

Stanford Postgame Notes

October 6, 2012 – Stanford Stadium

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

Duration: 3:51

Official Attendance: 48,204

No. 18 Stanford (4-1, 2-1) 54

Arizona (3-3, 0-3) 48 OT

Leading Off

- The Cardinal improved to 4-1 (2-1 Pac-12) on the season.
 - Each of its four wins has been at Stanford Stadium.
- With the 54-48 victory, Stanford earned its first overtime win since a 56-48 (3OT) thriller at USC in 2011.
- Stanford gained 617 yards of total offense, the most since racking up 672 against San Jose State in 1999.
- Stanford allowed 491 passing yards, third most in school history.
- Stanford and Arizona combined for 102 points, the third most in a single game in school history and most since the 2011 triple-overtime game at USC.
- The Cardinal is 12-10 in its last 22 games decided by a touchdown or less.
- Stanford extended its home winning streak to six games and has now won 17 of its last 18 home contests.
- Stanford has won nine straight games in the month of October dating back to Oct. 9, 2010.
- Stanford rebounded with today's win over Arizona after dropping a 17-13 decision last week at Washington.
 - The Cardinal has bounced back with victories after each of its last seven defeats dating back to 2009.
 - The last time Stanford lost back-to-back games came in 2009 (Oct. 10 vs. Oregon State; Oct. 17 vs. Arizona).
- Stanford owns active winning streaks against 10 of its 12 regular season 2012 opponents: San Jose State (W5), Duke (W3), USC (W4), Arizona (W3), Notre Dame (W3), Cal (W2), Washington State (W4), Colorado (W3), Oregon State (W2) and UCLA (W3).
 - The Cardinal has a two-game losing streak to Oregon and lost its last game against Washington.
- Today's game is part of Stanford University's Reunion Homecoming Weekend.
 - The Cardinal has won its last five Homecoming games (Oct. 6, 2012 vs. Arizona; Oct. 22, 2011 vs. Washington; Oct. 23, 2010 vs. Washington State; Oct. 24, 2009 vs. Arizona State; Oct. 11, 2008 vs. Arizona).
- Stanford is now 6-0 all-time in Oct. 6 games.
- Today is the fifth anniversary of the Cardinal's last game played on this date, the celebrated 24-23 victory at No. 2 USC in 2007 – also known as "The Greatest Upset Ever."
- Stanford evened the all-series record with Arizona, 14-14. Saturday's game marked the 28th meeting between the two programs.

Notable

- Stanford won the coin toss and elected to receive. Arizona chose to defend the north endzone.
- Freshman DE Aziz Shittu made his collegiate debut in the first quarter.
- Stanford's tight ends Zach Ertz and Levine Toilolo accounted for 69 receiving yards and two touchdowns on three catches in the first half.
- For the first time this season, Stanford employed a wholesale rotation of its defense, with all 11 players of the second unit taking the field for the second and fourth defensive series in the first half.
- Arizona posted 491 passing yards, the first team to throw for more than 400 yards against Stanford since Oklahoma totaled 418 in the 2009 Sun Bowl.
- Three different Stanford players recorded a rushing touchdown (RB Stepfan Taylor, QB Josh Nunes and WR/RB Kelsey Young) for the first time since a 2011 win over USC (RB Jeremy Stewart, RB Stepfan Taylor and QB Andrew Luck).
- Stanford gave up more than 600 yards of total offense for the first time since permitting Oregon to rack up 626 yards in a 2010 affair.
- Arizona possessed the ball first in overtime, finishing when DE Henry Anderson deflected a pass at the line of scrimmage and OLB Chase Thomas hauled in the jump-ball interception. Stanford needed just two plays in overtime to record the winning score.
- Five different players scored at least one touchdown for Stanford.

Senior RB Stepfan Taylor

- Finished with 142 rushing yards and two touchdowns, saving his longest (21) for the game-winner in overtime.
 - The rushing total is tied for the fourth-highest game of his career.
- Tacked on a rushing score at the 2:28 mark in the third quarter, giving him 101 yards on the day.
- The output marked his 16th career 100-yard rushing game, tying him for second with Darrin Nelson on the program's all-time list. It was the 31st rushing score of his career.
 - Career touchdown No. 32 came in overtime.
- Netted 79 rushing yards on 18 first-half carries (4.4 avg.)

Senior OLB Chase Thomas

- Second career interception came in overtime.

Senior TE Zach Ertz

- Coming off a career-best 106 receiving yards on six catches at Washington, Ertz capped off Stanford's 65-yard opening drive with an 11-yard touchdown catch, his second of the season.
- Ertz finished with six catches for 64 yards.

Senior QB Josh Nunes

- Threw for a career-high 360 yards with 21 completions on 34 attempts.
- Nunes threw for a pair of touchdowns while rushing for three scores.
- First Stanford QB to throw for over 350 yards since Andrew Luck (370) did so against Colorado in 2011.
- Connected with TE Levine Toilolo in the first half for a season- and career-best 46-yard completion.
- Recorded first career rushing touchdown with a two-yard QB keeper at the 10:51 mark in the third quarter.
- Eclipsed his career-long toss with a 54-yard connection with WR Jamal-Rashad Patterson in the third quarter.
- Nunes' second rushing touchdown came with 6:34 in the fourth quarter, a designed one-yard play.
- Nunes' third rushing touchdown came with 0:45 in the fourth quarter, a three-yard rush to cap off a 14-play, 79-yard scoring drive to help knot the game at 48-48.

Senior TE Levine Toilolo

- Finished with a career-best 141 yards receiving on five catches.
- Snared a career-long 46-yard catch in the second quarter.
- Two plays later, Toilolo caught his second touchdown reception of the season, a 12-yard toss from Josh Nunes.
- Toilolo added a 42-yard catch in the third quarter to move his total receiving yards to 122.

Sophomore WR/RB Kelsey Young

- Raced to a career-long 55-yard touchdown run with 0:28 in the third quarter to give Stanford a 34-33 lead.

Senior P Daniel Zychlinski

- Each of his three first-half punts were good for 50+ yards (52.7 avg., long of 54)
- Zychlinski's first punt of the third quarter went for 59 yards.

Senior WR Jamal-Rashad Patterson

- Career-long 54-yard reception came late in the third quarter.
- Caught two passes for career-high 71 yards.