



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. California

Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Final: USC 88, California 56

- With the 88-56 win tonight, USC improved to 14-3 (3-1) and California fell to 8-9 (2-2).
- USC's 14 wins through 17 games is the third time in the last 18 seasons that the Trojans have 14 wins (15-2 in 2017 and 14-3 in 2016).
- USC has won 8 of its last 9 games and has opened 3-1 in Pac-12 play for the first time since also starting 3-1 in the 2016 season.
- USC led 41-25 at halftime. USC made 56.5 percent of its first-half shots, while California made 30.0 percent of its shots before the break. USC made 6 of 8 three-pointers in the first half, while California was 4-for-15. USC had 10 assists on 13 first-half baskets. USC outrebounded California 24-11 in the first half.
- The last time USC defeated California by more points was in the 1972 season when USC won 102-69 (33 points).
- Daniel Utomi had a season-high 17 points and made a season-best four 3-pointers. He also tied his season high with seven rebounds.
- Jonah Mathews led USC with 19 points tonight. He made 3 of 5 3-pointers and made 6 of 6 free throw attempts. He has now made 10 consecutive free throws over the last two games.
- USC made a season-best 14 3-pointers and its most since making 19 of 50 at UCLA last season. USC's 60.9 percent from beyond the arc (14-for-23) was its highest since making 61.3 percent (19 of 31) at California last season.
- USC outrebounded California 45-28 (+17), its biggest advantage in a game this season and biggest rebound margin since outrebounding Santa Clara 52-27 (+25) on Dec. 14, 2017.
- USC had 21 assists on 26 made baskets tonight.
- Isaiah Mobley had six points and seven rebounds tonight. Mobley has had six or more rebounds in 11 of USC's 17 games.
- Tonight's attendance of 4,312 is USC's highest home attendance this season. The previous best was 4,275 vs. Long Beach State on Dec. 15.
- USC's next game will vs. Stanford on Jan. 18 at 3:30 p.m. The game will air on the Pac-12 Network.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a good win, we played well. We got a comfortable lead, shot well and shared the basketball.

"Daniel has had 2 great games. I was very impressed with Weaver, too, he's had 2 good games. Everyone is playing starters minutes.

"It was a very balanced effort tonight. The big guys shared the ball. That's why it's so important that the guards shoot well. But you have to take what the defense gives you.

"Jonah played a great game, other than that bad shot he took where I yanked him. He played like an All-League guard, like he is.

"Our main emphasis this year is to be better defensively. We're not perfect defensively, but we make teams work. To win like we have means we are defending at a high level.

"Saturday should be great. If you're a Trojan fan, we need you Saturday. It's 2 very good teams competing for first in the Pac-12.

"Isaiah gave us a lift in the first half. He had great energy."

JONAH MATHEWS QUOTES:

"It felt like it (hot shooting) started at Pauley last week. Tonight we carried it on and knocked them down. (The biggest difference the past few games): "Ball movement and sharing the ball. Getting more chemistry. Shooting open shots and knocking them down.

"We know Stanford is good. It'll be a good game Saturday."



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DANIEL UTOMI QUOTES:

"My coach and teammates do a good job of putting me in the right spots. My job is to shoot and make shots.

"I don't focus on starting or not. I just go in and do what I do."

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