

# WASHINGTON STATE

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### STANFORD AT WASHINGTON STATE – OCT. 31, 2015 STANFORD POSTGAME QUOTES

#### **Head Coach David Shaw**

(On WSU first-half)

“They were doing a little bit of everything. Some of it was just four-man rush, but to be honest, they beat our guys up front. A couple times they just beat us one-on-one – on things that we’ve seen before, we just didn’t handle very well. Washington State was very well coached, very high effort and high energy guys up front, they hit the quarterback multiple times early on in the game, and we couldn’t get the running game started either. They were more ready and more prepared than we were.”

(On second-half interception)

“The second-half interception absolutely sparked our team. I’m a big believer in that there is one equation in football that works, which is field position plus momentum equals points. If you can get an interception or a fumble, which gives you field position and that momentum swings in your favor, you get points. A field goal or a touchdown it doesn’t matter when that momentum swings it’s huge. We got two of those momentum swings today and we don’t win the game without those two.”

(On quarterback running the ball)

“Kevin Hogan has so much heart. He is such a fighter. I couldn’t be more proud of him because not everything was working for him and we had to lean on him as a runner, and he made some great runs. We went to Kevin to run because nothing else was working. With our passing game, for a lot of different reasons, we thought we had some guys open and we had misconnections. We didn’t do a good job in the first half with pass protection. With our regular running game, when we would hand the ball off we cracked a couple of runs, but not too much was going on. Kevin running was the last thing, I don’t know what we would have done if that didn’t work. Our gun runs and quarterback read-option plays, those saved our bacon and Kevin being decisive and being a great runner, the great runner that he is. He started when he was a redshirt-freshman and when he took over, that’s one thing that really hurts defenses.”

#### **Quarterback Kevin Hogan**

(On overcoming turnovers)

“I really pride myself on protecting the ball. Especially the last two games, I’ve had some late-game turnovers that I would really like back, it is uncharacteristic of me. Then tonight when I turned the ball over that early, the first one was trying to get to Christian McCaffrey on the check down and didn’t have two hands on the ball and they made a play, so I was pretty disappointed in that. Then the second one was pretty unfortunate, a guy made a great play. I’m really disappointed on turning the ball over because we pride ourselves on protecting the football. But we did bounce back. It took a while for us to get in a rhythm, but we had a great meeting at halftime. We knew we just needed to settle down, and play Stanford football. We came out and had a great first drive in the second half and got into a rhythm.”

#### **Cornerback Quenton Meeks**

(On the two interceptions)

“I just have to give all the glory to God, honestly. I was praying for those plays to happen and it just happened. We worked so hard as a unit, on defense, to learn about our opponent and what we were going to do. I knew exactly what they were doing, before they were doing it. That’s a credit to our coaching staff, our players – for taking the time and putting in the effort – and on myself for just pushing to be great.”

(On picking up some slack for the offense)

“The offense has played its heart out all year, and they’ve bailed us out in a couple of games, so it was kind of time for the defense to return the favor. That’s what a team is about. It’s not about individuals, or one unit. It’s about the whole team. When one unit is struggling, the other unit has to pick them up.”