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USC vs. Stanford
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Saturday, February 18, 2023
Final: USC 85, Stanford 75

- With the 85-75 win tonight, USC improved to 19-8 (11-3) and Stanford fell to 11-16 (5-11).
- USC improved to 6-1 this season when having the full roster available, with the only loss being at Arizona who is 34-1 in its last 35 home games.
- USC improved to 14-1 at home this season, winning its last 14 following the 74-61 loss in the opener to FGCU on Nov. 7. USC's 14 consecutive home wins in one season is its most since winning the first 15 home games of the 2015-16 season. The 14-game home winning streak is also tied for third on USC's all-time home winning streaks list.
- Stanford jumped out to a 9-2 lead 4 minutes into the game, making 4 of its first 5 shots. USC then responded and took a 41-30 lead into halftime. USC made 45.5 percent of its first-half shots and Stanford made 46.2 percent. USC was 9-for-16 (56.3 percent) and Stanford was 5-for-10 (50 percent) from 3-point range in the first half.
- Senior guard Boogie Ellis scored a career-high 33 points and had a career-best 7 assists. His previous high for assists in a game was 6 done 3 times, last on Jan. 26, 2023 vs. UCLA. Ellis also matched a career-high with 6 3-pointers made. The 6 3-pointers made are a season best and the third time in his career he has 6 makes from beyond the arch, last vs. St. Mary's on Nov. 25, 2021. Ellis was also a perfect 9-for-9 from the free throw line and has made 48 of his last 53 free throw attempts (92.5 percent).
- Fifth-year guard Drew Peterson scored 21 points, had 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals tonight.
- Sophomore guard Kobe Johnson had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal. The steal was his 60th of the season, moving him to all alone in 10th place on USC's single-season steals list.
- Sophomore guard Reese Dixon-Waters returned to action after missing the last 4 games with a left foot sprain. He scored 12 points, had 2 steals, an assist and a rebound tonight.
- Redshirt junior forward Joshua Morgan returned tonight after missing the last 4 games with a sprained right ankle. Morgan had 4 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists tonight.
- USC made a season-best 13 3-pointers tonight (13-for-25, 52.0 percent), one game after getting 12-for-23, 52.2 percent) which was the previous best for the season. The game before that, USC went 1-for-14 from 3-point range (7.1 percent) the lowest percentage in a game for USC in the Andy Enfield era.
- USC is now 29-5 in the last 34 games against teams from the state of California.
- USC has averaged 85.5 points its last 4 games at the Galen Center (342 total).
- USC's next game will be on February 23 at Colorado. The game will air on ESPN2 at 6 p.m. (PT).

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

Opening Statement:

"Thanks for coming. Good win for our team Stanford is playing very good basketball. This is a tough game for us. Stanford just beat Arizona and were playing very well. Our players knew they had to come out with some energy. It's nice to be home here on our home court, we've won14 straight. Our guys, after getting down early in the game, really turned it around with our defense and started making shots and so pretty good."

On the three-point shooting

"Well, you're 13 for 25. We knew that Stanford really stacks the lane and they switch ball screens for five and they just packed the paint. We knew we had to have an opportunity. We knew we'd have opportunities to shoot them. We had to make the right paths at the right time and we also had to make some. Last week when you make one the entire game at Oregon State, so it's nice to see some of those go in."

On posting an even split in the rebound department

"Yeah, they're big. When I was shaking their hands, I thought, 'woo this team is big.' So it is hard to out rebound Stanford, because they're big at every position, even their guards and forwards. They started I





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think four guys over 6'7. The big kid is 7'1 and they come off the bench and they are 6'11 and 6'10, 6'9, so we knew we had to box out and I thought we did a pretty good job."

REESE DIXON-WATERS QUOTES:

On coming back from injury

"I'm happy to be back. Being injured and everything and being able to play with everybody and get the win was fun."

On the whole team being hot from three

"We feed off of each other's energy pretty well, especially from the coaches. We talk about getting threes up, penetrating the defense and getting open looks for everybody."

BOOGIE ELLIS QUOTES:

On his 33-point career high

"It felt good, but I'm more proud of myself with the seven assists. I've been working on that a lot watching a lot of film. Just trying to become better with my passing, so I know how to score. I'm more happy with the seven assists."

On having a big game on Filipino Heritage Night

"Oh, it means a lot to me, seeing a lot of my people here. It was a great, great experience. I'm glad that they came out and supported me. It's a great, great experience."

STANFORD HEAD COACH JEROD HAASE:

"It was a hard fought game on the road — played against a very good USC team. First half, offensively, our turnovers really hurt us, really shot ourselves in the foot. Helped them get to a lead in the first half. Obviously, their two seniors played phenomenally well — made an unbelievable percentage from three, scored a bunch of points, had a lot of assists and managed the game exceptionally well. We weren't able to combat that, and as a coach, I need to find a game plan that we're able to execute better.

