

Stanford Football Postgame Notes

Saturday, October 18, 2008 at UCLA

- Stanford rushed for 200-plus yards for the fifth time this season, gaining 250 yards on 44 carries (5.7 ypc). Today was the first of those five games that the Cardinal did not win.
- **Toby Gerhart's** touchdown run with 2:28 remaining in the first quarter snapped a Stanford scoring drought in the Rose Bowl of 169 minutes and 19 seconds. The scoreless streak dated back to a Michael Sgroi field goal at the 6:47 mark of the second quarter in the 2002 game. The Cardinal were blanked the remainder of that contest, and for successive trips to UCLA in 2004 and 2006.
- Stanford scored first for the first time all season when **Gerhart** reached the end zone on a three-yard touchdown run in the first quarter to give the Cardinal a 7-0 lead.
- With two rushing scores today, **Gerhart** now has nine rushing touchdowns in 2008 – good for a fifth-place tie on Stanford's all-time single-season list (matching Brian Allen and Kerry Carter in 2001 and Lou Valli in 1956).
- **Gerhart** finished with 138 yards on a career-high 27 rushing attempts (5.1 ypc). The game marked his fifth 100-yard effort of the year (sixth career), the most by a Stanford back in a single season since **Tommy Vardell** had seven 100-yard contests in 1991. The junior now has 779 yards on the season, just 221 shy of becoming the Cardinal's first 1,000-yard rusher since Vardell in 1991.
- **Doug Baldwin** took a reverse 36 yards in the first quarter, and has now been involved in a team-high six plays of 35-plus yards in 2008 (seven in his career).
- Fifth-year senior **Alex Fletcher** made his 40th career start on Stanford's offensive line this afternoon.
- With a pair of fourth-quarter field goals, senior placekicker **Aaron Zagory** has now connected on nine of his last 10 attempts.
- Stanford's defense collected seven sacks, giving the Cardinal the Pac-10 lead with 26 sacks on the season (idle Oregon has 20). The Cardinal defense also added 11 tackles-for-loss, and have now posted 10 sacks and 21.0 tackles-for-loss over the last two games.
- **Tom Keiser** and **Clinton Snyder** each logged their second career 2.0-sack efforts, while Brian Bulcke set his career high with 2.0 sacks of his own. **Sione Fua** added Stanford's seventh sack.
- **Bo McNally's** first quarter interception was Stanford's first since **Kris Evans** picked off a Rudy Carpenter pass at Arizona State in the second game of the season. McNally's second interception of the season was the sixth of his career – most among active Stanford players.