



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Vanderbilt

Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Final: USC 78, Vanderbilt 82

- With the 82-78 loss tonight, USC fell to 1-1 and Vanderbilt improved to 2-0. USC had a four-game winning streak against Vanderbilt snapped and now leads the all-time series 5-2.
- Vanderbilt led 42-36 at halftime. Both teams shot under 40 percent from the floor in the first half, Vanderbilt making 36.4 percent and USC making 38.9 percent. Vanderbilt led 28-24 in first-half rebounding.
- Redshirt junior Derryck Thornton scored 17 points, his most points since scoring a career-high 19 points on Nov. 20, 2015 vs. VCU.
- Junior forward Nick Rakocevic finished with 19 points and 18 rebounds for his seventh career double-double. Dating back to the last two games of the 2017-18 season, he has had four consecutive double-doubles with a total of 72 points and 63 rebounds.
- Senior guard Shaquan Aaron had 3 steals tonight and has 5 in the first 2 games this season. He also had a career-high eight rebounds tonight.
- Freshman guard Kevin Porter Jr. scored 14 points on 5 of 9 shooting tonight before fouling out. He also had four rebounds, two blocks and two assists.
- USC made just 21.1 percent of its 3-point shots tonight (4-for-19), after shooting 53.8 percent (7-for-13) from beyond the arc in the first game.
- USC had eight steals, five blocks and held Vanderbilt to 38.0 percent shooting.
- USC was outrebounded 49-46 tonight.
- Senior forward Bennie Boatwright did not suit up tonight and is listed as day-to-day. He is recovering from offseason knee surgery.
- Sophomore guard Charles O'Bannon Jr. fractured his left pinky finger in practice on Friday. He will be re-evaluated, but likely will have surgery on Tuesday.
- USC's next game will be Wednesday, November 14 when it hosts Stetson at the Galen Center at 7 p.m. The game will air on the Pac-12 Network.

USC HEAD COACH ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a great game. We had the momentum. Then we had some crucial turnovers and missed shots at the end. The sloppy turnovers and quick shots are not a recipe for success.

"Our rotation was short tonight. They played hard and tried. I was proud of their effort.

"(Vanderbilt's freshmen) are extremely talented, they are great athletes. I thought we did a good job on them in the second half.

"Nick competed at a high level. He got off to a slow start, then turned it on. He was dominant in the second half.

"We'll try to compete game-by-game, get better, get healthy. We're not thinking about March.

"I was impressed with our effort. We played hard. We turned up the defense in the second half and limited their second shots."

NICK RAKOCEVIC QUOTES:

"I felt I missed some easy shots that I shouldn't have. They just didn't fall. I tried to stay aggressive.

"Their freshmen are really talented. They are a nice, talented young team.

"We got better today. We're not at full strength. If we had Boatwright and Weaver, tonight would be a different story."



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DERRYCK THORTON QUOTES:

"I was trying to force the pressure, push and break down the defense, find the open guy or hit the open shot.

"Executing and being poised (is what USC needed down the stretch). A lot of that falls on me as the point guard, get everyone to stay calm. We could've done a better job settling down and getting the shots coach wanted.

"We just need more reps as a team. We haven't had a chance because of the injuries."

VANDERBILT HEAD COACH BRYCE DREW QUOTES:

"That was an exciting game. I know there were a lot of really good athletes out on the court, I mean both teams were trying to box out, but both teams had some offensive rebounding... I don't think I've ever been involved in a game with forty offensive rebounds. I think guys were really competing, guys were going hard and my guys showed a lot of resiliency in the last five minutes."