



POSTGAME NOTES

No. 16/15 USC vs. Long Beach State

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Final: USC 73, Long Beach State 62

- With the 73-62 win today, USC improved to 10-0 (2-0) and Long Beach State fell to 3-7 (0-0).
- USC's 10-0 start is its longest winning streak to start the season since winning the first 14 games of the 2017 season.
- The 10-game winning streak ties for the 10th-longest winning streak in school history.
- USC and Long Beach State were tied 38-all at halftime, thanks to a 3-pointer by Drew Peterson at the buzzer. It was the first time this season USC was tied at the break and they trailed in only one game (Washington State). USC shot 55.6 percent in the first half, while LBSU made 51.7 percent of its shots. USC scored the first 14 points of the second half.
- Guard Drew Peterson scored 15 points on 6 of 8 shooting. He made all 3 of this 3-point attempts today. He had made just 3 3-pointers in USC's first 9 games. He has scored in double figures in each of the last 5 games played for a 14.0 points per game average (70 total points) in that stretch.
- Forward Isaiah Mobley scored 21 points and had 12 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season and 10th of his career. It is his fourth double-double in the last five games.
- USC made 10 of 24 3-point shots today for a season-best 41.7 shooting percentage from beyond the arc. USC's 10 makes were its second best, trailing only the 12 it made against Dixie State.
- Guard Max Agbonkpolo scored 11 points today and has scored in double figures in his last 4 games at the Galen Center. In USC's last four home games, Agbonkpolo has averaged 14.0 points per game (56 total).
- Today both guard Boogie Ellis and forward Boubacar Coulibaly are celebrating birthdays.
- USC held Long Beach State to 38.3 percent shooting today, including 25.8 percent in the second half. USC has held all 10 opponents under 40 percent shooting this season.
- USC had 15 turnovers today and had 18 in its last game, the two highest turnover games of the season for the Trojans.
- USC's next game will be Wednesday, Dec. 15 vs. UC Irvine at 6 p.m.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a great crowd, our students were awesome. Long Beach played terrific. They played hard and made their shots, especially early. We did everything we could to win the game. Long Beach played really hard and really well."

"When we get a lead sometimes we relax a bit on the defensive end."

"We made our point at halftime and moved on. We came out with passion and defense and rebounding. You can't let your offense affect your defense. You have to give a consistent defensive effort. We have to take care of the ball, especially with the game on the line."

"Drew was very good offensively with his playmaking. He shot well tonight."

"It was a terrific atmosphere. There was a lot of energy. It was a great home court advantage."

"I can't be too upset if we haven't lost, but there's always things to clean up and get better at. I'm thankful for their defensive intensity. No team has shot over 40% from the field on us this year. Our goal is to be an elite defensive team, but we're not there yet. I'm happy with the team. We're excited to be 10-0. They're playing together."

"Mobley is a terrific player. This year, he is stronger, a better shooter, has a high basketball IQ and is a terrific rebounder. He's playing at a high level."



DREW PETERSON QUOTES:

"It was good to get rolling with my 3s. I didn't start off well. It was good to hit that 3 and get some momentum going into halftime.

"We had to pick the energy back up. We can't take any team lightly. We had to lock down our defensive effort.

"It's always good to get some adversity and see how we can withstand it. We knew we had to lock down and thankfully we did. It was a good start of the second half for us.

"I started getting more aggressive. My teammates trust me to handle the ball and make plays. I'm gaining confidence now that my 3s are back instead of just relying on my fadeaways. It's nice for our team to get our swagger back.

"A lot of Top 25 teams have struggled. You can't take anything for granted. These teams come in here and thinks it's their Super Bowl.

"We were able to lock it down and not let it get close at the end. We had a good run after the half.

"Nobody is satisfied with this. It's not the best win for us. There are a lot of takeaways to work on."

LONG BEACH STATE HEAD COACH DAN MONSON:

"I want to thank USC for giving us the opportunity. It was a good game for us and we're progressively getting better. I think we did a lot of good things today, but they were better than us."

"They came out in the second half and we missed a couple of good looks, then it snowballed and they took control of the game. Overall, I was proud of our guys, we kept fighting and had an opportunity, but again, you have to give USC credit, they were better than us when they needed to be."