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*Cardinal continues worst Pac-10 start in school history with 0-8 conference mark

Arizona Takes Second Straight Over Stanford, 15-1

Stanford, Calif. – No. 13 Arizona (30-6, 8-0 Pac-10) scored 11 runs in the top of the fifth inning en route to a 15-1 victory over Stanford (14-17, 0-8 Pac-10) on Saturday at Sunken Diamond as the worst Pac-10 start in school history continued for the Cardinal. The win extended Arizona's win streak that is currently the longest in the NCAA Division I baseball to 16 games and kept the first-place Wildcats unbeaten in conference action. Brad Mills (8-2) tossed a complete-game seven-hitter and now shares the Pac-10 lead with eight victories, while Brad Glenn (3-5, 2B, HR, 3 RBI) and T.J. Steele (3-5, 2B, 2 RBI) led the offense.

Stanford ended Mills' shutout bid in the bottom of the ninth when Brendan Domaracki and Brent Milleville connected on back-to-back oneout doubles for the only Cardinal run of the games. Mills picked up his complete game when he snagged Randy Molina's line drive back up the box and picked Milleville off second for the final out.

Mills worked his way out of serious trouble in both the fourth and fifth innings, leaving a pair of Cardinal runners stranded on both occasions before setting into a groove and retiring 11 straight batters until Domaracki's ninth inning double.

Stanford starter Nolan Gallagher (2-5) took the loss, allowing five runs on six hits and two walks with a strikeout over the first 4.0 innings. Arizona scored the first run of the game in the top of the third to take an early 1-0 lead. Robert Abel was hit by a pitch with one out, moved to third on Diallo Fon's hit and run single and scored after Gallagher was called for a balk when he tried to pick Fon off first base by faking to third on a first and third pickoff attempt play.

The Wildcats increased their lead to 3-0 with two more runs in the fourth. Gallagher walked Gaston to lead off the inning before giving up a double to Steele to put runners on second and third with no outs. Erik Castro brought in Gaston with a sacrifice fly before Childs squeezed home Steele.

Arizona's 11-run fifth started on back-to-back infield singles by Sedbrook and Ziegler. Gallagher threw one ball to Glenn before he was removed in favor of David Stringer, who allowed five runs to score on three hits and two walks without recording an out. Stringer started his outing by throwing the final three balls to Glenn to complete a walk and load the bases. He then forced in a run by walking Gaston before giving up a two-run single to Steele. On the next play, Castro bunted a ball between the pitchers' mound and third base. Stringer picked up the ball and looked at third, where he had no play and then dropped the ball when he tried to rush to get Castro at first base. Stringer then allowed an RBI infield single to Childs before being removed in favor of Austin Yount (3.0 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 SO). Yount's outing also got off to a rough start when he hit Abel to force in a run. He then got Fon to hit into a potential double play ball, but Cardinal second baseman Adam Sorgi bobbled the ball and then threw wide when trying to salvage getting Fon out at first. A sacrifice fly by Sedbrook and an RBI single from Ziegler followed before Glenn capped the rally with a long three-run homer over the left field wall.

Arizona scored its final run in the seventh when Glenn and Gaston came through with back-to-back two-out doubles.

"We're in a funk right now," said Stanford head coach Mark Marquess. "We just need a game together where we play well in all phases of the game. We're trying hard, but we just need to be able to put it together."

Stanford and Arizona will conclude the series on Community Day on Sunday (1 pm, PT) with the Cardinal slated to pitch RHP Jeffrey Inman (2-2, 6.02) against Arizona RHP Ryan Perry (0-0, 6.19).

Tickets for the final game of the Arizona series and all regular season Stanford Baseball home contests are available online at gostanford.com or by calling 1-800-STANFORD. On game days, tickets may be purchased at the Sunken Diamond Ticket Office window beginning one hour before first pitch. For group ticket information (groups of 10 or more), call 650-725-2876.

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- Stanford's 0-8 Pac-10 start is the worst in the team's recorded history as is the club's six-game home losing skid
- Stanford has now lost eight of its last nine games overall and two in a row
- Stanford lost its ninth straight Pac-10 game dating back to the final contest of the 2006 league to record a conference losing streak that is the longest for Stanford in recorded history
- Sean Ratliff (CF) has now played in and started all 31 games this season and is the only Stanford player to do so
- · Blake Hancock tied a career-high with two strikeouts
- Austin Yount tied a season-high with two strikeouts
- Arizona has secured its fifth straight series victory over the Cardinal dating back to 2003
- The 15-1 loss was Stanford's worst of the season and its worst since falling 15-0 to Oregon State in the second game of the 2006 Corvallis Super Regional on June 11, 2006
- Stanford committed a season-high five errors
- The game checked in at 3:11 to mark Stanford's 17th game of three hours or more in 31 contests this season