



### POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Washington  
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.  
Thursday, February 13, 2020  
**Final: USC 62, Washington 56**

- With the 62-56 win tonight, USC improved to 18-7 (7-5) and Washington fell to 12-13 (2-10).
- The win snapped USC's season-high three-game losing streak.
- Washington led 30-25 at halftime. Washington made 43.3 percent of its first-half shots, while USC made 27.3 of its shots.
- USC scored the first nine points of the second half to take a 34-30 lead.
- Senior forward Nick Rakoccevic led USC with 19 points and 9 rebounds.
- Senior guard Jonah Mathews scored 16 points and made four three-pointers. Mathews now has 236 career three-point baskets, moving into third on USC's all-time list, behind Elijah Stewart (245) and Bennie Boatwright (243).
- Freshman forward Isaiah Mobley scored 10 points and grabbed 6 rebounds tonight. He has scored in double figures six times this season and has had 5 or more rebounds in 16 of 25 games.
- USC had a season-low six turnovers tonight, a game after committing 24 turnovers at Arizona State on Feb. 8 (its most in a game since Dec. 8, 2009 vs. Sacramento State). USC's previous low for turnovers in a game this season was 8 at Nevada on Nov. 16.
- USC had 18 assists tonight and improved to 10-0 this season when recording 17 or more assists.
- USC outscored Washington 37-26 in the second half and has won the second half in 19 of 25 games. USC has outscored the opposition 933-821 in the second half of games this season.
- Sophomore guard Elijah Weaver had a career-high 6 rebounds tonight and had four points, two assists and no turnovers.
- USC held Washington to 35.0 percent shooting. Over the last 14 games, USC has held the opposition to 38.6 percent shooting (330-for-855). USC has held its opponent to under 40 percent shooting 15 times.
- There was a jersey recognition ceremony for DeMar DeRozan (No. 10) at halftime tonight. DeRozan is a four-time NBA All-Star and Olympic gold medal-winning guard who played at USC during the 2008-09 season, averaging 13.9 points as a freshman. He led USC to the 2009 Pac-10 title, scoring 25 points in the championship game against James Harden and ASU. DeRozan was named Pac-10 Tournament MVP. He played 9 seasons with Toronto and his last two for San Antonio, where he is averaging 23.0 points per game this season.
- Among the other recent USC basketball players in attendance tonight were Bennie Boatwright (Memphis G-League), Chimezie Metu (San Antonio Spurs) and Kevin Porter Jr. (Cleveland Cavaliers).
- Freshman guard Ethan Anderson suffered a left knee contusion in the second half. He is listed as day-to-day.
- Freshman forward Onyeka Okongwu missed tonight's game as he is in a concussion protocol. He is listed as day-to-day.
- USC's next game will vs. Washington State on Feb. 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Galen Center. The game will air on the Pac-12 Network.

### ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a great win for us. We really battle. We were a little inconsistent in the first half. It was a rough week. We had 8 guys show up tonight and compete. Other guys stepped up, our team rallied around that.

"We took a lot of open shots, we just didn't make them.

"Isaiah Mobley played great tonight. Guarding those guys is hard. He and Nick did a great job. And our seniors stepped up and made shots.

"It was an extremely important game for us. We had lost 3 in a row. Without 2 key guys, it was a little difficult at times.



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"I'm very proud of our team rallying around Kyle. It was great to see.

"Our defense has been outstanding most of the year. To hold Washington to 56 points, we knew at halftime we'd have to win on the defensive end. We had to play slower and manager our possessions."

**NICK RAKOCEVIC QUOTES:**

"It was all about patience. The first time we played them, I sped up, turned the ball over and didn't take good shots. Today I played better. It was a good team win tonight. My teammates were looking for me in the paint.

"We were being aggressive and playing smart. Max did a phenomenal job off the bench and giving us a spark. Guys stepped up. It was a team effort. It was a defensive effort, which we pride ourselves on.

"Kyle is our brother. We'll always be here for him. It was terrible, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. This win was for him and his family. We got his back.

"Anytime DeMar DeRozan comes back, it's a special moment. He's a real cool dude."

**JONAH MATHEWS QUOTES:**

"My teammates found me tonight and I was able to knock most of my shots down. Almost like every night, it's more than scoring, it's leadership.

"We're family. When something like that happened to Kyle, we have to come together.

"Every game now is important trying to get to March, especially a home game. We have to stay focused and it'll all come together.

"Stewart is a big chunk of their team. We knew if we could neutralize him, they'd struggle."

**WASHINGTON HEAD COACH MIKE HOPKINS QUOTES:**

"Overall I thought our offense just became stale and although our defense was good, the numbers weren't there. We made a couple of threes and tried to trap a little but it was too late."

"We needed more ball stops and less untimely shots. There wasn't much movement or easy shots. We've made some of the same mistakes this season and I told the team in there we have to get to a point where we learn from those mistakes."

"I thought there were some great moments in the first half where we were kicking out and finding guys. There were a lot of positives, it just stopped being consistent and the consistency is what we need."