

## **Dorian Pickens and Marcus Allen**

### ***On Dorian's big night:***

DP: "I felt like I had it going. I wanted to go out in the first half aggressively off the bench, especially when Rosco went down with those two quick fouls. We knew as a team we had to pick up the slack a little bit, offensively for sure. Really our defense in the first half and throughout the game led us to easy buckets on offense and it carried over."

MA: "I see it all the time, but he finally put it together in a game. Malcolm and I call Dorian "The Laser" because his shot is always on point. I'm glad to see him knock all his shots down especially in the first half. Very exciting."

### ***Dorian on him coming off of the bench:***

DP: "There's not really a difference for me other than I'm not in the game when the ball is tipped off. But when I do come in the game I have the same mindset; be aggressive, shoot my shots and set up my teammates and give them their open looks as well. For me there's really no difference, coming off the bench I have to bring that little scoring burst, that energy on defense and help the team in any way I can."

### ***On USC starting a run:***

DP: "It was one of those hectic fast-break plays at the end of the half. We were pushing the ball up and Mike [Humphrey] hit me on the wing. I turned and looked at the basket and saw him draped over me so I threw a little pump-fake. The defender bit on it and I was able to draw the foul and stop their momentum a little bit at the end of that first half."

### ***On the large lead:***

MA: "It was a 'next man up' type of thing. Rosco had two fouls, which put us in a tough spot in the first half, and like Dorian said earlier our guys, myself and him, everybody needed to step up. Rosco is a great scorer, and so is Mike Humphrey, so I think we all came together and played our game really well."