

# Stanford Postgame Notes

November 24, 2012 – Rose Bowl

Start Time: 3:35 p.m. (PT)

Official Attendance: 68,228

**No. 11/11 Stanford (10-2, 8-1) 35**

**No. 15/16 UCLA (9-3, 6-3) 17**

- In a series that dates back to 1925, Stanford trails 35-45-3.
- Stanford is set to make the program's first appearance in the Pac-12 Conference Football Championship Game.
- The Bruins have won six of the last 11 meetings, but the Cardinal has won each of the last four.
- Having already defeated USC and Cal earlier on the season, Stanford has recorded a regular-season sweep of its in-state conference rivals in 2012. The Cardinal accomplished this feat in 2010 and 2011 and for the first time in school history earned a California sweep in three straight seasons.
- Stanford has defeated both USC and UCLA in each of last four seasons (2009-12), a first in program history.
- No. 15 UCLA is the third top-25 opponent in as many weeks for Stanford, following games against No. 1 Oregon (Nov. 17) and No. 13 Oregon State (Nov. 10).
  - This is the first time in program history that Stanford has defeated three ranked teams in three straight games.
- Stanford now has recorded three straight 10-win seasons for the first time in school history.
  - Bradford M. Freeman Director of Football David Shaw is the first head coach at Stanford to reach 10 wins each of his first two seasons.
- The Cardinal has won 12 of its last 13 games played in November dating back to Nov. 28, 2009.
- Entering the game, Stanford owned the No. 1 scoring defense in the Pac-12, allowing 16.91 points per game which ranks t-10th in the nation.
  - The Cardinal has not allowed an opponent to score more than 20 points on the road this season and has held an opponent to 20 points or less in 10 of its last 12 games.
- Stanford entered the contest ranked second nationally with 46.0 sacks. The Cardinal managed 7.0 sacks against UCLA to help break the school record of 48.0 previously set in 1999.
  - Senior DE Ben Gardner's second-quarter sack was the 49th on the season for the Cardinal.
- Stanford entered the contest ranked second in the NCAA in rushing defense (71.18 yards/game).
  - Tonight, the Bruins managed 73 yards rushing.
  - Eleven of Stanford's last 15 opponents have been held under 100 yards rushing.
- Either TE Zach Ertz or TE Levine Toilolo has led Stanford in receiving in 10 of 12 games this season.
- Both QB Kevin Hogan (vs. No. 13 Oregon State, at No. 1 Oregon, at No. 15 UCLA) and QB Josh Nunes (vs. Stan Jose State, vs. Duke, vs. No. 2 USC) each have gone 3-0 in their first three career starts under center.

- The Cardinal has posted a 30-6 record in Pac-12 Conference play over the last four seasons. Prior to its 8-5 finish in 2009, the Cardinal suffered through seven straight losing seasons, compiling a 25-55 record from 2002-08.
- Stanford committed one turnover against the Bruins.
  - Stanford's 18 turnovers on the season have resulted in only 16 points for the opposition.
- Stanford has scored first in 10 of its 12 games on the season, and each of its last six contests.
- QB Kevin Hogan's first-quarter touchdown pass to WR Drew Terrell was the first touchdown reception for a Stanford wide receiver since an Oct. 27 win over Washington State, a span of four games and six touchdown passes.
- UCLA's 71-yard pass completion in the first quarter was the longest by a Cardinal opponent on the season.
- UCLA's opening-quarter touchdown was the first touchdown allowed by the Cardinal in the first quarter on the road this season.
- Stanford's 88-yard scoring drive in the second quarter was its eighth on the season covering 80 yards or more.
- Senior NB Usua Amanam's 11-yard fumble recovery and touchdown on a third-quarter kickoff was Stanford's first fumble recovery for a touchdown since Michael Thomas did so at UCLA in 2010.
- Stanford did not commit a penalty until under the six-minute mark of the third quarter.

#### **Senior RB Steffan Taylor**

- Finished with 142 yards on 20 rushing attempts with a pair of scores.
- The output included rushes of 49 (touchdown) and 40 yards.
- Taylor now has 38 rushing touchdowns, third all-time in program history.
- Set a school record with his 21st 100-yard game. The Cardinal is 18-3 when Taylor reaches the century mark in rushing yards.
- Eclipsed the 4,000-yard career rushing mark with a 19-yard jaunt in the first quarter, becoming the second player in Stanford history to notch at least 4,000 career rushing yards.
- Scored on a 49-yard rush in the second quarter to help give Stanford a 21-7 lead, the third-longest rush by a Cardinal player this season.

#### **Senior TE Zach Ertz**

- Finished with five catches for 71 yards.
- Set program's single-season record for receiving yards by a tight end (818).
- Set program's single-season record for receptions by a tight end (63).

#### **Sophomore SS Jordan Richards**

- Copped his third interception on the season with a third-quarter pick.

#### **Senior OLB Chase Thomas**

- Recorded two sacks to bring his career total to 25.5, which ranks fourth on the all-time charts.

#### **Junior RB Anthony Wilkerson**

- Recorded his first rushing touchdown on the season with a 10-yard run in the second quarter out of the wildcat formation.