



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Montana

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Final: USC 76, Montana 62

- With the 76-62 win tonight, USC improved to 2-0 and Montana fell to 0-1. USC is now 3-1 all-time against the Grizzlies.
- USC jumped out to a 14-2 lead 4:48 into the game and took a 44-25 lead into halftime. USC made 71.4 percent of its shots before the break (15-for-21), while Montana made 33.3 percent of its shots before halftime (9-for-27). USC's biggest lead before halftime was 24 points at 32-8.
- For the game, USC made 50 percent of its shots (23-for-46) and held Montana to 35.6 percent shooting 21-for-59).
- USC started tonight's game with the same lineup as in the opener of Tahj Eaddy (Sr, G), Isaiah Mobley (So. F), Evan Mobley (Fr., F), Drew Peterson (Jr., G) and Ethan Anderson (So., G).
- USC won the battle of the boards 41-28 tonight after outrebounding CBU 48-28 in the first game.
- After allowing a school-record 20 made three-point baskets in the opener, Montana made just four three-pointers (4-for-17, 23.5 percent).
- USC continued to struggle from the free throw line making 61.5 percent (24-for-39). In the first game, USC made 53.3 percent from the FT line (16-for-30). In the first two games USC has missed a total of 29 free throws.
- USC had 17 assists tonight on 23 baskets. Seven different Trojans had an assist tonight. USC had 19 assists in the opener vs. CBU.
- Freshman Boubacar Coulibaly saw his first action of the season and finished with 6 points and a rebound in five minutes of play. His first basket was a layin with 8:30 remaining in the first half.
- Isaiah Mobley had a career-high 13 rebounds. His previous best was 11 done twice during his freshman season. Mobley also had six points, two blocks and three assists tonight.
- Noah Baumann's first three-point basket as a Trojan came with 10 minutes remaining in the second half. Baumann made 81 three-point baskets his final season at San Jose State (2019).
- Eight different Trojans scored 6 points or more tonight and all 10 that played scored at least 2 points.
- USC's next game will be vs. BYU at the Legends Classic in Uncasville, Conn. at the Mohegan Sun on Dec. 1 at 11:30 a.m. PT.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a good win for us. Montana is a quality team. We played really well in first half, there was a lot of fouling in second half and kind of slowed the game down. Glad to be 2-0."

"We did a great job of sharing the basketball in the first half."

"I thought we played hard, we just didn't play great offensively. We missed a lot of easy shots and turnovers. Because of all the fouling, it was hard to get into an offensive rhythm. The second half was choppy, it was the nice flow we had in the first half."

"We have so many new players. This is a new experience for our players playing together and a new experience for our coaching staff to develop a rotation and know what they can do. Every game is a learning experience. We can be a good defensive team. We're a good rebounding team. We can match up with a lot of teams up front. Our guard play we have a lot of options. We have a lot of versatility in the lineups we put on the court."

"It's an opportunity and privilege to be on the court. Let's try to take advantage of it. Our whole team is newcomers, even the guys last year are in new roles. They're trying to figure it out and we're trying to figure them out as a coaching staff. I'm really impressed with the chemistry. They are fun to coach and work hard and have great camaraderie. We'll keep improving."



DREW PETERSON QUOTES:

"It's been interesting the last few months and getting used to everything with the late start."

"We've transitioned smoothly. We have a really unselfish team. We're on the right track."

"We did well tonight. Opening night we had to go to overtime for a win. Tonight we handled it early well, got a nice lead and kept it throughout the game. We progressed on our free throws. We played well defensively and offensively, it was an efficient night."

"It shows the start of the game is crucial, getting off to a good start offensively and defensively. It shows the level of talent we have, especially with our bigs. Our talent can take us to levels to win a Pac-12 championship. We know that. When we're playing efficiently and we're ready to go, we get outcomes like this."

"It was a slow paced second half. We made sure to never let it get too close. We adjusted well and kept that comfort cushion and closed the deal."

CHEVEZ GOODWIN QUOTES:

"It's been a tough couple months. We got everything crammed into the fall. We're a good team, we get along with each other really well and mesh together well."

MONTANA HEAD COACH TRAVIS DECRUIRE:

"You know we've got some growing pains, some young guys. We were rusty early, and I think it took a long time to really get going. We struggled to keep them off the glass. We had a really hard time getting into ball screen coverage which led to penetration in the paint. If you let a team live in the paint the first 15 minutes of the game, they're going to shoot 70% like they did."

"Well I like the way that we handled adjustments. We went to some things that we hadn't covered yet. We were way better on the glass when they were taking longer shots as opposed to at the rim. Offensively we started scoring and attacked. I think if we do a better job of making open shots, maybe we have a chance at more."

"Typically by now, we would've played three or four games, so usually they'd have a better feel for who they are and what they can accomplish on both sides of the ball, which isn't the case this season."