



# Postgame Quotes

Stanford vs. Montana | November 29, 2017

## Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase

### On The Game

“We made progress with the zone defense and we certainly made some improvements. The best thing that happened is we had a practice yesterday, a real practice. We got after it pretty good. We got some things accomplished and we have not had that for a while. Hopefully we can have a couple good practice days coming up leading to this next one. There is no question on the defensive end we have to slowly gain an identity and I think tonight was a small step forward for that but there's still plenty of room for growth.”

“We have got to improve. At halftime, we had eight turnovers. We need to value the basketball. I do think some of these turnovers are careless; some of it is guys having travels where they need better balance. Those are things we have been addressing and we are going to watch film and really coach the heck out of it. That number has to go down. They do a nice job, they are physical on the basketball and do a lot of nice things, but there's no doubt we have to lower that number.”

### On Daejon Davis:

“He's a tough kid and a heck of a player. We have tried to build a relationship through the recruiting process and continually day by day whether things are going good or going poorly. We teach and coach him very honestly but also when he struggled in the last game, part of that was on me. We were not fully prepared for the press and that's on my shoulders as well. He is a very talented player and he will continue to improve just as you saw tonight.”

### On Blake Pagon:

“If I had a game ball it would probably go to Blake. Not because of the stat sheet but because he added a ton of value by doing what he is supposed to do. Offensively he is making simple plays, getting to proper spots and executing his role well. On the defensive end, he is always in the right spot, diving on loose balls and getting loose balls. There was a critical juncture late and he added tremendous value not because of his size or athleticism but because he's playing his role.”

### On Stanford's offense:

“We have such a long way to go on the offensive end. Our execution, pace and attention to detail are not very good. I will take that responsibility as a coach that we need to do better. I think practice time will pay dividends there, but as those things happen, I think there is going to be a role for Reid and Mike both within the offense and I think they can complement each other very well. We need them both to be operating at a high level to be successful.”

### Looking ahead:

“There is a little sigh of relief to remember what it feels like to win a game. There is a desperate desire in that locker room. They want to do well, get better and learn the lessons that we are talking about. We would like to have everyone healthy and a full roster, but it's not there yet. So we need to go through these growing pains, but I do believe the growing pains will pay dividends as long as we can learn the lessons. Daejon is getting better. I thought Robert played a nice game, and Mike and Reid are improving and keeping the faith we can get this thing turned around.”

## Redshirt Junior Forward Reid Travis

### **On the game:**

“We made a lot of winning plays. When Blake and Josh come in, those are two guys who are X-factors. When those two can come in and make big plays, diving on balls and blocking shots, they did a lot of little things that don’t show up on the stat sheet. They came in with a lot of energy and that rises everyone’s play. I credit them for helping us sustain when they came at us.”

### **On Stanford’s defense:**

“The defensive effort was big. It was a big point of emphasis. Coach said seven of the last eight positions were stops. It came down to locking in. We know we can defend and it was a collective effort. Tonight you could see all five guys were locked in.”

### **On Daejon Davis:**

“He has been put into a big role. We have a lot of veteran guys but they are out right now with injuries. He has the talent and poise to run our team and as you can see, he is growing each game. The biggest thing we can do is keep him confident. You saw tonight that he has all the tools to do it. Stay the path and play his game, and his turnovers will go away and he will have big games like tonight.”

## Freshman Guard Daejon Davis

### **On the game:**

“In practice yesterday, the focus was definitely defense and gameday practice is normally a walk-through, but today we braced up in practice and got after it. Focusing on defensive rotations and focusing on no breakdowns at the end of the shot clock. That’s how we were able to force a couple of shot clock violations.”

“I think we played together more. We made it an emphasis to get other guys involved tonight. Team play allows us to play better and think less. When guys are moving around and playing hard, you can’t really beat that. That’s the key to having a great game, all guys playing together on offense and defense.”

### **On gaining confidence:**

“Our leaders, Reid, Dorian, Mike, Coach Haase, the whole coaching staff, everyone believes in me so I have to believe in myself. If I didn’t believe in myself, I wouldn’t be helping. I believe if I go out and play hard things will fall into place and the only thing I can consistently give is my effort, which I will continue to give.”



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“This was a tough one. It was something to learn from. We only had 11 turnovers and were 12-of-17 from the line, but then we shot only 29.2 percent from the field for the game. Stanford wanted it more down the stretch; we just had some timely mishaps. We had three-on-two situations a few times and decided not to attack. We were feeding the post who was open, but we threw it to him late and that was a turnover. Just some weird mishaps: a shot clock violation, miscommunication, poor execution, poor shot selection. It all added up against us.”

“Stanford's length and defense affected a lot at the rim. There were times we got there and probably had an easy finish but shot late and missed. We did not adjust for our shots. We got there and finished some, but obviously not enough.”

### On The Play of Bobby Moorehead

“Bobby (Moorehead) was making a lot happen. He is our best bet from three right now, and he has been relentless on both sides of the ball. I would like to get him more shots, but we have to do a better job of getting into "shoot" situations.”