



### POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Long Beach State  
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.  
Sunday, December 15, 2019  
**Final: USC 87, Long Beach State 76**

- With the 87-76 win today, USC improved to 9-2 and Long Beach State fell to 3-8.
- USC won its third consecutive game and improved to 5-1 at home this season.
- USC led 40-34 at halftime. USC led by 14 points with 3:21 remaining in the half. USC made 47.1 percent of its first-half shots and Long Beach State made 43.3 percent. Both teams shot over 40 percent from three-point rank in the first half (USC-43.8, LBSU-42.9).
- USC was 11-for-26 (42.3 percent) from three-point range. It was USC's most three-pointers made in a game this season (previous best was 10 vs. Portland on Nov. 8).
- Freshman forward Onyeka Okongwu had 28 points and 12 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the season.
- Freshman guard Ethan Anderson a season-high 12 assists today. He now has six games with 5 or more assists, 20 in the last two games.
- Senior guard Jonah Mathews scored 18 points today and made a season-high 5 three-pointers (5 of 9). Mathews now has 204 three-point baskets to move into fifth on USC's all-time list.
- Freshman forward Max Agbonkpolo had 5 points and 3 rebounds in 5 minutes of action.
- Freshman forward Isaiah Mobley had 11 points and 9 rebounds. He also had 2 assists and 2 blocks. Mobley has 42 rebounds in USC's last five games (8.4 per game).
- USC matched a season high (3<sup>rd</sup> time) with 12 steals today.
- USC outscored Long Beach State 42-26 on points in the paint.
- Long Beach State made 11 of 28 three-pointers (39.3 percent), the fifth USC opponent this season to make 10 or more three-pointers in a game.
- In its last three games, USC has shot 50.3 percent from the floor (93-for-185).
- USC's next game will be vs. LSU at Staples Center on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.

#### ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"Today was a good win. Long Beach played well, they have an explosive offense. We played a solid game.

(On Okongwu's second half): "We told Onyeka to dominate the paint and stay in the post. The guards got him the ball. He played within himself.

"We did a good job offensively the whole game. Today, we did a good job of unselfish passing.

"Ethan reads defenses well. He has a lot of Jordan McLaughlin in him. He gets our bigs the ball.

"Our ball movement and spacing is getting better. We're making the extra pass. We're learning how to play well together.

"Long Beach is much improved. Give them credit. They have good players. Hunter made some tough shots, he made 3's over us.

"Teams are trying to take him (Okongwu) away and he's still getting double doubles. That's what great players do. He's so quick off his feet."

#### ONYEKA OKONGWU QUOTES:

"The first half, it took me a while to get going. In the second half, I wanted to make more of an impact. Long Beach made it tougher for me to get post touches in the first half."



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**JONAH MATHEWS QUOTES:**

"History shows I always start seasons slow shooting. I just shake it off and get back to basics. I do what I do. I just shoot it. The shots I'm taking now are more open. Shooters shoot. I'm back on track and rolling.

"Ethan has poise as a freshman. He's never rattled. He sees the court differently. His all-around game is good. I like playing with him.

"Having Onyeka is a huge force in there. It opens things up. It helps our team all around.

"This team reminds me of my freshman year team. We have everything. We're all about winning and getting to the post-season."