



POSTGAME NOTES

No. 17 USC vs. Washington State
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
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Final: USC 62, Washington State 60

- With the 62-60 win today, USC improved to 23-4 (12-4) and Washington State fell to 14-12 (7-8).
- USC is 23-4 for the first time since also being 23-4 to start the 1974 season.
- USC led 16-6 five minutes into the game, but Washington State went on a 14-3 run to take the lead at 20-19 with 10 minutes to go in the first half. Washington State led 32-28 at halftime. Nine of WSU's 11 first-half baskets were three-pointers, accounting for 27 of its 32 points. WSU was 9 of 17 on three-pointers in the first half (52.9 percent) and 2-for-18 on all other field goals before the break (11.1 percent). USC had not allowed more than 9 three-pointers in any entire game since allowing Oregon to make 10 three-pointers on Jan. 15. Prior to today, the opponent high for three-pointers made in a game against USC this season was 10 (done 4 times).
- Guard Boogie Ellis finished with a game-high 21 points, knocking down the game winner in the lane with 0.2 seconds remaining. He matched his second high in points, done two other times.
- 14 of WSU's first 16 baskets were three-pointers. For the game WSU made 15 three-pointers, the most three-pointers USC has allowed in a game since Cal Baptist made an opponent-record 20 three-pointers to open the 2020-21 season at the Galen Center on Nov. 25, 2020.
- 45 of WSU's 60 points came on three-point baskets. They entered the game with 38 percent of their points this season coming on three-point baskets.
- Drew Peterson scored 17 points and made 3 of 5 three-point attempts. In the last three games played, Peterson has averaged 19.3 points (58 total), 7.0 rebounds (21) and 4.3 assists. (13).
- Max Agbonkpolo was perfect in the game, scoring 10 points on 2-for-2 shooting (both 3-pointers) and going 4-for-4 from the free throw line.
- USC improved to 18-1 this season when holding the opposition to under 70 points. Dating back to Feb. 28, 2015, USC is 108-6 when holding its opponent to under 70.
- USC committed 14 turnovers and was outscored 25-7 on points off turnovers.
- USC's next game will be Thursday, Feb. 24. At Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore. The game is at 8:00 p.m. and it will air on ESPN2.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"That was a great win. Washington State played exceptionally well, their shotmaking was exceptional. We were fortunate to pull it out. Our zone defense with 6 minutes left helped turn it around."

"(On the final play) We had Isaiah Mobley come up and slip a screen, but they played it well. It was Boogie's time to make a play. He had a great game. He played outstanding basketball."

"We were dribbling too much. They doubled the post. We didn't cut, we didn't run with pace and we were stagnant. We need to do a better job. Our defense needs to carry us when we have stretches like that on offense. It was hard to get into a rhythm with all the turnovers. Four or five drives bailed us out, Max hit a couple 3s and we played better basketball in the second half."

"We're 23-4. We don't have a dominant offensive player, so we have to play as a team, get ball movement."

"We have times when we get stagnant. If we play together, share the ball and defend, we'll have a good season. Every game is a battle right now."

"This is a unique box score. Some of their shot-making was pretty darn good. They spread you out and they shoot. Credit to them, we were fortunate to win. Our zone was the key."

"This was a home court advantage, to be down and come back. This was a loud arena. We love it, fans supporting us. We're very thankful."



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"Our execution in the last couple minutes this year has been very good. That's a credit to our players. They have to make plays."

"Chevez Goodwin are as tough as any player I've coached in my 27, 28 years. Both have really improved."

BOOGIE ELLIS QUOTES:

"We rely on our hard work. We get to those moments, we've worked hard to be in those environments and hit those shots. Coach called a timeout and drew up that play."

"I work hard for those moments. It was surreal. It was my first moment like that in a Trojan uniform."

"In tough games, we need to come up with those rebounds and make stops. We need to box out and finish our possessions. A lot of their 3s were because their big men were getting rebounds and passing it back out or their guards were crashing the boards."

MAX AGBONKPOLO QUOTES:

"It's really tough when they (the other team) is hot like that. It was just one of those nights."

"It takes us a while to get our flow. We came out in the second half and moved the ball, hit our shots and we won."

"We make it tough on other teams when they don't know who will come through for us. We'll take the win, but we're not that happy. We could've played a lot better."

WASHINGTON STATE HEAD COACH KYLE SMITH:

"We had to make some shots and just had poor execution against the zone late. We have to get tougher. I know we played hard, we battled and we made some shots, but it's kind of a wasted effort."

"If we're gonna get good, we gotta win a game like that. We out-played them for about those middle 32 minutes. The first four and the last four were bad."

"We had a couple possessions where we had a lead, but we had two straight turnovers. We missed foul shots and there were just too many mistakes to expect to win."

"We have to execute and we've got to do a better job. You could say you have the plan, but you have to be able to go out and execute."

"I felt like we got some decent looks, but sometimes we just rush a little bit too much. It's like we start to panic. We scored enough points to be able to win on the road, but you can't give up 79. Whatever we gave up in the first half, it just has to be better than that."