



Stanford Quotes Head Coach David Shaw

#13 Oregon 45, Stanford 27
Saturday, October 1, 2022
Autzen Stadium (Eugene, Ore.)

Opening Statement

“Thank you. Obviously not the result we wanted tonight. We did not play well enough to get the result. We had a couple of guys get banged up; we are down to one of our backup tackles before the game started and during the game but that is not an excuse. Our guys came out, they fought hard.”

“We’ve got to find a way to start better, start faster. Defensively, in the second half of these games we played really well defensively. We got stops. We made some big plays. We have had pass deflections. The first half, especially the first quarter, we have given up too much. Offensively, tough to get going. We’ve got to find a way to start faster in all phases to give ourselves a chance to stay competitive. When our quarterback had time he made some big-time throws. Our guys made some big-time plays. Casey Filkins played really hard, fought for every yard. Defensively, they had a tough scheme and really good players.”

“The first few games for our season have not been what we expected. They have not been what we want. There are some things that we have options to do that we are going to look at but I like the way our guys fight all the way to the end even after replacing a couple of guys, our guys fight all the way and come back down. Still in PAC-12 play; lost the first three games of our conference schedule. We are going to be better by the end of the year than we are right now. That is the stance that we are taking. We’ve got the guys to do it. We’ve got to get healthy and come back and we are going to play our best football of the year at our home.”

On the Message to the Locker Room after Losing These Past Three Games...

“Pretty simple, there is a separation between those three teams that we played and us right now. It does not have to stay that way by the end of the year. We are a team that can grow and play better than we have played. The turnover bug got us again. You know, it is some of our top players. Ben Yurosek has the ball and we give him some opportunities to catch the ball and run it. He fumbled the ball. So much like Casey [Filkins] a week ago and E.J. [Smith] the week before that. Too many fumbles. Too many turnovers. Too many bad plays for us.”

“It is a ridiculous thing to say but if you look at our positive plays, you see a really good football team. If you look at our negative plays, and you do not see a good football team. So that is the big thing: cleaning up our turnovers, getting healthy and finding a way to utilize the talent and ability we have.”



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On if the Points of Emphasis Offensively Changed in the Second Half...

“No, not really. Our execution was better. We started the game off; as soon as we lost Barrett Miller the first series, we tried to throw it quick, we tried to get it out fast, we tried to run the ball to take some pressure off of our tackles. We just did a better job executing the plays than we did earlier. We called a lot of the same plays; we repeated those plays and actually got more positive yards. We talked all the time about not being a scheme team but being an execution team. We called the same plays, repeated through some of those plays three or four times, and we just executed much better at the end of the first half and midway through the second half also.

On Returning Home...

“That will be great, coming home will be great. Hopefully Myles Hinton will be back. That is what we are really hoping on. Hopefully a couple of more guys will get healthy. They got banged up today. Looking forward to coming home, to sleeping in our own beds and getting after Oregon State a week from tonight.”

On What Has Accounted For Slow Starts...

“Honestly, a couple of things. The last, it might have been the last three games, we lost the coin toss, the other team deferred, so we are getting the ball by their choice right at the beginning and have not scored. Inefficient at the beginning of the games. I do not know if it is nerves. I do not know what the issue is, but execution has been poor. When we did drive down the field, the second drive against USC, we turned the ball over. So that is part of it is being able to finish those drives when we do execute early in games. We are putting too much pressure on the defense. Going three-and-out and then punting, giving them good field position. So the bottom line is we got to start faster. We got to get off the field. We had a couple of third downs, a couple of opportunities to get off the field on defense, and we did not. Some of our third downs early on the offensive side we did not convert. So, a lot of things we got to talk about how we start games.”