



## POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Oregon

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**Final: USC 72, Oregon 70**

- With the win tonight, USC improved to 18-9, 9-5 and Oregon fell to 17-9, 7-6.
- USC swept the season series against Oregon for the first time since 2009. The win snapped a 7-game home losing streak to Oregon.
- Oregon led 29-28 at halftime. Oregon led by as many as 7 points and USC's biggest lead in the first half was 1 point. USC shot 42.9 percent and Oregon 35.5 percent. USC trailed at the half for just the seventh time this season and is now 3-4 in games it goes to the break behind.
- With his 11 assists tonight, Jordan McLaughlin moved into 8<sup>th</sup> place on the Pac-12 all-time assist list with 662 assists, passing Tyus Edney (UCLA). Damon Stoudemire is 7<sup>th</sup> on the list with 663 career assists. McLaughlin has had 18 games with 7 or more assists this season. He also scored 11 points for his third double-double of the season and sixth of his career.
- Chimezie Metu scored 18 points and had 10 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season and 16<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- Jonah Mathews scored a team-high 20 points tonight. He also made 5 of 7 three-pointers to tie his career high for makes from beyond the arc in a game (Dec. 23, 2016 vs. Wyoming). His previous high for three-pointers in a game was four, done four times.
- Elijah Stewart made two three-pointers tonight and now has 226 in his career, six behind Lodrick Stewart (232) for most three-pointers made in a career by a Trojan.
- USC made 51.9 percent of its shots, its highest shooting percentage in a game since making 54.5 percent vs. Washington State on Dec. 31.
- USC held Oregon to 42.6 percent shooting and forced 11 turnovers.
- Bennie Boatwright left the game in the second half with a left knee injury. He will have an MRI and USC will know more about his condition tomorrow.
- USC's next game will vs. Oregon State on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. The game will be broadcast on FS1 and air on ESPNLA 710.

### ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"That was a good win. Oregon is an excellent team. It was just a grind-it-out game. Both teams played exceptionally hard. We're fortunate to win. Our players played well offensively and defensively down the stretch.

(On USC's last basket): "You put the ball in your best players' hands. We had a little action, the big guy rolls and the shooters are where you want them to be. It was good execution. Jordan made an exceptional pass.

"Bennie played so hard. It's so upsetting (that he injured his knee). I hope it's just a sprain, I have no idea yet. We'll hope for the best. He got run over and hurt his knee.

"Jonah played great. He's been playing great. He caught fire when he was coming off the bench, so we decided to put him back in the lineup because he was playing so well the last 8-9-10 games. He played terrific tonight.

"This was a huge win. We need every game down the stretch. We need to hold home court advantage. We need to play hard Saturday against Oregon State.

"Two upperclassmen got it down tonight. It's nice to flip it over and have us come out on top."



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**CHIMEZIE METU QUOTES:**

(On USC's last basket): "I just wanted to catch it and put it in. I didn't know how much time was left.

Jordan threw a good pass. It's a good play. If the guy comes on me, Elijah is wide open for the 3.

"Bennie has worked so hard to stay healthy. It's hard to see him go down.

(On DeMar DeRozan visiting with the team before the game): "He just told us to go get the win, go do what we have to do. Seeing him, especially what he's done in the NBA, showing us support feels good."

**JORDAN McLAUGHLIN QUOTES:**

"It feels great. Any time you get a win, especially a close one like that, feels great, especially after the last 3 games.

(On USC's last basket): "I look out to the shooter and then threw it to Chimezie and he did the rest. The pass felt good leaving my hand.

"Every game is important. We know these last few games down the stretch are super important.

"Jonah played well, knocking down shots and causing havoc.

We want to protect home court. Oregon is a tough team, so this feels good."

**OREGON HEAD COACH DANA ALTMAN QUOTES:**

"We had to get more pressure on the trap to make that long pass. But we just didn't get stops, in the second half they shot 60% and scored 44 points so that was the first big key... And the second big key was we had bad turnover, we had some bad offensive possessions."