



USC vs. California
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Thursday, February 16, 2023
Final: USC 97, California 60

- With the 97-60 win tonight, USC improved to 18-8 (10-3) and California fell to 3-23 (2-13).
- USC improved to 13-1 at home this season, winning its last 13 following the 74-61 loss in the opener to FGCU on Nov. 7. USC's 13 consecutive home wins in one season is its most since winning the first 15 home games of the 2015-16 season.
- The 13 consecutive home wins are the fifth most in USC history.
- USC's win over California tonight was its 10th consecutive win over the Golden Bears. The loss for California was its 10th consecutive this season.
- The 37-point margin of victory tonight (97-60) was the Trojans largest since defeating Alabama State by 38 points (96-58) on Nov. 10, the second game of the season.
- USC opened the game on a 13-0 run as California missed its first 7 shots and had 4 turnovers in that stretch. USC led 50-23 at halftime. The Trojans made 62.1 percent of their first-half shots, while holding California to 24.2 percent shooting. USC outscored California 20-2 on points in the paint and 14-0 on fastbreak points in the first half.
- The 25-point halftime lead was USC's largest of the season. The last time USC had a bigger halftime lead was when it led CSUN by 33 points at the break (52-19) on Nov. 9, 2021.
- USC scored a season-best 50 first-half points. The most are the most in the first half by USC since scoring 52 vs. CSUN on Nov. 9, 2021.
- USC averaged 59 points in its two losses in Oregon last week, and scored 50 in the first half tonight.
- The 97 points scored tonight were a season-best and the most by the Trojans since scoring 98 vs. Dixie State (98-71) on Nov. 22, 2021.
- Fifth-year guard Drew Peterson scored a career-high 30 points tonight. Peterson's previous best for points in a game was 27 vs. UCLA on Feb. 12, 2022. His previous high for points scored in a game this season was 21 vs. Alabama State on Nov. 10. Peterson added 7 rebounds and 6 assists.
- Senior guard Boogie Ellis scored 22 points tonight, his 7th game this season with 20 or more points scored.
- Sophomore guard Kobe Johnson scored 15 points and had 5 steals tonight. Johnson now has 59 steals this season, tying him for 10th on USC's single-season steals list.
- Freshman guard Oziyah Sellers scored a career-high 11 points tonight. His previous high for points in a game was 3 vs. Alabama State on Nov. 10.
- With Sellers' 11-point game tonight, the Trojans now have had 9 different players score 10 or more points in a game this season.
- USC is 13-1 in games it scores 70 or more points this season.
- USC is now 17-2 this season when 3 or more players score in double figures in the same game.
- USC is now 28-5 in the last 33 games against teams from the state of California.
- USC outscored California 18-0 on fastbreak points tonight.
- After USC went 1-for-14 from 3-point range at Oregon State on Feb. 11 (7.1 percent), the lowest 3-point shooting percentage by a Trojan team in a game during the Andy Enfield era. USC missed its first 3 3-pointers tonight, before making 12 of its final 20 (60 percent). The 12 3-pointers made were a season high (11 makes 3 times this season). Overall, USC made 52.2 percent of its 3-pointers. That percentage of made 3-pointers is the most by a Trojan team since shooting 53.8 percent from beyond the arc vs. Washington State on Feb. 20, 2022.
- Sr. forward Josh Morgan missed his 4th consecutive game with a right ankle sprain. He was injured 5 minutes into the game against Washington State on Feb. 2.
- Sophomore guard Reese Dixon-Waters missed his fourth consecutive game with a left foot sprain. He is listed as day-to-day. Dixon-Waters was also injured in the Washington State game.
- USC has averaged 85.7 points its last 3 games at the Galen Center (257 total).
- USC's next game will be on February 18 vs. Stanford at the Galen Center. The game will air on ESPNU at 7 p.m.



ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

Opening Statement

"It's a nice home win for us, I thought our team played well, pure basketball and really defending the first half to get that lead. So it was nice to see some shots go in because last week we didn't see too many going. We needed some momentum. We have some tough games coming up and we had to play well tonight. I was happy about our ball movement and sharing the basketball. You make the right play, the basketball play and we're able to step up and make 12 threes and shot well from the foul line. So it was important for us to play efficiently like we did, because yesterday in practice we played great, we played very clean, efficient basketball, especially on the offensive end. So we had a good feeling coming in that we were getting better and back to capable of playing."

On Boogie Ellis and Drew Peterson

"I thought Boogie and Drew were more aggressive and they made quicker decisions. They shot it when they were open, if not, they put it on the floor and drove. Drew only dribbled around once and I made that turnaround after about 13 or 14 dribbles. We need quick decisions, we need to play basketball efficiently."

On being on the bubble for the tournament

"Well, we just have to keep winning games. Everything will take care of itself. We have some really good wins. We've had a tough schedule and we've played some very good teams. We have some opportunities here coming up, including Stanford on Saturday, who's playing great basketball, they just beat Arizona, and they're really playing well."

On 13 straight home wins

"Well 13 straight at home that's pretty good. We have great energy and fans. The crowd was decent tonight, it was smaller but energetic. I felt we had a terrific crowd last week against Washington. It was great. A lot of youth groups here and 6000 people. It was a great crowd, very loud and so our players thrive on that. It's certainly a home court advantage. We won 13 in a row at home so it makes a big difference and it's hard to win on the road and especially in the league."

DREW PETERSON QUOTES:

On dropping 30

"It was cool. I was obviously more happy we took care of business, especially coming off last week's road trip. It's cool to be able to join Boogie in that club. So it was really special."

"Yeah, it's big, especially with a guy like Kobe. He is progressing and developing and really stepping up. He's been as consistent as they come this year for us, especially defensively and now his offensive game looks great. We have guys step up every given night, especially if me and Boogie are not shooting well and we got three guys hurt, so you know, we need as many role guys we can right now to step up. I thought everyone played well, Oziyah (Sellers) had a great night, Harry (Hornery), Kijani (Wright). Top to bottom, I thought everyone contributed."

BOOGIE ELLIS QUOTES:

On overcoming this past weeks losses

"Winning every day. Going 1-0, every week, every game, so we're just trying to get better. After that road trip, we just decided, we're going to lock in the little stuff defensively, and just be 1-0 everyday, trying to be 1-0 after every game."

On Oziyah scoring 11

"It was great. Oziyah is a great player and he scores a lot of practice. He gets a lot of points in practice. I feel like Oziyah is a great player, he just needs the minutes."

CALIFORNIA HEAD COACH MARK FOX:

(No quotes, technical difficulties.)