



2013 PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME POSTGAME NOTES

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

No. 7 Stanford Cardinal 38, No. 11 Arizona State 14

Pac-12 Championship Game Most Valuable Player

RB Tyler Gaffney, Stanford (Sr., 6-1, 226, San Diego, Calif.) *22 carries, 133 yards, 3 rushing TD (Long of 69-yards)*

- **Game time Conditions at Kickoff:** 54 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds out of the east at five mph.
- **Attendance:** Tonight's announced attendance of 69,535 is a Pac-12 Football Championship game record (Oregon, 2011, 59,376; Stanford, 2012, 31,622).
- **STANFORD** is the third Pac-12 Conference football champion and the first Pac-12 team to win back-to-back titles (Oregon, 2011; Stanford, 2012).
- With the win, **STANFORD** earned the league's automatic-qualifying berth in the Rose Bowl Game for the second-consecutive year. The Cardinal will play in the 100th Rose Bowl on January 1, 2014. The Cardinal has played in 13 Rose Bowl Games and it's the third time in program history it will play in it in consecutive years. Last year Stanford beat Wisconsin 20-14 for its first Rose Bowl win since 1972. The Cardinal is 6-6-1 all-time in the RBG.
- **Early Offense:** Two touchdowns were scored in the first 3:15 of the game, one by each team on scoring drives that took less than two minutes (Stanford - 1:34 ; ASU - 1:41).
- **Broken Records:** In the first half alone, three Pac-12 Football Championship game records were broken and five were broken overall. Stanford RB **Tyler Gaffney** ran for 91 yards on seven attempts in the first quarter, breaking the old record for most yards gained in a quarter set by Johnathan Franklin of UCLA last year (75 yards on 5 rushes, also in the first quarter). His 69-yard TD run in the first quarter was also a new record for longest run, breaking Franklin's 51-yard run for a touchdown last year. Gaffney's three rushing touchdowns tied Pac-12 Championship game records set by Oregon's LaMichael James in 2011 for most rushing touchdowns and most touchdowns scored while also tying James's records of most points scored (18) and most 100-plus yard rushing performances (1) in FCG history. Arizona State QB **Taylor Kelly's** 65-yard TD pass to D.J. Foster in the second quarter was a new record for longest touchdown pass while Stanford QB **Kevin Hogan's** fourth quarter 78-yard pass to **Devon Cajuste** was the longest passing play from scrimmage in Pac-12 Championship game history. Cajuste set a new FCG receiving record, racking up 120 yards on two catches with more than half the yards coming from the fourth quarter catch.
- **Stanford Defense:** The Cardinal defense allowed the

fewest points (14), fewest rushing yards (138) and fewest total yards (311) in FCG history. The previous lows were 24, 160 and 325, respectively.

- Coming into the game **Stanford** and **Arizona State** owned the second- and third-longest streaks in the nation for consecutive games forcing a turnover with 36 and 25, respectively. Arizona State led the Pac-12 in total forced turnovers (30) during the regular season and extended their streak to 26 games, while Stanford's streak ended as they failed to force a turnover tonight.
- **Arizona State-Stanford series update:** Arizona State still leads the all-time series 16-13-0.

ARIZONA STATE NOTES

- **Conference Bragging Rights:** Arizona State won the Pac-12 South with a 10-2 (8-1 Pac-12) record and earned the right to host the Pac-12 Championship game at home in Sun Devil Stadium. The Pac-12 Championship is in its third year of its existence and this was ASU's first time on the grand stage.
- **In-Conference Success:** ASU finished with eight wins over conference opponents this year, matching the school record set in 1996 (8-0).
- **Protect This House:** ASU finished 7-1 at home in Sun Devil Stadium/Frank Kush Field in 2013. The last time it went undefeated at home came in 2004 with a 6-0 record but fell just short of the mark this year after dropping its conference championship.
- **Foster the People:** **D.J. Foster** took a 51-yard run to the house in the first quarter to tie the game at 7 apiece. The run was the longest of his career. His previous long was 29 yards. A dynamic player, Foster also notched a 65-yard touchdown reception that sent him scampering past defenders by the ASU sideline and into the end zone.
- **In the Midst of the Giving Mood:** The Sun Devils have forced a turnover in 26-straight games, including one or more in all 26 games under Coach Graham's helm. They are second in the country among FBS schools for the longest active streak, trailing only Missouri.
- **Forever Young:** **Chris Young** had eight tackles, including a sack and four tackles for loss, as he for the fourth-straight game led ASU in that category. Young, a senior, has led the team in tackles in seven out of 13 games this season. He also forced his second fumble of the season and now has 16.5 tackles for loss in 2013 and 7.5 sacks.
- **A Point-Scoring Machine:** Zane Gonzalez has 126 points on the season, second in ASU history only to Wilford White's 136 in 1950. Gonzalez's 126 points also puts him first in points by kicking in a single season for a Sun Devil, breaking the previous record of 118 set by Thomas Weber

(2007) and Mike Barth (2002). Gonzalez has made 22 field goals and 60 extra points thus far this season.

- **Start Strong...Finish Strong:** Arizona State scored seven points against Stanford in the first quarter Saturday, but gave up 14 to the Cardinals. That mark was the most the Devils have given up in a first quarter this season. The Sun Devils are still outscoring opponents 272-126 in the first quarter under Todd Graham, and 124-57 in the first quarter this season. Also telling, it has outscored opponents 261-135 in the fourth quarter since Graham took over at ASU and 129-79 this year. Stanford won the fourth quarter, too, 7-0.
- **Make 'Em Pay:** So far in 2013, Arizona State is outscoring opponents 136-52 in points off turnovers while posting a +14 turnover margin, which leads the Pac-12. It has put points on the board following 74.2 percent of opponent turnovers (23-of-31) compared to opponents scoring just 35.3 percent (6-of-17) of the time off ASU turnovers. It has 17 touchdowns this season off of 31 turnovers, aided by five interceptions returned for touchdowns.
- **The Force is Strong:** This season, 46 of **Jaelen Strong's** receptions have gone for first downs out of 65 total catches that he has (70.1 percent). Last season, ASU's leading wide receiver in first downs only amassed 28 in the entirety of 2012.
- **Explosive Plays:** ASU now has 134 (80 passing, 54 rushing) explosive plays this season after getting four Saturday night. **Jaelen Strong** now has 29 explosive plays on the season, notable because both Rashad Ross and D.J. Foster led the team in 2012 with only 18. Todd Graham constitutes an explosive play as either a reception of 16+ yards or a rush of 12+ yards.

STANFORD NOTES

- Stanford improved to 10-0 in its last 10 games against opponents ranked in the AP top 25.
- Stanford improved to 31-2 under head coach David Shaw (11-0 in 2013) when leading at the half and allowed fewer than 30 points for the 22nd time in as many games.
- Stanford has held an opponent to 20 or fewer points for the seventh time in as many outings while the Cardinal have held opponents to 20 or fewer points in 20 of its last 25 games
- Stanford has at least one sack in 32 of its last 33 outings (only game without a sack came in 2013 at Army, which attempted just 10 passes) and has at least one tackle for loss in each of its last 48 contests.
- Senior RB **Tyler Gaffney's** 69-yard first-quarter rush was the longest for Stanford on the season.
- Arizona State's 51-yard first-quarter rush was the longest allowed by Stanford on the season and the Sun Devils 65-yard second-quarter pass completion was the longest allowed by Stanford on the season.
- Stanford scored on its first two offensive possessions for the third time in as many games.
- Arizona State's first-half scoring plays covered 120 yards, with its other 25 plays from scrimmage netted 54 yards.