



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Stanford

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Final: USC 82, Stanford 78 (OT)

- With the 82-78 overtime win today, USC improved to 15-3 (4-1) and Stanford fell to 15-3 (4-1). The two teams are tied atop the Pac-12 current standings.
- USC's 15 wins through 18 games is the third time in the last 18 seasons that the Trojans have 15 wins (15-3 in 2017 and in 2016).
- USC has won 9 of its last 10 games and has opened 4-1 in Pac-12 play for the first time since also starting 4-1 in the 2016 season.
- Eight of the last 13 games between USC and Stanford have been decided by 5 points or less or in overtime.
- This was the first overtime game of the season for both teams.
- USC led 10-7, then Stanford went on a 16-3 run to take a 23-13 lead with 8:24 remaining in the first half. Stanford opened its biggest first-half lead when Tyrell Terry's long 3-point shot before the buzzer swished through for a 45-25 halftime lead.
- Stanford made 65.5 percent of its first-half shots, to USC's 36.0 percent. Stanford made 6 of 9 three-pointers (67 percent), while USC was 0-for-3 from beyond the arc. USC started 5-for-17 from the floor (29.4 percent).
- USC came out of halftime and outscored Stanford 10-1 to start the half before the media timeout at 15:48. The Trojans then ran the streak to 15-3 to cut it to 48-40, causing a Stanford timeout at 13:03 of the second half.
- USC trailed in regulation by five points with 15 seconds remaining. First Stanford had a turnover and Onyeka Okongwu made a basket to cut it to 69-66, then Stanford turned it over again and Elijah Weaver hit a three-pointer with 7 seconds remaining. He missed the free throw and Stanford had its three-pointer blocked to send it to overtime.
- Elijah Weaver's 13 points scored tied his season high. Weaver scored 8 of USC's 13 overtime points.
- Jonah Mathews scored 19 points for the second consecutive game. He was fouled shooting a three-pointer with 6:24 remaining in the first half and missed his second attempt, snapping a streak of 11 consecutive makes. He made 2 of 3 on the trip and finished 5 of 7 for the game.
- Onyeka Okongwu scored a game-high 22 points, grabbed 9 rebounds and had 4 blocks before fouling out in overtime.
- USC held Stanford to 34.8 percent shooting in the second half and 33.3 percent in overtime, after the Cardinal made 65.5 percent of its shots in the first half. USC was outshot 49.2 percent to 40.3 percent for the game, the first time this season winning when the opponent had a better shooting percentage (1-3).
- USC outscored Stanford 21-19 on points off turnovers, after Stanford opened with a 12-2 advantage on points off turnovers at halftime.
- Today's attendance of 5,017 is USC's highest home attendance this season. The previous best was 4,312 vs. California on Jan. 16.
- USC's next game will at Oregon on Jan. 23 at 8:00 p.m. The game will air on ESPNU.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"I hope you enjoyed that one, I certainly did. That was a classic game. I haven't been down 20, playing poorly and then come back and play great. We made some steals and shots in overtime. We appreciate the fans. The Galen Center energy helped our team. Give credit to our players for hanging in there the whole time.

"I used my dad's deep voice at halftime. I yelled very loud and they responded. We beat a very good team. We came out with energy. We had missed so many close shots in the first half and they made shots. Some of the first half was them, but a lot was us.

"Weaver the last 3 games has played great. He was too passive, that's why we took him out of the lineup. But guys step up, that's the story of our season. I'm very proud of Elijah, wow was he great late.



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"Mobley also helped us get back in the game. Jonah had a tough game until late, then he made huge plays down the stretch. His competitive spirit helped his teammates out.

"This season, to go 15-3 and 4-1 in the Pac-12 and beat a very good team like Stanford, it's certainly our biggest win of the year, especially the way it unfolded. Our crowd today, when we go on the road we see that every game. Tonight we don't win without our fan support.

"There's no sure win in this league. The Pac-12 is deep and there's a lot of good teams.

"This was a huge comeback, a gutty win. We just had to hang in there."

ELIJAH WEAVER QUOTES:

"Confidence, any opportunity that presents itself, I'll take. It was just time to win, to be clutch, to make big plays in big games.

"I'm a team player. I'm open to any role.

"It was a big time crowd, a big time game and a big time shot. This game shows we have a lot of resiliency and we can do whatever we put our minds to.

"After the halftime speech we got from Coach, it was time to lock in and play. One hundred percent what it was, was our defense.

(After the missed free throw at end of regulation)—"Just have a short memory and keep playing.

"We'll take this game for what it is, a big win, and build off of it. Being No. 1 in anything is big."

ONYEKA OKONGWU QUOTES:

"I had confidence in Weaver. I was thinking, 'I hope it goes in, I hope it goes in.' And it goes in. It was a great shot.

"In the first half, we didn't play smart or together. After halftime, we played with more heart. We all had the same mindset, play harder, smarter and with more toughness.

"The crowd really pumped us up.

"Da Silva is a good player. I tried to contain him."

STANFORD HEAD COACH JEROD HAASE[QUOTES:

"They did a nice job, made some adjustments and got our offense to slow down a little bit. Defense rebounding is always important for us, and that was a weakness in that second half. We gotta give them credit."