

Stanford Postgame Notes

November 3, 2012 – Folsom Field

Start Time: 12:05 p.m. (MT)

Official Attendance: 44,138

No. 15 Stanford (7-2, 5-1) 48 Colorado (1-8, 1-5) 0

Leading Off

- The Cardinal matched a season-best streak with its third straight win.
- Stanford improved its series record versus Colorado to 5-3 and now have won four straight against the Buffaloes.
- Stanford is the first team to shut out Colorado at home since Nov. 15, 1986, a stretch of 150 games.
- Stanford followed its school-record 10 sacks last week against Washington State by notching seven today against Colorado.
 - The seven sacks were recorded by six different players, including a career-high 2.0 by senior ILB Jarek Lancaster.
- The 48-point margin of victory was the largest for Stanford since a 57-3 win over San Jose in the 2011 season opener.
- The 48-0 win was the largest shutout margin of victory since the 58-0 blanking of Washington State in 2008.
 - The only greater road shutout margin of victory in school history came at UCLA in 1929, 57-0.
- Stanford brought into the game the nation's second-best rushing defense (67.1 yards/game) and allowed minus-21 yards on the ground to Colorado, the third-fewest single-game yards allowed by Stanford in school history.
 - The Cardinal held Washington State to minus-18 rushing yards last week and two weeks ago permitted three rushing yards to California.
 - Stanford in its last three games has recorded three of its top 10 single-game rushing defense performances in school history: No. 3 at Colorado, No. 4 vs. Washington State and t-No. 9 at Cal.
- The Cardinal defense allowed one third-down conversion on 12 Colorado attempts.
- Junior FS Ed Reynolds' 52-yard interception return for a touchdown was his fifth interception on the season and third returned for a score.
 - Stanford's defense has accounted for five touchdowns on the season.
- Stanford's last shutout on the road against a league foe was a 41-0 romp at Washington on Oct. 30, 2010.
 - The last shutout win for the Cardinal came at home against Oregon State, a 38-0 win on Nov. 27, 2010.
- The Cardinal has recorded three shutouts in its last 12 conference road games, dating back to 2010.
 - Stanford had not shut out a conference opponent on the road previously since 1974 (at Oregon).
- Stanford is now 2-2 in road contests after starting the season with losses at Washington and at Notre Dame.
- The Cardinal has won nine of its last 10 conference road games.
- Stanford improved its Pac-12 best turnover margin to +11 after forcing three Colorado turnovers (two fumble recoveries, one interception) and surrendering none.
 - The Cardinal entered today's contest tied for 13th-best in the nation in turnover margin at +8.
- Stanford pitched a first-half shutout for the first time since blanking Notre Dame through halftime of the final 2011 regular-season contest, 21-0.
- The 35 first-half point total for Stanford was its highest since leading Washington, 38-14, in a contest played on Oct. 22, 2011.

- The Cardinal entered the game averaging only 47.9 penalty yards per game. Stanford was assessed four penalties for 35 yards in the opening quarter. By comparison, Stanford managed 38 yards of total offense in the first period.
 - Stanford committed three penalties for 21 yards in the remaining three quarters.
- Senior FB Ryan Hewitt's second-quarter fumble – which he recovered – was the first fumble this season by a Stanford running back or fullback.
- Stanford platooned its second-unit defense in the high-altitude environment at Colorado, first taking the field on the third defensive possession of the game.
- Four Stanford quarterbacks played in the game (in chronological order): senior Josh Nunes, sophomore Kevin Hogan, junior Brett Nottingham, senior Robbie Picazo.
 - All four Cardinal quarterbacks completed passes today.
- The Cardinal today secured its seventh victory and the guarantee of a fourth straight winning season.
 - Stanford last recorded four straight winning seasons as part of an 11-year stretch of consecutive winning seasons from 1968 through 1978.

Senior RB Stepfan Taylor

- Scored a rushing touchdown from 26 yards out at the 14:30 mark in the second quarter to help give Stanford a 14-0 cushion.
- Plunged into the end zone from two yards out to give Stanford a 35-0 lead in the second quarter.
 - It was his 35th career rushing touchdown (third all-time).
 - The rushing score was the 39th offensive touchdown of his career (third all-time).
- Finished with 43 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries, all before halftime.
 - Taylor sat the duration of the second half.

Sophomore QB Kevin Hogan

- Finished 18 of 23 passing for 184 yards and a pair of touchdowns, in addition to a team-high 48 rushing yards.
- Entered the game on the final play of the first quarter to start Stanford's third offensive possession of the game.
- Led Cardinal scoring drives on his first six possessions (five touchdowns, one field goal) before a three-and-out on his seventh and final drive.
- Notched a (then) career-high 20-yard rush for a first down on 3rd-and-9 midway through the second quarter. On the same drive, Hogan floated a career-high 32-yard completion to Levine Toilolo for a first down on 3rd-and-9.
- Capped off a 10-play, 65-yard scoring drive with a one-yard touchdown pass to Zach Ertz in the first half.
- Hogan's second touchdown pass of the game came in the third quarter and was caught for 19 yards by Levine Toilolo, his third touchdown pass to a Cardinal tight end on the season.
- Completed passes of 16, 17 and 19 yards on Stanford's second possession of the second half.
- Career-best 27-yard rush on the opening drive of the second half.
- First Cardinal player this season with two 20-yard rushes in the same game.
 - Only Stepfan Taylor (four) and Kelsey Young (one) had recorded a rush of 20 yards or more entering the contest.

Junior FS Ed Reynolds

- Picked off a first-quarter Colorado pass and returned it 52 yards untouched into the end zone to give Stanford a 7-0 lead at the 8:18 mark.
- The interception was his fifth on the season and third returned for a score.

Sophomore RB Remound Wright

- Scored his first career touchdown with a one-yard rush at the 8:26 mark in the second quarter to put Stanford ahead, 21-0.
 - Became the fifth Stanford player to score a rushing touchdown on the season.

Freshman CB Alex Carter

- Ended the first quarter by forcing a Colorado fumble, which was his third forced fumble in the last four games.
- Earned his third straight start at cornerback in this true freshman season.

Junior ILB A.J. Tarpley

- Recovered a Colorado fumble near the end of the first quarter, the second of his career.

Sophomore OLB Kevin Anderson

- Recorded his first career sack, tackle for loss and forced fumble with a 29-yard sack in the fourth quarter.
 - Became the 18th different Stanford defender this year to record a tackle for loss.

Sophomore WR Ty Montgomery

- Made a five-yard catch in the third quarter in his first action since an injury sustained against Arizona on Oct. 6.

Senior TE Levine Toilolo

- Caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Hogan at the 5:08 mark in the third quarter to help give Stanford a 45-0 lead.
- Finished with a game-high 59 receiving yards on three catches, the seventh time in nine games this season that Stanford has been led in receiving by a tight end.

Senior WR Jamal-Rashad Patterson

- Raced a career-high 42 yards on a reverse to the two-yard line on Stanford's first possession of the second quarter, setting up the Cardinal's third touchdown of the day.
- Recorded his fifth start of the season at wide receiver.

Junior K Jordan Williamson

- Booted a career-high seven touchbacks.
- Connected on field goals of 31 and 35 yards.

Sophomore WR Jordan Pratt

- First career catch – a two-yard snag – came early in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore WR Devon Cajuste

- First career catch – a seven-yard snag – came late in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore OL Kevin Reihner

- Made his collegiate debut in the fourth quarter, becoming the 29th Cardinal player to do so this season.

Colorado Homecoming

- Four Cardinal players from Colorado played in today's game.
- Senior FB Ryan Hewitt caught two passes for 18 yards.
- Junior OL Dillon Bonnell played throughout the game in the offensive backfield at the U-back position.
- Junior ILB Joe Hemschoot played on defense and special teams, recovering a fumble forced by Ronnie Harris on a fourth-quarter Colorado punt return, which set up the Cardinal's final scoring drive and field goal of the game.
- Sophomore OT Brendon Austin played at right tackle in the fourth quarter for his first career offensive line snaps, after playing on special teams each game this season (PAT/Field Goal).