



#### POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Colorado

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**Final: USC 70, Colorado 58**

- With the win tonight, USC improved to 12-6, 3-2 and Colorado fell to 10-7, 2-3.
- USC led 38-34 at halftime. USC shot 48.3 percent in the first half, while Colorado made 44.8 percent of its shots before the break. Colorado outrebounded USC 21-11 in the first half.
- USC held Colorado to 26.9 percent shooting in the second half and 36.4 percent for the game. In the last four games, USC has held the opposition to 41.5 percent shooting (97-for-234). USC improved to 7-0 this season when holding its opponent to under 40 percent shooting.
- Jordan McLaughlin was 4-for-4 from three-point range tonight. It was his most three-pointers made since matching a career high with five 3-pointers made at Vanderbilt on Nov. 19.
- McLaughlin finished with 20 points, his fourth 20-point or more game this season. He had three assists tonight, his fewest in a game this season.
- As the Trojans have gotten healthier, USC has been getting much more production from its bench than at the start of the season. USC outscored Colorado 26-10 on bench points tonight and has outscored the opposition 124-83 in the last five games. For the season, USC trails 282-310.
- USC matched a season high with 10 blocks tonight.
- Chimezie Metu had a career-high 6 blocks tonight. His previous best for blocks in a game was 5, done three times.
- Metu finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season and 13<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- USC scored 70 points, its fewest in a game since totaling 55 at SMU on Dec. 2.
- In the last four games, USC has registered 40 steals and forced 72 turnovers.
- USC's next game will be vs. Utah at the Galen Center on Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. The game will be broadcast on the ESPNU and air on ESPNLA Radio 710.

#### ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"Our players played hard, I was proud of their effort, especially on the defensive end. They played for 40 minutes. It was a good win for us.

"We got our hands on a lot of balls, got a lot of steals. We played hard with a sense of purpose. We've played good basketball the last 4 games except defensively the last 10 minutes at Stanford.

"Chimezie played outstanding basketball. He missed a lot of shots, but he played tremendous ball.

"It's nice to win a game when your two leading scorers go 4-for-22 from the field. We're as healthy as we have been. We're playing now with a lot of intensity. There's a lot ahead for us.

(On how USC pulled away in the last 10 minutes)—"Our energy on defense and Chimezie was a monster inside and our guards got steals. Jordan (McLaughlin) hit big shots.

"Every game is a battle in this league. You have to respect each opponent."

#### JORDAN MCLAUGHLIN QUOTES:

"We have to move on after every game, win or lose. It was good to get out here and get a win tonight.

"Being aggressive, making plays whether I'm scoring or passing, take what the defense gives me.

"We ramped up our defense since the Princeton game, except for 4-5 minutes of the Stanford game.

"Coach talked about playing the whole 40 minutes. You can't take any possessions off."



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**JONAH MATHEWS QUOTES:**

"I just want to win. I'm not concerned about starting. I had two off games in the Bay, that happens to everybody. I had to not let it get in my head."

**COLORADO HEAD COACH TAD BOYLE QUOTES:**

"There's a very simple reason why we lost this game and I think anybody who saw, listened to it or looked at the stat sheet could see it was very simple. We had 22 turnovers and ten shots that were blocked which means that's 32 times we don't even get the ball to the rim which doesn't give us an opportunity to make a shot, get a chance for an offensive rebound, or make it to the foul line. It was a really disappointing offensive effort."

"On the board before we took the floor was 'be in attack mode, under control, and get a great shot for our team'. We knew they were going to play some zone and we knew they were going to play some man. When they were in man I thought we ran our man stuff pretty good, but when they went zone we didn't. I thought in the first half we did some good things against it. The second half we had a couple of decent possessions, but we had way too many empty ones."

"We know what we're capable of doing, we showed it this weekend, but we're just not capable of doing it out on the road yet."

"They hit a pick and pop three to go up four, which should have been a switch. We don't switch and they hit a three, but we should have been down 14 at half the way we were playing. The fact that it was a four point game at half, which to me was really encouraging as bad as we played with how many turnovers we had in the first half."

"McKinley is a freshman and he didn't play his best tonight. There's no doubt about that. Opposing teams are going to be gunning for McKinley right. He's not going to sneak up on anybody. He's proven what he can do, so he's got to play better and he knows that. We have to figure out a way to play so that we're not so dependent on McKinley."