

Stanford Postgame Notes
August 31, 2012 – Stanford Stadium
No. 21/18 Stanford (1-0) 20,
San Jose State (0-1) 17

With tonight's win ...

- Stanford starts the season 1-0 and improves to 51-14-1 all-time against San Jose State.
- Stanford has played San Jose 66 times, more than any non-conference opponent.
- Stanford extends its home winning streak to three games and improves its record to 24-3 (.889) dating back to the final game of the 2007 season.
- Stanford moves to 32-8 (.800) since the start of the 2009 season.
- The Cardinal extended its unbeaten streak against San Jose State to five games, with its last loss to the Spartans coming in 2006.
- Head Coach David Shaw's career record at Stanford improves to 12-2 (.857).
- Stanford improves its record in season openers against San Jose State to 20-1 (.952).
- Stanford has now held the opposition under 100 yards rushing for the fourth consecutive game.
- The Cardinal is 10-9 (.526) in its last 19 games decided by a touchdown or less.
- Over its last 26 home contests, Stanford has allowed just 21.6 points per game (561 total).
- Stanford is now 10-3 (.769) in its last 13 seasons openers and has won five straight season starters dating back to 2008.

Notable

- Stanford began the season ranked 21st in the AP poll, marking the 33rd straight week the Cardinal was ranked in the AP's top 25.
- Stanford won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- Game captains were senior RB Stepfan Taylor, fifth-year senior OLB Chase Thomas, fifth-year senior C Sam Schwartzstein and fifth-year senior OLB Alex Debniak.
- Official attendance was 40,577.
- Stanford put together a touchdown drive on its first possession by covering 81 yards on 13 plays, the second straight season the Cardinal opened with a scoring drive.
- Stepfan Taylor's first-quarter rushing touchdown marked the second straight season the Cardinal scored on its first drive of the year.
- True freshmen Alex Carter, Joshua Garnett, Zach Hoffpauir, Luke Kaumatule, Drew Madhu, Blake Martinez, Reed Miller, Kyle Murphy, Andrus Peat, Kodi Whitfield and redshirt freshmen Kevin Anderson, Ronnie Harris, Patrick Skov, Remound Wright and Kelsey Young made their Stanford debuts against the Spartans.
- Usua Amanam recorded a pair of sacks and notched a fumble recovery in the first start of his career, finishing with six tackles (four for loss).
- Ty Montgomery led Stanford with five receptions for 49 yards.
- Stanford bettered San Jose State in first downs (18-15) and rushing yards (155-172) but was out-gained on the offensive end, 288-280.

Early In the Outing

- Josh Nunes in the first half completed 12-of-16 passes – including his first career touchdown – for 83 yards. The start was the first of Nunes' career and his first in-game action since the 2010 campaign.
- The Cardinal outgained the Spartans, 127-32, in the first quarter and 201-107 in the first half.
- Stanford rushed for 118 yards on 21 carries in the first half, averaging 5.6 yards per carry.
- Drew Terrell hauled in a pair of catches in the first half for 22 yards and a touchdown, the second receiving touchdown of his career.
- Stepfan Taylor's 14 first-half carries tied him for fifth on Stanford's all-time rushing attempts list with Mike Mitchell.
- Jordan Williamson's 46-yard field goal at the end of the first half was a career high. Williamson's previous best was a 45-yard kick against Arizona in 2011.
- Stanford was penalized once in the first half, while the Spartans drew four flags.
- Stanford held the Spartans to 23 net rushing yards on nine carries in the first half, an average of 2.6 yards per carry.
- Stanford possessed the ball for 16:35 and San Jose State for 13:25 before halftime.

Senior QB Josh Nunes

- Made his first career start under center, becoming the first QB other than Andrew Luck to start for the Cardinal in a regular-season game since 2008.
- Threw the first touchdown pass of his career to Drew Terrell, an 11-yard completion at the 4:23 mark in the first quarter.
- Finished the contest 16-for-26 for 125 yards and one touchdown. By comparison, Andrew Luck finished 11-for-23 for 193 yards and a touchdown in his Stanford debut, a 39-13 victory at Washington State in 2009.

Senior RB Stepfan Taylor

- Recorded the 14th 100-yard rushing effort of his career, totaling 116 yards on 26 carries (4.5 yards per carry).
- Passed Brad Muster for third all-time on Stanford's career rushing touchdown list with a one-yard score in the first quarter, the 28th of his career. Taylor moved into a tie with Vincent White for fifth on Stanford's all-time touchdown list with 31 career touchdowns for the Cardinal.
- Moved into third place on Stanford's all-time rushing attempts list (547), passing Mike Mitchell and Kerry Carter.