



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Oregon State
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Saturday, February 17, 2018
Final: USC 72, Oregon State 59.

- With the win tonight, USC improved to 19-9, 10-5 and Oregon State fell to 13-13, 5-9.
- USC's 10-5 start in conference play is its best since also starting 10-5 in 2007 (11-5).
- Since losing at home to Washington on Dec. 29 to start Pac-12 play, USC has won seven consecutive conference home games, its longest conference home winning streak since going 9-0 during the 1992 season.
- The season sweep of both Oregon and Oregon State was USC's first season-series sweep since the 2008 season.
- USC led 32-30 at halftime. USC made 44.4 percent of its first-half shots and Oregon State made 46.4 percent of its shots before the break.
- With his 11 assists tonight, Jordan McLaughlin moved into 6th place on the Pac-12 all-time assist list with 673 assists, passing Damon Stoudemire (Arizona) and Mustafa Shakur (Arizona). Brandon Granville (USC) is fifth with 779 career assists. McLaughlin has had 19 games with 7 or more assists this season. McLaughlin had 13 points and 11 assists for his second consecutive double-double and seventh of his career.
- Elijah Stewart made 5 three-pointers tonight and now has 231 in his career, one behind Lodrick Stewart (232) for most three-pointers made in a career by a Trojan. Stewart scored a season-high 28 points tonight, his previous season best for points was 23 vs. Oklahoma on Dec. 8. He made 9 of 10 shots tonight. He and Taj Gibson hold the USC record for most makes in a game without a miss at 10-for-10. Stewart did that Dec. 21, 2014 at Boston College.
- Jordan Usher scored 7 points tonight. It was his most points in a game since matching his season and career high 14 points at Oregon State on January 20. In the two games against Oregon State this season he is 7-for-10 shooting, including 4-for-4 from three-point range.
- USC shot 50 percent from the floor tonight and improved to 6-1 this season when making 50 percent or more of its shots.
- USC held Oregon State to its third-fewest points in a game this season. USC also forced 12 turnovers and made five steals.
- USC forward Victor Uyaelunmo missed tonight's game with a viral illness.
- USC's next game will at Colorado on Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. PT. The game will be broadcast on FS1 and air on ESPNLA 710.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"That was a nice win. Our defense was excellent. Oregon State has a very good offense, so to hold them to 59 points is a credit to our players. They played hard.

"Elijah played great. He had a tough road trip. I'm proud of him coming back here and helping us win 2 games. He is a tremendous player. He plays with great confidence.

"I'd like to play on this team. You just stand on the 3-point line and shoot when you have a point guard like Jordan. He gets guys wide open shots.

"Oregon State is a very physical, grind-it-out team. We had to keep playing all 40 minutes. In the second half, our goal was to challenge them as much as we could.

"Bennie's injury was very devastating for him and for our team. I'm very proud of our players. They have to step up. We have to play very hard, not perfect, the rest of the season.

"It's so hard to win on the road. This is as deep as I've seen our conference. A lot of teams deserve to be in the NCAA Tourney conversation. We have a lot of teams beating up on each other. You have to win at home because the road is so hard. We have to win as many games as we can. We've won 7 in a row at home.

"We're 4-0 against the Oregon teams. That's big, especially if you want to go where we want to go."



ELIJAH STEWART QUOTES:

"This was a big one because we were coming off an injury to one of our leading scorers. So we knew someone had to step up. Tonight was one of my better shooting nights.

"They tried to make adjustments on me but they weren't able to do it the whole game.

"Everything just felt good. Everything felt natural."

JORDAN McLAUGHLIN QUOTES:

"We had to be aggressive on offense and defense, pick up their guards and get some turnovers. We weren't getting stops in the first half. So we had to be aggressive, speed up the pace, have them start their offense further out.

"I know when Elijah is hot, you have to get him the ball.

"It's not strange (not having Bennie). It's just tough because he's another weapon. It hurts our offense. The next guy has to step up."

OREGON STATE HEAD COACH WAYNE TINKLE QUOTES:

"We went scoreless for 6 minutes. That made SC confident to attack us. They made their free throws. We knew what they were running and we couldn't stop them."

On McLaughlin

"We left the rim unprotected. McLaughlin is so good at the pick and roll game. They made shots and free throws in the last 8 minutes, we didn't at the rim and the free throw line."

On Stewart

"He was 5 for 5 at the 3 and 9 for 10 overall. We didn't do a good job of finding him in man to man or zone. He really stepped up when they needed him"