



USC vs. Stanford
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.
Saturday, January 6, 2024
Final: USC 93, Stanford 79

- With the 93-79 win today, USC improved to 8-7, 2-2 and Stanford fell to 7-7, 2-2. USC has won seven of its last eight games at the Galen Center against Stanford.
- The 93 points scored today against Stanford were the most USC has scored against the Cardinal since scoring 103 in a 103-78 win in the conference tournament on March 7, 2002.
- USC made a season-high 14 3-pointers today. USC now has had 7 games with double-digits in 3-point baskets made this season. The 14 3-point baskets today were USC's most in a game since also knocking down 14 3-pointers vs. California on Jan. 16, 2020. USC's 2022-23 season high for 3-pointers made was 13 vs. Stanford on Feb. 18, 2023.
- USC led 39-35 at halftime. USC made 42.9 percent of its first-half shots, while Stanford made 44.8 percent. USC made 53.5 percent from 3-point range (8-for-15) before the break, while Stanford connect on 46.2 percent from 3-point range (6-for-13). 7 of the first 8 shots made today were 3-pointers (4 by USC, 3 by Stanford).
- Freshman guard Isaiah Collier scored a career-high 26 points today. His previous high for points in a game was 24 vs. Brown on Nov. 19, 2023. He also had 4 assists and had 11 assists and 2 turnovers in the two games this week.
- Fifth-year guard Boogie Ellis scored 22 points and made 6 of 8 3-point baskets. Ellis moved into seventh on USC's all-time career 3-point baskets made list with 187 in his USC career (passing Jordan McLaughlin – 185). Current USC assistant coach Desmon Farmer is sixth on the list with 203 career 3-point baskets made.
- Junior guard Kobe Johnson scored 21 points to match his career high, also done on Feb. 4, 2023 vs. Washington. Johnson also had 5 assist, 5 rebounds, 5 steals and no turnovers. Johnson is only the second player this season (Matt Cross of UMass) to have 20 or more points, 5 or more rebounds, 5 or more assists, 5 or more steals and no turnovers this season. Johnson is also the only Trojan with that stat line since the 1996 season (records go back to then).
- Redshirt senior forward Joshua Morgan scored 4 points, had 5 rebounds and 3 blocks. Morgan now has 127 blocks as a Trojan, moving him into seventh on USC's all-time career blocks list. Lorenzo Orr (1992-95) is fifth on the list with 128 career blocks for USC.
- Graduate transfer forward DJ Rodman scored 9 points today and made 2 of 5 3-pointers. He has made 17 of 43 from 3-point range this season (39.5 percent).
- USC had 3 players score 20 or more points in the same game for the first time since March 18, 2018 vs. UNC Asheville (McLaughlin, Nick Rakocovic and Elijah Stewart).
- USC had 18 assists and 6 turnovers today and had 47 assists and 19 turnovers in the two games this week.
- USC's next game will be on Jan. 210 vs. Washington State. The game will start at 1:00 p.m. and air on the Pac-12 Network.

ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:

Opening Statement:

"It's a great win for our team. Played really well offensively; forced 13 steals, 18 turnovers, so our guys gave a tremendous effort. Stanford's a very good basketball team. They've been playing exceptionally well. They just beat Arizona, scored 100 points on Arizona and beat UCLA in a row. We knew that they were going to play very well and they did. We're very proud of our team for stepping up and taking care of this win."

On Kobe:

"When Kobe, Isaiah and Boogie play well, we're undefeated...Kobe had a great game tonight, all-around game with his aggressiveness. He had five assists, five steals, five rebounds and 21 points, and I thought he played his best game of the year."

On Isaiah Collier's growth:

"Last game he had seven assists, no turnovers. He didn't turn over at all in the second half, and he was able to get to the rim and he scored the ball and made the right plays. He ran the team tonight. He was



suggesting what plays to run, suggesting different actions. So was Boogie, so was Kobe, so was Josh and he had four assists tonight. I think when you have your players understanding what's working, what's not, that's a huge benefit to a coach because they're feeling and they're seeing it."

BOOGIE ELLIS QUOTES:

On Isaiah:

"It's just knowing what Coach wants, and then having plays in the back pocket that you know, or just to put your guys in great situations. He did very well. And I feel like that's, that's the next step for him. He's doing well and I feel like if he keeps that up, we'll definitely be a lot more organized and it'd be good for us."

On his shooting:

"I felt pretty good in warm ups; had a good pregame workout; had a good workout this morning. I wasn't really happy with the way I shot the ball last game, so I'm definitely fine tuning some things and working on my balance and got back on the right track."

On his energy:

"I've been trying to have a different approach — I'm not just a scorer, I'm a basketball player. So just trying to make winning plays. If that's assists, steals, blocks — just doing other other things besides scoring to help this team win."

KOBE JOHNSON QUOTES:

On his confidence growing:

"Nothing's changed, I'd say the biggest thing is my confidence is high right now. I'm just running with it, taking the shots I know I can make, and thankfully they're falling in. I'm gonna keep on shooting the shots I know I can make. Just seeing the ball go through the hoop is the biggest thing."

On his responsibility to lead the defense:

"I know this team looks at me as a huge defender, and just bringing that energy on that side of the ball. I know I need to be better doing that throughout the entire game, making sure we're getting all the little details. I'm trying to clean all of that up so that everybody can feed off my energy."

On what has changed in the last week:

"We're playing a lot more unselfish. Offensively, I would say we're moving the ball around a lot. Everybody's touching the ball, we're moving it side-to-side, multiple times before putting up a shot. I think that was the biggest key for us, just taking care of the ball and making sure we get really good possessions on offense."

STANFORD HEAD COACH JEROD HAASE:

On Stanford's Numbers: "Offensively our numbers were really good. But as we all know, you got to be able to play both ends of the floor and the transition baskets were really a defining number for us, and then the free throws. They did a nice job of finding ways to get to the free throw line, and those two numbers in particular, are too much for us to overcome."

On preparing for SC's offense: "We talked a lot about trying to have an efficient offense where we're not turning the basketball over and getting good shots so that our transition defense would be effective. Generally, this year, it has been good, but today, it was a negative. And then we wanted to be able to play sound fundamental defense where we weren't fouling, and obviously, we failed at that as well."



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On moving forward: "Well, we have a lot of work to do. The goal for our team is continual improvement. We need to get back to work and the coaches need to give a really good description of what the guys need to work on individually and collectively and they're going to work on those things. And the goal is that we improve at a faster rate than our opponents."

On what Stanford did well: "I thought we competed, we got down a number of times and continue to fight back. I think we have a resilient group and we're gonna have to go back and use that to our advantage."