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Stanford head coach David Shaw

On the offensive's performance ...

"I think we played, I would say, if I had to put a percentage on it, 70-75 percent of our capabilities. I did not think we played as well as we practiced, I told the guys, I mean, we put really back-to-back two outstanding weeks of practice. One of the things I love about my guys is we play hard. They played hard the whole game. We play hard every single game. Our execution was lacking. In the running game, we thought we had a really good plan. We didn't execute as well as we thought. We had to make some changes based on what they did, but at the same time, we were inefficient there, we were inefficient throwing the ball. We had some guys who made some individual plays that were outstanding, but I think we can play so much better, and we're going to need to."

On the Cardinal's running game ...

"Stepfan got the ball at least five times off the top of my head and as soon as he touched the ball there was a guy in the backfield. A guy that should've been accounted for. I'm not going to take anything away from those guys. Travis Long is probably one of my favorite guys in our conference that's not on our team. That guy plays hard. We talked about it. If you don't keep your knees bent and strain blocking him, he's going to beat you. He beat us a few times tonight."

On the offensive line's performance ...

"We did okay. We did okay. I mean, for Stepfan to have twenty carries and the limited yards that he had, that's not up to our standard. We can do so much better and we didn't. We didn't do it today."

On Josh Nunes' performance ...

"Once again, we'll see after we watch the film. I thought there were a couple times he made good plays. We still got our hands on a couple balls we should've caught, but he missed a couple throws we need to make. I need to see the film. A couple weeks ago there was a lot of things we blame on the quarterbacks and we go back and watch the film and three guys were at the wrong depth. So before I say anything about his play or anybody else's play, I gotta see the film."

On including Kevin Hogan in a few packages ...

"It was part of our package. We've been putting that package together for a while now. We decided to string those plays together, no matter when it happened. We thought it was going to happen in the first half, it ended up happening in the second half. It was a good couple plays in there with him and Kelsey. The play-action pass, we had a chance for a huge play. Cody Whiffle ran an outstanding route and the ball was going to get launched and their stunt got us. We had them blocked and then they spun out of it and Hogan got hit."

On Stanford's 10 sacks ...

"The biggest misleading stat there is is passing yards. We had a two score lead, and at the time, I think they had -30 yards rushing. So they're going to throw the ball – that's what they do anyway. Their rushing yards got better because their quarterback scrambled. We lost contain three times – that's inexcusable. We lost contain three times, he scrambled twice up the middle. We got guys rushing outstanding rush lanes – you gotta double back when the guy pushes up in the pocket. Once again, Jeff Toole's been playing for years. He's a good football player, make no mistake about it. He's a good football player. We didn't play up to our capabilities. Thankfully at the end we made enough plays to win the game."

On Henry Anderson's performance ...

"The last four games, Henry Anderson has been playing at a very, very high level. I'm extremely impressed. We've been challenging him since he got here because he's 6'6" to play lower, play with his pads down, and he's been doing that. He's athletic enough to beat guys on pass rush moves, he's done a great job against the run. I think he's one of the best front-four guys in our conference right now. We needed someone to make a play. We needed someone to beat their man and get to the quarterback and he did that for us."

On the closing moments of the first half ...

"There was a miscommunication. They spiked the ball, and then they walked over to the sidelines, and the 40 second clock was running. I looked up and said they didn't take a timeout – they had one timeout left. They stood over there and the 40 second clock was going down, I think it was around 10, and the official on the other sideline signaled time out. So I was informed, as all of us saw, okay they took a timeout, their timeouts went to zero on the board, they came back out there, they put 25 seconds back on the clock, they snapped the ball, and then the clock was running and they took a timeout. So there was a miscommunication because they never actually called a timeout after they spiked the ball."

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Senior QB Josh Nunes

On taking on Washington State after Big Game...

"I wouldn't say that we were slow. We had a good practice. It just didn't show up out there in the game. They did some good things, but I feel like we shot ourselves in the foot a decent amount, too. We know that we can get more production out there and that there were some plays that we left out there."

On having difficulties in the running game...

"I feel like we were really close today. The other team made some good plays, and they played tough all night. We were close to popping them, but their guys played well up front."

On Stanford's overall play...

It definitely wasn't the kind of game we wanted to play. Coach Shaw said it earlier. We can definitely play better. The defense did a lot of great things all night. Offensively, we have to get going, we have to be more efficient, get the chains moving on third down and get [the defense] a break."

Junior FS Ed Reynolds

On the interception returned for a touchdown...

"I just read the call that allowed me to cheat over there. I'm just a free guy on the call we made. The quarterback just stared a little bit and had been playing mostly to that side all game, the free man side. I just went, stole second base, and got one. It's definitely nice. It's something that as a defense we've been talking about, causing turnovers. For myself, it's just keep going out and working on the little things to help this team get better. Obviously it just wasn't on me. We had ten sacks, and he had a time clock in his head after the first half, so you knew he had to get it out there, and I just happened to be there."

Senior DE Ben Gardner

On the defense getting a school record ten sacks in the game...

"It means we did what we needed to do to get this win. We pride ourselves on getting penetration and getting to the quarterback. For the most part, we've been able to do that, so it was just another step in the right direction for us. Overall, we're happy with the way the guys rushed and pursued the quarterback ... we played as a team and took

them completely out of the running game. We've got the guys that if you let us pin our ears back and get up the field, we're going to make it tough on their offensive line to protect. We got after them pretty good, and we're happy about that, but there were a few times we let them squeak out there and get some yards running, so we have to clean that up."

On Washington State QB Jeff Tuel...

"We're no stranger to Jeff Tuel. We've seen him the past two years and he always seems to play well against us. That guy battles. He took some hits tonight and he got back up and kept fighting. He's a heck of a quarterback. He doesn't get the credit that he's due. He's a warrior."

Senior WR Jamal-Rashad Patterson

On Stanford's play-making abilities today ...

"I feel like my fellow receiver Drew Terrell and our senior guys on the perimeter, and being that we have such a dominant run game, and with our tight ends being so efficient in our passing game, the receivers know that whenever we get our number called, we have to make a play. Any chance we get, we don't want to let anyone down or have any doubts, so we're going to give it our all and make a big play for the team. If they're calling on us, we have to make the play, keep the chains moving. Late in the fourth quarter, Kodi Whitfield made a huge play for us to keep the chains moving and keep the clock running down. As a group, we make plays when we can and today was one of those days where we made plays when we could."