



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. UC Riverside

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Final: USC 67, UC Riverside 62 - OT

- With the 67-62 win tonight, USC improved to 9-2, 3-1 and UC Riverside fell to 4-4, 1-2.
- USC improved to 6*-0 all-time against UC Riverside. *One USC win vacated due to NCAA penalty, original record 7-0.
- USC improved to 90-22 in home nonconference games at the Galen Center, including 40-5 in its last 45 home nonconference games.
- Tonight was USC's second overtime game of the season. USC opened up the 2020-21 season with a 95-87 overtime win over California Baptist on Nov. 25.
- USC led 14-9 before UC Riverside went on a 16-0 run over the next four minutes to take a 25-14 lead with 7:56 remaining in the first half. UC Riverside led 32-27 at halftime after Dominic Pickett hit a three-pointer at the buzzer. UC Riverside made 50 percent of its shots before the break, including 46.2 percent from three-point range. USC made 34.4 percent of its first-half shots. USC outscored UC Riverside 9-0 to start the second half to take a 36-32 lead at the 15:04 mark. UCR's Pickett ended the drought by banking in a three-pointer as the shot clock expired nearly 7 minutes into the second half. He followed up a USC miss with another three-pointer and UC Riverside was back in front at 38-36. The teams were tied at 63-all going to overtime. USC held UCR to 31.4 percent shooting in the second half and overtime to finish at 39.3 percent for the game. USC made 38.1 percent of its shots
- UC Riverside made 12 of 32 three-point shots to outscore USC (3 of 21) 36-9 on points from beyond the arc. Their 12 makes from beyond the arc were the most made by a USC opponent since California Baptist made an opponent-record 20 in the season opener on Nov. 25.
- Isaiah Mobely scored 10 of USC's first 14 points in the first 8 minutes of the game. He finished with a season-best 16 points and 12 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season. His career best for points is 17 points vs. FAMU on Nov 5, 2019.
- Evan Mobley finished with 20 points, 11 rebounds and 6 blocks. The six blocks tied his career best set last game. It was also his fifth double-double and fourth consecutive game with double figures in points and rebounds.
- USC outscored UCR 38-10 on points in the paint.
- USC improved to 77-4 in its last 81 games when holding the opposition to under 70 points scored
- Ethan Anderson missed his eighth consecutive game with back spasms. He is listed as day-to-day. He started USC's first three games but was limited to only 9 minutes vs. BYU on Dec. 1 with the back spasms.
- USC's next will be vs. Washington at the Galen Center at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 14. The game will air on The Pac-12 Network.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES, 1-12-21:

Give UC Riverside credit, they played very well defensively and played harder than us at the beginning of the game. We got off to a slow start and gave them some confidence and made it a game. It was a good win for us given the circumstances shooting 3-of-21 from the 3-point line again. It was very challenging when you can't make shots. We're fortunate to be 9-2. We have a tough stretch coming up. I am concerned with our 3-point shooting. It has really affected us. Most of our shots were wide open. The ball has to go in for somebody. After 2 games of this, it's frustrating. It affects our spacing, we have to be able to spread the floor by making some 3s.

We posted Drew up a couple times (in overtime) and put him in situations where he could put the ball on the floor. He made some big plays. He played outstanding offense in overtime.

With only 6 assists tonight, we really needed Ethan. He'll probably be back either Thursday or Saturday.

We're optimistic we'll have him back soon.

This is a challenging pandemic season. We got shut down for 14 days and lost 4 games, and this is what we get. We knew Riverside was a tough team. It ended up being a great game, they played well. We have to cram games into our schedule. We have 6 games in 2 weeks.

Isaiah played very well, he made some shots. He kept us in the game and got us back in it. He really gave us a lift when our offense was struggling.

Whether it's in their head or not, they need to get it out of their head and start making shots.



We showed a lot of maturity on the Arizona trip. We were very focused and played very well offensively at Arizona, then at Arizona State we had a big lead and lost our focus at the end of the half, then it was a battle but our guys showed composure. Tonight we showed maturity late in the game and finally made a couple baskets. Our team knows they can win any game they play and if they get down they know they can come back if they keep playing hard. We've done that a few times this year.

ISAIAH MOBLEY QUOTES:

"Riverside dared us to take shots and they did a good job of keeping us to the left side of the floor. That bothered us a little bit. We also have to make sure we execute our plays regardless of the defense they are playing."

"I don't want to lose. This can be a championship team. We can make a big run this year. Also, we were playing a school from my area, so it was a pride thing. Not wanting to lose, just wanting to win."

DREW PETERSON QUOTES:

"I found a couple good spots in overtime and my teammates trusted me to make shots. I missed a few early on, but got them to drop in overtime. I'm just happy to get the win, there are no free wins. Every win is going to be gritty and this was a really gritty one for us."

"We have to mentally lock in even if we get a big lead. We also have to be able to knock down shots, myself included. We have things that are easy to fix. You can see the talent and potential. I think we have a Pac-12 championship team."

"It's getting extra shots and staying confident. We want everyone who is open to shoot the ball. We have lots of good shooters. We're not losing confidence."

UC RIVERSIDE HEAD COACH MIKE MAGPAYO:

"You know the number one key for us today was defensive rebounding, and it's hard to do against those pogo sticks. Those monsters are a challenge, and we didn't get the job done. They had 16 offensive boards, and we guarded them well but just couldn't come up with clean rebounds, especially towards the end." They did a good job switching in the second half, and that affected our offense. We had great offense first half, second half not as good and couldn't knock shots down. We're disappointed because we had a chance to win there at the end of regulation and they just did a good job defensively."

"We took this game because we want to play. We've had a bunch of canceled games and with this being only our seventh game, this was a good opportunity. This was a local game against a good opponent to test ourselves. Bottom line, I think we got better today, whether it's practice or game and our focus overall. We will stay the course and just keep pushing forward and trying to get better so we can punch our ticket in March."