

# Stanford Postgame Notes

October 13, 2012 – Notre Dame Stadium

Start Time: 3:39 p.m. (ET)

Duration: 3:30

Official Attendance: 80,795

## No. 17 Stanford (4-2, 2-1) 13 No. 7 Notre Dame (6-0) 20 (OT)

### Leading Off

- In a series that dates back to 1925, Stanford trails 9-18.
- Eleven games between Stanford and Notre Dame have been decided by 10 points or less.
- Stanford dropped to 2-5 all-time while facing a top-10 ranked Notre Dame squad at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Stanford saw its 10-game winning streak against regular season non-conference opponents snapped.
- Stanford saw its streak of nine straight wins in the month of October snapped, a streak that dated back to Oct. 9, 2010.
- No. 7 Notre Dame was the fourth straight opponent for Stanford who is ranked - or has been ranked - in the top 25 this season, and also the second top-10 opponent for the Cardinal in the first half of its 2012 schedule following its Sept. 15 game against No. 2/3 USC.
- The Cardinal is 3-11 against the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium and 6-6 at home.
- Today marked the eighth overtime game in Stanford history and the first back-to-back overtime outings for the Cardinal.
  - Last week, Stanford defeated Arizona in overtime, 54-48.
  - Stanford is 4-4 all-time in overtime.

### Notable

- The Cardinal defense forced five fumbles on the day and recovered three.
- The two teams combined for 15 penalties and 135 yards (Stanford 6-65, Notre Dame 9-70).
- Stanford was held without an offensive touchdown for the second time on the season.
- Senior DE Ben Gardner forced a second-quarter fumble in the Notre Dame endzone which was recovered by fifth-year senior OLB Chase Thomas for a touchdown to give Stanford a 7-3 lead.
  - It was the first time Notre Dame has trailed on the season.
  - Entering the game, Notre Dame was the only team in the nation that had yet to trail.
  - The touchdown was the third on the season of the defensive variety for Stanford.
- Junior K Jordan Williamson booted a career-long 48-yard field goal to end the first half, giving Stanford a 10-3 lead.
- Stanford ran the ball to open its first six possessions in the first half, averaging 4.7 yards/carry.
- After starting the game 0-for-3 on third downs, Stanford converted two straight on its opening drive of the second quarter.
- Notre Dame outgained Stanford in the third quarter, 114-19, but failed to score a point in the period.
- Stanford did not complete a pass in the third period (0-for-3).
- Stanford's did not record a first down in the second half until the opening play of the fourth quarter.

**Senior RB Stepfan Taylor**

- Rushed 28 times for 102 yards, taking sole possession of second place on the career charts with his 17th 100-yard output.

**Junior K Jordan Williamson**

- Drilled a career-long 48-yard field goal to end the first half, giving Stanford a 10-3 lead.
- The field goal capped off a seven-play, 44-yard drive for the Cardinal in the final 1:34 of the second quarter.
- Gave Stanford a 13-10 lead in the fourth quarter with a 27-yard field goal.
  - The field goal capped a 16-play, 68-yard scoring drive that spanned 8:03.

**Senior TE Zach Ertz**

- Recorded Stanford's only reception of the first quarter, a 14-yard catch from senior QB Josh Nunes.
- Brought in Stanford's first catch of the second quarter, a 22-yard snag for the first Cardinal third-down conversion in four tries on the day.
- Third catch was a diving 12-yard grab on third-and-7 early in the fourth frame.

**Senior OLB Chase Thomas**

- Recovered a second-quarter Notre Dame fumble in the endzone to help give Stanford a 10-3 lead, his first career touchdown.

**Senior DE Ben Gardner**

- Forced a second-quarter fumble in Notre Dame endzone that resulted in a Stanford touchdown.
- Recovered a third-quarter fumble to halt a Notre Dame drive at the 4:32 mark in the third quarter.

**Freshman CB Alex Carter**

- Recorded his first career TFL in the first quarter, becoming the 17th Cardinal player this season to record a TFL.
- Forced a Notre Dame fumble at the 4:32 mark in the third quarter.