



POSTGAME NOTES

No. 15 USC vs. California
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Saturday, January 29, 2022
Final: USC 79, California 72

- With the 79-72 win today, USC improved to 18-3 (8-3) and California fell to 9-12 (2-8).
- USC improved to 9-2 at the Galen Center this season.
- California jumped out to a 20-9 lead 8 minutes into the game. Cal made 8 of its first 10 shots (2-for-2 on 3-pointers), while USC started out 4-for-12 (1-for-5 on 3-pointers). USC outscored the Golden Bears 32-15 the rest of the half to lead 41-35 at the break.
- Boogie Ellis made 8 of 10 shots and finished with a season-best 21 points.
- Isaiah Mobley scored a career-best 24 points tonight. His previous best was 23 points on Dec. 7 vs. Eastern Kentucky earlier this season.
- USC had a season-low four turnovers today. It ended a 7-game streak of committing at least 10 turnovers in a game. It was the fewest in a game by the Trojans since committing three turnovers at UCLA on Feb. 28, 2019.
- USC had 11 assists tonight and has had 63 assists in the last four games (15.8 per game in that stretch).
- Ethan Anderson had a season-best 5 assists tonight.
- USC outscored California 16-2 on fast break points and 34-6 combined the last two games.
- Forward Joshua Morgan missed his third consecutive game with right knee tendinitis. He is listed as day-to-day.
- USC's next game will be Thursday, Feb. 3 at Arizona State. The game is at 8:00 p.m. (PT) and will air on the Pac-12 Network.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"That was our fifth game in 10 days, we're very tired. Credit to our players, we've gone 4-1 in that stretch and we were 20 seconds away from being 5-0. "

"Cal played outstanding offensive basketball. They made shot after shot and competed at a high level. They played well. It took everything we had."

"Isaiah Mobley is a tremendous player. You saw tonight what kind of player he is. He was aggressive on both sides of the court. He played a tremendous game. I'm proud of him. "

"Ethan controlled the game with his toughness and ball handling. He played great. This is what we need him to do. If he plays like that, it's tough to take him off the court. "

"Isaiah White was the key to the game in the first half. He came with so much energy. He and Ethan turned the game around when we were down."

"Boogie was really good today."

"The turnovers hurt us against Stanford, it was the difference in the game That was a point of emphasis today. That's why Ethan was so important today."

BOOGIE ELLIS QUOTES:

"Isaiah (Mobley) is a great player. We have great belief in him. We knew what he's capable of.

"It was a good game, but I can do more. I'll work to get better.

"We can't keep coming out like that. We have to punch teams first, especially at home."



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ETHAN ANDERSON QUOTES:

"We really trust him (Isaiah Mobley). I know he was upset last game missing that free throw. He came through big tonight."

"My main goal is to control the game. I needed this game mentally. I know what I can bring to the game. "

"Credit to Cal, they made some huge shots."

CALIFORNIA HEAD COACH MARK FOX:

"There was a lot of positive things here. We just couldn't get over the hump and win the game."

"For us, we had a bigger line up to go against a bigger team. We were very deliberate, got good shots in the first half, spread it around and had a good start."

"I wish we could have held the lead there at the half, just couldn't quite do it though under the circumstances, but they battled well."

"This was a hard fought — physical game. We are going to need time to recover."