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### **POSTGAME NOTES**

No. 21 USC vs. No. 12 UCLA Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif. February 12, 2022

Final: USC 67, UCLA 64

- With the 67-64 win tonight, USC improved to 21-4 (10-4) and UCLA fell to 17-5 (9-4).
- USC has won five consecutive and six of seven games vs. UCLA. USC has won five-in-a-row against the Bruins for the first time since winning 42 consecutive games against UCLA from 1932-43.
- USC is 11-2 at the Galen Center this season.
- Tonight's game against UCLA was a sellout. It was USC's first sellout since March 6, 2020 vs. UCLA. Tonight's attendance was 10,258. It's the ninth time USC has had 10,258 fans here for a basketball game. It was the largest student section (2,681) for a USC home game in the history of the Galen Center.
- The win over No. 12 UCLA was USC's first win over a ranked opponent since defeating No. 12 Kansas on March 22, 2021 in the NCAA Tournament.
- USC led 33-31 at halftime. There were five lead changes and five ties in the first half. USC made 46.7 percent (14-for-30) of its shots before the break, while UCLA made 35.7 percent (10-for-28). There were nine ties and nine lead changes in the game. USC's biggest lead was eight and UCLA's largest lead was four points.
- Drew Peterson scored a career-best 27 points tonight and the most by a Trojan in a game this season. Peterson's previous best this season was 23 at Utah on Jan. 22. His previous career high for points was 24 vs. FIU on March 11, 2020. Peterson also had 12 rebounds for his first double-double of the season and fourth of his career.
- Peterson had a career-best 5 blocks tonight. He now has 25 and is the team leader in blocks. Peterson has had 9 blocks in the last two games played. His previous career high for blocks in a season was 12 entering this season. He had a career-best four blocks vs. Pacific, before passing that with five tonight.
- Reese Dixon-Waters scored a career-high 10 points tonight. His previous high for points in a game was nine done three times, including Tuesday against Pacific. He was 2-for-3 from 3-point range to tie a career best, done for the third time.
- Chevez Goodwin just missed out on a double-double with 10 points and 9 rebounds.
- USC held UCLA to 29.7 percent shooting, including a 25.0 percentage in the second half. USC has held 17 of its 25 opponents to under 40 percent shooting.
- Tonight's UCLA shooting percentage was the worst for UCLA under Mick Cronin. UCLA's two worst
  and three of their worst five shooting performances in the Mick Cronin era have come in three
  games at Galen Center.
- USC had a season-high 10 blocks tonight. It was USC's most blocks in a game since registering 12 at Arizona State on Jan. 9, 2021.
- Forward Isaiah Mobley missed tonight's game with concussion like symptoms due to the nondisplaced nasal fracture he suffered during the game at Arizona on Feb. 5.
- USC's next game will be Thursday, Feb. 17. vs. Washington. The game is at 8:30 p.m. and it will air on the Pac-12 Network.

### **ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:**

"That was a terrific game. UCLA is so hard to guard. Our defense was outstanding. We played with heart and toughness without our best player. We didn't find out until this afternoon that Isaiah Mobley was out. It was a great atmosphere with our student section. It was a tremendous crowd, they gave us energy to pull it out. This was as good an atmosphere for a home game as I can remember."

"This game meant a lot to our players, it meant a lot for the Pac-12 and national standings. We hadn't beaten UCLA 5 times in a row for, what, 100 years?"

"I couldn't be more proud, we played with grit, we played very hard and tough. We held a great offensive team like UCLA to 30% shooting from the field."





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"Ethan was so good tonight, so good on defense. With Boogie struggling tonight, we needed a ball handler out there. He does so much that doesn't show up on the stat sheet. He's playing at a high level of an elite award."

"When Isaiah was ruled out with lingering concussion symptoms, we said someone had to step up. Drew did. He looked like a superstar. And Max had maybe his best game as a Trojan. He played high level defense the whole game. He was a huge factor."

"It took a team effort. I'm very happy with that."

"We said we're due for Dave or Boogie to have a good shooting night. When Drew plays with that intensity and at that level, he's hard to stop."

"We played really hard. The only thing we did poorly is we fouled Tyger Campbell in the lane a lot. "These games are fun, especially when you win. UCLA keeps coming at you and at you and at you. Give them credit."

"It was an incredible win without our best player in front of a packed house. It was a very important win with what it means to our program."

#### **DREW PETERSON QUOTES:**

"We found out earlier today that Isaiah Mobley was out. We knew we had to bring it up to another level and step up. I've never seen more guys go rebound, for both teams. It was an awesome win."

"My teammates keep telling me to shoot. They trust me to shoot. I felt really confident. I got my confidence back and some swagger. Everyone stepped up tonight, It was a big team win."

"I honestly thought Tyger's last shot was in."

"Credit to Reese. He puts in the work. He stepped up big and played impeccable defense."

"We were locked in tonight. We need to take this energy into next week."

"One of my things this year was to improve my defense. I was a liability last year."

"It's awesome to put this on our resume. We had to prove to ourselves we could get a statement win like this."

"Reese has a really smooth game. He had a huge steal with 30 seconds to play. He'll be a really good player for us down the line."

"The crowd was awesome. I knew this was a football school but we're making our mark. We have so much support."

"When you shut down two talented players like that (Juzang and Jaquez), you're going to win lots of games."

"When we get everyone back, we'll be a tough team to beat."

"We felt the energy and then they stormed the court, I've never been part of that. It was one of the best basketball experiences I've been a part of."

### **REESE DIXON-WATERS QUOTES:**

"I go against him in practice all the time, so I know Drew is a good player."

"My mom went to UCLA, but she's a USC fan now because of me. It was fun to be out there and win."





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"I've never doubted myself. It was fun tonight and we won."

"I've never played in a game like that, with that kind of atmosphere and then after with everyone on the court."

## **UCLA HEAD COACH MICK CRONIN:**

"We were minus 10 in the paint and that is why we lost the period, end of story. They were the tougher team."

"When we are down by six you don't take bad threes."

"Drew Peterson didn't beat us. We gave up too many lay ups and that is what beat us."

