



POSTGAME NOTES

No. 17 USC vs. Arizona State
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Final: USC 89, Arizona State 71

- With the 89-71 win tonight, USC improved to 18-3, 12-2 and Arizona State fell to 7-10, 4-7.
- The last time USC began a season 18-3 was the 1974 season when it began 22-3. The last time USC began 12-2 in the conference was the 1992 season.
- USC has won 13 of its last 14 games with the lone loss being a 58-56 setback at Oregon State on Jan. 19.
- Tonight's victory was head coach Andy Enfield's 150th at the Trojan head coach (150-105) in eight seasons.
- USC led 46-44 at halftime. Arizona State made 56.3 percent of its first-half shots and USC made 57.6 percent. ASU made 66.7 (6-for-9) of its three-point attempts and USC made 60 percent from beyond the arc (6-for-10). Remy Martin and Tahj Eaddy both scored 15 points in the first half.
- The 44 first half points allowed by USC matched a season high, also allowing 44 points to Colorado on Dec. 31 in a 72-62 home loss. The 46 points scored by USC in the first half matched a season high also done on Dec. 8 vs. UC Irvine in a 91-56 win.
- Tahj Eaddy scored 18 points tonight and had 29 points in USC's last game at Washington State on Feb. 13. For the two games he has scored 47 points on 17-for-29 shooting (58.6 percent) and has made 6-for-11 from three-point range (54.5 percent) from three-point range (2-for-5).
- Isaiah Mobley finished with a career-high 20 points and had 12 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season. He entered tonight's action tied for third in the Pac-12 in double-doubles. Isaiah Mobley's previous high for points in a game was 18 on Jan. 14 vs. Washington.
- Isaiah Mobley scored 7 of his 20 points in the first 10 minutes of the game. In USC's first 21 games, Mobley has scored 108 of his 205 points in the first 10 minutes of games.
- Evan Mobley finished just short of adding on to his Pac-12 leading double-double total (9) with 22 points and 9 rebounds. He also had three blocks and a career-high 7 assists to lead all Trojans. He now has 47 assists which is second on the team.
- Drew Peterson made 4 of 8 shots tonight to finish with 11 points. He had been held to 10 points total in the last three games. This was Peterson's 11th game scoring in double figures.
- Peterson points compared to last 3 games (10 total)
- The 71 points allowed by the Trojans tonight were the most they have allowed in a game since surrendering 77 vs. Washington State on Jan. 16. It was the fifth time all season that USC's opponent has scored 70 points or more.
- USC outscored ASU 43-27 in the second half. USC has been outscored by the opposition in the second half in two games this season (vs. Montana and vs. WSU). USC has outscored the opposition by 150 points in the second half and overtime of games this season (7.1 per game).
- USC's 21 assists were its most in a game since registering a season-best 23 assists vs. UC Irvine on Dec. 8.
- USC started the lineup of guards Tahj Eaddy, Drew Peterson and Isaiah White and forwards Evan and Isaiah Mobley for the 16th consecutive game.
- USC's next will be vs. Arizona on Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. The game will air on FOX.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES, 2-17-21:

"Our team played very good basketball in the second half. It was a big win for us. We continue to try to win as many home games as possible. We have a big game on Saturday. Give Arizona State credit, Remy Martin played a spectacular offensive game. Our players really turned it on defensively in the second half. With 21 assists, our team was unselfish and played great team basketball."

"Remy played like an all-league player. He was hot tonight and it's very hard to guard him one-on-one. So we changed our ball screen coverage in the second half and put him further out on the court with him and that worked a bit, but he was still really good. We know it's a team game, so we thought if we could challenge everyone else's shot."



"Everything was working on offense. We shared the ball. It was a team offensive game. We knew they were going to press and throw different schemes at us. We just had to play basketball."

"Isaiah was a huge part of our interior guard. We are bigger than them on the inside and our goal was to dominant the paint. Isaiah played a great game overall."

"Defensively, we were disappointed in our first half effort. We held them to 27 points in the second half. The first half was uncharacteristic of our team. We didn't have that juice in our step defensively, we were late on things and let their 3-point shooters go wild. The second half is what we expect. We know it's game to game, we have a very talented Arizona game coming in here on Saturday."

"Any time you make 11 3s, it's enjoyable. I thought the first half looked like the NBA All-Star Game, just free flowing shot making. Hopefully the fans enjoyed it."

"Evan was really good at reading the defense. That's what he's capable of doing. He looked like Tom Brady with the ball in his hands, reading the defense and making the right play."

"Arizona State played very hard and very well. Martin was spectacular. Lawrence played a really good game, he gave great effort. And Graham the same thing."

"Having two bigs who are skilled is a luxury. They need to space the floor and read the defense and pass the ball."

ISAIAH MOBLEY QUOTES:

"They gave us a lot of open looks in the second half. When they doubled down on Evan, it left me wide open and Evan kept feeding me. It got me going in the second half."

"I knew this was a smaller team and I'd get more looks. Once I made the first couple baskets, I kind of felt it. And when the 3 dropped, I knew I could have a good game."

"Early we messed up on some details and we were feeling them out. In the second half, we knew what was at stake and we keyed in on those details, and that carried us the rest of the game."

"It seems like when I get going, the team gets going. It feels like I've been lacking in some of the games. I just want to make a run, both as a team and myself for the team. I want to pick up the intensity and work on my skills."

"Coach has been trying to pick up Drew and his confidence. He took a dip, but that happens, it's basketball. We're glad to see him get going. When one of us gets going, it spreads throughout the team and uplifts the team. We're happy for Drew."

"Games like this when we both do well, him feeding me highlights, me getting him highlights, the team winning by a good margin, us in first place in the Pac-12. The only thing missing is the fans. It's been an excellent ride so far. I'm glad that I'm picking it up now. I hope we can ride this out and keep winning like this and make a run in the tournament."

EVAN MOBLEY QUOTES:

"It was amazing. We both had good games. We had a feel for each other, great chemistry. I fed him a lot of my assists. It was great to see him do well tonight."

"On the first double and I hit him for a layup, every time I'd drop it off. And that got him going and the rest of the game was a great game."



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"We knew they were going to trap us and speed us up. Early on we were slacking on the defensive end. Once we fixed that at halftime, that propelled us into a win."

ARIZONA STATE HEAD COACH BOBBY HURLEY QUOTES:

"Looking at the box score, between the two Mobley brothers, there were 42 points, 21 rebounds, 9 assists, 4 rebounds and a handful of steals. Anytime you have those types of numbers, it doesn't bode well for your chances. Some regrets in the game are not starting better in the second half. We had possession, did a good job in the last three minutes of the first half to cut it to two, then didn't start the second half well and down seven and had to start chasing them."

"I love the will that we showed, they're a good basketball team that can really shoot. They've got really excellent front court players and then Tahj Eaddy was very good for them, he's playing with a lot of confidence. Ultimately, I don't think the final score reflects how close the game was."