



POSTGAME NOTES

USC vs. Alabama State
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Monday, November 10, 2022
Final: USC 96, Alabama State 58

- With the 96-58 win tonight, USC improved to 1-1 and Alabama State fell to 0-2.
- The 96 points scored by USC were its most since scoring 98 vs. Dixie State on Nov. 22, 2021.
- The 38-point margin of victory was USC's largest since defeating CSUN by 40 points (89-49) on Nov. 9, 2021.
- Tre White hit a shot from about 10 feet inside the halfcourt line just before the buzzer to give USC a 48-23 lead at the break. USC made 54.3 percent of its shots, while holding Alabama State to 30.0 percent shooting in the first half. Drew Peterson led USC with 9 points and Tre White led the Trojans with 9 rebounds in the first half. The 48 first-half points by USC were its most since also scoring 48 before the break vs. Utah on Dec. 1, 2021.
- Boogie Ellis scored 15 points and had a career-high 7 steals tonight. His seven steals tonight ties him for fourth on USC's all-time single-game steals list. It is the most steals in a game by a Trojan since Julian Jacobs also registered 7 steals on Jan. 9, 2016 vs. Arizona.
- As a team, USC had 11 steals tonight, its most since recording 13 steals at Oregon State on Feb. 24, 2022.
- Drew Peterson scored a game-high 21 points tonight on 7 of 9 shooting. He also had 6 assists for the second consecutive game.
- Malik Thomas scored a career-high 10 points tonight. He scored 6 points in the opener on Monday which was his previous career best.
- Kobe Johnson matched a career best with 7 points tonight. He also had a career-high 6 assists and a career-high 7 rebounds.
- Reese Dixon-Waters scored 13 points and made a career-best 3 three-pointers.
- Josh Morgan scored 11 points on 5 of 7 shooting tonight and had 3 blocks. He has a total of 10 blocks in USC's first two games.
- Tre White just missed out on a double-double by grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds and scoring 8 points.
- USC made 55.4 percent of its shots, including 47.8 percent from three-point range. USC held Alabama State to 33.3 percent shooting and has held both opponents this season to under 40 percent shooting.
- Five different Trojans scored in double figures and seven players scored at least 7 points.
- USC outscored Alabama State 46-28 on points in the paint.
- Six different Trojans made at least one three-point basket.
- USC's next game will be on November 15, when it host's Vermont at the Galen Center. The game's start time is 8 p.m. and it will air on the Pac-12 Network.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

On coming back from the last loss:

"We were very disappointed in the second half and the way we played offensively last game and we let that affect our defense. We as a staff and as a team tried to work very hard on some of the things we were deficient at. I think our guys practiced very hard for those two days and I thought they came out with a lot of energy and some toughness tonight."

On Tre White's rebounds:

"He's our best rebounder. He led us in rebounding all preseason, all the practices and scrimmages and he only had one the other night, so he came in and had his mind made up and got double-digit rebounds, which is terrific. And the other guards have to do their job too, because if you're going to play four guards, you need to shoot well from the three point line, and you need low turnovers. The other night we didn't shoot well from the three-point line and we made high turnovers. When you're playing four guards; if you can't take care of the basketball and spread the floor and shoot, you might as well not play four guards. I think they got that message loud and clear the last few days."



On the offense:

"We have talented offensive players, so it was nice that you know we scored 87 and 86 on two scrimmages. That's why I was so shocked on Monday to score 61 on low percentages and high turnovers. That was really shocking, because we didn't see that coming. It was nice tonight to make some shots and share the ball."

JOSHUA MORGAN QUOTES:

On passing the ball around

"Well, that's normally how we play in practice, so it's not surprising for us. It was a little bit frustrating to see how we played the last game. Now it seems that we got those first game jitters out of the way and now we're kind of getting back into our own style of play. So that's what we always do. We pass and dribble, you know, we drive to create shots for other players. That's how we normally play and luckily, we played like that today and it turned out to be a much better result."

On his blocks:

"I feel like I'm a lot more comfortable and competent than before, this year. Playing behind Evan and Isaiah first and then Chevez and now all of them are gone. Now it's kind of up to me and it's a lot more responsibility, but I feel like I've embraced that role. I'm just a lot more comfortable, going all the way back to my Long Beach days. So now I feel pretty good about myself especially defensively."

REESE DIXON-WATERS QUOTES:

On preparing for this game:

Try not to dwell on it too much. I knew what I did wrong in terms of just not shooting the ball when I was open; forcing plays, turning the ball over and lack of defense. I had to look at myself in the mirror, watch the film. I over watched the game three times. So picking my spots and keeping confidence in myself knowing I'm a great shooter. We're really just not trying to overthink it. It's a game. It's a game I learned to play so I am going to be confident."

On coming back from the last game:

"After the last game, we turned it on (in practice) this week, and I think it's just more focused. Like you said, making the right play, but not trying to force anything. I think as a team, we got to get better, including myself. Last game, I had three turnovers. I think just as a team, we need to get better mentally and focus, not try to force things."

ALABAMA STATE HEAD COACH TONY MADLOCK:

On the overall game:

"First of all I have to give USC a lot of credit. Anytime you play the type of game they played last game, and I've been in that position a long time, when you know you're supposed to win and you lose the opener at home so I can imagine how the practice went for Andy and those guys. They came out ready, they punched us in the mouth first and we didn't respond. You know, we just got to do a lot better job, but you have to give USC a lot of credit."

On what to improve on:

"We are looking to improve everything, especially defensively. This is two games in a row that a team's shot over 50% against us, 40% from three, so we're not very good defensively right now. But it's my first year. We are trying to change the culture and I'm trying to turn this program around, so we got a lot of work to do. Now it's on us to win. It's on me to get these guys ready."