



USC vs. UC Irvine
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Final: USC 60, UC Irvine 70

- With the 70-60 loss tonight, USC fell to 2-1 and UC Irvine improved to 2-1. USC is now 8-3 all-time against UC Irvine. USC last lost to UC Irvine on Dec. 12, 2012 (61-54).
- After the first 13 minutes the score was 18-15 USC with both teams shooting under 25 percent from the field (23.1 – USC, 23.8 – UCI). UC Irvine led 29-26 at the half. UCI made 34.3 percent of its first-half shots, while USC made 25.0. UCI went on a 7-0 run to begin the second half to open up at 10-point lead (36-26).
- USC made 28.8 percent of its field goal attempts tonight. I was the worst shooting percentage by the Trojans since making 20.0 percent of its shots on Jan. 5, 2020 at Washington. It was also the second worst shooting percentage by the Trojans since making 28.2 percent of its shots vs. Texas A&M on Nov. 26, 2017.
- USC held UC Irvine to 38.7 percent shooting tonight. In the first three games, USC has held its opponents to a 36.8 field goal percentage (70-for-190) and to 27.0 shooting from three-point range (20-for-74).
- Junior Harrison Hornery scored a career-high 17 points tonight. His previous high for points in a game was 9 vs. Pacific on Feb. 8, 2022. He also had career highs in rebounds with 7 rebounds and blocked shots with 3. His previous high for rebounds was six in the game against Pacific in 2022 and his previous high for blocks was 2 at UCLA on Jan. 5, 2023.
- Freshman guard Isaiah Collier scored a season-best 23 points tonight and has 60 points in his first three games. It is the most points through the first three games by a Trojan freshman since O.J. Mayo totaled 77 points through the first three games of his USC career during the 2007-08 season.
- Redshirt senior forward Joshua Morgan scored 8 points and had 10 rebounds.
- Sophomore forward Vincent Iwuchukwu appeared in his first game of the season. Iwuchukwu was recovering from offseason back surgery. He suffered the injury late last season which forced him to miss USC's last three games (1 regular season, 2 postseason). Iwuchukwu suffered a cardiac arrest on July 1, 2022 and missed USC's first 16 games of the 2022-23 season. He finished with 3 points and 4 rebounds in 10 minutes.
- Freshman forward Arrinten Page made his first career start tonight. He had one rebound in 8 minutes of action.
- Coming off his career-high 16-point game vs. CSUB on Nov. 9, sophomore guard Oziyah Sellers made his first career start tonight. He scored 4 points, had 3 rebounds and led USC with 2 assists.
- USC had 6 blocks tonight and has 16 blocks through three games. Joshua Morgan had 2 blocks tonight and has 7 for the season.
- Kobe Johnson missed his second consecutive game with left knee discomfort. He originally injured the knee during the game vs. Kansas State on Nov. 6 in Las Vegas, Nev.
- Boogie Ellis missed tonight's game with a right knee sprain. It is his first missed game since Feb. 24, 2022 at Oregon State (left ankle sprain). USC won that game 94-91 in double overtime.
- USC's next game will be on Nov. 19 vs. Brown at the Galen Center. The game will air on the Pac-12 Network beginning at 5 p.m.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

Opening Statement:

"It's obviously a tough game for our team. Very difficult this week in practice. We didn't have a very good week of practice, probably the worst week we've had since the last few years, because of our injuries. Isaiah Collier only practiced basically half a practice yesterday; he was out for three days with his injury, he was able to play tonight, but Kobe and Boogie (didn't). So this week of practice leading up to the game was not good, then we didn't play any better today. We deserved to lose this game, by the way we played. Offensively especially you can't shoot 28% have seven assists and 16 turnovers. It's frustrating, I know our players are very upset, and it's on me. I gotta, even though we're short handed, figure out how to have better practices and then obviously how to execute better offensively during the game."



On the chemistry of the team:

"We have good chemistry. This is Vince's first game back in many months, he didn't play in our first couple games. So he's basically a new player now, because he's been out for so long. Then we have four freshmen of Bronny's out and then we take Boogie Ellis and Kobe Johnson out. We had Harry Hornery playing guard tonight most of the game and everybody's playing down one or two positions. Meaning instead of playing a four Harry is playing the one, two, and three for us tonight. He's really a fourth combo forward and DJ is a combo-forward playing a shooting guard. Ozyiah Sellers is playing point guard. Everybody had to play down a few positions and so it was a little difficult because of some of our offensive actions. Three of our best playmakers were not in the game meaning Kobe, Boogie Ellis and Bronny. So that was a little hard as far as our playbook goes, because we just didn't have the playmaking that we normally have, but it's still no excuse for missing open shots and not finishing around the basket. Our guards missed open threes, they missed open shots in a lane and our bigs didn't finish around the rim either. So no excuses. We need to play better. We can't shoot the way we did, and expect to beat a good team."

On Isaiah playing with Boogie and Kobe:

"The nice thing about Isaiah, he has two experienced guards with him, Boogie Ellis and Kobe Johnson, so we don't have to rely on him to have that much responsibility for playmaking like he did tonight. Boogie's an all-conference player, and Kobe was preseason as well. Those guys in our first game against Kansas State: Boogie had 24, eight rebounds. Kobe Johnson had 16 points, eight rebounds and four steals. So we have to do a better job of probably getting the ball inside, but once again our big guys weren't finishing tonight either. Tonight was a game hopefully we'll learn from. But we have other good players on this team."

ISAIAH COLLIER QUOTES:

On team performance & frustration:

"I definitely would say the team just wasn't we wasn't locked in. I think we didn't start off the game with energy. I mean, we'll take the blame."

On missing Kobe:

"It's next man up. I mean, but we just weren't our best tonight. We just got to be better as a team."

On his injury & being out from practice:

"I just started practicing yesterday. I sat out two days but I mean, it's no excuse. We lost the game by 10."

"It was a really well coached team. I feel like it was just a better team tonight. I feel like we beat ourselves on a lot of mistakes, but we're going to build and grow from it."

On growing from this game:

"Film, just got to be better. I mean, stuff is mandatory. I feel like especially when making freshman mistakes, knowing when to make the right plays, I take the blame for that and I'm going to be watching film and be better."

HARRISON HORNERY QUOTES:

On his 4-point play:

"It was that four point play, it obviously hyped everyone up and hyped us up a lot and we huddled and we said to ourselves we have to get this win, have to get this win, buckled down on defense but we couldn't get stops on the other end. For scoring like we did doesn't really matter if we can't get stops."

On his performance tonight:

"I'm just trying to do whatever I can help his team win. Coach called me early today and said will you help me out so you can come off the bench, I said whatever you need me to do, I can be a utility roll for this



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team. I've had performances like this from last year against UCLA that we last played well but it's just frustrating. It's frustrating."

On Irvine:

"The biggest thing we can take away is preparation. I mean it's division one basketball at the end of the day. Obviously, UCI we have a lot of respect for them. I've known them playing in Orange County for the high school I was in so they're always a well organized team well coached and they're always top two in their league. So we need to prep better and take no one lightly."

UC IRVINE HEAD COACH RUSSELL TURNER:

"To come on the road and win at USC for us is about as good as it can get as a program, so we are all exhilarated. We're grateful that USC gave us the game. They don't have to schedule this game, so a lot of credit to Andy Enfield for scheduling the game."

"We take a lot of pride in our defensive approach, our defensive preparation, and all of that paid off tonight. We dictated the tempo of the game by switching back and forth between man and zone and rebounded enough that they couldn't gain momentum."

"Isaiah Collier is an incredible talent. He is as fast and powerful going downhill to the basket as anyone I have seen in college. He's got a really bright future."

"Handling success is really not easy. We've had wins like this as a program before. So, hopefully, we can gain some belief in who we are and what we do off of this result and we can practice better and continue to improve. Our league is going to be really tough. Our schedule is the toughest one we have ever had, and our guys know that, and we rose to that challenge tonight."

"We do have a really experienced roster, and I want to give a special shoutout to Pierre Crockrell [III], because we have a guy who handles the ball, can push the pace and dictate the game the way Pierre does. That gives everybody confidence. I don't know what his numbers were tonight, but he played an outstanding game on both ends. Nobody in our program has been better about accepting the role that we ask them to play. Coming on and off the floor, to be closing for us tonight, I'm just really happy for him."