



### POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. CSU Bakersfield  
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.  
Sunday, November 25, 2018  
**Final: USC 90, CSU Bakersfield 75**

- With the 90-75 win today, USC improved to 4-2 and CSU Bakersfield fell to 3-3.
- USC trailed 46-44 at halftime. The 46 points USC surrendered before the break were a season high. USC made 56.0 percent of its first-half shots and CSU Bakersfield made 53.3 percent. CSU Bakersfield hit 6 of 9 three-pointers in the first half. CSU Bakersfield outrebounded USC 17-13 in the first half.
- CSU Bakersfield made 3 of 4 three-pointers and outrebounded USC 5-0 to start the second half to take a 57-51 lead with 15:20 remaining. USC outscored the road runners 39-18 the rest of the way.
- Senior Bennie Boatwright made 3 three-pointers and finished with 19 points today. He now has 166 career-three-point baskets which ranks 9th on USC's all-time list. David Bluethenthal is 8<sup>th</sup> with 171 three-point baskets made.
- Junior guard Shaquwan Aaron scored 18 points, 10 in the second half.
- Sophomore wing Jordan Usher came off the bench to score a career-best 22 points today. He also had a career-high 9 rebounds, 3 assists and made 8 of 11 shots.
- Freshman guard Elijah Weaver made his first career start and appeared in his fourth game as a Trojan today. Weaver had surgery on Aug. 30 to repair the Peroneal Retinaculum in his left ankle and was expected to miss three months, but returned to action on Nov. 14 vs. Stetson. Weaver finished with 7 points and 5 assists.
- USC held CSU Bakersfield to 29 points in the second half. USC allowed 55 and 53 second half points in the previous two games. USC also held CSU Bakersfield to 30.3 percent shooting after the break.
- USC scored 90 points today and 99 in its previous game. It was the first back-to-back games scoring 90 or more points since Dec. 17 vs. UCSB and Dec. 19 vs. Princeton last season.
- Today's game began a stretch of three home games in seven days.
- In the last two games, USC has 45 assists and 19 turnovers.
- Freshman guard Kevin Porter Jr. missed today's game with a right quadriceps contusion, suffered in the game vs. Missouri State on Nov. 20. He is listed as day-to-day.
- Rs.-Junior guard Derryck Thornton missed today's game with a right ankle sprain. Thornton sprained his ankle in practice on Nov. 24. He is listed as day-to-day.
- Sophomore guard Charles O'Bannon Jr. fractured his left pinky finger in practice on Nov. 9. He had surgery on Nov. 13 and is expected to miss about a month.
- USC's next game will be vs. Long Beach State at the Galen Center on Wednesday, November 28 at 8 p.m. on the Pac-12 Network.

#### ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a challenging game for us. Give Bakersfield credit. They came out strong and shot the ball at a terrific rate. We ramped up our defense and forced some missed shots. We got some key stops at the end.

"They made some tough 3s. We gave them some semi-contested 3s. The last 6-7 minutes, we made them uncomfortable when shooting, which led to some misses.

"Jordan brought a lot of energy. He had a great game. His rebounding was terrific. He was pursuing the ball. Offensively, he started to penetrate. He's a great passer.

"Bennie had a pretty well-rounded game. He'll continue to get big minutes as long as he can. His shooting rate is through the roof."

#### JORDAN USHER QUOTES:

"We were shorthanded. I just waited for my opportunity. It was just my night. When the ball has energy, it's hard to miss. When we play like USC is supposed to play, we're hard to beat.



"I was waiting my turn. I felt like it was coming. Everyone has a night. Tonight was my night.

"We came out of the zone and had to guard, and we made more stops."

**BENNIE BOATWRIGHT QUOTES:**

"Jordan came up big. He played really well. He gave us a big boost off the bench. He can do that every night.

"I'm tired. I didn't have the pre-season to get in shape. This game will help me for the next game.

"I'm trying to take good shots. Before, I'd shoot when I had space. Now, I'm taking the right shots within the flow of the offense.

"The coaches said the only way they could beat us was with the 3s. Jonah stepped up guard No. 23 and held him to very few points in the second half."

**CSU BAKERSFIELD HEAD COACH ROD BARNES:**

"They're a good team, there's no doubt about it. It's not a high school team. I think you gotta hand it to them."

"They're a team that takes a lot of shots, makes shots, but I thought we ran a good offense. We scored the ball when we needed to score, but we didn't score as much as we needed to in this game. They just have a great offensive team, they've got players that are pros."

"We got some good shots, we got some good looks, but it was hard for us to [sounds like he said warn?] anything. It was hard to play defense when they were making threes."

"I thought our guys were really aggressive. I think size and rebound total is overrated..."

"I thought we played hard, I thought we defended... We played together, but we were playing against a better team. And down the stretch, the last few minutes to go, we had some shots that we normally made in the last couple of games that we didn't make. They put a lot of pressure on this group because they are really good offensively."