



# Postgame Quotes

**Stanford vs. Eastern Washington | November 14, 2017**

## **Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase**

### ***On The Game***

“We are not where we need to be. There is tremendous room for growth. That is the same comment I made the first couple games as well. There is a long way to go and we are not covering that as quickly as we can. We can talk about our zone offense, we struggled like last game and we are going to continue to work on it and get better. Defensively, I was disappointed with both our man and our zone; we just were not effective. We can look at the stats and say if we made more three-point shots, and a lot of our three-point shots were clean looks, we can do a better job there. There is plenty of room for disappointment and room for growth as well.”

“Eastern Washington was getting open looks, not all of them. Some of it is personnel-based, part of it is they do a nice job of putting us in scramble situations in our zone, we didn’t rotate like we needed to. They are a good team. There is a way to solve that and just take away threes completely but they also have the ability to get to the paint and they hurt us that way as well.”

### ***On Bogdan Bliznyuk***

“He’s a big time player and I think they will have a tremendous year in their league. He has the ability to shoot the basketball but also get to the paint and create a lot of havoc as well. I thought our length would be able to bother him some, and at times it did, but for the most part he was able to get in there and do just about anything he wanted.”

### ***On Oscar Da Silva***

“Oscar is a tremendous player. In some ways, I know very little about Oscar. This summer he was playing international basketball, was here for only a very little bit, first week of practice he had a high ankle sprain and he really has not practiced a whole lot until recently. I am still learning his game, strengths and weaknesses. He is a tremendous player, tremendous rebounder, he can score in a lot of ways and has a great feel for the game. He is going to be a heck of a player for a long time here at Stanford and the fans are going to enjoy watching him play.”

### ***On Michael Humphrey***

“His effort has been consistent and he has been playing his tail off. He is playing really hard. He had another double-digit rebounding game with 11 rebounds and that is a sign of competing hard. Potentially we are settling too much for jump shots, we need to do more damage around the rim for him and that will get him more of a flow and confidence. We are looking for scoring consistency but we like that he has shown consistent effort and eliminated silly fouls.”

## **Junior Forward Reid Travis**

### ***On the game***

“Our sense of urgency, I feel like we didn’t come out the way we needed to with hunger and fight. When you just play around with teams and let them float around with six, eight, 10-point leads and you look up at the clock and there is only eight and four minutes less, you can’t get it back when we started to play with a sense of urgency and started to play

better. I think the biggest disappointment is we have enough leadership on this team to get guys ready, injuries or not. We should always start a game ready. We didn't take them as serious as we needed to in the first half."

***On the team's sense of urgency***

"I think there is an urgency within the season. When you have the talent we do and the maturity we do, obviously we can mesh a lot better. We can't give away games like this. We put in a lot of work coming together and getting to know each other in the preseason. Like Coach said, there is a gap there, it's going to close eventually and we feel like we have the pieces and the maturity to make it close faster than it is right now."

## **Senior Forward Michael Humphrey**

***On the game***

"We didn't have a sense of urgency. Reid talked about messing with the game and we can't do that, we just have to know that it is going to be a fight right from the start. We talked in practice about being more aggressive in the zone, not pass the ball around the perimeter and attacking it. I think we still have to do a better job getting to the paint and being aggressive and putting the pressure on them and not being on our heels."

***On Oscar Da Silva***

"Oscar rebounded the ball very well. He played great all around. If he can just keep building off that, it's something positive to look at."

***Looking forward***

"As captains, we talk as a team about how we can't let those young guys think about how they are not playing well. They have to be thinking about the greater good of the team. We have to tell them as leaders not to worry and it's up to us to step up so they don't feel the pressure, which should be on us as older guys."

***On Dorian's absence***

"It's tough. Dorian is an important part of the team but moving forward we're going to have to play without him. That's where we have to step up even more."

## **Eastern Washington Head Coach Shantay Legans**

***On the game***

"Stanford's a really good team. We hit some shots, we did a good job defensively from letting those guys hit threes and they were missing a couple guys. But our guys came out and played hard. We are a three-point shooting team, and if we can get it going, we play pretty well. I challenged our big guys the game before to step up, and they did a great job tonight. We had bodies around Travis at all times, we didn't let him go one-on-one, we had multiple people coming over for help, our team followed the game plan, a one-game turnaround and we just did a great job."

***On his team and looking ahead***

We have a very veteran team and also have some young guys. We have one of the best players in the country in Bogdan Bliznyuk and he is really hard to guard. He is a matchup problem; big enough to guard big guys, small enough to guard a guard and he can play inside or out. "We have UNLV next, a very good opponent. These guys relish an opportunity to play against the best and when they get the opportunity, they will show they're ready to go. Tonight was one of those games."

## **Eastern Washington Senior Guard Bogdan Bliznyuk**

### ***On the game***

“I think we did a great job following the scouting report. Our coaches prepared us really well. We executed the defensive game plan. I know offensively we are talented. We are going to put up enough points; it was about stopping them tonight. Reid Travis went out and scored 20, but we did a really good job defensively and that's what won us the game. He is a beast, but our coaches really prepared us; we watched a lot of film on him. Even though he got his points, for the most part we contained him.”