



POSTGAME NOTES

No. 20 USC vs. Utah
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Tuesday, December 1, 2021
Final: USC 93, Utah 73

- With the 93-73 win tonight, USC improved to 7-0 (1-0) and Utah fell to 5-2 (0-1).
- USC's 7-0 start is its longest winning streak to start the season since winning the first 14 games of the 2017 season.
- USC entered tonight 4-4 in its last eight Pac-12 openers. USC opened Pac-12 action last against Utah during the 2015 season and lost 79-55 in Salt Lake City.
- USC lead 48-28 at halftime. USC outrebounded Utah 23-16 and outshot them 61.8 percent to 29.7 percent. Boogie Ellis led all scorers with 16 points. USC outscored Utah 16-4 on points in the paint and outrebounded them 7-5 in the final 7 minutes of the first half to build the lead from 4 points to 20 points.
- USC's halftime lead was its seventh in seven games this season. USC has averaged leading by 15.7 points (288-178 total) at halftime this season (41.1-25.4)
- Isaiah Mobley finished with a career-high 21 points and matched a career best with 13 rebounds for his second double-double of the season and 8th of his career. Mobley's previous high for points in a game was 20 on Feb. 17 vs. Arizona State. He also had 13 rebounds in a game on Nov. 28, 2020 vs. Montana. Mobley has reached double figures in rebounds in three straight games for a total of 36 rebounds in the three games.
- Max Agbonkpolo scored 16 points tonight and he scored a career best 17 points vs. Dixie State on Nov. 22, so his last two games at Galen are his top two career scoring games.
- Boogie Ellis scored 19 points tonight and made a season-best four three-point baskets. Ellis has scored in double figures in six of seven games this season.
- The 73 points allowed by USC tonight were the most it has allowed in a game this season (previously 71 twice).
- USC held Utah to 37.7 percent shooting tonight. USC has held all seven opponents to under 40 percent shooting this season.
- USC had 16 assists and 8 turnovers tonight. The Trojans enter the game sixth in the country with a 1.92 assist to turnover ratio.
- USC's next game will be at Washington State on Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a good win. Utah is a good team, they spread you out. Two of their guys got hot but we withstood it."

"We got some blocked shots, steals and deflections and Boogie got out in transition. He played very well. Isaiah played really solid on both ends. He was a complete player tonight. Max gave us a huge lift. We need his scoring, length and rebounding. In the second half, he gave us a big lift."

"Carlson is a good player. When he went down, they went small and really spread us out. They're hard to guard like that."

"Ethan is playing great basketball, he's playing at a high level."

"It's a long season. We're excited to be 7-0. Tonight we got off to a good start in the Pac-12. We're happy with our team."

"Sustained success in our program is our goal. I'm very proud of these guys. I love this team, they're fun to coach."

MAX AGBONKPOLO QUOTES:

"It was just lots of hard work. It's just confidence for me, confidence from the players and coaches. That helps me play better."



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"When Boogie gets hot, he gets hot. We try to get him the ball."

"I just had to wait for my time. I knew my role would primarily be defense."

"This team is amazing. We're turning a lot of heads. We're all playing good defense."

ISAIAH MOBLEY QUOTES:

"We had fun. It was a good win. It was a step up for all of us. As the game went on and Carlson went down, we knew we could use our size against them."

"This team is really deep. When you lose a 7-footer who was a No. 3 draft pick, we knew we had to pick it up all together."

"It was big (for Max to score a lot in second half). It was back and forth for a while. I'm glad Max got those second half points."

"It took me a second to get going this year because we have so many weapons. I like to facilitate, but I knew I had to pick up my scoring. Once I get going, it opens it up for everyone else."

"Everyone took this season seriously. We didn't get a championship hangover. We all got better."

"It's fun to have fans this year after a year of silence. Everyone is happy. We're trying to build on our momentum and keep it that way."

UTAH HEAD COACH CRAIG SMITH:

"Obviously this is one of the biggest teams in the country and their size makes a difference. They're a very good rebounding team and they are elite at scoring around the basket."

"I loved the way we played the second half. I just love how we competed and we gave ourselves a few chances to cut that thing under 10, but we just came up short."

"I think we only had about five turnovers. That's according to the stats, but it felt like more. They really made us pay on every single one of those. They get you going fast with their athleticism and it's hard to score at the rim on them."