



Postgame Quotes

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Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase

On The Game

“The first half things went a little bit better and we made some shots. I thought we weren't perfect but we were competing and, for the most part, we had 11 assists, tried to make plays for our teammates, we were the aggressors. We got to the foul line quite a bit and played how we wanted to play for the most part.

“In the second half, we weren't the hardest playing team and I think that was the root of the troubles that we had. Offensively, I understand that when you miss shots and the other team goes on a run you get tighter, you're not as confident shooting the ball or as aggressive getting to the paint. Our zone offense was not good. But my problem is on the defensive end when things don't go well you dig in, you get fired up, you look for your leaders you look for everyone to somehow, somehow get a stop. There were many breakdowns, but guarding the basketball turned into a major deal and we just fouled. Fouling is a result of not guarding the basketball and it's also an easy way out. I was really disappointed in our ability to guard the basketball. We put them on the line too much. Having said that, we made enough plays at the end to hold them off.

“Pacific did a nice job in the second half. They locked on certain guys to drive and get to the basket and they were going in with the intent to get all the way there or get fouled. We need to be tough enough to step in and take a charge otherwise slide our feet and not get our hands in there. Certainly some teachable moments that we'll work on.”

On Michael Humphrey

“In shoot-around today, I told Humphrey I want to run the first play for you today. I said what do you want to run?” Mike said ‘coach why would you say that?’ I said ‘we need to get you more shots.’ He wasn't worried at all about it which shows something a senior captain says who has big aspirations and dreams, does not score in the first game and it's genuine, not just talking to me. He played great today because he competed, played as hard as he possibly could and things went his way.

“Getting to the line was big in the first half, we did a great job and throughout the game we did a nice job getting there. I would love to say it is coaching but the guys have done a great job in the offseason getting their shots in and our staff makes sure they get extra reps in. Our starting four and five were big time from the line.”

On Isaac White

“I think what I am going to see is the first two shots were rushed, I would label them not good shots, one was in transition and one was under pressure, and it was like hey I am on a roll let's just fire it up there as opposed to getting shots within the flow of the offense. Then after that he got really good looks, but once you have missed a couple it changes the whole feel of shooting. I'll tell him to make sure you're taking high-quality shots. I know it is not going to hurt his confidence.”

On Oscar da Silva and Daejon Davis

“Oscar was really steady throughout the game. I think he will keep getting better and Daejon I think it's going to be the same thing. It is never easy when you have been out a few days. It was his first game, he tried to over penetrate a few times. Getting a feel for the game takes time, but we will see progress.

Senior Forward Michael Humphrey

“As a team, we have to improve on our effort in the second half, having consistent effort the whole game. In the first half we had extra energy and were the hardest playing team. It is not Xs and Os, it is how hard we are playing and not settling when we have a lead.

“I talked to coach at shoot around and he told me we are going to have an emphasis on getting you the ball. It is my fourth year, I have been around long enough to know there are going to be ups and downs in the season. Obviously in the first game I would have liked to have started better. I just knew I had to play harder, I thought the guards did a great job of distributing the ball to everybody which was an emphasis in practice yesterday and I think we can keep building on that. Robert played well, the way we moved the ball was much different than the first game.

“We saw at halftime how well we shot from the line. Physicality is going to be a big part of our season. From bigs and from the guards, we get into the paint and make the right play. When you can shoot the ball that well from the line it is going to have a difference in the game no matter what, we have to keep that up.”

On playing with Reid Travis:

“Reid worked so hard this offseason it was incredible, his game has completely changed with the perimeter aspect of his game. That opens it up for me on the inside. I think we complement each other so well, I can step out and hit some threes and he can play inside, so we can play off each other, as we keep building and getting that chemistry it is going to be really special.”

Junior Guard Robert Cartwright

“In the second half, one of the big problems was we just kept fouling over and over again. I do not know how many fouls we had, but it seemed like we were in the double bonus in the last 12 minutes of the game. If you want to be a good team in any game, you can't foul that much. That's one thing we need to address and as Mike said the energy was not the standard that we have.

“Coming off the bench, you just want to bring a spark and play hard, try to add to whatever lead or whatever we had, be a leader on the floor. I didn't do anything special, just tried to play within myself. We got stops and in transition which makes my job a lot easier. There are a lot of great players I can get the ball to.”

On the last minutes of the game

“Obviously we are disappointed with letting them get that close but at the end of the day it is important to get the win. We know we are going to face adversity all season and to come out with a win and get a few stops at the end is important. I wouldn't say we did anything differently. We had good offensive possessions, Mike and Reid did a great job of getting offensive rebounds, Dorian made a nice pass to Reid.”

Pacific Head Coach Damon Stoudamire

On The Game

"I don't know if our guys were a little nervous in this first game, but in the first half we were a little tentative and Stanford took advantage. We went into the locker room (at the half) and as you do, you regroup, and the guys came out and played great in the second half. I have no qualms about the effort--there are no moral victories, but after this we have a lot to hang our hats on. To be honest, we weren't playing tough enough in that first half and in the first 5 to 6 minutes of the second half. Stanford was the stronger, tougher team.

I told the team: "I don't care if it's Mike Montgomery on the sideline, Coach Haase is there now--they're going to play hard. Stanford had always been a hard -playing team from the time I came into the league, playing against Todd Lichti and those guys. They hit us in the mouth early tonight. Our guys regrouped, and to their credit, we got the game close. A couple of breaks here and there, and maybe the game's different. But we put a lot of pressure on them. It was unfortunate we came up short.

On Reid Travis and Michael Humphrey

Their big guys [Reid Travis and Michael Humphrey] made the difference. Seeing Travis up close and personal now, he's obviously one of the best bigs in the country, an All-American candidate. I'd be lying if I said that Michael Humphrey didn't surprise me and do some things he is capable of but hadn't done up to this point. The monster game he had, 26 (points) and 18 (rebounds) -- I'm sure that helped him with his confidence."