



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Washington State
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Saturday, February 15, 2020
Final: USC 70, Washington State 51

- With the 70-51 win tonight, USC improved to 19-7 (8-5) and Washington State fell to 14-12 (5-8).
- USC improved to 11-2 at the Galen Center this season.
- USC led 30-21 at halftime. Washington State scored the first eight points of the game, forcing a USC timeout and USC outscored the Cougars 30-13 from that point on until the break. USC made 38.2 percent of its first-half shots, while Washington State made 26.7 percent. USC outrebounded Washington State 23-18 in the first half.
- USC held Washington State to 28.6 percent shooting tonight, the lowest percentage by a Trojan opponent since holding Washington State to 27.8 percent in Pullman, Wash. on Jan. 2 in a 65-56 win.
- Daniel Utomi scored a season-high 23 points and made a season-best five three pointers. He has started the last 11 games and averaged 11.4 points in those games (125 total). He has scored double figures in points nine times this season. Utomi's career high for three-pointers made in a game is 8 vs. UT-Martin on Nov. 18, 2017 while with Akron.
- Freshman forward Isaiah Mobley scored 9 points and grabbed 11 rebounds tonight. He has had 5 or more rebounds in 17 of 26 games. It was the third time this season he missed his first career double-double by one rebound.
- Freshman guard Ethan Anderson had 12 points and five assists. He was 2-for-2 from three-point range and it was his fourth game this season with two three-pointers made.
- Sophomore guard Elijah Weaver scored 11 points tonight on 4 of 5 shooting. He also was 2-for-2 from three-point range.
- USC made 50 percent of its three-point shots tonight (9-for-18).
- USC outscored Washington State 40-30 in the second half and has won the second half in 20 of 26 games. USC has outscored the opposition 973-851 in the second half of games this season.
- Over the last 15 games, USC has held the opposition to 37.9 percent shooting (348-for-918). USC has held its opponent to under 40 percent shooting 16 times.
- Washington State made 14.3 percent of its three-pointers tonight (4-for-28), the lowest shooting percentage from three-point range by a Trojan opponent this season since Florida A&M made 12.5 percent in the first game of the season.
- USC outscored Washington State 23-12 on fastbreak points, including scoring 16 points on fast breaks in the second half.
- Freshman guard Drake London got into his second game of the season and first in front of the home crowd. He had two rebounds in two minutes of action.
- Freshman forward Onyeka Okongwu missed his second consecutive game as he is in a concussion protocol. He is listed as day-to-day. Also, freshman guard Kyle Sturdivant missed his second consecutive game (bereavement).
- USC's next game will be at Colorado on Feb. 20 at 6:00 p.m. PT. The game will air on ESPN2.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a good win. We were shorthanded. We played hard and very good defense. Our offense was streaky at times, but we turned it on when we needed to.

"Daniel is playing at a high level. He had an off game against Washington, but he's played well 3 of the last 4 games. He's a tough matchup because he's so efficient offensively, nothing spectacular. When he's playing at a high level, he's tough.

"Weaver came off the bench and did well. We played hard and played good defense. We've been doing that all year. Isaiah did a great job this week. He has played great basketball the last couple games.

"I thought this was a huge week for us, coming off 2 road losses and losing our top scorer. I told the guys this was an opportunity for everyone else. We had 8 players, so we needed to do something about it.



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"When you hold a team to 28% shooting, it's a good job.

"It's awesome to see our NBA players come back. They're terrific young men and they meant so much to the program. To have so many in the NBA means the program has turned. We're bringing in good players and developing them. They get a great education, are part of a winning program and they go for their dreams.

"We're a game out of first. We know how tough it is to go to the mountain schools. It's the toughest road trip in the Pac-12."

DANIEL UTOMI QUOTES:

"If I play well, and Jonah, the shooters, it opens the game for the inside players. It's very simple, my whole life I've always been able to shoot well. It opens it up for everyone.

"It was all mental (earlier in the season). I started to find my role and get comfortable."

ISAIAH MOBLEY QUOTES:

"I got a rebound and landed on a foot and my ankle buckled. It hurt right away, but when they taped it up it was all right and I continued in the game.

"It felt good to get the win, we beat both Washington teams. Now we can get our minds ready for this road trip. Obviously we want to win the Pac-12 and go to the tournament. We have the talent and experience to do that and make a run.

"The coaches gave us a good scout. We kept them off the 3-point line and walled the inside. We contested their shots without fouling and then got out and ran.

"Coach was a little agitated (at the first time out). He told us before we went out that he didn't want to them to have a 10-point lead and have to call a timeout. Luckily, it was only 8 points!

"I've been staying the course, following the older guys' lead, watching film. Without Big O, I knew I had to be tough and physical but not foul."

WASHINGTON STATE HEAD COACH KYLE SMITH QUOTES:

"They really defended the three really well, we missed 22 in a row and that's... that's really hard to overcome."

"The goals [in the second half] were to try to cut into the lead and compete harder... the goal was just to make a basket, but we were deflated, we couldn't make one"