

Stanford Postgame Notes
November 10, 2012 • Stanford Stadium
No. 16/15 Stanford (8-2, 6-1) 27
No. 13/12 Oregon State (7-2, 5-2) 23

Leading Off

- With its third straight win over Oregon State, Stanford improved its all-time record against the Beavers to 51-26-3.
 - Dating back to 1919, the 80-game series with Oregon State is Stanford's fifth-oldest rivalry.
- Coupled with a win over No. 2/3 USC earlier this season, Stanford has defeated two top 20 teams at home in the same season for the first time since 1991.
 - The last time Stanford beat two top 20 teams at home was in 1991.
 - No. 17 Colorado, No. 6 California.
 - The last time Stanford beat two top 25 teams at home was in 2009.
 - No. 24 Washington, No. 7 Oregon.
- Stanford has won eight straight home games and 19 of its last 20. Today was the Stanford Stadium regular season finale for Cardinal seniors who own a record of 24-2 at home, dating back to 2009.
- The last time Stanford and Oregon State met while each were ranked in the AP top 25 was 1956, when No. 20 Stanford fell to No. 14 Oregon State, 20-19.
- Stanford out-gained Oregon State in the first quarter, 194-20.
- Stanford is 14-11 in its last 25 games decided by seven points or less.
- The Cardinal has won eight or more games for four straight seasons, the first time since Pop Warner coached Stanford to five straight eight-win seasons from 1926-30.
- The Cardinal entered the game seventh nationally in turnover margin (+1.22/game). Stanford finished the game with a season-high four turnovers (two fumbles, two interceptions) compared to Oregon State's one.
 - It was the first time this season Stanford has won with a negative turnover margin, dropping a decision at Washington while committing two turnovers (Washington had one).
- For the fourth straight game – and sixth time this season – Stanford has held an opponent to under 100 rushing yards.
 - Oregon State collected 86 yards on 26 carries.
- Capped off by Stephan Taylor's 1-yard plunge, Stanford put together a season-long 93-yard scoring drive on its second possession of the first quarter.
- Oregon State's second-quarter score to cut the Cardinal lead to 14-7 was the first rushing touchdown allowed by Stanford since the fourth quarter of an Oct. 6 overtime win over Arizona, a span of 271 minutes of game clock.

Sophomore QB Kevin Hogan

- Made his first career start under center.
- The last Stanford quarterback to make his starting debut against a ranked opponent was Tavita Pritchard, who did so in 2007 against No. 2/1 USC. Stanford prevailed with a 24-23 win.
- Helped Stanford successfully convert 7 of 12 third downs.
 - The Cardinal entered the contest converting 38 pct. of its third-down tries.
- Finished 22 of 29 passing for 254 yards, three touchdowns and a pair of interceptions.
- Found Ryan Hewitt for a 12-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. It was Hogan's fourth passing touchdown on the season (three to tight ends, one to a fullback).
- Connected with Stepfan Taylor for a 40-yard touchdown completion to cut into Oregon State's lead, 23-21.
- First career interception came near the midway point of the third quarter.
- Boosted Stanford to a 27-23 lead with a 13-touchdown pass to Zach Ertz at the 5:07 mark in the fourth quarter.

Senior RB Stepfan Taylor

- Finished the contest with 114 rushing yards on 19 carries (6.0 yards/rush) and one score.
 - It was Taylor's 19th career 100-yard rushing game (Stanford is 16-3 in those contests).
- Rushed for a one-yard score in the first quarter for his 36th career rushing touchdown.
- Posted a 19-yard rush late in the second quarter put him over 1,000 yards on the season, and in doing so became the first Stanford player ever to rush for at least 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.
- Fumbled in the second quarter, his first on the season to break a streak of 262 rushes without a fumble dating back to 2011.
- Caught a 40-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to bring Stanford to within 23-21.
 - The touchdown was the 41st overall of his career, surpassing Darrin Nelson (40) for sole possession of second place on the all-time charts.
- Tallied a receiving and rushing touchdown for the second time this season and third time in his career.
 - Accomplished the feat earlier this season against No. 2/3 USC and against Wake Forest in 2010.

Senior TE Zach Ertz

- Led Stanford with seven catches for 75 yards and one touchdown.
- Caught a 13-yard go-ahead touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, his second game-winning catch on the season.

Senior FB Ryan Hewitt

- Caught a 12-yard touchdown in the first quarter to help give Stanford a 14-0 lead as part of a season-high 52 receiving yards on four catches.
- The touchdown reception for Hewitt was the sixth of his career and first since 2011.

Senior DT Terrence Stephens

- Posted a career-high five tackles (one sack, 2.0 TFL).
- Forced an Oregon State fumble in the first quarter, the second of his career.
- Recorded first career solo sack.

Freshman OL Kyle Murphy

- Made his first career start, the second freshmen offensive lineman to do so this season.

Sophomore RB Remound Wright

- First career kickoff return – a 22-yarder – came in the second quarter.

Senior DE Josh Mauro

- Recorded a TFL and recovered a fumble during the same Oregon State drive midway through the fourth quarter.