



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Southern Utah
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Friday, December 21, 2018
Final: USC 91, Southern Utah 49

- With the 91-49 win tonight, USC improved to 6-6 and Southern Utah fell to 5-4.
- The 42-point win was USC's biggest since also winning by 42 in the 2017-18 opener 84-42 on Nov. 11, 2017.
- Tonight's win was head coach Andy Enfield's 100th as the leader of the Trojans (100-82).
- Tonight USC hosted its third annual Boy's Holiday Leadership Summit. Hundreds of boys from the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department were in attendance tonight. The evening began with a workshop about self-care through boxing led by the Self-Care Lab. Every boy left with a gift bag of toys valued at \$100 and they were donated by Grant & Bowman.
- USC led for 36:31 of the 40 minutes tonight. In USC's four-game losing streak it led for a total of 16:52 minutes out of 170 minutes. Of that, 14:20 was in the game vs. Nevada on Dec. 1. USC never led against TCU, led for 1:24 vs. Oklahoma and 2:08 at Santa Clara.
- Boatwright scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the season and sixth of his career.
- Everyone Trojan who played tonight scored at least 2 points
- The 49 points allowed tonight were a season low. The previous was 59 vs. Stetson on Nov. 14.
- USC had a season-high 24 assists tonight. The last time USC had more assists in a game was when it had 28 vs. UC Santa Barbara on Dec. 17, 2017.
- USC had 4 dunks tonight after having a total of 2 in last three games. USC had 29 dunks in the first 8 games.
- USC outscored SUU 52-22 on points in the paint.
- The 11 steals tonight were a season high and led to a 33-12 advantage on points off of turnovers. Southern Utah had an opponent-high 24 turnovers tonight.
- USC held SUU to 34.0 percent shooting, the lowest by a Trojan opponent since Stetson made 31.2 percent of its shots on Nov. 14.
- Sophomore forward Victor Uyaelunmo scored a career-best 6 points tonight.
- Junior guard McKay Anderson was eligible for his first game as a Trojan tonight. Coincidentally, he began his collegiate career at Southern Utah in the 2013-14 season, before going on a two-year church mission. He then played the 2016-17 season at Pasadena City College before transferring to USC. He became eligible once his first-semester grades were posted. He made his only shot tonight for his first career points as a Trojan.
- Freshman guard Elijah Weaver missed tonight's game with a sore left ankle. He sprained the ankle in the game vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 15. Sophomore guard Charles O'Bannon Jr. is still out recovering from left pinky surgery. Freshman guard Kevin Porter Jr. is still out recovering from a right quadriceps contusion.
- USC's next game will be vs. UC Davis at the Galen Center on Dec. 30 at 6 p.m.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It feels great. We played well tonight. We've been on the road and it's been a tough stretch.

It's nice to play well on both sides of the ball tonight.

"We can't get out of our own way with injuries. We need to get healthy after this break and take some momentum into the second half of the season.

"I thought we played well together, took good shots, had 24 assists. That's a key going forward. Tonight we took good shots.

"Southern Utah is a very dangerous team. We played well on defense and held them down. They'll have a good season, they can score.



"We tried to establish the paint early. We were bigger than them.

"Bennie has played very good offensive basketball the last two games. We need to get that from him. He had a nice game tonight.

"It's a lot more fun when you just play as a team. It's fun to see guys come off the bench and uplift the team and give us energy."

BENNIE BOATWRIGHT QUOTES:

"I was being aggressive, imposed my will and scored. I like seeing the ball go up to the rim.

"When we get stops, we play better on offense because we get out on transition. We need to make more of an emphasis on that."

"We picked up the intensity we had tonight after the break and get another win before Pac-12 starts."

SHAQUAN AARON QUOTES:

"The locker room was lively. Everyone was excited to get a win and get a win going into the holiday and come back on a positive note."

SOUTHERN UTAH HEAD COACH TODD SIMON:

On his thoughts on the game:

"We came out really flat. We weren't really good, especially in a couple key areas. It's very simple stuff: pass and catch and focus areas. With 24 turnovers you're never going to win a game. It started there, and it was a result of our Christmas focus. Guys were a little bit tired. We've had a tough non-conference slate, and it showed a little bit in our legs tonight."

On the turnovers being a major factor in the game:

"We just couldn't pass and catch. When you can't do that, there's not much you can do. We were short on all of our shots. We were short on our free throws. We looked like a tired ball club out there today. We will get back to work and try to fix it."

On catching up to USC in the first half:

"I think we were just so flat. They (USC) did a good job. Their length seemed to bother us in the zone and we didn't move the ball. The ball was extra sticky. Playing here on this stage, I think a couple of the guys tried to play a little too much of a hero role. We didn't make the simple plays."

On preparing for Big Sky Conference play:

"We turned a page. We'll be focusing on the simple stuff. We have to make some free throws. Our rebounding kind of reared its head. We have to do a better job at the basket giving up 14 offensive rebounds. Anytime you give up 47 points and a second chance in turnovers, you have no chance of winning any games. It starts there, but we'll get back to work. We've been a good defensive team all year, and they got whatever they wanted. We need to do a better job at that."