



STANFORD FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

STANFORD CARDINAL 20 (0-1)

HAWAI'I RAINBOW WARRIORS 23 (1-0)

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TEAM

- Stanford football lost to Hawai'i in the 2025 season opener with a final of 23-20.
- This marks the first time Stanford has dropped a game to Hawai'i, with the Cardinal winning the previous four meetings.
- Stanford has lost consecutive season openers for the first time since 2020-21.
- The Cardinal is now 1-2 all-time in Week 0, suffering its first defeat in Week 0 since 1992.
- Saturday was not a Scorigami. Stanford most recently lost 23-20 on Oct. 18, 2008 at UCLA.
- The Cardinal had multiple long drives on the afternoon. Stanford scored on its opening possession, taking the ball 70 yards on 15 plays and eating up 7:46 of the first quarter. At the end of the third quarter and into the start of the fourth quarter, Stanford took the lead on a 20-play, 85-yard drive that consumed 9:37 off the clock. That is the longest drive in terms of time and plays since Stanford joined the ACC.
- The first defensive play of the game was a strip-sack touchdown for the Cardinal. It marks consecutive games for Stanford's defense with a fumble recovery for a score, the first time this has occurred in at least 20 years. It also led to the first career touchdown for Wilfredo Aybar.
- Stanford ran the ball 43 times for 177 yards against Hawai'i's defense. The 43 carries are the most in a non-conference game since Stanford ran the ball 43 times in the 2016 Sun Bowl against North Carolina.
- The Micah Ford rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter snapped a streak of 20-straight games without a rushing touchdown by a Stanford running back.
- Offensive linemen Ziron Brown and Nick Fattig made their first career starts, as did nickelback Che Ojarikre in the secondary.
- Dante Utu, Sam Neely III, Charlie Hoitink, Zak Yamauchi, Emeka Ugorji, JonAnthony Hall, Tyler Kuo, and Connor Bachhuber made their collegiate debuts on Saturday.

INDIVIDUAL

QB BEN GULBRANSON

- Completed 15-of-30 passes for 109 yards with one interception in his first start with Stanford

RB MICAH FORD

- Finished as the team's leading rusher, carrying the ball 26 times for 113 yards and a touchdown
- Picked up his second career 100-yard rushing game
- His 26 carries are the most by a Stanford running back since Casey Filkins carried the ball 32 times in a 16-14 win at Notre Dame on Oct. 15, 2022
- Scored his first career rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter on a two-yard rush...was the first rushing touchdown by a Stanford running back in 20 games (Sedrick Irvin vs. Arizona in 2023)

WR CJ WILLIAMS

- Finished with the most receptions by a wide receiver for Stanford, hauling in three passes for 30 yards in his Stanford debut

TE CHICO HOLT

- Recorded his first career reception on a 36-yard strike in the fourth quarter...was enough yardage to finish as the team's leading receiver

DL CLAY PATTERSON

- Finished the game with two sacks, his first multi-sack game in a Stanford uniform
- His strip-sack on the first defensive play of the season led to Stanford's first touchdown of 2025

LB MATT ROSE

- Led the team in tackles with 13, easily setting a new career-high in that department
- Recorded the most tackles by a Cardinal since Malik Antoine's 14 tackles against UCLA on Dec. 19, 2020 and the most by a Stanford linebacker since Bobby Okereke's 13 against California on Dec. 1, 2018

LB WILFREDO AYBAR

- Landed on a loose football in the end zone to score Stanford's first touchdown of 2025
- Was his first career touchdown and gave Stanford a fumble recovery touchdown in consecutive games, going back to Jahsiah Galvan's score in the season finale in 2024



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