



# Postgame Quotes

**Stanford vs. North Carolina | November 20, 2017**

## **Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase**

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

“We will learn examples of championship habits from this game and championship traits. North Carolina and Coach Williams have such a fantastic program of teaching guys to do things the right way, but it's the little things out there that make the difference. They have a championship culture, and we are going to try and learn from that.”

### ***On Kenny Williams***

“We probably should have put a little more length on Williams earlier (20 points in the first half). When we go back and watch the tape, we will get a feeling for what we probably should have done differently. Most of the time when we were in the man we got a little bit lost. That is a concern; we are going to need to defend the three-point line a little better. We as coaches and as players need to evaluate every game and continue to improve, and there will be lots of teaching moments from this game.

“If we were able to hold Williams in check a little more in the first half and make some free throws, maybe then it's a little more manageable number going into halftime.”

“Once the game starts I lose myself in the game, and I think Coach Williams does, too. You focus on the task at hand, it's not a personal deal, and the emotions that go with it go out the door. It was exciting to have a sellout and a crowd this enthusiastic; it was great. I wish we had put together a better effort so that fans that did come out would be more inclined to come back. We are going to build this thing; it is going to be brick by brick. While it's not going to happen overnight, we're going to build a monster.”

## **Junior Forward Reid Travis**

### ***On the Game***

“I don't know if we were looking at it like that, to lose a game by that much we're just disappointed right now. I don't think anyone in the locker room was thinking 'how do we measure up after that.' Obviously, we need to watch film to see what we did well and what we didn't do well and go from there, but right now it's kind of just disappointment because we came into the game with the mindset we wanted to knock them off and we wanted to win the game.”

### ***On Isaac White's play***

“He's a gamer. I think people are getting put on notice this guy can play. He went toe-to-toe with some of the best guards in the country and he didn't back down. He played well, he really played his game. I see him work every day, that's nothing new to me. And, I expect him to have more big games like that and we're going to need it. If he can stay in attack mode and stay aggressive, we'll be successful because that's what we need him to do.”

### ***On the North Carolina defense***

“I think you know what you're going to get out of Carolina, they're going to deny hard and they're going to try and heat you up on the ball. But I feel like that should have played into our favor a little more. We got guys that can put the ball on the floor and can penetrate. I think we were getting stuck to where we were thinking way too much. When you can just put your head down, get them in foul trouble, get to the lane and get fouled, I think that was our best offense.

“Isaac did that in the first half a lot, got some easy buckets and we kind of got away from that to where we let them heat us up, turned the ball over a lot, so we knew what we were going to get out of them, and we just didn’t attack that pressure as much as we should have.”

## **Freshman Guard Isaac White**

### ***On the play of Kenny Williams***

“I think it was a defensive lapse. An inability to execute our defense doesn’t matter how hot a guy is, if we have a certain game plan, and that was obviously to stop him from getting looks after the first few early ones, I think he shouldn’t be able to get those looks off regardless. So, credit to him for hitting those shots, but that’s something we need to look at, he shouldn’t be getting those looks.”

### ***On playing the defending NCAA Champions***

“I try to treat it like any other game. That sounds cliché, but I honestly find myself as my own biggest opponent. If I can get myself right, and come out with the confidence, I don’t really care which opposition we face. I think it was good to have a bit of atmosphere in the gym tonight. Whether or not that was Stanford fans, it was fun to play in front of that, a new experience. But to me it was just like any other game, we had an objective and we didn’t execute tonight.”

### ***On the North Carolina defense***

“I think we knew what we were going to get. We prepared for that and it was just on individual guys at individual times to play confidently through it. If you attack a defense like that, you can expose it. And we knew that, I think something we should get better at as the season goes on, something we need to work on.”

## **North Carolina Head Coach Roy Williams**

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

“That was a much better night for us, mostly because of the two guys sitting up here with me (Berry and Williams). I thought Kenny was sensational, and the best thing about it was that he was not selfish about it for one second during the course of the game. He's 6-for-8 from three in the first half, 7-for-10 total and he took one shot in the second half. I can't say enough about what I thought he did for us. To be that unselfish, you are caring about your team. That's sensational.”

### ***On Joel Berry II***

“Joel was 10-for-19, that makes him 11-for-30 this year. He came over early before our shoot-around and got some extra shots. He's one of the hardest workers I've ever coached. Luke (Maye) didn't have the same kind of game he's been having, but he still got nine rebounds and five assists. I was mad at halftime; we had the same number of rebounds as Stanford and then we out-rebounded them by about 10 in the second half. I thought we defended better in the second half and got some quality play. Hopefully the freshmen learned some things tonight.”

### ***On Reid Travis***

“I saw Reid (Travis) play in high school and saw that he was a big-time prospect. He was the focal point about what he had to do defensively. We did such a great job, he only had 21! He is really a good player. He can drive the ball to the basket, made some midrange jump shots and made a three, so he is a complete player.”

“It was a little difficult for us because we have four post players – we have Luke Maye and three freshmen – and they had a challenge out there. He was a first-team all-league player last year and he deserves it.”