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POSTGAME NOTES

No. 21 USC vs. Pacific Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif. February 8, 2022

Final: USC 74, Pacific 68

- With the 74-68 win tonight, USC improved to 20-4 (9-4) and Pacific fell to 7-16 (2-6).
- USC improved to 10-2 at the Galen Center this season. USC is 57-8 in home nonconference games under Andy Enfield, including 45-5 in the last 50 regular season home nonconference games.
- USC picked up its 20th win of the season. USC has won 20 or more games the last three seasons, matching the school's best streak of 3 consecutive 20-win seasons (2016-18).
- USC's 20-4 start to the season is its best since also being 20-4 to start the 2017 seasons.
- Pacific opened up a 10-point lead (22-12) 10:30 into the first half. USC started the game by making 5 of its first 18 shots in the first half (27.8 percent). Pacific took a 30-22 lead at halftime. Pacific made 43.3 percent of its shots and USC made 31.0 percent before the break. USC was 0-for-7 from three-point range in the first half and was outrebounded 22-14. Pacific outscored USC 9-4 to start the second half (4-for-4 in FGs) and built a 39-26 lead with 17 minutes remaining. USC outscored Pacific 48-29 over the final 17 minutes. USC made 61.5 percent of its shots in the second half.
- Isaiah White made his first start of the season tonight and scored 2 points and grabbed a rebound in 16 minutes. White started 28 of USC's 33 games during the 2020-21 season. White averaged 7.6 points and 3.4 rebounds per game last season.
- Freshman Harrison Hornery scored a career-best 9 points and grabbed a career-high 6 rebounds. Hornery had scored a total of 5 points and one rebound in USC's first 23 games.
- Guard Drew Peterson scored 12 points and matched a season high with 8 assists. Peterson also had a career-high 4 blocks tonight. Peterson now has a career-high 20 blocks this season. His previous high for blocks in a season was 12 in 2020.
- All 10 Trojans that played in tonight's game scored and had at least one rebound.
- Forward Isaiah Mobley missed tonight's game with a non-displaced nasal fracture. Mobley was injured at the 12:56 mark in the second half of the game at Arizona on Feb. 5.
- USC's next game will be Saturday, Feb. 12. vs. UCLA. The game is at 7:00 p.m. and it will air on ESPN.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

"I'm proud of the freshmen. Reese and Harry played great in the second half and then the upperclassmen turned it on after the way we began the first half, when we couldn't make a shot and didn't defend well."

"Defensively in the first half, we gave them too many shots at the rim. In the second half, we went to zone and did a better job protecting the lane and the 3-point shots."

"Our goal was to speed the tempo with the press, but we couldn't make shots so we couldn't press."

"We didn't expect Mobley to be out, he's day-to-day, but that's no excuse how we played in the first half."

"I'm encouraged how we battled and fought back and won an important game. We're 20-4. Tonight we played a half not so well and a half very well. Our players were hesitant to shoot the open 3 and when they were penetrating. We didn't look like the team that played a very good offensive game at Arizona. The beginning of tonight felt like the end of the Arizona game when we had open looks but didn't make shots. We had tentative players out there tonight."

"Harrison is an outstanding player. He hadn't played a lot because he's behind Isaiah Mobley. When we were down big, we had to change it up. He was a key to the game. Everybody loves him and is excited for hm. We have no hesitation to put him in. No game is too big for him. We have 100% confidence in him. He's so smart on both sides of the ball. It was a big confidence boost for him and the team." "Our rebounding was terrible."





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"Everybody knows what this rivalry game (against UCLA on Saturday) is about. It's two ranked teams in Los Angeles. It should be a fun atmosphere. We're looking forward to it."

HARRISON HORNERY QUOTES:

"My job was to come in and shoot the ball. The team needed it. My job was to make shots and give the team energy. I was comfortable out there, I was playing with veterans."

"It means a lot to have a game like this. It was fun to be out there when we were down. Sitting out didn't bother me, I knew my time would come. I'm behind an All-American (Mobley). I've been on big stages before in my high school career. I was out there with a veteran team, so it came easy."

DREW PETERSON QUOTES:

"Harrison is a high IQ player. He was big for us, especially with our bad shooting the last two games."

"No one is satisfied, this was too close for comfort. We need to get ourselves together and come out against UCLA like we did at Arizona."

PACIFIC HEAD COACH LEONARD PERRY:

"We certainly had other opportunities where we didn't take advantage and get the stops we needed, but on the glass we did a really good job against a top 25 team."

"We have a lot of this basketball season left. This is the time in the season that we want to peak and be playing our very best."

"We are going to the postseason and are going to do it in the WCC conference. I have no doubt."

