



# STANFORD ATHLETICS

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\*Cardinal also wins eighth straight overall and improves to 9-0 at home in 2007

## Stanford Gets 2500<sup>th</sup> Victory In School History With 9-7 Win Over California

**Stanford, Calif.** – Stanford (10-5) recorded the 2500<sup>th</sup> victory in school history with a 9-7 win over California (7-10) to complete a three-game sweep of the Golden Bears at Sunken Diamond on Sunday. Stanford becomes just the fifth school in the history of NCAA Division I Baseball to reach the illustrious number following Fordham, Texas, USC and Michigan. Stanford also extended its season-long win streak to eight games and improved to 9-0 at Sunken Diamond in 2007 to mark the team's best home start since 1993 when the club won its first 10 games at home.

"It speaks for the student-athletes and the coaches that have been here before me," said Marquess about the school's 2500<sup>th</sup> all-time baseball win. "We've had a lot of good players here and a rich tradition."

Sean Ratliff (3-4, 2B, 3B) scored a career-high four runs and equaled a career-best three hits to lead the Cardinal offense. Ryan Seawell (2-3, RBI) and Brendan Domaracki (2-5, 2 RBI) each added a pair of hits for a Stanford team that had all nine of its starters stroke at least one hit despite being out-hit 14-13 overall by California. Cord Phelps added a triple and a pair of RBI for the Cardinal.

"I was very proud of our guys," said Marquess. "We did a good job with the bats today."

Stanford came up with a six-run bottom of the third that equaled its biggest inning of the season and erased an early 4-1 California lead. Adam Sorgi led off the inning with a single before a walk to Ratliff and a single by Domaracki brought Sorgi in with the first Cardinal run of the frame. Michael Taylor then hit into a fielder's choice that turned into another Cardinal run when Josh Satin's throw on the tail end of a potential double play ball skipped by Van Winden at first base to allow Ratliff to scamper around from second. California starter Alex Rollin (2.1 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO), who suffered his first loss of the season to fall to 3-1, walked cleanup hitter Joey August and was removed from the game in favor of Craig Bennigson (2.2 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER). Jason Castro greeted Bennigson with an RBI single to score Taylor and tie the contest at 4-4 before Seawell followed with an RBI single to plate August and give the Cardinal a 5-4 lead in a game in which Stanford would never trail in again. Stanford would score two more runs in the inning when Phelps came through with a clutch two-out, two-run triple a couple of batters later.

Austin Yount (2-0) was credited with the win for an effective relief outing, allowing one run on two hits and a walk with one strikeout in relief of starter Nolan Gallagher (3.2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 4 SO). Stanford used six pitchers in the contest with Blake Hancock (1.0 IP, 1 SO), Max Fearnow (0.2 IP, 3 H), Tom Stilson (0.1 IP) and David Stringer (1.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 SO) also seeing action for the Cardinal.

"We've had a couple of lefties in Blake Hancock and Tom Stilson do a great job out of the pen for us this year," explained Marquess. "They did it again today, and I was really pleased."

Charlie Cutler (3-3, RBI) and Jeff Kobernus (3-5) had three hits each for the Golden Bears, while Brett Munster (2-3, 2B) added a pair of base knocks. David Cooper drove in three runs, including two on a ninth inning single that cut a four-run Stanford lead in half to 9-7. Van Winden drove in a pair of runs for California on a two-run double in the third, while Ryan Hanlon provided the game's only long ball when he blasted a solo shot off the scoreboard beyond the left field wall in the first.

The Golden Bears jumped out front 2-0 in the top of the first inning on Sunday with a pair of first inning runs. Stephen Carlson walked and stole second base, before moving third on a groundout by Van Winden and scoring on another one by Cooper. Hanlon's two-out solo shot accounted for the second run.

Stanford got one run back in the bottom of the first when Ratliff led off with a double and Domaracki singled him home.

California scored two more runs in the top of the third to take its early 4-1 lead when Cutler and Carlson led off with back-to-back singles before Van Winden doubled them both home.

The Cardinal added to its six-run third that put Stanford ahead 7-5 with single runs in both the fourth and eighth frames.

Ratliff started the Cardinal fourth with a leadoff single and scored on a two-out RBI single by August three batters later.

In the eighth, Ratliff was the catalyst again when he tripled to lead off the inning and scored on a passed ball charged to Golden Bear catcher Dylan Tonneson.

"We clicked today," said Ratliff. "Everybody was swinging the bats and seeing it well. It's big for us to come around with the bats, because we're going to need to drive the ball all year long to get to where we need to be."

California scored once in the seventh when Munster led off with a double and scored on an RBI single from Cutler.

The Golden Bears also mounted a rally against Stringer in the ninth that started when Michael Brady reached on an error by Stanford third baseman Ryan Seawell. Rich Gorman then came through with his first collegiate hit when he doubled to put runners on second and third with no outs. A hot shot two-RBI single by Cooper that one-hopped off the glove of a diving Phelps at second base score both runners. Stringer finally got the first out when he forced Hanlon to hit into a fielder's choice and then struck out Satin for out number two. Kobernus came through with a single to put the potential go-ahead run in the batters' box but Stringer was able to retire Michael Capbarat on a check swing grounder that catcher Brent Milleville picked up in front of the plate and tossed to Castro at first base to end the game.

"This was a big win for us today," finished Marquess. "To get a sweep and to be able to do it two weekends in a row is huge."

Stanford will put its eight-game win streak on the line in a non-conference game at Santa Clara (10-10) next Tuesday, March 6 (6 pm, PT) before returning to Sunken Diamond for a three-game non-conference series against USC (13-7) next Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 (5 pm, 1 pm, 1 pm, PT).

Tickets the upcoming series against USC and all regular season Stanford Baseball home games are also available online at [gostanford.com](http://gostanford.com) or by calling 1-800-STANFORD. Tickets may also be purchased at the Sunken Diamond Ticket Office window one hour before first pitch on game days. For group ticket information (groups of 10 or more), call 650-725-2876.

## NOTES

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- The victory was the 2500<sup>th</sup> in the history of Stanford Baseball (114<sup>th</sup> season) to make the Cardinal just the fifth school to reach the illustrious 2500 mark with the other four being Fordham, Texas, USC and Michigan
- Stanford extended its season-long win streak to eight games, which is the club's longest since the 2004 club also won eight straight from March 23 – April 3, 2004 (Stanford has not won nine or more in a row since a 10-game win streak from May 18 – June 13, 2003)
- Stanford stayed unbeaten at home in 2007 with a 9-0 record at Sunken Diamond with its current nine-game home win streak the team's longest since the 2004 club won 12 straight home contests from April 10 – May 18, 2004
- Stanford's 9-0 start at home is the team's best start at Sunken Diamond since the 1993 club began its home schedule with 10 straight wins
- Stanford improved to a season-best five games over .500 at 10-5 overall
- Mark Marquess won his 1267<sup>th</sup> career game as Stanford's head coach to equal Miami's Ron Fraser for 11<sup>th</sup>-place on the all-time win list for NCAA Division I Baseball coaches (Marquess is sixth among active NCAA Division I Baseball coaches)
- Stanford clinched at least a tie in its season series with California during the regular season to run its string of not losing a regular season series to the Golden Bears to 30 consecutive years dating back to the last California regular season series victory in 1978
- Stanford has now swept back-to-back home series for the first time since sweeping Fresno State (January 29-30DH, 2005) and Kansas (February 12DH-13, 2005) in its first two series of the 2005 campaign
- Stanford earned a comeback win for the sixth time this season and is now amazing 6-2 when opponents score first in 2007
- Michael Taylor (RF) and Sean Ratliff (CF) have now started all 15 games each this season, while Adam Gaylord (SS) did not start to end his string at 14
- Michael Taylor extended his string of consecutive games started to 131 dating back to the 2005 season
- Michael Taylor extended his season-high hit streak to six games
- Sean Ratliff scored a career-high four runs and equaled a career-best three hits
- Brendan Domaracki equaled a career-best with his first two-hit game of the season
- The crowd of 1952 was the largest Stanford home crowd of the 2007 season for the third straight home game
- Stanford made one error and has yet to record an errorless contest in 15 games this season
- All nine Stanford hitters had at least one hit
- Brent Milleville hit his first career triple
- Adam Sorgi made his first start at a position since the final game of the 2005 season and his second of the 2007 campaign (his other was at designated hitter)