

## Head Coach Jim Harbaugh Quotes

"It was a heck of a win by our football team. I'm really proud of our guys. We've been talking about feeling something special going back to the spring and heading into fall camp and the way they worked and lifted each other up is something to see."

"Oregon State is going to win a lot of games in the Pac-10 this year. Historically they catch their stride after about five games so I think we really got them at the right time."

"This is a kind of win that can pull a team together. They're feeling it, believing it and trusting each other and their coaches. Having confirmed with a win is big."

"There was a big difference from last year when we played Oregon State. I really think they got the better of physically last year. We hung in there with them tonight in that regard."

"You go back and there was probably about eight big plays in the game. The safety was huge. The third down conversion by Toby was big. Bo McNally's interception—huge."

"Our defense was bended but didn't break and came up with the big turnovers. Getting turnovers wins games. Not turning the ball over wins games, too. If you can do both of those things, you win championships. Points is the biggest determining factor in winning games and the other is turnovers. We got both of them tonight."

"He (Gerhart) is a shifty back. He gets through the hole so quick. It doesn't take him a long time to get up to full speed. He's got those instincts you come out of the crib with. I've seen him in two games and they both been darn good."

"We're a little thin in secondary and the communication wasn't as good as it needs to be. We also got tired on defense. Tired and not knowing what you're doing is a bad combination. We need to get healthier in the secondary but they got it done."

"We knew we had better football team and a win like this tonight will bring our team closer."

"It's really special when players can play well on the big stage in front of a national television audience in their own stadium."

"McNally's interception was huge. He had a lock on it and made a quick move and didn't look back."

"Zags (Aaron Zagory) was on the money all night. We put him in a tough position on the first one but everything else was right down the middle."

"I'm really interested to see how many yards Toby (Gerhart) got after contact. It must have been 100."

"Tavita came up with the big passes when we needed them. He ran our offense very well."

**Bo McNally*****On the Oregon State fumble that spoiled their last drive...***

He was just trying to make a play. I saw the guy (Darrell Catchings) dive and hold the ball out, but you can't do that. That is kind of a cardinal sin; you have to protect that ball. You don't necessarily like winning that way, but we will take it. A win is a win. We definitely have some things to tighten up. We are in no way satisfied. We have to get a lot better.

***On if the defensive coaching change had to do with some problems in the secondary...***

No, absolutely not. We have some young guys out there and they (Oregon State) did job increasing the tempo on us when we were not expecting it. We will get in the film room and get that stuff figured out.

***On the adjustments made at halftime...***

We did not make any adjustments. We just needed to fix some things that we messed up. We stuck to our game plan 100 percent. We did not change our game plan because what we were doing was working pretty well. We just had some mental errors, personally I had a couple where I came down the wrong way.

**Toby Gerhart*****On being back on the field...***

It feels good. It somewhat feels like I just picked up where I left off.

***On whether Stanford fans can expect these same type of numbers all year...***

I'd like to think so. That is my goal. The offensive line was getting to the second level. Owen (Marecic) and (Josh) Catron as the fullbacks were leading the way. It was a team effort.

***On his 46 yard TD run...***

It was a draw play. The corner was free off the edge so I tried to bounce it back and made contact and kept going. Coach Taggart always says keep your legs going and it paid off. I just had one guy to beat and it happened and I got in the end zone.

**Tavita Pritchard*****On how he told the press that Toby Gerhart looked strong in the final scrimmage...***

That is exactly what I was talking about. You guys saw exactly what I was talking about.

***On how much better having Gerhart makes the team...***

It is a team effort just to be able to run the ball. It takes a lot of pressure off feeling like you have to throw the ball every down. It eases up the pass protection, because these guys can't just rush up field every time.

***On how big of a win it is...***

They always say the first one is the biggest. It will set the tone for the season. It gives us confidence going into the season knowing what we are capable of and on how we can play, finish games and get out ahead of people. Oregon State was third in the Pac-10 last

year; they are a good football team coming back. A win at home that can get some people around here excited and most of all brings this team closer together and gives us confidence in what we can accomplish.

***On whether going on fourth down early in the game was a psychological advantage...***

We love picking up first downs, especially on fourth down. The coaches made a point of all week explaining that Oregon State doesn't do a whole lot schematically, it is just beating the guy across from you. That was kind of an attitude play and it worked out.

**Stanford kicker Aaron Zagory**

***On how his hard work in the offseason paid off...***

It is just great to be in the locker room around these guys. I just tried to prepare the best I could and hopefully it paid off.

***On starting well after last year when he did not see much playing time...***

It is great to be back on the field again. There is really nothing better in the world. Now just get ready for the next game against ASU.

**Oregon State Head Coach, Mike Riley:**

**On the Darrell Catchings fumble on the Beavers' last drive:**

“I didn’t see it very clearly, I was trying to get a picture of it. It looked like he reached for the end zone with the ball and got it knocked out before he scored. I had hoped that he stepped out of bounds. That’s what I asked them to review, but he didn’t.”

**On the game overall:**

“We made way too many mistakes to win a game. Stanford minimized their mistakes. They didn’t have turnovers and a lot of penalties. We had a million penalties and we fumbled the ball. Even though we didn’t turn it over early, we didn’t look very smooth. It was pretty evident we can make plays and we can make some plays defensively. We gave up big plays defensively by not tackling them a couple times when we had them stopped for either a loss or no gain. You know it will be a hard game to watch on film because of the opportunities we missed, but it will be a good game to learn from. The kids will learn, and I’m proud of them, I don’t think...that even though we didn’t play very good tonight, I thought they never quit.”

**On the team:**

“I think that with our situation we’ll get better and better. I think that guys will learn from this tonight. There were some young guys in there a lot of first-gamers, first-starters that went into that deal and they fought. We’ll be a good run defense by the time this thing goes, but we’ll have to take the lessons we learned tonight and improve.”

**On quarterback Lyle Moevao:**

“I thought Lyle competed like crazy. I think that he went to the well once too often with the interception for a touchdown. He had been playing with that guy on that coverage a little bit and he got little too close obviously. He missed some throws he would normally make all the time, but he made a ton of plays tonight. I didn’t want to have to rely on this part of the game that much, but I thought he executed our two-minute offense about the best he ever has.”

**On what he thought was the game’s turning point:**

“I think when we had the penalty on the kickoff return when the score was tied up, and the ball backed up. Then Andy [Levitte], and this is life, gets a cramp right during the play and can’t stay with the block and we get sacked. Then we throw the swing pass screen for a safety...that turned the game totally around. Those three plays, the penalty, the sack, and the obvious swing pass safety, to me that was the real turning point.