

USC Head Coach Andy Enfield

On falling behind early:

“Stanford played an excellent basketball game. They made a lot of shots. In the first half, they shot a high percentage (52%); some were open, some were contested. Give them credit. They outplayed us and outshot us in the first half.”

Four of our starters were 0 for 15 at halftime. Look, they've been playing very good basketball all season. They feel bad, they played hard, but just not well enough tonight. I'll take the blame for that. I switched the starting lineup up -- the starting lineup that I put out there didn't shoot the ball well, so that's on me.

On the change in tempo from previous games:

“It's hard -- they made a lot of shots early, and we didn't. In order to play a faster tempo, you have to rebound the ball and push it in transition. We did that early for a little bit -- I think we had a three-point lead -- we got a shot in the lane and a three in transition, but we just weren't stopping them enough in the first half. They made a lot of jump shots and played very good basketball.”

On Dorian Pickens:

“I wouldn't say he surprised us, he's a very good player. He's averaging 11 points per game, he's a terrific shooter -- shot the ball at a high level, 8 for 10 from the field, 5 for 7 from the three-point line. That's hard to do with no one in the gym with you. He did it coming off screens, with guys in his face, and he played an excellent game.”