

Stanford Postgame Quotes

September 8, 2012 – Stanford Stadium

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Duration: 3:21

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Stanford Head Coach David Shaw

On the differences between last week and this week...

"[It feels] a lot better, a lot better. Once again, it's not just the score, it's the way we played. That's what we harp on. We harp on what we put on film. That's our signature, that's our calling card, that's our resume, as we say. That's how we play. I always use the old Bill Walsh phrase... "The score will take care of itself." That's what we talk about. We talk about coming out to play for 60 minutes and the score will take care of itself."

On scoring from all phases of the game (offense, defense, special teams)...

"Really good. In particular, I feel good for Drew Terrell. For three years he's been one block away, one shoe-string tackle away from breaking away and taking one to the endzone. It was great to see him get that tonight. Our quarterback played well. He gave guys chances to make some catches, and guys went up and got the ball. Stepfan [Taylor] ran great. We probably could have got a few more opportunities for him, but once the score got out of whack, it probably wasn't completely necessary. We put other backs in there and they ran hard. Once again, that's who we are."

On the play of Josh Nunes...

"He's so composed. He made some mistakes, but you never see him rattled. We come back and make a couple of adjustments and some protection adjustments. Our kill package adjustments, we changed plays on him between series and he never batted an eyelash. He said, "I've got it." We didn't have to write things down, we didn't have to change his wristband. We just changed a couple of things and he got that. That's why we've got such a smart guy at that position is so valuable. He did the right job in getting us to the right play once again."

Senior QB Josh Nunes

On opening up the passing game this week...

"By game plan, I knew that they were going to come after us, and they came after us last year, too and had a decent amount of success. We figured they were going to come after us again, so we needed to start airing the ball this week."

On using this game to prepare for USC...

"It's definitely a big game [next week], but I try to stay in the game plan. Seeing all these different looks was nice and a good precursor. I haven't had a chance to view USC film yet and see what they do, but I imagine they can't do too many more crazy blitzes."

Senior WR Drew Terrell

On facing USC next week...

"The biggest key for us is to maintain focus this whole week. Each practice, each meeting, our focus and execution, we're going to need a fair amount this week. I think focus and execution are going to be real key for us this week on both sides of the ball."

Sophomore FS Ed Reynolds

On the interception return for TD...

"We were in cover-three. With the guys here, we were doing what we've been taught. I broke downhill and I got some nice blocks from A.J. Tarpley and Barry Browning and the rest of the defense to finally take one home."

On Skov's return to the defense...

"I don't think it changed a whole lot, but it's great to have his energy. He brings so much passion to the game as a teammate, as a leader. Just having him out there running around doing what he does best is definitely a plus for us. We're so deep at linebacker, it's just an added bonus having him back."

Senior ILB Shayne Skov

On returning to football...

"Fantastic. Being away from these guys for over a year was tough. Just sitting there watching was difficult while you want to be out there. To finally come back out here and get the opportunity to play is incredible."

On brushing away any rust...

"I got lots of butterflies before the game, which isn't a typical thing. But once you get in there and get the first couple of plays it kind of goes away. I just wanted to focus on I was executing properly."

On the black uniforms...

"As a defensive unit, the black throws us into the mentality that we want to play with. It's a nice changeup. I think all the guys like it, and I hope that we continue using it in the future."

On facing USC next week...

"It's all hands on deck. We've got to add to this week's practices. We've got to sharpen this week. It's going to take everything we've got. We're prepared and we know what's good and what's not and we know what we have to do to prepare for next week."

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Duke Head Coach David Cutcliffe

On the result ...

"No, I mean from the beginning – giving a punt return and the turnovers, you can't play Stanford that way. But I thought Stanford did a good job of reacting to its first game. They weren't pleased with how they played and I think we probably reacted to our first game – thought we were a little better than what we were. And when you get behind a good team on the road, it grows and blows up on you, and you guys saw it. That's what happened."

On the punt return and getting better starts to games ...

"Well, when you take the ball like I did and told the offense I what was going to, the first thing I wanted them to do was score on the first possession. We haven't done very well on first possessions in either one of the games. If you remember, they recovered a punt. So, the bottom line is execute out of the gate. We've given our offense a chance to do that and we're 0-2."

On offensive strategy and screen passes ...

"I mean we had some success with it because we didn't have success doing anything else. We couldn't run the football. They packed it in pretty good, so you're throwing the screens – we didn't run them very well early. That got better as the game went on. Bottom line is we're better up front than we've been and we didn't play like it tonight, so we've got to run the ball better – number one. And then we've got to protect well enough to get the ball down the field and neither one of those things happened tonight. When you do that against a good defense and an inexperienced defense particularly up front that they are, you're asking for trouble and we got it."

On a lack of vertical attack and not stopping pass rush ...

"Yeah, that was a big part of the issue because we didn't protect the passer very well. That was part of the – I don't know how many times he hit the ground, a bunch. There may have been two or three sacks is all, but it was the pressures and constant people in your face, and having to get rid of it. We had a lot of errant balls thrown because of their pressure."

On takeaways of the game ...

"A lot. We've got a lot to study. I told all our players we're not going to put this behind us – that's what people say. You can't put playing poorly behind you, you address it and it's my responsibility that we didn't play better coming out of game one. One hundred percent on my shoulders, but also accountability when we go back to work – to everybody. You expect to see the kind of work we need to have to get better and to get better quickly. We can't waste time. We've got better athletes, we've got more weapons on both sides of the ball – we've just got to put them to use."

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Sophomore QB Anthony Boone

On the game plan ...

"We stuck to the game plan. We didn't change the game plan, but the defense did a really good job executing their twists and getting after their pass rushes, disrupting our backfield and our run game. I give my hat off to Stanford. They did a really good job today coming back off last week's win."

On the game ...

"Schematically, we had everything. We knew everything, we knew what they were going to do to us, but they just came out and executed their plays a little better than we did. So, that's all I'm going to say about it. It's a team that came out and played a little better than we did."

On emphasizing more of a vertical game offensively ...

"I didn't run anything Sean [Renfree] didn't run. They got after him a little bit more than they got after me. That's kind of how it went. They kind of backed off a little bit obviously. The game got a little out of hand, so they didn't really blitz and twist as much as they did on him. But we had the same plays that I ran, but they just couldn't block him up front."

Sophomore WR Jamison Crowder

On the game ...

"Well on our team, it was a bad performance. We didn't show up today and Stanford, they showed up and played well. Real good."

On strong second half individually ...

"Overall, I feel bad in my performance but I just told myself no matter the situation, just keep playing. You try to get better as the game went even though we were down big."

On offensive game plan and screens ...

"Well, it's something that we like to do as an offense and we didn't execute it well, and the Stanford defense played well. It just didn't really go good for us today."

Junior QB Ross Cockrell

On interception and defense ...

"Well, we've just got to keep moving to the ball and that's all I did on that interception. I thought it was a run; I was moving up on that. I saw it was a pass, I moved back, I read the quarterback and I jumped to the ball. And that's all you need to do as a defense. We know what we have to defend. They have to get to the end zone and if we do our best to defend that, then we'll be alright."