steals at Washington on Feb. 1
 - Scored 18 points & grabbed a season-best 6 boards at WSU on Feb. 4; 12 points & 4 assists vs. WSU on March 1
 - Started 2017-18 opener vs. CSUF on Nov. 10...had 11 points & 3 rebounds...Started first 9 games, started 3 games as a freshman
 - Scored 18 points & had a career-high 7 rebounds vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22
 - Scored 16 points (4 of 7 on three-pointers) vs. UCSB on Dec. 17, but left the game late with a right ankle sprain
 - Missed the game vs. Princeton on Dec. 19 with a right ankle sprain; Started & scored 13 points vs. Akron on Dec. 22
 - Sat out the game on Dec. 23 vs. Middle Tennessee with right foot soreness
- 11 JORDAN McLAUGHLIN (Sr.) *Ht. - 6-1* *Wt. - 185* *Etiwanda, Calif. (Etiwanda)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (35, 11/19/17 at Vandy) **3-pointers:** (5, 4x, 11/19/17 at Vandy) **Assists:** (19, 12/17/17 vs. UCSB)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (35, 11/19 at Vandy) **3-pointers:** (5, 11/19 at Vandy) **Assists:** (19, 12/17 vs. UCSB)
 - Led Etiwanda to a 27-5 record and the No. 9 ranking in California as a senior...averaged 17 points & 8 assists per game
 - Etiwanda advanced to the CIF Southern Section quarterfinals where he suffered a torn labrum, but put off surgery until after the CIF State Championships; Lost to eventual state champion Mater Dei in 2OT and he scored 21 points
 - Guided Etiwanda to a 55-8 record in his final two seasons; Etiwanda won the CIF Southern Section title his junior season
 - Ranked the No. 6 point guard and No. 36 overall by Scout.com...No. 41 according to ESPN.com
 - Named to the 2014-15 Pac-12 All-Freshman team as he averaged 12.1 points & 4.5 assists in 22 games, 21 starts
 - Suffered injuries to both shoulders during the season and had labral repair surgery on his right shoulder on Feb. 27 and on his left shoulder on March 20; Went with team to Italy this summer, but cleared for action until the team returned
 - Despite his season being cut short due to injury, he led the team in minutes per game (31.6), was 2nd in assists (100), steals (33) and free throws made (60) and 3rd in scoring (12.1) and 3-pointers made (28)
 - In 2015, injured right shoulder at Utah on Jan. 2...sat out 2 G, but back in action off the bench vs. Stanford on Jan. 11; Scored 7 points before leaving in the 2nd half of the game vs. Oregon on Feb. 11 with a left shoulder injury which ended his season
 - Set USC single-game record with 16 assists on Dec. 23, 2015 vs. Lafayette...previous mark of 15 set by Brandon Granville on Nov. 23, 1999...also had 14 points for his first career double-double; 17 points, 5 boards, 4 assists & a block in 50 minutes vs. UofA on Jan. 9
 - Scored 23 points, had 4 assists and matched a career high with 5 3-pointers (5 of 8) at UCLA on Jan. 13, 2016
 - Had a career-high 25 points, 5 assists & 3 steals vs. COL on Feb. 17; Scored 20 points vs. Utah on Feb. 21
 - Started all 36 games for USC in 2016-17, averaging 12.9 points, 3.6 rebounds and 5.5 assists...Pac-12 honorable mention
 - Ranked 2nd among Pac-12 players with 197 assists and fourth with a 2.5 assist to turnover ratio
 - Scored a season-best 24 points (8 of 12 FGs) and 6 rebounds and added 4 assists vs. BYU on Dec. 3
 - was 7-for-7 in FGs to finish with 18 points and added 6 assists vs. Pepperdine on Dec. 11
 - Scored a game-high 21 points and hit a floater in the lane with 48 seconds left to give USC lead for good vs. Troy on Dec. 17
 - Scored winning basket to finish with 22 points in 94-92 OT win vs. Wyoming in LV Classic title game on Dec. 23...named MVP
 - He had five 20-point games in 2016-17 and has 17 in his career; He has four career games with 10 or more assists
 - Just missed triple-double with 16 points, 10 assists & 9 rebounds vs. WSU on March 1...1st double-double of season
 - 2nd double double of '17 came March 15 vs. PC with 18 points & career-high 10 rebounds...has 3 career double-doubles
 - Named to the 2018 preseason Bob Cousy Award watch list for the nation's top point guard...one of 20 players named to the list
 - The 3-year team captain opened with 12 points, 6 assists, 6 rebounds & 3 steals vs. CSUF on Nov. 10
 - Scored 12 points, had 4 assists, 2 steals & 8 rebounds vs. NDSU on Nov. 13
 - Scored a career-high 35 points in 93-89 OT win at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19...hit 3-pointer to send game to OT...he tied a career best with five three-pointers made (5 of 11); Scored 20 points and had 9 assists vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8
 - He had 10 assists & 9 points vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14
 - Set school record & tied Pac-12 record with 19 assists vs. UCSB on Dec. 17...also 10 points for 4th career double-double
 - Scored 24 points and had 8 assists vs. Princeton on Dec. 19; He has 79 assists in the last nine games (8.8 apg)
- 22 DE'ANTHONY MELTON (So.) *Ht. - 6-4* *Wt. - 200* *North Hollywood, Calif. (Crespi HS)*
Career Highs: **Pts.:** (16, 2x, 2/1/17 at UW) **3-pointers:** (3, 11/25/16 vs. SMU) **Assists:** (8, 1/22/17 vs. ASU)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (-----) **3-pointers:** (-----) **Assists:** (-----)
 - Graduated from Crespi in 2016 as the school's all-time leading scorer & leading them to back-to-back state titles
 - Averaged 20.0 points, 9.3 rebounds, 4.3 assists, 3.5 steals and 1.2 blocks per game as a senior
 - Was named the CIF Southern Section Division III Player of the Year
 - He scored in double figures in 35 of 37 games, including scoring 25 or more points 11 times...14 G with double figure rebounds
 - Ranked the No. 120 recruit in the country and the No. 7 player overall in California by Scout.com
 - 1 of 3 finalists for Mr. Basketball in Calif., named MaxPreps All-State 1st team & the L.A. Times & Daily News Player of the Year
 - He appeared in all 36 games as a freshman, starting the final 25 G...averaged 8.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists & 1.9 steals
 - He was named honorable mention to the 2016-17 Pac-12 All-Defensive Team and led the conference with 69 steals, which tied the USC freshman record (Maurice Jones); Was 2nd on the team with 170 rebounds & had 6 games with 8 or more
 - Hit a big 3-pointer, had a steal and a FT in final 2:10 to help key comeback win at Texas A&M on Nov. 18
 - Scored 15 points and made a career-high 3 3-pointers and had 5 assists vs. SMU on Nov. 25
 - Scored 12, grabbed 8 rebounds, had 2 steals and a career-high 6 assists vs. BYU on Dec. 3
 - Made 1st career start and scored 12 points with 6 rebounds & 3 assists vs. Missouri State on Dec. 22
 - Started again vs. Wyoming on Dec. 23 & had a career-best 16 points & grabbed 8 rebounds
 - Tied career high with 16 points at Washington on Feb. 1...also career-best 6 steals, 6 assists, 7 rebounds and 2 blocks

THE PLAYERS

- 4 CHIMEZIE METU (Jr.) *Ht. - 6-11 Wt. - 225 Lawndale, Calif. (Lawndale HS)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (31, 12/17/17 vs. UCSB) **Rebounds:** (14, 3/9/17 vs. UCLA) **Blocks:** (5, 3x, 11/13/16 vs. Omaha)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (31, 12/17 vs. UCSB) **Rebounds:** (11, 2x, 12/14 vs. S. Clara) **Blocks:** (4, 12/8 vs. Oklahoma)
- Named a John R. Wooden Award winner as the CIF Southern Section Division II Player of the Year as he averaged 18 points 11 rebounds and 4 blocks per game for Lawndale HS...led them to the 2AA final where they fell in double-OT to Canyon HS
 - Named first-team CIF-SS Division II, Division II All-State and was 2nd in the Division II Player of the Year voting
 - Was a consensus top 50 recruit, ranked the No. 31 prospect by Scout, No. 47 by Rivals.com and No. 48 by ESPN.com
 - Played in all 34 games (2 starts) as a freshman and averaged 6.4 points and 3.6 rebounds...led team with 50 dunks
 - Had a then career-best 21 points & 8 rebounds at UCLA on Jan. 13,, 2016 ; His 54 blocks are 2nd on USC's all-time freshman list
 - Recorded his first double-double with 11 rebounds & 10 points vs. UCLA on March 9, 2016 in the Pac-12 Tourney
 - Started all 36 games for USC in 2016-17, averaging 14.8 points and 7.8 rebounds...named the Pac-12's Most Improved Player
 - He scored in double figures 31 times, including 5 G of 20 or more points; His 534 points, rank 15th on USC's single season list
 - Had 15 points & 11 rebounds vs. Omaha on Nov. 13, 2nd career double-double...5 blocks tied career high
 - Scored 14 points, had 9 rebounds & his dunk with 17 seconds left put USC ahead 64-63 in 65-63 win at Texas A&M on Nov. 18
 - Scored 18 points and had 8 rebounds vs. Troy on Dec. 17...his basket and made free throw tied game at 77 in 82-77 win
 - Scored a then-career-high 24 points (11 of 14 shooting) at Colo. on Jan. 15...jump hook with 29 seconds left gave USC the lead
 - Made 12 of 14 shots and scored a career-high 29 points at WSU on Feb. 4
 - Scored 14 points & matched a then career high with 13 rebounds at ASU on Feb. 26...6th double-double of season & 7th of career
 - Led USC with 24 points & 9 rebounds vs. UW on March 8; Scored 8 points & had a career-high 14 boards vs. UCLA on March 9
 - Scored 28 points on 11 of 14 shooting in USC's 82-78 NCAA Tourney loss to Baylor on March 1
 - On 2017-18 watch list for Abdul-Jabbar Award (top center) and the Olson Award & Naismith Trophy (top player)
 - Opened with a 8th career double-double on Nov. 10 vs. CSUF with 18 points & 10 rebounds...also 2-for-2 on 3-pointers
 - Scored 23 points & had 8 rebounds at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19; 18 points & 9 rebounds vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22
 - Had 13 points, a season-high in rebounds (11) and blocks (4) vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8...9th career double-double
 - 3rd double-double of season and 10th of career with 20 points and 11 rebounds vs. Santa Clara...also 3 blocks and 4 dunks
 - Scored a career-high 31 points with a career-best three 3-pointers made vs. UCSB on Dec. 17...left in 1st half with a laceration near his right eye which required 3 sutures...returned in the second half and scored 20 of his 31 points
 - Scored 25 points and had 10 rebounds vs. Princeton on Dec. 19, 4th double-double of season and 11th of career
 - Scored 16 points and grabbed 8 rebounds vs. Akron; Had 27 points and 9 rebounds vs. Middle Tennessee on Dec. 23
 - Has averaged 23.8 points (119 total) and 8.6 rebounds (43) in the last 5 G
- 13 CHARLES O'BANNON Jr. (Fr.) *Ht. - 6-6 Wt. - 210 Compton, Calif. (Bishop Gorman HS)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (5, 12/22 vs. Akron) **3-pointers:** (1, 12/22 vs. Akron) **Rebounds:** (2, 3x, 12/22 vs. Akron)
- Graduated from Bishop Gorman in Las Vegas in 2017 where he averaged 21.4 points & 8.1 rebounds while leading his team to a 22-9 record and its sixth straight state title; Named a McDonald's All-American the state title
 - Scored 36 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the 2017 Nevada state title game, a 62-58 comeback win over Clark
 - Son of 1995 UCLA NCAA Champion and 2nd-round NBA draft pick Charles O'Bannon...prefers to be called Chuck
 - Was ranked the No. 28 prospect on the ESPN Top 100 list and the No. 6 small forward in the 2017 class
 - Scored his first career points with a pair of FT makes on Nov. 22 vs. Lehigh; also made 2 FT at SMU on Dec. 2
 - Made his first field goal vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14...also 2 rebounds; Played a season-high 14 minutes against Princeton
 - Came off bench to scored 5 points and make his first 3-pointer vs. Akron on Dec. 22
- 31 NICK RAKOCEVIC (So.) *Ht. - 6-11 Wt. - 225 Chicago, Ill. (Saint Joseph's HS)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (16, 12/14 vs. S.Clara) **Rebounds:** (10, 12/14 vs. S.Clara) **Blocks:** (4, 2/9 vs. Oregon St.)
Season Highs: **Pts.:** (16, 12/14 vs. S.Clara) **Rebounds:** (12, 12/17 vs. UCSB) **Blocks:** (2, 12/14 vs. S.Clara)
- Graduated from Saint Joseph's High in Westchester, Ill. in 2016 where he averaged 19.8 points, 14.4 rebounds and 4.0 blocks as a senior; Named the Chicago Tribune All-Star first team, All-State and All-Conference
 - In his final game, Saint Joe's OT loss in the state 3A 3rd-place game, he scored 26 points, had 13 rebounds and 6 blocks.
 - He posted a double-double in all 33 starts...as a junior led his team to the 3A Illinois state title
 - Appeared in all 36 games as a freshman, making 8 starts...averaged 5.2 points and 3.7 rebounds in 14.9 minutes per game
 - Was fourth on the team in rebounds (134) and blocks (23), and second in offensive rebounds (60)
 - Started the 2016-17 opener vs. Montana but got in foul trouble and finished with one point and two rebounds in 10 minutes
 - Also started and had a 7 & 7 with 7 points and 7 rebounds vs. Omaha on Nov. 13, 2016...also had 2 blocks
 - Started and had a season-best 13 points and 9 rebounds vs. Pepperdine on Dec. 11...9 of 10 from the free throw line
 - Scored 11 points on 5 of 6 shooting and added 8 rebounds vs. ASU on Jan. 22
 - Had a career-high 4 blocks, 7 points & 4 rebounds against Oregon St. on Feb. 9; 10 points & 8 rebounds vs. UW on March 4
 - Sparked USC's First Four game rally vs. Providence on March 15, 2017 with 9 points off the bench
 - Scored 6 points & had 4 rebounds vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22; Had 11 points & 7 rebounds vs. Texas A&M on Nov. 26
 - Scored 10 points and grabbed 8 rebounds vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8
 - In 1st start of season (9th career) vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14, posted career highs in points (16) & rebounds (10) for 1st career double-double
 - Started again on Dec. 17 vs. UCSB and had 2nd career double-double with 12 points and a career-best 12 rebounds
 - Started vs. Akron on Dec. 22 and had 9 points and 9 rebounds; Started, but played just 9 minutes vs. MTSU on Dec. 23
 - Has averaged 9.0 points (54) and 8.0 rebounds (48) in his last six games

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- 30 ELIJAH STEWART (Sr.) *Ht. - 6-5* *Wt. - 195* *DeRidder, La. (Westchester HS-Ca.)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (30, 11/11/16 vs. Montana) **3-pointers:** (7, 3x, 12/8/17 vs. Oklahoma) **Assists:** (4, 4x, 1/25/17 vs. UCLA)
- Season Highs:** **Pts.:** (23, 12/8 vs. Oklahoma) **3-pointers:** (7, 12/8 vs. Oklahoma) **Assists:** (3, 2x, 12/17 vs. UCSB)
- Averaged 19.2 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.1 blocks for Westchester High en route to being named the L.A. City Section Player of the Year; Westchester went 30-7 and finished ranked No. 5 in California; Named Western League MVP
 - Ranked the No. 40 recruit for 2014 by Scout.com; Named to the L.A. Times All-Star team, the Long Beach Press Telegram All-Area Team, the Cali-Hi Sports All-State first team and MaxPreps California All-State second team
 - Played in all 32 games as a freshman, making 18 starts and averaging 6.2 points and 2.4 rebounds
 - Scored 22 points by going 10-for-10 at BC on Dec. 21, 2014...tied USC record for makes in a game w/o a miss (Gibson - 2009)
 - Averaged 9.8 points and 3.6 rebounds in 2015-16 as a sophomore...tied for team lead with 60 3-pointers made and led the team with a .429 shooting percentage from beyond the arc; He played in all 34 games and started 18 times
 - Had a then career-high 27 points & tied a then career high with 6 3-pointers (6-for-9) in win vs. Lafayette on Dec. 23, 2015
 - Tied career high with 27 points & hit winning FTs with 22 seconds left in 4OT win over UofA on Jan. 9, 2016...made 5 3-pointers
 - Played in all 36 games in 2016-17 (32 starts) and averaged 12.3 points & 3.9 rebounds...scored in double figures 23 times
 - Scored 20 points or more 7 times in 2016-17 and has 12 career 20-point games
 - Scored a career-high 30 points in the 2016-17 opener vs. Montana on Nov. 11...made 4 of 6 3-pointers & grabbed 7 rebounds
 - Recorded 2nd career double-double with 11 points & a career-high 11 rebounds at Texas A&M on Nov. 18
 - Hit a career-high 7 3-pointers & finished with 26 points vs. Pepperdine on Dec. 11, 2016...T-4th on USC's single-G 3-point list
 - Led USC with 20 points & made 5 3's vs. Arizona on Jan. 19; Scored 29 points and hit 7 3-pointers (7 of 13) vs. ASU on Jan. 22
 - Scored 22 points and hit game-winning 3-pointer (6-for-13) vs. SMU in NCAA First Round on March 17...also 2 blocks & 2 steals
 - Scored his 1,000th career point with a dunk at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19...scored 9 points in the game
 - Matched a career-high (3rd time) with 7 3-pointers made vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8...finished with 23 points, 3 blocks & 3 assists
 - Scored 19 points (3 of 7 from 3-point range) and grabbed 5 rebounds vs. UCSB on Dec. 17
 - Made 4 3-pointers and finished with 20 points vs. Princeton on Dec. 19; Scored 20 points vs. Akron on Dec. 22
 - Scored 12 of his 13 points in the first half vs. MTSU on Dec. 23...made 3 3-pointers and 4 of 5 free throws
 - Has averaged 16.5 points (99 total) in the last 6 games
- 5 DERRYCK THORNTON (So.) *Ht. - 6-2* *Wt. - 195* *Los Angeles, Calif. (Findlay Prep-Nev./Duke)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (19, 11/20/15 vs VCU) **3-pointers:** (3, 2x, 11/10/17 vs CSUF) **Assists:** (7, 1/9/16 vs. Va. Tech)
- Season Highs:** **Pts.:** (11, 11/10 vs. CSUF) **3-pointers:** (3, 11/10 vs. CSUF) **Assists:** (4, 11/22 vs. Lehigh)
- Graduated from Findlay Prep (Nev.) in 2015 as the No. 11 ranked player by Scout.com and No. 14 by Rivals.com
 - Was rated the No. 13 player overall in the 2015 class by the Recruiting Services Consensus Index
 - Transferred to USC from Duke the summer of 2016 & sat out the 2016-17 campaign; Has 3 years of eligibility remaining
 - As a freshman at Duke in 2015-16, he started at point guard in 20 of Duke's 36 games, averaging 7.1 points & 2.6 assists
 - He was 2nd on the team with 93 assists, 10th most ever by a Duke freshman...his 1.58 assist to turnover ratio ranks tied for seventh all-time by a Duke freshman
 - Duke was 15-5 in his 20 starts & he averaged 8.7 points in those games; Duke reached the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tourney
 - Played in his first game as a Trojan on Nov. 10 vs. CSUF and scored 11 points and tied career-high with 3 3-pointers made
 - Had 4 assists, 2 rebounds and scored 2 points vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22
 - Suffered a dislocated right shoulder in practice on Nov. 28, expected to miss 3-4 weeks
- 1 JORDAN USHER (Fr.) *Ht. - 6-7* *Wt. - 225* *Canton, Ga. (Wheeler HS)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (12, 12/19 vs. Princeton) **3-pointers:** (2, 12/19 vs. Princeton) **Rebounds:** (6, 12/22 vs. Akron)
- Graduated from Wheeler High in Marietta, Ga. in 2017; Led team to a 21-9 record and the state GHSA 7A title, while averaging 17 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals per game; Played his first 3 high school seasons at Sequoyah High in Canton, Ga.
 - Scored 20 or more points 13 times, with a career best of 37 points; Had a career best of 23 rebounds in a game
 - Was ranked No. 98 on ESPN's Top 100 list
 - Scored his first career point making 1 of 2 free throws vs. NDSU on Nov. 13
 - Had 3 assists and 3 rebounds in 10 minutes off the bench against Lehigh on Nov. 22
 - Grabbed 3 rebounds in 11 minutes off the bench against Oklahoma on Dec. 3
 - His 1st career basket was a 3-pointer vs. UCSB on Dec. 17...finished with 8 point on 3 of 4 shooting...also 3 assists
 - Had a season-best in points (12), 3-pointers (2) & rebounds (4) vs. Princeton on Dec. 19; Season-best 6 rebounds vs. Akron
 - Has come off the bench in each of the first 12 games this season
- 34 VICTOR UYAELUNMO (Fr.) *Ht. - 6-11* *Wt. - 220* *Miami, Fla. (Calvary Christian Academy)*
- Career Highs:** **Pts.:** (4, 2x, 12/14 vs. S.Clara) **Rebounds:** (2, 2x, 11/22 vs. Lehigh) **Blocks:** (-----)
- Is a 2017 graduate of Calvary Christian Academy in Miami, Fla.; Led his team to a 23-6 record and the state 5A title
 - Averaged 13.5 points, 15 rebounds and 5 blocks per game; Had 22 games with double figures in rebounds
 - Ranked as the No. 16 center in the country and the No. 7 player from Florida in the 2017 class by ESPN.com
 - Scored 4 points in his collegiate debut by making all 4 free throw attempts vs. CSUF on Nov. 10
 - Made his first career field goal with a dunk vs. Lehigh on Nov. 22: Scored 4 points vs. Santa Clara on Dec. 14

USC Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Dec 23, 2017)
All games

Opponent	Date	Score		00	01	02	03	04	05	11
				AARON,SHAO	USHER,JORD	MATHEWS,JO	HENDERSON,	METU,CHIME	THORNTON,D	MCLAUGHLIN
CSF	11/10/17	84-42	w	7-3-1	0-2-0	11-3-0	0-1-0	18-10-1	11-4-0	12-6-6
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	11/13/17	75-65	w	2-4-3	1-1-0	6-4-1	DNP	14-7-1	2-1-2	12-8-4
at Vanderbilt	11/19/17	93-89	w	5-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-1	DNP	23-8-1	0-1-0	35-2-4
LEHIGH	11/22/17	88-63	w	4-2-1	0-3-3	18-7-2	2-1-0	15-9-3	2-2-4	5-4-7
TAMU	11/26/17	59-75	L	1-1-1	0-0-0	3-3-0	DNP	13-8-0	3-2-1	8-7-7
at SMU	12/2/17	55-72	L	2-3-0	0-2-1	9-1-2	0-1-0	13-4-1	DNP	9-2-7
vs Oklahoma	12/08/17	83-85	L	0-0-0	0-3-0	7-3-1	DNP	13-11-1	DNP	20-1-9
SANTA CLARA	12/14/17	82-59	w	0-3-0	0-2-1	6-5-2	DNP	20-11-1	DNP	9-4-10
UCSB	12/17/17	98-87	w	2-3-0	8-3-3	16-5-1	0-0-0	31-5-1	DNP	10-4-19
PRINCETON	12/19/17	93-103	L	5-2-0	12-4-0	DNP	DNP	25-10-3	DNP	24-4-8
vs Akron	12/22/17	84-53	w	5-1-1	2-6-0	13-0-3	2-1-0	16-8-2	DNP	9-3-6
vs Middle Tennessee	12/23/17	89-84	w	10-2-2	3-1-1	DNP	DNP	27-9-4	DNP	11-5-6

Opponent	Date	Score		12	13	21	25	30	31	34
				FLEMING,DE	O'BANNON,C	KARIS,KURT	BOATWRIGHT	STEWART,EL	RAKOCEVIC,	UYAELUNMO,
CSF	11/10/17	84-42	w	0-1-0	0-2-1	1-1-0	13-6-2	6-2-0	1-3-0	4-2-0
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	11/13/17	75-65	w	DNP	DNP	DNP	28-8-1	10-6-1	0-0-0	DNP
at Vanderbilt	11/19/17	93-89	w	DNP	0-0-1	DNP	14-6-1	9-5-0	0-0-0	DNP
LEHIGH	11/22/17	88-63	w	DNP	2-1-0	DNP	19-11-3	13-1-0	6-4-1	2-2-0
TAMU	11/26/17	59-75	L	DNP	DNP	DNP	10-7-1	10-1-1	11-7-0	DNP
at SMU	12/2/17	55-72	L	DNP	2-0-0	DNP	8-8-2	9-3-0	3-3-0	0-0-0
vs Oklahoma	12/08/17	83-85	L	DNP	DNP	DNP	10-9-4	23-5-3	10-8-0	DNP
SANTA CLARA	12/14/17	82-59	w	DNP	2-2-0	0-0-0	21-11-3	4-1-2	16-10-1	4-1-1
UCSB	12/17/17	98-87	w	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	19-5-3	12-12-1	0-0-0
PRINCETON	12/19/17	93-103	L	DNP	2-1-0	0-1-0	DNP	20-4-0	5-7-2	DNP
vs Akron	12/22/17	84-53	w	DNP	5-2-0	1-0-0	2-2-1	20-5-0	9-9-0	0-0-0
vs Middle Tennessee	12/23/17	89-84	w	DNP	DNP	DNP	23-6-6	13-3-2	2-2-0	0-0-0

USC Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Dec 23, 2017)
All games

Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls	
CSF	42/15	42/27	84-42	+42	28-68/14-60	.412/.233	10-24/2-19	.417/.105	18-25/12-29	.720/.414	52/44	+8	11/4	13/21	9/3	6/4	25/19
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	33/33	42/32	75-65	+10	27-60/24-59	.450/.407	4-16/10-29	.250/.345	17-31/7-9	.548/.778	41/30	+11	13/11	14/19	6/4	6/7	12/24
Vanderbilt	35/34	45/46	93-89	+4	33-67/29-57	.493/.509	12-26/11-23	.462/.478	15-16/20-28	.938/.714	28/38	(10)	8/14	6/16	4/0	3/4	26/21
LEHIGH	44/34	44/29	88-63	+25	33-70/25-70	.471/.357	12-26/7-28	.462/.250	10-16/6-9	.625/.667	49/32	+17	24/10	11/10	2/0	6/5	10/17
TAMU	31/38	28/37	59-75	(16)	20-71/31-70	.282/.443	7-27/5-17	.259/.294	12-17/8-11	.706/.727	39/52	(13)	11/15	12/14	6/7	6/6	14/14
SMU	30/27	25/45	55-72	(17)	20-47/27-53	.426/.509	5-17/8-16	.294/.500	10-15/10-23	.667/.435	29/32	(3)	13/16	17/11	4/1	7/10	14/15
Oklahoma	36/48	47/37	83-85	(2)	30-67/30-67	.448/.448	10-27/15-31	.370/.484	13-14/10-16	.929/.625	45/32	+13	18/15	17/11	9/8	3/4	19/15
SANTA CLARA	37/22	45/37	82-59	+23	30-61/20-64	.492/.313	6-16/9-32	.375/.281	16-21/10-14	.762/.714	52/27	+25	21/12	10/5	10/0	2/4	16/16
UCSB	52/33	46/54	98-87	+11	38-67/32-65	.567/.492	13-26/12-29	.500/.414	9-16/11-14	.563/.786	40/25	+15	28/20	10/7	2/3	5/6	16/19
PRINCETON	36/33	50/53	93-103	(10)	35-67/34-66	.522/.515	10-26/14-37	.385/.378	13-20/21-28	.650/.750	34/35	(1)	13/19	12/10	2/2	4/7	22/19
Akron	29/33	55/20	84-53	+31	27-55/16-50	.491/.320	10-23/7-28	.435/.250	20-27/14-19	.741/.737	39/23	+16	13/12	11/16	3/1	5/3	19/22
Middle Tennessee	42/43	47/41	89-84	+5	26-45/31-63	.578/.492	11-21/11-23	.524/.478	26-33/11-14	.788/.786	28/22	+6	21/13	10/9	2/1	3/3	17/22

USC Record When...

Score first.....	4-0
Opponent scores first.....	4-4
Lead at half	5-2
Trail at half	2-2
Tied at half	1-0
Ahead w/ 5:00 left	7-0
Trail w/5:00 left.....	1-4
Tied w/5:00 left.....	0-0
0 or 1 Trojan in double figures	0-1
2 Trojans in double figures	0-0
3 Trojans in double figures.....	3-0
4 Trojans in double figures.....	2-2
5 or more Trojans in double figures	3-1
FG Pct. at or above .500.....	2-1
FG Pct. below .500	6-3
FG Pct. at or below .400	0-1
Opponent FG Pct. at or above .500	1-2
Opponent FG Pct. below .500.....	7-2
Opponent FG Pct. at or below .400	4-0

Outshoot opponent (%).....	7-1
Outshot or same as opponent (%).....	1-3
Outrebound or tie opponent	7-1
Outrebounded by opponent	1-3
Opponent 10 or more offensive rebounds.....	2-3
More turnovers or same as opponent	4-3
Less turnovers than opponent	4-1
USC scored 90-plus points	2-1
USC scores 80-89 points	5-1
USC scores 70-79 points	1-0
USC scores 60-69 points	0-0
USC scores 50-59 points	0-2
USC scores 39-49 points	0-0
Opponent scores 20-29 points	0-0
Opponent scores 30-39 points	0-0
Opponent scores 40-49 points	1-0
Opponent scores 50-59 points	2-0
Opponent scores 60-69 points	2-0
Opponent scores 70-79 points.....	0-2
Opponent scores 80-89 points.....	3-1
Opponent scored 90-plus points	0-1

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CS Fullerton • 42
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Nov. 10 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

USC rolled to an 84-42 home win in the season opener vs. CS Fullerton on Nov. 10. USC scored the first 6 points of the game and never looked back. USC's 42-point margin of victory was its most in an opener since winning 101-54 vs. San Diego State on Nov. 17, 1998. It was also USC's most points in an opener since scoring 87 to begin the 2012 season. USC held CSUF to 42 points and 23.3 percent shooting in the game. It was the fewest points allowed in an opener by USC since holding Loyola to 41 to begin the 1949 season. The shooting percentage was the lowest by a Trojan opponent since UC Riverside shot 19.0 percent on Dec. 15, 2012. Chimezie Metu led USC with 18 points and 10 rebounds for his 8th career double-double. Five Trojans scored in double figures, 10 different players scored, and all 14 which played had at least one rebound. USC improved to 19-4 in its last 23 home openers. The crowd was USC's largest in an opener since the Galen Center's inaugural game on Nov. 16, 2006. DeAnthony Melton was held out as a precaution due to eligibility concerns.

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Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Robertson	2-2	0-0	1-3	2-3	5	4	5	0	2	1	0 15
Rowe	5-10	2-3	0-0	3-5	8	3	12	0	3	0	2 30
Allman	1-11	0-1	3-6	0-2	2	3	5	1	3	0	0 25
Awosika	1-6	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	2	2	1	2	0	0 23
Ahmad	4-14	0-6	1-2	0-6	6	0	9	1	3	0	0 29
Smith	0-2	0-2	3-6	0-4	4	2	3	1	1	0	1 14
Venzant	1-3	0-2	1-4	0-1	1	0	3	0	1	0	1 14
Ramos	0-4	0-1	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0 8
Clare	0-2	0-2	0-4	3-2	5	0	3	0	2	1	0 19
Fox	0-3	0-2	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0 3
Kirkwood	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 3
Pitts	0-3	0-0	0-2	2-1	3	3	0	0	0	1	0 8
Wang	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 9
TEAM				4-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 9
Totals	14-60	2-19	12-29	16-28	44	19	42	4	21	3	4 200

FG% 1st Half: 4-26 (.154) 2nd Half: 10-34 (.294) Game: 14-60 (.233)
3FG% 1st Half: 2-10 (.200) 2nd Half: 0-9 (.000) Game: 2-19 (.105)
FT% 1st Half: 5-9 (.556) 2nd Half: 7-20 (.350) Game: 12-29 (.414)

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Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Metu	7-14	2-2	2-2	5-5	10	0	18	1	2	0	23
Boatwright	4-10	2-6	3-6	0-6	6	3	13	2	2	3	0 25
Mathews	3-9	1-4	4-5	0-3	3	0	11	0	0	0	0 22
McLaughlin	5-9	0-1	2-3	1-5	6	0	12	6	2	1	3 26
Stewart	2-5	1-2	1-1	1-1	2	2	6	0	1	1	1 21
Aaron	3-6	1-2	0-0	0-3	3	5	7	1	0	0	1 15
Usher	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	3	0	0	2	1	0 15
Henderson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0 4
Thornton	4-9	3-4	0-0	0-4	4	1	11	0	3	0	1 20
Fleming	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
O'Bannon	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0 9
Karis	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0 2
Rakocevic	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	5	1	0	0	1	0 13
Uyaelunmo	0-0	0-0	4-4	1-1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0 4
TEAM				2-4	6						
Totals	28-68	10-24	18-25	13-39	52	25	84	11	13	9	6 200

FG% 1st Half: 16-39 (.410) 2nd Half: 12-29 (.414) Game: 28-68 (.412)
3FG% 1st Half: 7-14 (.500) 2nd Half: 3-10 (.300) Game: 10-24 (.417)
FT% 1st Half: 3-5 (.600) 2nd Half: 15-20 (.750) Game: 18-25 (.720)

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Officials: Verne Harris, Tommy Nunez, Chris Rastatter
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 6,327

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North Dakota St. • 65
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Nov. 13 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

USC trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half and by five points with 9:28 remaining, before closing on a 24-9 run to defeat North Dakota State 75-65 at the Galen Center on Nov. 13. There were 7 lead changes and 11 ties in the game. Bennie Boatwright led four Trojans in double figures with a career-high 28 points. USC outscored NDSU 42-22 on points in the paint, but was outscored 37-5 on bench points. It was USC's 20th consecutive home win against a nonconference opponent. The Trojans trailed 31-21 with 3 minutes remaining in the first half, but Boatwright made a 4-point play and finished scoring 8 of USC's final 12 points of the half to forge a 33-33 tie at the break. USC forced NDSU into 19 turnovers and held it to 40.7 percent shooting, 37.5 percent in the second half. USC struggled from the free throw line, making just 54.8 percent (17 of 31), and from 3-point range at 25.0 percent (4 of 16). Cameron Hunter came off the bench to lead NDSU with 24 points. USC made 53.3 percent of its second-half shots for the comeback win.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE • 65

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Jacobson	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	5	2	0	1	0	1 20
Miller, D.	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	1	3	1	3	0	1 8
Miller, P.	2-12	1-8	2-2	0-4	4	2	7	3	4	0	1 30
Samuelson	3-7	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	1	9	1	1	0	2 25
Ward	3-10	1-3	0-0	1-7	8	1	7	5	4	0	0 28
Quayle	1-5	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	0	1	1	0 22
Hunter	8-11	4-5	4-5	0-3	3	4	24	0	0	0	1 21
Geu	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	5	6	0	1	2	0 15
Eliason	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	3	2	0	1	0	0 17
Kreuser	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1 14
TEAM				1-0	1						2
Totals	24-59	10-29	7-9	4-26	30	24	65	11	19	4	7 200

FG% 1st Half: 12-27 (.444) 2nd Half: 12-32 (.375) Game: 24-59 (.407)
3FG% 1st Half: 5-14 (.357) 2nd Half: 5-15 (.333) Game: 10-29 (.345)
FT% 1st Half: 4-5 (.800) 2nd Half: 3-4 (.750) Game: 7-9 (.778)

USC • 75

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Metu	6-11	0-1	2-6	0-7	7	3	14	1	2	2	1 34
Boatwright	10-17	1-4	7-10	5-3	8	1	28	1	4	3	0 36
Mathews	2-5	1-2	1-3	1-3	4	1	6	1	3	0	2 25
McLaughlin	4-10	0-2	4-6	1-7	8	2	12	4	1	1	2 35
Stewart	3-10	2-5	2-2	1-5	6	1	10	1	1	0	0 31
Aaron	1-2	0-0	0-2	2-2	4	1	2	3	2	0	0 17
Usher	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0 7
Thornton	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	2	1	0	1 14
Rakocevic	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
TEAM				0-2	2						
Totals	27-60	4-16	17-31	10-31	41	12	75	13	14	6	6 200

FG% 1st Half: 11-30 (.367) 2nd Half: 16-30 (.533) Game: 27-60 (.450)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-9 (.333) 2nd Half: 1-7 (.143) Game: 4-16 (.250)
FT% 1st Half: 8-15 (.533) 2nd Half: 9-16 (.563) Game: 17-31 (.548)

North Dakota St. 33 32 - 65
USC 33 42 - 75

Officials: Shawn Lehigh, Marques Pettigrew, Rick Batsell
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 2,402

game • three

No. 10/11 USC • 94
Vanderbilt • 89 (OT)

Nov. 19 • Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.

USC trailed by 14 points in the first half and by as many as 10 in the second half before forging a 93-89 overtime victory at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19. Jordan McLaughlin keyed the comeback, scoring a career-high 35 points. His 3-pointer with 25.8 seconds left tied the game at 80, then he scored the first 5 points in overtime and USC was never challenged after that. Chimezie Metu, who teamed with McLaughlin to score all 13 of USC's points in OT, scored 23 points and had 8 rebounds. USC scored the final 15 points of the first half to take a 35-34 lead at the break. The Trojans made all 6 of its shots in the run, after beginning the game making 28 percent of its shots (7 of 25). In the second half and OT, USC shot at a 55.6 percent clip (20-for-36). Vanderbilt made 59.1 percent of its first-half shots, but was held to 45.7 percent the rest of the game. Matthew Fisher-Davis led Vanderbilt with 31 point, while Riley LaChance scored 19. USC outscored Vanderbilt 40-28 in the paint, but was outrebounded 38-28. USC made 15 of 16 shots from the foul line. Elijah Stewart, who scored 9 points, went over the 1,000 career points mark.

USC • 93

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Metu	9-22	1-2	4-4	3-5	8	3	23	1	2	2	0 35
Boatwright	4-9	3-7	3-4	0-6	6	5	14	1	0	0	0 34
Mathews	3-5	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	4	7	1	1	1	0 37
McLaughlin	12-19	5-11	6-6	0-2	2	3	35	4	2	0	2 39
Stewart	3-4	1-1	2-2	0-5	5	3	9	0	0	0	1 30
Aaron	2-3	1-2	0-0	1-0	1	3	5	0	0	0	0 20
Usher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 3
Thornton	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 13
O'Bannon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 3
Rakocevic	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0 11
TEAM				0-2	2						
Totals	33-67	12-26	15-16	5-23	28	26	93	8	6	4	3 225

FG% 1st Half: 13-31 (.419) 2nd Half: 16-31 (.516) OT: 4-5 (.800) G: 33-67 (.493)
3FG% 1st Half: 7-14 (.500) 2nd Half: 4-11 (.364) OT: 1-1 (1.000) G: 12-26 (.462)
FT% 1st Half: 2-2 (1.000) 2nd Half: 9-10 (.900) OT: 4-4 (1.000) G: 15-16 (.938)

VANDERBILT • 89

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Roberson	3-9	1-5	3-4	1-5	6	4	10	1	2	0	1 42
Obinna	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0 11
Lee	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0 13
Fisher-Davis	9-18	6-13	7-8	11-10	11	4	31	1	1	0	2 38
LaChance	7-14	4-5	1-1	0-2	2	1	19	4	1	0	0 41
Willis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
Toye	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	1	3	0	0 8
Austin Jr.	5-9	0-0	3-7	1-3	4	4	13	6	2	0	0 32
Evans	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1 2
Baptiste	2-2	0-0	5-6	3-4	7	3	9	0	1	0	0 34
Brown	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0 3
TEAM				2-1	3						
Totals	29-57	11-23	20-28	9-29	38	21	89	14	16	0	4 225

FG% 1st Half: 13-22 (.591) 2nd Half: 12-24 (.500) OT: 4-11 (.364) G: 33-67 (.493)
3FG% 1st Half: 5-9 (.556) 2nd Half: 5-10 (.500) OT: 1-4 (.250) G: 12-26 (.462)
FT% 1st Half: 3-6 (.500) 2nd Half: 17-21 (.810) OT: 0-1 (.000) G: 15-16 (.938)

USC 35 45 13 - 93
Vanderbilt 34 46 9 - 89

Officials: Anthony Jordan, Brian Shey, K.B. Burdett Jr.
Technical fouls: USC: Boatwright, Rakocevic; Vanderbilt: Roberson.
Attendance: 8,284

game • four

Lehigh • 63
No. 10/10 USC • 88

Nov. 22 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

Lehigh scored the first basket, but USC would score the next 10 points and never looked back in an 88-63 win at the Galen Center on Nov. 22. Bennie Boatwright led USC with 19 points and 11 rebounds, for his third career double-double. Jonah Mathews added 18 points and a career-high seven rebounds. Chimezie Metu just missed out on a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds. Eleven Trojans scored in the game and all 12 that played had at least one rebound. USC held Lehigh to 35.7 percent shooting, while making 47.1 percent of its shots. The Trojans outrebounded Lehigh 49-32 and outscored them 40-22 on point in the paint. USC had 24 assists in the game, led by Jordan McLaughlin's 7. USC made 12 of 26 three-point shots (46.2 percent), its second consecutive game making a dozen shots from three-point range. The win was USC's 21st consecutive home win over a nonconference opponent. Elijah Stewart was saluted before the game for scoring his 1,000 career point during the game at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19. Kahron Ross led Lehigh with a game-high 24 points.

LEHIGH • 63

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	T							
Andree	2-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	6	0	2	0	0	17
Karnik	3-8	0-0	1-2	5-4	9	4	7	0	0	0	0	26
Ross	9-13	2-3	4-5	2-3	5	3	24	2	1	0	0	32
Leufroy	1-12	0-7	1-2	0-3	3	2	3	2	3	0	1	26
Tejada	8-17	3-8	0-0	2-2	4	1	19	2	0	0	1	32
Bennett	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	1	1	0	2	16
Porter	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	21
Cohen	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	2	3	0	0	23
Wilson	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
TEAM				2-1	3							
Totals	25-70	7-28	6-9	13-19	32	17	63	10	10	0	5	200

FG% 1st Half: 14-33 (.424) 2nd Half: 11-37 (.297) Game: 25-70 (.357)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-14 (.214) 2nd Half: 4-14 (.286) Game: 7-28 (.250)
FT% 1st Half: 3-4 (.750) 2nd Half: 3-5 (.600) Game: 6-9 (.667)

USC • 88

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	T							
Metu	6-9	0-0	3-7	3-6	9	1	15	3	3	2	1	26
Boatwright	7-16	3-7	2-2	8-3	11	0	19	3	0	0	0	26
Mathews	7-10	4-6	0-0	1-6	7	0	18	2	1	0	1	24
McLaughlin	2-7	1-2	0-0	0-4	4	0	5	7	1	0	3	29
Stewart	5-10	3-6	0-0	1-0	1	2	13	0	2	0	0	23
Aaron	1-7	1-4	1-2	0-2	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	14
Usher	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	10
Henderson	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Thornton	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	2	2	4	2	0	0	19
O'Bannon	0-4	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	7
Rakocevic	3-4	0-0	0-1	1-3	4	3	6	1	0	0	0	15
Uyaelunmo	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM				1-1	2							
Totals	33-70	12-26	10-16	18-31	49	10	88	24	11	2	6	200

FG% 1st Half: 17-36 (.472) 2nd Half: 16-34 (.471) Game: 33-70 (.471)
3FG% 1st Half: 7-15 (.467) 2nd Half: 5-11 (.455) Game: 12-26 (.462)
FT% 1st Half: 3-7 (.429) 2nd Half: 7-9 (.778) Game: 10-16 (.625)

Lehigh 34 29 - 63
USC 44 44 - 88

Officials: Michael Greenstein, Gerry Pollard, Deron White
Technical fouls: Lehigh - None; USC - Stewart, Usher.
Attendance: 3,125

game • five

No. 16/19 Texas A&M • 75
No. 10/10 USC • 59

Nov. 26 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

Texas A&M used a decisive 19-3 run midway through the second half to defeat USC 75-59 at the Galen Center on Nov. 26. The matchup was the first of ranked teams at the Galen Center since 2007. The loss ended USC's 21-game nonconference home winning streak. USC was cold from the floor throughout, finishing with a 28.2 shooting percentage, its worst since shooting 26.5 percent vs. Utah on Feb. 1, 2015 and its fourth-worst shooting performance in the last 12 seasons. USC trailed 38-31 at the half, but opened the second half on an 11-4 run, dunks by Chimezie Metu sandwiching the run, that included a 3-pointer by Elijah Stewart, to tied the game at 42-41. The Aggies went on a 19-3 run in the next 2:59 to put the game out of reach and finished the game on a 33-17 run. USC was held to its fewest points since also scoring 59 at Arizona State on Feb. 22, 2015. Metu led USC with 13 points and 8 rebounds and Nick Rakocevic came off the bench to score 11 points and grab 7 rebounds. D.J. Hogg led five TAMU players in double figures with 15 points. USC was outrebounded 52-39 and outscored 38-24 on points in the paint.

TEXAS A&M • 75

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	T							
Hogg	4-11	3-7	4-4	0-8	8	1	15	4	0	1	3	37
Williams	2-4	0-0	0-1	2-6	8	3	4	1	0	4	1	23
Davis	4-11	0-1	2-4	6-2	8	3	10	2	2	2	0	28
Gilder	4-9	1-2	0-0	2-8	10	2	9	3	2	0	0	30
Wilson	5-12	1-3	2-2	0-3	3	0	13	2	4	0	0	23
Chandler	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Starks	5-9	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	0	10	1	2	0	0	14
Caldwell	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	4	2	1	0	2	17
Trocha-Morelos	5-12	0-3	0-0	3-4	7	3	10	0	2	0	0	25
TEAM				2-1	3							
Totals	31-70	5-17	8-11	15-37	52	14	75	15	14	7	6	200

FG% 1st Half: 17-38 (.447) 2nd Half: 14-32 (.438) Game: 31-70 (.443)
3FG% 1st Half: 4-12 (.333) 2nd Half: 1-5 (.200) Game: 5-17 (.294)
FT% 1st Half: 0-0 (---) 2nd Half: 8-11 (.727) Game: 8-11 (.727)

USC • 59

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	T							
Metu	5-14	0-1	3-4	1-7	8	4	13	0	3	1	1	32
Boatwright	3-13	2-8	2-2	4-3	7	3	10	1	1	1	1	30
Mathews	1-8	1-4	0-0	1-2	3	2	3	0	1	1	0	30
McLaughlin	3-10	2-3	0-2	2-5	7	0	8	7	2	0	2	33
Stewart	2-11	2-9	4-4	1-0	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	27
Aaron	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	14
Usher	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Thornton	1-4	0-1	1-1	0-2	2	1	3	1	4	1	0	11
Rakocevic	5-7	0-0	1-2	4-3	7	1	11	0	0	1	1	20
TEAM				3-0	3							
Totals	20-71	7-27	12-17	16-23	39	14	59	11	12	6	6	200

FG% 1st Half: 12-29 (.408) 2nd Half: 8-32 (.250) Game: 20-71 (.282)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-15 (.200) 2nd Half: 4-12 (.333) Game: 7-27 (.259)
FT% 1st Half: 4-5 (.800) 2nd Half: 8-12 (.667) Game: 12-17 (.706)

Texas A&M 38 37 - 75
USC 31 28 - 59

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Patrick Evans, Rob Rorke
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 5,347

game • six

No. 14/18 USC • 55
SMU • 72

Dec. 2 • Moody Coliseum
Dallas, Texas

USC led at halftime, but was outscored by 20 points in the second half in a 72-55 setback at SMU in Dallas, Texas on Dec. 2. SMU ran its home winning streak to 28 games at Moody Coliseum, at the time the second-longest active streak in the country. The loss snapped USC's 7-game winning streak in nonconference road games, dating back to 2013. USC's 55 points were its fewest in a game since scoring 39 points in a home loss to Utah on Feb. 1, 2015. USC led 30-27 at halftime, but SMU made 63 percent of its 2nd-half shots, including 71.4 percent from 3-point range. USC trailed 42-40 9 minutes into the 2nd half, but SMU went on an 8-0 run in the next 2 minutes, hitting a 3-pointer late in the shot clock, a tip-in on its 3rd offensive rebound of a possession and then another 3-pointer on a one-handed throw by Shake Milton as the shot clock expired to make it 50-40. In that span, USC missed a shot in the lane and a pair of free throws. Milton finished with 22 points and Chimezie Metu led USC with 13 points. Jordan McLaughlin scored 9 points, had 7 assists and 3 steals, but was held scoreless in the 2nd half. Bennie Boatwright also was held scoreless in the 2nd half, finishing with 8 points. USC shot 36.4 percent in the 2nd half and 42.6 percent for the game, while SMU made 50.9 percent of its shots in the game. USC committed a season-high 17 turnovers. Among the 6,918 in attendance was former president George W. Bush.

USC • 55

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	T							
Metu	4-7	0-0	5-7	2-2	4	2	13	1	1	1	1	32
Boatwright	3-9	0-4	2-4	2-6	8	3	8	2	3	2	0	33
Mathews	4-9	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	9	2	2	0	0	29
McLaughlin	3-5	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	0	9	7	3	0	3	35
Stewart	4-7	1-4	0-0	1-2	3	1	9	0	2	1	1	31
Aaron	1-4	0-3	0-0	0-3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	19
Usher	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
Henderson	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
O'Bannon	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	3
Rakocevic	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	2	3	0	3	0	0	9
Uyaelunmo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM				2-0	2							
Totals	20-47	5-17	10-15	10-19	29	14	55	13	17	4	7	200

FG% 1st Half: 12-25 (.480) 2nd Half: 8-22 (.364) Game: 20-47 (.426)
3FG% 1st Half: 4-10 (.400) 2nd Half: 1-7 (.143) Game: 5-17 (.294)
FT% 1st Half: 2-2 (1.000) 2nd Half: 8-13 (.615) Game: 10-15 (.667)

SMU • 72

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	T							
Chargois	2-8	0-2	2-6	4-2	6	4	6	2	1	0	0	25
Milton	6-11	4-7	6-10	0-5	5	4	22	9	4	0	0	40
Foster	6-13	0-1	1-3	4-5	9	2	13	3	0	1	1	40
Ernelogu	6-7	4-5	0-0	2-4	6	1	16	0	2	0	3	40
Whitt	7-12	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	1	14	0	2	0	3	36
Douglas	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1	3	0	2	0	0	3	14
Pyle	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Landrum	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Wifong	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Agau	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Ray	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
TEAM				1-0	1							
Totals	27-53	8-16	10-23	12-20	32	15	72	16	11	1	10	200

FG% 1st Half: 10-26 (.385) 2nd Half: 17-27 (.630) Game: 27-53 (.509)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-9 (.333) 2nd Half: 5-7 (.714) Game: 8-16 (.500)
FT% 1st Half: 4-11 (.364) 2nd Half: 6-12 (.500) Game: 10-23 (.435)

USC 30 25 - 55
SMU 27 45 - 72

Officials: Don Daily, Byron Jarrett, Gerald Williams
Technical fouls: USC - Team. SMU - None.
Attendance: 6,918

game • seven

Oklahoma • 85
No. 25 USC • 83

Dec. 8 • Staples Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

USC forged a furious second-half rally from 18 points down, but Jordan McLaughlin's half-court heave at the buzzer came up empty and the Trojans fell 85-83 to Oklahoma in the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic at the Staples Center on Dec. 8. Oklahoma came out blazing in the game, making six of its first seven 3-point shots to open up a 20-10 lead. Oklahoma made nine 3-pointers in the first half to lead 48-36 at the break, then made its first three 3-pointers of the second half to open up an 18-point lead at 59-41 early in the second half. USC then rallied to cut it to 85-83 with 11 seconds left and was forced to foul Trae Young with 3.1 seconds remaining. Young, who had a game-high 29 points, missed a pair of three throws which set up McLaughlin's desperation shot at the buzzer. Elijah Stewart led USC with 23 points, tying a career high with seven 3-pointers made. McLaughlin finished with 20 points and 9 assists and Chimezie Metu had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Bennie Boatwright (10 points/9 rebounds) and Nick Rakocevic (10 points/8 rebounds) both just missed double-doubles. Oklahoma made 15 3-point baskets, the most by a USC opponent since Penn also made 15 on Jan. 11, 2003 and one off the opponent record of 16 set by Arizona on Feb. 16, 2002. USC committed 12 first-half turnovers which lead to 16 points and finished with 17 turnovers in the game.

OKLAHOMA • 85

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F							
Lattin	2-5	0-0	1-2	2-4	6	4	5	0	1	6	1	28
Manek	6-14	3-8	0-2	2-1	3	0	15	0	0	0	0	28
James	7-11	5-6	0-0	1-4	5	3	19	3	2	0	0	32
Odomes	1-5	0-0	0-0	4-1	5	0	2	1	1	0	1	16
Young	9-18	4-11	7-10	0-1	1	0	29	9	3	0	1	36
Moneace	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	12
Freeman	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	12
Shepherd	2-3	1-2	2-2	0-4	4	1	7	1	0	0	0	19
Lazenby	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
McGusty	3-6	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	8	1	0	0	1	13
TEAM				1-0	1				1			
Totals	30-67	15-31	10-16	12-20	32	15	85	15	11	8	4	200

FG% 1st Half: 18-41 (.439) 2nd Half: 12-26 (.462) Game: 30-67 (.448)
3FG% 1st Half: 9-18 (.500) 2nd Half: 6-13 (.462) Game: 15-31 (.484)
FT% 1st Half: 3-3 (1.000) 2nd Half: 7-13 (.538) Game: 10-16 (.625)

USC • 83

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F							
Metu	5-10	0-0	3-3	2-9	11	4	13	1	6	4	1	34
Boatwright	3-13	1-7	3-4	3-6	9	1	10	4	3	2	0	31
Mathews	3-8	0-4	1-1	0-3	3	4	7	1	2	0	0	29
McLaughlin	6-10	2-3	6-6	0-1	1	2	20	9	4	0	1	35
Stewart	8-14	7-11	0-0	3-2	5	3	23	3	1	3	0	39
Aaron	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Usher	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	11
Rakocevic	5-8	0-0	0-0	3-5	8	2	10	0	0	0	1	18
TEAM				5-0	5							
Totals	30-67	10-27	13-14	16-29	45	19	83	18	17	9	3	200

FG% 1st Half: 12-29 (.414) 2nd Half: 18-38 (.474) Game: 30-67 (.448)
3FG% 1st Half: 5-13 (.385) 2nd Half: 5-14 (.357) Game: 10-27 (.370)
FT% 1st Half: 7-8 (.875) 2nd Half: 6-6 (1.000) Game: 13-14 (.929)

Oklahoma 48 37 - 85
USC 36 47 - 83
Officials: Tony Padilla, Keigh Kimble, Chris Rastatter
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 6,456

game • eight

Santa Clara • 59
USC • 82

Dec. 14 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

USC looked like a ranked team in its first game this season as an unranked squad, posting a wire-to-wire 82-59 win over Santa Clara at the Galen Center on Dec. 14. The win snapped the Trojans 3-game losing streak. Nick Rakocevic made his first start of the season and had career highs in points (16) and rebounds (10) for his first double-double. Chimezie Metu (20 points/11 rebounds) and Bennie Boatwright (21 points/11 rebounds) also had double-doubles, the first time USC had 3 players in a game with double-doubles since Dec. 19 2009 (Gerrity, Stepheson & Vucevic). USC outrebounded Santa Clara 52-27 and outscored them 36-22 on points in the paint. Jordan McLaughlin had 10 assists and nine points, just missing out on a double-double of his own. USC made 49.2 percent of its shots, while holding Santa Clara to a season-low 31.3 percent shooting. USC blocked 3 of Santa Clara's first 5 shots and finished with 10 blocks in the game. USC also out-dunked the Broncos 7-1, led by Metu's four slams.

SANTA CLARA • 59

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F							
Pugh	3-9	1-5	0-0	1-1	2	0	7	2	0	0	0	21
Vrankic	4-10	3-7	4-5	3-5	8	4	15	2	1	0	1	29
Caruso	2-8	1-4	2-3	1-3	4	3	7	0	1	0	0	29
Feagin	4-9	1-3	1-1	0-3	3	2	10	4	1	0	1	30
Hauser	1-7	1-6	0-0	0-0	0	2	3	4	0	0	1	30
Turner	2-7	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	20
Jadersten	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Walters	4-10	0-1	1-1	0-4	4	2	9	0	1	0	0	30
Ndumanya	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
TEAM				2-0	2				1			
Totals	20-64	9-32	10-14	9-18	27	16	59	12	5	0	4	200

FG% 1st Half: 8-33 (.242) 2nd Half: 12-31 (.387) Game: 20-64 (.313)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-17 (.176) 2nd Half: 6-15 (.400) Game: 9-32 (.281)
FT% 1st Half: 3-3 (1.000) 2nd Half: 7-11 (.636) Game: 10-14 (.714)

USC • 82

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F							
Metu	9-16	0-1	2-2	4-7	11	2	20	1	2	3	0	30
Boatwright	7-14	3-5	4-4	3-8	11	0	21	3	2	1	0	33
Rakocevic	6-9	0-0	4-7	6-4	10	5	16	1	1	2	0	18
Mathews	2-5	2-3	0-0	1-4	5	3	6	2	1	1	0	28
McLaughlin	3-8	1-3	2-2	1-3	4	0	9	10	2	2	2	33
Aaron	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Usher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	10
O'Bannon	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	11
Karis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Stewart	1-4	0-2	2-2	1-0	1	1	4	2	0	1	0	21
Uyaelunmo	1-2	0-0	2-4	0-1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	3
TEAM				0-2	2							
Totals	30-61	6-16	16-21	16-36	52	16	82	21	10	10	2	200

FG% 1st Half: 13-31 (.419) 2nd Half: 17-30 (.567) Game: 30-61 (.492)
3FG% 1st Half: 4-11 (.364) 2nd Half: 2-5 (.400) Game: 6-16 (.375)
FT% 1st Half: 7-8 (.875) 2nd Half: 9-13 (.692) Game: 16-21 (.762)

Santa Clara 22 37 - 59
USC 37 45 - 82
Officials: David Hall, Verne Harris, Kipp Kissinger
Technical fouls: USC - Rakocevic, Santa Clara - None.
Attendance: 2,712

game • nine

UC Santa Barbara • 87
USC • 98

Dec. 17 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

USC had its hottest shooting night of the season to date and defeated UCSB 98-87 at the Galen Center on Dec. 17. Despite finding out shortly before the game that starter Bennie Boatwright would miss the game with soreness in his right foot due to a plantar wart, USC made 56.7 percent of its shots, 62.5 percent in the 2nd half and made 50 percent of its 3-pointers in the game. Jordan McLaughlin orchestrated the attack with a double-double of 10 points and a USC record and a Pac-12 record-tying total of 19 assists. McLaughlin held the previous USC record of 16 assists in a game set in 2015 and tied the conference record of 19 set by Russell Brown of Arizona in 1979. Chimezie Metu had a career-high 31 points and Nick Rakocevic had a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. USC led by as many as 25 points in the 2nd half, but UCSB got hot and closed to within 10 points at 79-69 with 7 minutes remaining. Metu answered with a jumper and back-to-back dunks and the Gauchos could get no closer than the final margin of 11, as they scored the final 9 points of the game. USC's 28 assists were its most in a game since registering 29 vs. George Mason on Dec. 20, 1995. USC led 36-29 with just over 5 minutes remaining in the 1st half when Chimezie Metu suffered a laceration near his right eye which required 3 sutures. USC made its final 6 shots of the half to open a 52-33 lead and Metu returned after the break. USC's win snapped UCSB's 7-game winning streak.

UC SANTA BARBARA • 87

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F							
King II	6-16	3-7	0-0	1-6	7	2	15	0	1	0	1	35
Canty	3-5	0-0	6-7	1-0	1	3	12	0	0	0	0	21
Vincent	7-12	3-8	0-0	0-0	0	3	17	7	0	0	1	33
Heidegger	5-14	4-9	3-5	1-2	3	2	17	4	6	0	1	35
Jackson	4-8	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	1	9	5	0	0	2	26
Blackmon	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	5
Kupchak	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	3
Davis	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hart	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lakou	2-4	0-0	0-0	3-4	7	2	4	0	0	2	0	19
Terrell	3-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	6	3	0	0	0	18
TEAM				1-1	2							
Totals	32-65	12-29	11-14	7-18	25	19	87	20	7	3	6	200

FG% 1st Half: 13-31 (.419) 2nd Half: 19-34 (.559) Game: 32-65 (.492)
3FG% 1st Half: 6-18 (.333) 2nd Half: 6-11 (.545) Game: 12-29 (.414)
FT% 1st Half: 1-3 (.333) 2nd Half: 10-11 (.909) Game: 11-14 (.786)

USC • 98

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB		F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F							
Metu	11-16	3-5	6-8	2-3	5	4	31	1	1	0	1	27
Rakocevic	6-10	0-0	0-0	4-8	12	2	12	1	4	0	0	27
Mathews	6-11	4-7	0-0	2-3	5	1	16	1	0	1	0	33
McLaughlin	4-10	2-4	0-2	1-3	4	2	10	19	2	0	3	39
Stewart	7-12	3-7	2-2	2-3	5	2	19	3	1	1	1	36
Aaron	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	10
Usher	3-4	1-1	1-2	1-2	3	1	8	3	0	0	0	18
Henderson	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
O'Bannon	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Karis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Uyaelunmo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				2-1	3							
Totals	38-67	13-26	9-16	15-25	40	16	98	28	10	2	5	200

FG% 1st Half: 18-35 (.514) 2nd Half: 20-32 (.625) Game: 38-67 (.567)
3FG% 1st Half: 7-11 (.636) 2nd Half: 6-15 (.400) Game: 13-26 (.500)
FT% 1st Half: 9-12 (.750) 2nd Half: 0-4 (.000) Game: 9-16 (.563)

game • ten

Princeton • 103
USC • 93 (OT)

Dec. 19 • Galen Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

USC rallied from 11 points down in the second half to force overtime, but fell 103-93 against Princeton at the Galen Center on Dec. 19. The Trojans, playing without key rotation players Bennie Boatwright, Jonah Mathews and Deryck Thornton due to injuries, made 6 of their final 7 shots of regulation in the final 1:24 to overcome an 8-point deficit and tie the game at 86 at the end of regulation. Jordan McLaughlin made a layup with 15 seconds left to cut it to 86-84, then he forced a turnover and made another layup with 8 seconds remaining to force the extra period. USC led 91-90 in overtime with 3:35 remaining but went 1-for-7 from the field the rest of the way, while Princeton finished 3-for-4 down the stretch and hit 7 consecutive free throws. McLaughlin finished with 24 points and 8 assists, while Chimezie Metu posted a double-double with 25 points and 10 rebounds. USC's loss was its first against an Ivy League opponent since falling 99-61 to Penn at the Forum on Jan. 11, 2003. Princeton's 103 points were the most against USC since allowing UCLA 107 on Jan. 5, 2014. USC was outrebounded 35-34 and fell to 1-3 in games it is outrebounded. USC shot 52.2 percent in the game and Princeton made 51.5 percent of its shots, including 58.3 percent in the second half and overtime. Elijah Stewart added 20 points for the Trojans, but fouled out with 2:31 remaining in OT. Myles Stephens scored a game-high 30 points for Princeton, 26 in the second half and overtime.

PRINCETON • 103

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB							F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S							
Much	7-11	5-9	0-1	1-1	2	4	19	4	2	0	0	0	41				
Brennan	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7				
Cannady	6-16	4-13	7-8	2-7	9	3	23	4	2	0	0	0	45				
Bell	6-11	1-3	5-7	0-7	7	4	18	9	1	1	5	43					
Stephens	10-16	2-4	8-8	3-6	9	3	30	1	1	1	1	44					
Young	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	10					
Schwieger	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	11					
Desrosiers	2-4	1-3	1-2	1-5	6	3	6	1	0	0	1	24					
TEAM				0-1	1												
Totals	34-66	14-37	21-28	7-28	35	19	103	19	10	2	7	225					

FG% 1 H: 13-30 (.433) 2 H: 17-30 (.567) OT: 4-6 (.667) G: 34-66 (.515)
3FG% 1 H: 7-20 (.350) 2 H: 7-15 (.467) OT: 0-2 (.000) G: 14-37 (.378)
FT% 1 H: 0-2 (.000) 2 H: 12-16 (.750) OT: 9-10 (.900) G: 21-28 (.750)

USC • 93

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB							F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S							
Metu	10-16	0-0	5-8	0-10	10	2	25	3	3	0	0	44					
Rakocevic	1-2	0-0	3-6	5-2	7	3	5	2	1	0	0	27					
Aaron	2-5	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	5	5	0	2	0	0	19					
McLaughlin	9-14	3-5	3-4	0-4	4	1	24	8	4	0	2	44					
Stewart	8-17	4-11	0-0	1-3	4	5	20	0	0	1	0	42					
Usher	4-8	2-5	2-2	0-4	4	4	12	0	2	1	0	33					
O'Bannon	1-5	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	14					
Karis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2					
TEAM				1-0	1												
Totals	35-67	10-26	13-20	7-27	34	22	93	13	12	2	4	225					

FG% 1 H: 13-24 (.542) 2 H: 19-33 (.576) OT: 3-10 (.300) G: 35-67 (.522)
3FG% 1 H: 5-11 (.455) 2 H: 4-9 (.444) OT: 1-6 (.167) G: 10-26 (.385)
FT% 1 H: 5-8 (.625) 2 H: 8-12 (.667) OT: 0-0 (---) G: 13-20 (.650)

Princeton 33 53 17 - 103
USC 36 50 7 - 93

Officials: Tommy Nunez, Bert Smith, Daryl Gelinas
Technical fouls: None.
Attendance: 4,041

game • eleven

Akron • 53
USC • 84

Dec. 22 • Stan Sheriff Center
Honolulu, Hawai'i

USC outscored Akron 55-20 in the second half to post an 84-53 comeback victory in the first round of the Diamond Head Classic at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu, Hawai'i. USC trailed by as many as 9 points in the first half and by 4 at 34-29 at halftime, but outscored the Zips 22-5 in the first 7 minutes of the second half to open a 51-38 lead and were never challenged after that. Elijah Stewart scored 15 of his game-high 20 points in the second half. Before the game, the Trojans found out that Bennie Boatwright and Jonah Mathews were returning from injury, but Boatwright received a flagrant 2 foul and was ejected from the game in the first half. Mathews was in early foul trouble, but returned to score 11 of his 13 points in the second half. Chimezie Metu also was in early foul trouble which limited him to 7 first-half minutes, but finished the game with 16 points and 8 rebounds. USC made 60.7 percent of its shots in the second half to finish with a 49.1 shooting percentage for the game. USC held Akron to 25.0 percent shooting in the second half and 32.0 percent for the game. USC forced 16 turnovers and outscored Akron 21-10 on points off turnovers. USC outrebounded Akron 39-23 and outscored them 24-14 on points in the paint. Eleven different Trojans scored, including seven which scored 5 or more points.

AKRON • 53

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB							F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S							
Ivey	2-6	1-5	1-2	0-8	8	3	6	6	2	0	0	35					
Utomi	3-10	2-7	3-5	0-2	2	1	11	2	1	0	1	33					
Duvivier	2-8	1-4	1-2	0-2	2	4	6	1	4	0	0	24					
Parrish	3-9	2-7	3-3	3-1	4	3	11	3	2	0	1	33					
Olojakpoke	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	11					
Eubanks	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3					
Cotton	1-7	1-4	2-3	0-1	1	2	5	0	3	0	0	24					
Sayles	5-6	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	1	12	0	0	1	1	27					
Patton	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5					
Smith	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3					
Kostelac	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	2					
TEAM				1-0	1												
Totals	16-50	7-28	14-19	5-18	23	22	53	12	16	1	3	200					

FG% 1st Half: 10-26 (.385) 2nd Half: 6-24 (.250) Game: 16-50 (.320)
3FG% 1st Half: 5-13 (.385) 2nd Half: 2-15 (.133) Game: 7-28 (.250)
FT% 1st Half: 8-12 (.667) 2nd Half: 6-7 (.857) Game: 14-19 (.737)

USC • 84

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB							F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S							
Metu	5-8	2-2	4-4	0-8	8	3	16	2	2	1	0	24					
Rakocevic	3-4	0-0	3-5	2-7	9	4	9	0	1	1	0	20					
Mathews	5-9	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	2	13	3	0	0	1	23					
McLaughlin	3-8	1-4	2-2	0-3	3	1	9	6	3	0	1	35					
Stewart	6-14	3-7	5-6	3-2	5	3	20	0	1	0	2	33					
Aaron	2-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	13					
Usher	0-2	0-1	2-2	3-3	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	21					
Henderson	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3					
O'Bannon	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	4					
Karis	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5					
Boatwright	1-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	13					
Uyaelunmo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	6					
TEAM				1-1	2												
Totals	27-55	10-23	20-27	10-29	39	19	84	13	11	3	5	200					

FG% 1st Half: 10-27 (.370) 2nd Half: 17-28 (.607) Game: 27-55 (.491)
3FG% 1st Half: 3-12 (.250) 2nd Half: 7-11 (.636) Game: 10-23 (.435)
FT% 1st Half: 6-9 (.667) 2nd Half: 14-18 (.778) Game: 20-27 (.741)

Akron 33 20 - 53
USC 29 55 - 84

Officials: Darron George, Tommy Short, Bart Lenox
Technical fouls: USC - Stewart, Akron - Ivey.
Attendance: 5,918

game • twelve

Middle Tennessee • 84
USC • 89

Dec. 23 • Stan Sheriff Center
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Chimezie Metu scored 27 and Bennie Boatwright 23 as the Trojans overcame a 9-point second-half deficit to defeat Middle Tennessee 89-84 in the Diamond Head Classic semifinal on Dec. 23. USC trailed 43-42 at the break and 54-45 4 minutes into the second half before going on a 10-0 run capped by a Metu dunk to give the Trojans a 55-54 lead at 11:54 of the second half. Middle Tennessee briefly retook the lead at 66-64, but a Boatwright 3-pointer with 7:24 remaining gave the Trojans the lead for good. The Blue Raiders cut the deficit back down to 2 at 76-74, but Shaquan Aaron hit consecutive 3-pointers at 2:54 and 2:16 to make it a 6-point lead at 82-76 and the Trojans held on. USC made 68.2 percent of its shots in the 2nd half and 57.8 percent for the game, its best since March 4, 2017 vs. Washington. Middle Tennessee made 49.2 percent of its shots, but only 42.4 percent in the second half. USC also made 52.4 percent from 3-point range. Elijah Stewart added 13 points, Jordan McLaughlin 11 and Aaron 10. Nick King led Middle Tennessee with a game-high 28 points. Twelve of Boatwright's 23 points came from the free throw line as he took 16 free throws. USC as a team made 78.8 percent of its free throws.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE • 84

Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB							F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S							
Dixon	3-7	1-3	0-0	1-0	1	3	7	4	1	0	0	25					
Walters	5-8	0-0	1-1	1-0	1	5	11	0	0	0	0	15					
King	10-20	2-3	6-9	5-6	11	0	28	3	1	0	0	39					
Simpson	2-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	6	3	1	0	1	19					
Potts	4-10	3-7	0-0	0-1	1	3	11	0	1	0	2	32					
Johnson	4-8	3-5	4-4	0-1	1	2	15	2	1	0	0	24					
Hawthorne	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1					
Simmons	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	20					
Gamble	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	2	4	0	1	1	0	25					
TEAM				0-1	1												
Totals	31-63	11-23	11-14	9-13	22	22	84	13	9	1	3	200					

FG% 1st Half: 17-30 (.567) 2nd Half: 14-33 (.424) Game: 31-63 (.492)
3FG% 1st Half: 5-10 (.500) 2nd Half: 6-13 (.462) Game: 11-23 (.478)
FT% 1st Half: 4-5 (.800) 2nd Half: 7-9 (.778) Game: 11-14 (.786)

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Player	FG	3FG	FT	REB							F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
				O-D-TOT	F	TP	A	TO	B	S							
Metu	11-15	1-2	4-5	2-7	9	4	27	4	2	0	0	39					
Boatwright	4-11	3-7	12-16	1-5	6	3	23	6	3	2	0	37					
Rakeoiev	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	9					
McLaughlin	2-3	1-2	6-7	2-3	5	2	11	6	5	0	2	40					
Stewart	3-7	3-7	4-5	0-3	3	2	13	2	0	0	0	32					
Aaron	4-5	2-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	10	2	0	0	1	30					
Usher	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	13					
Uyaelunmo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+					
TEAM				0-0													
Totals	26-45	11-21	26-33	6-22	28	17	89	21	10	2	3	200					

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• NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE)
0	Shaqquan Aaron	G	6-7	195	Jr.*	7/21/95	Los Angeles, Calif. (Rainier Beach HS/Louisville)
1	Jordan Usher	G/F	6-7	225	Fr.	5/21/98	Canton, Ga. (Wheeler HS)
2	Jonah Mathews	G	6-3	195	So.	2/10/98	Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica HS)
3	Harrison Henderson	F	6-10	225	So.	3/18/97	Dallas, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS)
4	Chimezie Metu	F	6-11	225	Jr.	3/22/97	Lawndale, Calif. (Lawndale HS)
5	Derryck Thornton	G	6-2	195	So.*	5/3/97	Chatsworth, Calif. (Findlay Prep, Nev./Duke)
11	Jordan McLaughlin	G	6-1	185	Sr.	4/9/96	Etiwanda, Calif. (Etiwanda HS)
12	Devin Fleming	G	6-2	190	Jr.	6/17/97	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Valley View HS/Mt. San Jacinto)
13	Charles O'Bannon Jr.	G	6-6	210	Fr.	3/1/99	Compton, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
21	Kurt Karis	G	6-1	195	Sr.*	4/17/95	Northbrook, Ill. (Glenbrook North/Chicago State)
22	De'Anthony Melton	G	6-4	200	So.	5/28/98	Encino, Calif. (Crespi HS)
25	Bennie Boatwright	F	6-10	227	Jr.	7/13/96	Mission Hills, Calif. (Village Christian HS)
30	Elijah Stewart	G	6-5	195	Sr.	11/14/95	DeRidder, La. (Westchester HS)
31	Nick Rakocevic	F	6-11	225	So.	12/31/97	Chicago, Ill. (Saint Joseph's HS)
34	Victor Uyaelunmo	F	6-11	220	Fr.	3/20/98	Miami, Fla. (Calvary Christian Academy)

* Utilized redshirt year

• ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE)
0	Shaqquan Aaron	G	6-7	195	Jr.*	7/21/95	Los Angeles, Calif. (Rainier Beach HS/Louisville)
25	Bennie Boatwright	F	6-10	227	Jr.	7/13/96	Mission Hills, Calif. (Village Christian HS)
12	Devin Fleming	G	6-2	190	Jr.	6/17/97	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Valley View HS/Mt. San Jacinto)
3	Harrison Henderson	F	6-10	225	So.	3/18/97	Dallas, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS)
21	Kurt Karis	G	6-1	195	Sr.*	4/17/95	Northbrook, Ill. (Glenbrook North/Chicago State)
2	Jonah Mathews	G	6-3	195	So.	2/10/98	Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica HS)
11	Jordan McLaughlin	G	6-1	185	Sr.	4/9/96	Etiwanda, Calif. (Etiwanda HS)
22	De'Anthony Melton	G	6-4	200	So.	5/28/98	Encino, Calif. (Crespi HS)
4	Chimezie Metu	F	6-11	225	Jr.	3/22/97	Lawndale, Calif. (Lawndale HS)
13	Charles O'Bannon Jr.	G	6-6	210	Fr.	3/1/99	Compton, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
31	Nick Rakocevic	F	6-11	225	So.	12/31/97	Chicago, Ill. (Saint Joseph's HS)
30	Elijah Stewart	G	6-5	195	Sr.	11/14/95	DeRidder, La. (Westchester HS)
5	Derryck Thornton	G	6-2	195	So.*	5/3/97	Chatsworth, Calif. (Findlay Prep, Nev./Duke)
1	Jordan Usher	G/F	6-7	225	Fr.	5/21/98	Canton, Ga. (Wheeler HS)
34	Victor Uyaelunmo	F	6-11	220	Fr.	3/20/98	Miami, Fla. (Calvary Christian Academy)

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HEAD COACH

Andy Enfield (Johns Hopkins, 1991), 5th year

ASSISTANTS

Jason Hart (Syracuse, 2000), 5th year

Chris Capko (USF, 2006), 2nd year (4 years at USC)

ASSISTANT COACH/DIRECTOR OF SCOUTING

Martin Bahar (Vanderbilt, 2006) 1st year (3 years at USC)

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

Michael Swets (Boston College, 2009) 2nd Year

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
USC Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 23, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	8-4	5-2	1-1	2-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	8-4	5-2	1-1	2-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
04	Metu, Chimezie	12-12	380	31.7	88-158	.557	9-16	.563	43-60	.717	24	76	100	8.3	32	0	19	28	18	6	228	19.0
25	Boatwright, Bennie	10-9	298	29.8	46-115	.400	18-57	.316	38-54	.704	26	48	74	7.4	20	1	24	18	15	1	148	14.8
11	McLaughlin, Jordan	12-12	423	35.2	56-113	.496	21-44	.477	31-40	.775	8	42	50	4.2	13	0	93	31	4	26	164	13.7
30	Stewart, Elijah	12-11	366	30.5	52-115	.452	30-72	.417	22-24	.917	15	26	41	3.4	26	1	12	10	9	7	156	13.0
02	Mathews, Jonah	10-10	280	28.0	36-79	.456	17-38	.447	7-11	.636	7	27	34	3.4	19	0	13	11	4	4	96	9.6
31	Rakocevic, Nick	12-5	188	15.7	31-51	.608	0-0	.000	13-25	.520	27	38	65	5.4	34	2	5	10	6	2	75	6.3
05	Thornton, Derryck	5-0	77	15.4	6-20	.300	3-7	.429	3-3	1.000	0	10	10	2.0	6	0	7	10	1	2	18	3.6
00	Aaron, Shaquan	12-1	184	15.3	17-41	.415	7-21	.333	2-8	.250	4	21	25	2.1	20	2	9	9	0	3	43	3.6
01	Usher, Jordan	12-0	149	12.4	8-24	.333	4-10	.400	6-8	.750	8	19	27	2.3	22	0	9	10	2	0	26	2.2
13	O'Bannon, Charles Jr	8-0	56	7.0	3-17	.176	1-7	.143	6-6	1.000	1	7	8	1.0	9	0	2	2	0	4	13	1.6
34	Uyaelunmo, Victor	7-0	22	3.1	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	2	3	5	0.7	4	0	1	2	0	0	10	1.4
03	Henderson, Harrison	5-0	13	2.6	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	0.8	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.8
21	Karis, Kurt	5-0	13	2.6	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	1	2	0.4	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.4
12	Fleming, Devin	1-0	1	1.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											17	13	30		1			1				
Total.....		12	2450		347-745	.466	110-275	.400	179-251	.713	142	334	476	39.7	210	6	194	143	59	56	983	81.9
Opponents.....		12	2450		313-744	.421	111-312	.356	140-214	.654	118	274	392	32.7	223	-	161	149	30	63	877	73.1

TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	983	877	11/10/17	CSF	W 84-42	6327
Points per game	81.9	73.1	11/13/17	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	W 75-65	2402
Scoring margin	+8.8	-	11/19/17	at Vanderbilt	Wot 93-89	8284
FIELD GOALS-ATT	347-745	313-744	11/22/17	LEHIGH	W 88-63	3125
Field goal pct	.466	.421	11/26/17	TAMU	L 59-75	5347
3 POINT FG-ATT	110-275	111-312	12/2/17	at SMU	L 55-72	6918
3-point FG pct	.400	.356	12/08/17	vs Oklahoma	L 83-85	6456
3-pt FG made per game	9.2	9.3	12/14/17	SANTA CLARA	W 82-59	2712
FREE THROWS-ATT	179-251	140-214	12/17/17	UCSB	W 98-87	3519
Free throw pct	.713	.654	12/19/17	PRINCETON	Lot 93-103	4041
F-Throws made per game	14.9	11.7	12/22/17	vs Akron	W 84-53	5918
REBOUNDS	476	392	12/23/17	vs Middle Tennessee	W 89-84	5811
Rebounds per game	39.7	32.7				
Rebounding margin	+7.0	-				
ASSISTS	194	161				
Assists per game	16.2	13.4				
TURNOVERS	143	149				
Turnovers per game	11.9	12.4				
Turnover margin	+0.5	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	1.1				
STEALS	56	63				
Steals per game	4.7	5.3				
BLOCKS	59	30				
Blocks per game	4.9	2.5				
ATTENDANCE	27473	33387				
Home games-Avg/Game	7-3925	2-7601				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-6062				

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
USC	447	516	20	983
Opponents	393	458	26	877