



STANFORD FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



SACRAMENTO STATE HORNETS 30 (3-0, 0-0 BIG SKY) STANFORD CARDINAL 23 (1-2, 0-1 PAC-12) STANFORD STADIUM (23,848) • SEPT. 16, 2023

TEAM

- The loss is just the third for the Cardinal in its home opener since 2007.
- Saturday's loss by Stanford is its first against an FCS opponent since falling 20-17 to UC Davis on Sept. 17, 2005.
- Sacramento State has now won 22 consecutive regular season games, the second longest active streak in the FBS/FCS, behind only Georgia (30)
- Stanford's opening drive of the game resulted in a Casey Filkins touchdown run. It is the team's longest drive in terms of time of possession (6:30) this season, and tied for the most plays in a drive by the Cardinal in 2023 (13).
- Bryce Farrell recovered an onside kick for Stanford in the second quarter, the first successful onside kick recovery by Stanford since Oct. 20, 2001 at No. 5 Oregon.
- Stanford registered 42 carries on Saturday night, its most in a game this season. It also marked the first time this season that a running back has led the team in carries (Filkins - 13) after Daniels and Lamson led the team in the first two games, respectively.
- Stanford generated its first two turnovers forced of the season with interceptions by Scotty Edwards and Collin Wright.
- The Cardinal defense allowed the Hornets to convert 11 of 16 third down attempts in the game (68.75%), the highest percentage allowed since Nov. 7, 2020 against Oregon.
- Tevarua Tafiti made his first career start for the Cardinal, one of three starting linebackers for Stanford on Saturday.
- Lukas Ungar was the lone Cardinal to make his first appearance of the 2023 season on Saturday.

INDIVIDUAL

QB JUSTIN LAMSON

- Played the entire second half for Stanford and finished as the team's leading passer, with 138 yards on just seven completions
- Completed a 38-yard pass to Mudia Reuben in the third quarter, the longest completion of his career.

QB ASHTON DANIELS

- His 51-yard touchdown pass to Elic Ayomanor in the second quarter is the longest completed pass of his career, and his third-career passing touchdown.

RB CASEY FILKINS

- Scored his first touchdown of the season and sixth of his career (fifth rushing) on a one-yard run in the first quarter.
- Paced the Cardinal backfield in carries with 13, a season-high, and finished with 54 yards.

RB E.J. SMITH

- Finished as the team's leading rusher, going for 71 yards on nine carries.
- Broke loose for a 34-yard scamper along the sideline following the Cardinal's onside kick recovery, his longest rush of the season.

WR ELIC AYOMANOR

- Scored his first career touchdown after catching a 51-yard strike from quarterback Ashton Daniels in the second quarter.
- His 51-yard scoring reception gave him more yards on that one play than in his entire collegiate career.
- Ended the game with career-bests across the board, including four catches for 89 yards, leading the Cardinal in both categories.

WR MUDIA REUBEN

- Caught a 38-yard strike from Justin Lamson for the longest reception of his career.

S SCOTTY EDWARDS

- Intercepted Kaiden Bennett in the endzone in the third quarter for his first career interception, and the first turnover forced by the Stanford defense this season.

CB COLLIN WRIGHT

- Recorded his first career interception in the fourth quarter.

K JOSHUA KARTY

- Extended his consecutive field goals made streak to 25 after going 3-3 on field goals in Saturday's game. Karty made kicks of 41, 40, and 39 yards.
- Saturday was the fifth time in Karty's career that he has made three or more field goals in a game.