



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Utah

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Final: USC 84, Utah 67

- With the win tonight, USC improved to 13-6, 4-2 and Utah fell to 10-7, 2-4.
- USC entered the game having lost eight-straight games to Utah. USC's last win against the Utes was a 76-59 win at Utah on Jan. 12, 2013. USC had lost three consecutive games to Utah at home, last winning 62-45 on Jan. 28, 2012.
- USC led 46-22 at halftime. USC made 45.5 percent of its first-half shots, while Utah made 32.0 percent of its shots before the break. USC outrebounded Utah 19-15 in the first half.
- USC made 9 three-point baskets in the first half, its most in any half this season. USC's previous high was 7 done seven times.
- USC's 14 three-point baskets tonight were its most in a game this season. The previous high was 13 vs. UCSB on Dec. 17. USC made 14 three-pointers in a game three times last season, the last time on Jan. 24 vs. UCLA.
- 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 Utah 28-22 on bench points tonight and has outscored the opposition 152-105 in the last six games. For the season, USC trails 310-332.
- In the last five games, USC has registered 45 steals and forced 89 turnovers.
- Derryck Thornton was 2-for-2 from the free throw line tonight and is now 9-for-9 from the charity stripe this season.
- Jonah Mathews led USC with 17 points tonight and was 3-for-5 on three-pointers. He scored 9 points on 3 three-pointers vs. Colorado on Wednesday. In the two games at the Bay Area schools, he was 1-for-12 and 0-for-6 from three-point range.
- Jordan McLaughlin scored 14 points and had 7 assists. It was his 13th game this season with 7 assists or more. He leads the conference with 145 assists.
- USC's next game will be at Oregon in Eugene, Ore. on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. The game will be broadcast on the ESPN2 and air on ESPNLA Radio 710.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"That was a good win against a good Utah team. To force turnovers and get 84 points is a good thing.

"We've been doing it the last 5 games, except the last 10 minutes of the Stanford game, we've been doing it defensively. If we keep doing that, we have a chance and can be in most games.

"Jonah has played great basketball all week. It was one of his best games tonight.

"We now have a full roster for the season. It was challenging in the pre-season. All of a sudden this team withal this depth and experience didn't have 3 or 4 players and that really hurt us. The last 2 weeks, now we have a roster we know is healthy.

"The reason we're winning now isn't because we have a resolution on De'Anthony Melton. They all feel for him deeply, he's a tremendous teammate and plays hard all the time. As tough as it is on De'Anthony and on our team, he continues to amaze me (how he has handled it).

"It was nice to beat a good quality team like Utah. You have to beat every team. We played very well tonight and were fortunate to beat them.

It (not having De'Anthony) hurt our defense in the beginning of the year. Now we're playing very good team defense, but we still have room for improvement.

"We hope Chimezie can control his emotions and not hurt the team."



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SHAQQUAN AARON QUOTES:

"Our chemistry has improved throughout the season. It's better to have losses at the beginning and improve.

"Our ball movement was great tonight and everybody was hitting their shots. It was one of our best games so far.

"We tell De'Anthony to keep hanging in there and use that anger as fuel to dominate when he comes back."

JONAH MATHEWS QUOTES:

"We made a statement tonight for De'Anthony and for Utah. We tried to keep our composure and let the scoreboard talk for us. We were sharing the ball and hitting our shots.

"I felt good tonight. I hit my first one and my teammates kept finding me."

UTAH HEAD COACH LARRY KRYSTKOWIAK QUOTES:

On Jordan McLaughlin and USC win...

"There's a reason [McLaughlin] leads the conference in assists, so he gets some of the credit. I thought we over-helped at times and got sucked in the lane and opened up some guys on the perimeter. So, it was a variety of different elements. We've been good at defending the 3-point line. We need to take a good look at where our break downs are coming and get them fixed and then figure out what we need to do against Washington."