



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Utah

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Final: USC 70, Utah 77

- With the 77-70 loss tonight, USC fell to 13-10, 6-4 and Utah improved to 12-10, 6-4.
- The loss was USC's first at home in Pac-12 play (5-1) and snapped a 7-game home winning streak.
- USC trailed 37-23 at the half. It was USC's largest halftime deficit since a season-high 20-point deficit against TCU (46-26) on Dec. 7. USC made 34.5 percent of its first-half shots and Utah made 43.8 percent. USC was outrebounded 24-13 in the first half.
- Utah scored the first 7 points of the game. USC is 2-8 in games the opponent scores first this season.
- Utah scored the first 7 points, USC next 7 points and then Utah the next 8 points for a 15-7 lead seven and a half minutes into the game.
- Senior forward Bennie Boatwright scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds for his third double-double of the season. The 12 rebounds tied his career high, done two other times, last vs. Arizona on Jan. 24, 2019.
- Junior guard Jonah Mathews led USC with 18 points tonight. In his last two games he has scored 38 points and made 10 3-pointers.
- Freshman guard Elijah Weaver scored 5 points to match his high in Pac-12 games this season.
- USC outscored Utah 47-40 in the second half. USC has won the second half in 17 of its 23 games this season.
- USC had no assists 10 minutes into the game and finished with 12 total assists. USC is 12-0 when it registers 16 or more assists.
- USC's next game will be vs. Colorado at the Galen Center on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"That was our worst effort in a long time. I'm disappointed in our team. I'll take the blame for that. I didn't have the team playing like we wanted. We'll figure it out by Saturday. We didn't come out with energy in the first half. We had 3 assists and 1 offensive rebound in the first half, that's embarrassing. In the second half, we played harder, more physical. It was surprising to us because we'd been playing good basketball. This was our first poor game in a long time.

"We had to get on the offensive glass in the second half. We had a chance to cut it to 8 twice. We were playing hard enough on defense. But we couldn't get the lead down to 8, 7, 6.

"Utah played very well, but we have to play better as a team. We played like we did early in the season. We didn't play within our system and how we've played in the last month.

"Our team is very contagious both ways. When we're driving and posting up, everyone does it. When we take rushed bad shots, everyone does it."

BENNIE BOATWRIGHT QUOTES:

"We came out slow, plain and simple. We have to learn from it. They did a good job switching up defensive schemes. Give them credit. And we were stagnant."

JONAH MATHEWS QUOTES:

"We have to be quicker with our reads. We have to get stops and play harder. Every team in America has ups and downs. We're not supposed to lose at home, but it happened. At the end, we were playing hard and giving effort, it showed.

"They were getting wide open 3s. We have to watch film and see what we have to do to get better for Saturday."



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UTAH HEAD COACH LARRY KRYSTKOWIAK :

"I think this time of year, it's not necessarily a time to do a lot of talking. From my experiences, if you play really hard, and you play collective team basketball, you have a chance on the road."

"It was a game of streaks. We started off 7-0, then they caught up, 7-7, and the next thing, I looked up and we were up 15-7. So it was really streaky- maybe more than any [other] game."

"It wasn't pretty. But we made enough plays- I thought we got sloppy at the end. That's gotta be something in our DNA, it doesn't matter if it's the first play of the game or up ten, down ten- we've gotta be solid."