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No. 11 Oregon State Shuts Out Stanford, 3-0

Corvallis, Ore. – Stanford (15-12, 2-5 Pac-10) was shutout in a Pac-10 game for the first time since 2001 in a 3-0 loss to No. 11 Oregon State (23-9, 4-3 Pac-10) in the opener of a three-game series at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field on Thursday. Four Beaver pitchers limited the Cardinal to a season-low-tying four hits with Mike Stutes (3-2) picking up the win and Kevin Gunderson recording his eighth save by retiring all five batters he faced. Oregon State scored all three of its runs in the bottom of the sixth to break up a scoreless pitching dual between Stutes and losing pitcher Greg Reynolds (2-3).

Oregon State loaded the bases with no outs to start the sixth inning rally when Reynolds (7.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 7 SO) walked two of the first three hitters with a bloop single by Darwin Barney sandwiched between. Bill Rowe gave the Beavers their first run when his ground ball deep in the hole between short and third turned into an RBI infield single and Shea McFeely provided a big blow when he followed with a two-RBI bouncing ball single up the middle and just out of Reynolds' reach.

Stanford's best threat came in the top of the seventh when Stutes (6.2 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 5 BB, 2 SO) walked Michael Taylor and Brendan Domaracki, before Mark Grbavac came on and walked the bases loaded by issuing a free pass to the only batter he faced in Chris Lewis. Joe Paterson got the Beavers out of the jam when he retired pinch-hitter Ryan Seawell on a foul out to Rowe at first base.

Stanford got a runner into scoring position in only one other inning when John Hester led off the first with a single and Joey August followed with a walk, but the early threat was thwarted when Randy Molina grounded into an inning-ending double play two batters later.

The Cardinal hit into a pair of double plays and had two other runners thrown out stealing, while sending just three batters to the plate in five of the nine innings.

Rowe (3-4, RBI) and Cole Gillespie (2-3) were the only players for either team with more than one hit, while McFeely drove in a pair of runs with his clutch sixth inning single.

Oregon State left runners in scoring position in the second, third, sixth and seventh frames. Reynolds struck out the last two batters he faced with the bases loaded in the sixth after the Beavers had already scored three runs to keep the game within reach.

Max Fearnow pitched an impressive bottom of the eighth for the Cardinal, striking out the side in order.

The teams are scheduled to continue the series on Friday (5 pm, PT) and Saturday (12 pm, PT).

NOTES

- Stanford suffered its first shutout in a Pac-10 game since the Cardinal was blanked 4-0 at California on April 28, 2001, breaking a string of 109 consecutive conference games without being shutout
- Stanford was shutout for the first time overall since falling 2-0 in 10 innings to Pacific at Sunken Diamond on March 29, 2005, ended a stretch of 60 consecutive games without being shutout
- Stanford has scored just two runs in its last 18 innings over its past two games since scoring a season-high-tying 13 at San Jose State on April 8
- Chris Lewis' season-high five-game hit streak is still intact even though he didn't have a hit as he walked in all three of his plate appearances
- John Hester, Michael Taylor and Cord Phelps all extended their modest hit streaks to three games with one hit each
- John Hester picked up the 100th hit of his career with his single to lead off the game
- Stanford lost for just the second time in seven games against ranked teams this season (according to *Baseball America*)
- Stanford's four hits tied a season-low, marking the fifth time they were held to that number
- Stanford had a two-game win streak snapped with the loss
- The teams combined for only 11 hits, all singles