



USC vs. Oregon State  
Galen Center • Los Angeles, Calif.  
Saturday, February 3, 2024  
**Final: USC 82, Oregon State 54**

- With the 82-54 win today, USC improved to 9-13, 3-8 and Oregon State fell to 11-11, 3-8. USC has won 12 of its last 17 games against Oregon State and has won 8 of its last 9 against the Beavers at the Galen Center.
- The USC win snapped the team's 6-game losing streak, its longest since losing 9 consecutive games in the 2015 season.
- The 54 points allowed tonight were a season-low by a USC opponent (previous low was 59 points done twice, vs. CSU Bakersfield on Nov. 9 and at Alabama State on Dec. 19)
- USC led 38-23 at halftime. USC made 50 percent of its first-half shots, while holding Oregon State to 39.1 percent. The Trojans had an 18-10 rebound advantage at the break. Nine of the 10 Trojans to play in the first half scored at least 2 points. USC outscored Oregon State 22-8 in the paint during the first half. The 23 first-half points by Oregon State were the lowest by a Trojan opponent since Alabama State scored an opponent low of 18 on Dec. 19.
- USC held Oregon to 34.6 percent shooting and over the last five games has held the opposition to 38.3 percent shooting (120-for-313). Oregon State made an opponent high 59.6 percent in USC's 86-70 loss in Corvallis, Ore. on Dec. 30.
- Sophomore guard Oziyah Sellers scored 12 points and had 3 rebounds and 2 assist. Today was the seventh game this season Sellers scored in double figures. Sellers has averaged 11.5 points per game in USC's last six contests. Sellers was 2-for-5 from three-point range today and has made 20 of his last 37 three-point attempts (54.1 percent).
- Graduate transfer forward DJ Rodman scored 12 points and matched a career high with 14 rebounds for his fourth career double-double, first as a Trojan and first since March 8, 2023 vs. California. Rodman's other career game with 14 rebounds was vs. Boise State on Nov. 12, 2022.
- Junior forward Harrison Hornery led USC with 14 points, all in the second half. It was his second game this season scoring in double figures (17 vs. UC Irvine on Nov. 11). Hornery made 5 of 7 shots, was 4 of 5 from the free throw line and had 2 assists.
- Freshman guard Bronny James scored 9 points and had a game-high 6 assists today. He had a team-high 13 assists in USC's two games this week. He has 5 or more assists in 4 of USC's last 5 games.
- Sophomore forward Kijani Wright matched a career high with 12 points tonight (also 12 vs. Eastern Washington on Nov. 29, 2023). He made 5 of 6 field goal attempts and added 5 rebounds.
- USC outscored Oregon State 17-13 from the free throw line. In USC's six-game losing streak, it had been outscored 93-55 at the free throw line.
- USC had 22 assists today and improved to 22-2 since the start of the 2019-20 season when it records 20 or more assists in a game (both losses this season vs. Oregon).
- USC's scholarship guards combined for 15 assists and 2 turnovers today.
- USC's 20 offensive rebounds were a season high. The previous high for offensive boards was 17 done twice (vs. UCI and vs. LBSU). The 20 offensive rebounds were USC's most in a game since also grabbing 20 offensive rebounds at Arizona State on Feb. 3, 2022.
- USC outrebounded Oregon State 44-24 today. USC's 20-rebound advantage was a season-best and its largest in a game since outrebounding Arizona State at the Galen Center by 25 on Jan. 24, 2022 (49-24).
- USC outscored Oregon State 40-16 in the paint, 25-11 on second-chance points and 47-16 in bench points.
- USC started a lineup of guards Boogie Ellis, Bronny James and Oziyah Sellers and forwards Joshua Morgan and Arinten Page. It was the third consecutive different starting lineup and the 10<sup>th</sup> lineup used this season by the Trojans.
- Sophomore forward Vincent Iwuchukwu scored 5 points and had a rebound in 6 minutes of action before exiting with a sprained left ankle. He is listed as day-to-day.
- USC's next game will be on Feb. 7 at California. The game will start at 8:00 p.m. and air on the Pac-12 Network.



## **ANDY ENFIELD QUOTES:**

### **Opening Statement:**

"A good team win. The guys played very hard defensively, I thought the energy was great; to hold their leading scorers to lower shot attempts and as well as some some inefficiency. So our players did their job today on both sides of the ball and it was a good win."

### **On rebounding:**

"It's frustrating when you get outrebounded every game and we have been lately, and tonight I thought we showed a lot of toughness defensively. First of all to make them miss and then secondly to try to rebound the ball. I thought we were flying around on defense, meaning we were rotating, we had energy and we also showed some toughness. So I was proud of our guys."

### **On what the game means to the players mentally**

"Well, basketball is supposed to be a competitive sport, have some fun doing it. If you lose too much, you don't have too much fun. We hope this is a nice way to start this week on the road. We have two tough road games coming up and hopefully Isaiah Collier can get back and we can put our team together like we wanted to here for most of the season. It's been very challenging with all the injuries and people run-in and out in-and-out of lineups, because of sickness and injuries. Then once they come back it takes a couple games to get to where you were before they got hurt, and so hopefully this will give our guys some confidence and make them feel good, that they can play at this level if they do the right things"

## **DJ RODMAN QUOTES:**

### **On his rebounds:**

"These past however many games in the [Pac-12], I've been focusing on rebounding more. I'm not a high volume scorer — as everyone knows, I take what's given to me — but one place I could make a difference was rebounding. I feel like I'm a pretty good rebounder. I haven't had 10 rebounds in a long time. So, that was all I was trying to do. Rebounding is one of those things where I can make an impact and hopefully impact the whole game."

### **On past losses:**

"We should be winning these games that we're losing, we just have that quality of a team. We just have those guys that can win games, and it's just one of those tough ones where we look back on it ... I just do what I do. Just play hard and hopefully something good happens."

### **On Bronny's return:**

"I think the biggest thing for him was just the speed of the game. His struggles came from not even his own mistakes, but he sped himself up too much. It was one of those things where he didn't play for a while. But he's made a lot of growth as a point guard specifically. He's one of the most talented players I've played with, and he can lean back on his talent a little bit. That's not a bad thing — if you have it, use it. I think it was just one of those things where you need to grow into college basketball, and college basketball isn't something to joke around about. It's hard to score, it's hard to make things happen. So it was just growth, and he's going to be fine."

## **HARRISON HORNERY QUOTES:**

### **On his improvement between halves tonight:**

"We all had a feeling this morning that we're going to win this game, so I knew I wasn't not gonna play. It was just good to get up by a lot, and getting out there I just thought "be aggressive, play my game." I mean, I missed that three during the first half and then gave Stevens that layup in the first half. I just blame that on two games being stiff. So, I just tried to fix it in the second half, and I feel like I played good defense and rebounded the ball for the most part."

### **On why the team felt very confident today:**



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"We just knew. USC doesn't lose six games in a row — we don't lose two in a row. We had to break the streak. The fans are disappointed, the school's disappointed in us, so we had to come out and prove ourselves."

**On hearing fans cheer for him:**

"It's nice. Playing at USC has been a dream of mine. I've worked so hard to get where I am today. It means a lot to me to wear that USC jersey. Being out there and just playing well, I couldn't care if I score or not, but just playing well, being aggressive, playing the right way and trying to help this team win is all I care about. It's nice."

**OREGON STATE HEAD COACH WAYNE TINKLE:**

**On mentality heading into the game:** "We told them last night at practice, listen, our fear is you guys think this is going to be a cakewalk because of what happened. They are a wounded animal, and I said, we're wounded too because we've got a lot of ground to make up."

**On OSU's performance:** "Very disheartening that we didn't have more fight. I'm proud of the group that played at the end, we finally had some guys crashing the glass. Obviously, that's where they won the game, they totally manhandled us on the boards."

"I told the guys that obviously we weren't ready to do that, to come out and battle and I've got to take blame. I thought we made it very, very clear that this was going to be a different team tonight that we needed to be ready for a fight. We had to continue to bring the fight that hadn't arrived yet, but obviously the message didn't get through."

**On USC's performance:** "To get out rebounded by 20 against a team that hasn't been, I give them credit. I told Andy (Enfield), way to get them ready to play man, you got them ready to go and they hit us in the mouth and we didn't respond."

**On coming off of two road losses:** "We're getting to the point now where we've got to start stacking some things together here. We thought we were starting to. We've got to get back to that and believe it. We can't feel sorry for ourselves. We just got to go back to work and pull it together."

"The one thing that's, again, give them credit, the potential of USC but that's why we had to come out and throw those first blows, and we didn't but we've got to now get that going back home."

"If we take care of business we're right where we were before we came on this trip and you know that the second half of our league schedule, but obviously we have some things to correct but you know, we can get some momentum and again, everything's still right in front of us."