

Stanford Postgame Notes

September 8, 2012 – Stanford Stadium

Start Time: 7:30 p.m. (PT)

Duration: 3:16

Official Attendance: 44,016

No. 25 Stanford (1-0) 50, Duke (1-0) 13

Tonight's win

- Gives Stanford an overall record of 2-0 (1.000), its third consecutive season with a 2-0 start.
- Improves Stanford's home winning streak to four and improves the Cardinal's home record to 25-3 (.893) dating back to the final game of the 2007 season.
- Improves Stanford's record to 8-8 (.500) all-time against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents.
- Gives Stanford a three-game winning streak against the Blue Devils.
- Gives Stanford a 3-1 (.750) advantage in the all-time series history with Duke.
- Stanford has now held an opponent under 100 yards rushing for the fifth consecutive game.
- Over its last 27 home contests, Stanford has scored 39.6 points per game.

Notable

- Duke won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- The Cardinal scored on its opening offensive drive for the second consecutive week.
- RB Stephan Taylor has now recorded a rushing touchdown in three straight games (dating back to the 2012 Fiesta Bowl matchup against Oklahoma State), his longest streak since tallying at least one rushing touchdown in five straight games from October 2, 2010 - November 6, 2010.
- Taylor (2,955 yards) moved into third place on Stanford's all-time rushing list, passing Brad Muster (2,940).
- WR Drew Terrell returned a punt for a touchdown (76 yards) and caught a touchdown (19 yards).
- Stanford intercepted three Duke passes, the first time the Cardinal recorded multiple interceptions in a game since November 26, 2011, against Notre Dame.
- The Cardinal recorded touchdowns in all three aspects of the game (offense, defense and special teams), the first time since a September 19, 2009, matchup with San Jose State.
- QB Josh Nunes set career-highs for completions (16), passing yards (275), and touchdowns (3).
- FS Ed Reynolds intercepted his second pass of the game – and third of the season – with a fourth-quarter pick. Delano Howell was the last Cardinal player to intercept two passes in a game, doing so against Washington in 2009.
- Stanford held the Blue Devils to 13 points, the lowest points allowed since Oregon State scored 13 on November 5, 2011. Duke was also limited to a mere 27 yards rushing (1.2 per carry).
- Stanford's 50 points is the most scored since a triple-overtime game against USC on October 29, 2011 (56).
- The Stanford defense began the game by forcing seven consecutive punts.
- After converting only 2-of-13 third down attempts against San Jose State, Stanford converted 5-of-12 against Duke.
- Players making their collegiate debut included: Lance Callihan, Anthony Hayes, Charlie Hopkins, Conor McFadden and Torsten Rotto.

First Half

- Stanford was whistled for a penalty on Duke's first offensive play from scrimmage, matching the team's total from last week.
- After forcing a three-and-out to start the game, Terrell returned a punt a career-long 76 yards for a touchdown, the first punt return touchdown of his career.
- K Jordan Williamson booted three field goals from 35, 32 and 22 yards, giving him five on the season. Williamson tied a career-high with three field goals made in a game.
- Nunes connected with TE Zach Ertz for a 43-yard completion, a career-long for both players.

- Taylor scored his 32nd career touchdown from 13 yards out, moving into fifth on the Cardinal's all-time touchdown list.
- Nunes completed a 38-yard pass to TE Levine Toilolo, surpassing his career high for passing yards in a game in the second quarter.
- The Cardinal held the Blue Devils to four first downs in the first half.
- Nunes threw the first interception of his career to Duke DB Ross Cockrel.
- Duke was unsuccessful in cashing in on a fourth-and-two attempt with 3:21 remaining in the first half.

Second Half

- Duke began the half with an unsuccessful onside-kick attempt recovered by LB Jarek Lancaster.
- Terrell caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Nunes, his second touchdown in as many games.
- Toilolo caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Nunes at the 10:41 mark of the third quarter.
- FB Patrick Skov gained three yards on his first collegiate rushing attempt in the third quarter.
- Reynolds intercepted a pass and returned it for a 71-yard touchdown in the third quarter, his second pick of the season.
- Reynolds intercepted his second pass of the game – and third of the season – in the fourth quarter. Delano Howell was the last Cardinal player to intercept two passes in a game vs. Washington in 2009.
- Nunes connected with Jamal-Rashad Patterson for a 27-yard touchdown, his third touchdown pass of the game. It was Patterson's first career touchdown.
- SS Harold Bernard forced a fumble late in the fourth quarter, recovered by Torsten Rotto.

Senior QB Josh Nunes

- Completed a 32-yard pass to Ty Montgomery in the first quarter.
- Completed a career-long 43-yard pass to Zach Ertz in the first quarter.
- Completed a 38-yard pass to Levine Toilolo, surpassing his career high for passing yards in a game.
- Threw the first interception of his career to Duke defensive back Ross Cockrel.
- Set career-highs for completions (16), passing yards (275), and touchdowns (3).

Senior WR Drew Terrell

- Had career-long 76-yard punt return for touchdown in first quarter.
- Caught a 12-yard pass from Nunes on third down to extend a first-quarter drive.
- Moved into sixth place on Stanford's all-time punt return yardage list, passing Eric Cross (1970-'72).
- Set career-high for receptions (3) and receiving yards in a game (39), and tied a career high with one touchdown catch.
- Caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Josh Nunes in the third quarter.
- Returned four punts for 100 yards (25.0 yards per return).