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POSTGAME NOTES

No. 5 USC vs. Oregon
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Saturday, January 15, 2022
Final: USC 69, Oregon 79

- With the 79-69 loss tonight, USC fell to 14-2 (4-2) and Oregon improved to 11-6 (4-2).
- USC suffered its first home loss of the season tonight. USC is now 7-1 at the Galen Center in the 2021-22 season.
- Oregon dominated the first half and the Ducks' Eric Williams Jr. capped the half by hitting a 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 45-29 Ducks lead. Oregon shot 56.7 percent, while USC made 37.9 percent of its shots before the break. Oregon made 7 of 11 3-pointers (63.6 percent), while USC was 5 of 13 (38.5 Percent) in the first half. USC made a run to cut it to 5 at 32-27 with 4 minutes remaining, but Oregon outscored USC 13-2 to end the half. USC was outscored 18-8 on points in the paint in the first half.
- USC outscored the Ducks 40-34 in the second half and outshot them 45.2 to 42.9 percent after the break. The Trojans outrebounded Oregon 21-17 in the second half and 38-32 in the game.
- USC had 13 turnovers and was outscored 22-11 on points off turnovers and 15-3 on fastbreak points.
- Guard Boogie Ellis scored 18 points and matched a season high with four 3-pointers made (also vs. Utah).
- Forward Isaiah Mobley scored 18 points and had 9 rebounds. He also led USC with 4 assists.
 Mobley has had at least 4 assists in three consecutive games for a total of 13 in that span.
- Forward Chevez Goodwin was named a captain by the coaching staff on Friday. He joins Ethan Anderson and Isaiah Mobley as team captains for the 2021-22 team.
- Oregon made 50.0 percent of its field goals, the first team to make 50 percent against the Trojans this season. After holding its first 12 opponents under 40 percent shooting, USC has allowed each of its last four opponents to shoot over 40 percent (Ca- 40.7, Stanford 43.9, Oregon State 45.5, Oregon 50.0).
- USC's next game will be Thursday, Jan. 20 at Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. The game is at 4:30 p.m. PT and will air on the Pac-12 Network

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"It was a tough game. We got off to a slow start. Oregon shot well.. It was tough to overcome. Every time we had a chance to cut the lead to 7 or 8, we didn't do it. Oregon outplayed us."

"The lack of practice hurt us but our players have to figure it out."

"Oregon played a very high level of offense in the first half. In the second half, we played better and harder. But when you're down 16, it's not easy against a quality team."

"We have to get some practice time in and get back to basic defensive schemes and our offense has to get a better flow."

"Their guards really hurt us."

"The second half we were more aggressive driving and getting into the lane and making good decisions. The first half we had a lack of offensive toughness."

"It's not time to point fingers. It's a team effort. We'll get better."

"When good players get going, they're hard to stop."





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ISAIAH MOBLEY QUOTES:

"We have to lock in and focus on details and come with urgency. There were some weak points and some positive points. I'm proud of how we fought in the second half. It's a long season, we can't hang our heads. There were learning points and bright spots."

"We have to have offensive toughness and sustain it. We can't come out at the start and let teams dictate to us."

"We have to get our confidence back up and keep on going. We have to want to want the ball more than them and be offensively tough."

BOOGIE ELLIS QUOTES:

"We need these games to see adversity, it helps you get better. We know what we need to work on. Losses can help you get better. We have big games coming up. These last few games, we haven't been good on defense. We need to pick up our communication."

"This was the first game we've played against guys who were lengthy. They had some elite shot blockers. It made it hard to score in the paint."

OREGON HEAD COACH DANA ALTMAN:

"I think we got some transition buckets off turnovers, but our guys are just playing harder. I could act like we invented something here, but we're just playing so much harder than before. I don't know if that's just guys coming together, but the leadership is definitely part of it."

"Winning on the road is fun, there's no doubt about it. It really brings the team together, and we've been fortunate because we've had good players. We've had a good road team, if you check the numbers, we're probably as good as anybody in the league over the course of time. I hope we can continue to improve our defense because that will travel."

"We needed a big week. Our guys knew that. I've been talking about a sense of urgency since the Baylor game, even before that. We can't bury ourselves any further, and there's still no room for error. It's January 15, and there's still no room for error. We have to bring it every night. That sense of urgency is going to have to come every night. It's been 42 years since a team did this, and you're right I haven't seen anything like it. We needed it, we needed something to jumpstart us, and three road wins this week will do that."

"I still think we've got so much room to grow into. I think our execution can get so much better. Same with connection offensively and defensively. I'm excited because I still think we have room to grow."

