



# Postgame Quotes

Stanford vs. Denver | December 15, 2017

## Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase

### On The Game:

“We got a win, which is the number one thing. I thought we were a bit more organized with what we were trying to run on the offensive end. In the second half, I thought we had a better understanding of valuing the basketball and not putting the ball in jeopardy. On the flip side, our zone offense became very stagnant. Their defense, they plan to pack it in and will push you to shoot 50 threes. I felt like we did shoot 50 threes. At the same time, we have to get what we want as opposed to what the other team is going to give us. I thought Daejon had a heck of a game, especially from a leadership standpoint of getting us on the same page.”

### On the play of Daejon Davis:

“Daejon’s leadership got them in and out of huddles, running the secondary break, making sure guys are in the right spot or running our set offense making sure everybody knows it. If we are in a certain defense, making sure everyone is in the right place and thinking outside of himself and making sure he’s a point guard. I do believe the game is slowing down for Daejon. I think every game he’s playing in college is valuable experience.”

“We are trying to build a cohesive unit and a family atmosphere here where guys can lean on each other. It’s finals and your first quarter at Stanford. The pressures of me yelling and screaming at practice every day and obviously the grind of the season and freshman year being away from home, there are a lot besides the other things going on in his life, it’s a lot. So for him to have the focus and maintain his composure I think was really good.”

### On the inside-outside game:

“If we are going to be a successful team we need to continue to get the ball in the paint; continue to get Mike more touches and get Oscar more shots around the basket. We need to continue to figure out as a staff how to get the ball more inside by dribble or pass. We have to get it into the interior and balance it out. But certainly if they are going to put five guys and make it tight in there it makes it more difficult. I thought our intent was good but we did probably shoot a few too many.”

### Looking ahead:

“We have to do a collection of things right now. It’s more about us making strides than any opponent. USF will be a good test for us. They will do similar things with the three point shot. We need to continue to defend the three-point line. Offensively we need to not turn the basketball over and play with great pace to our offense whether its man or zone. We will continue to focus on those things moving forward. I think we have made some improvements but there are more to be made.”

## Freshman Guard Daejon Davis

### **On returning from the finals break:**

“Our preparation in practice these past couple of weeks has been great. We had a long stretch off. Coach held us accountable on every turnover, every baseline drive, not running the right play, not being on time in the right play. We had a level of focus on the little things really helped us tonight.”

### **On the play of Isaac White:**

“Isaac works as hard as anyone I know. Isaac and Reid are always getting up shots more than the rest of us, even myself. That’s a true testament to why he’s able to have that green light. It doesn’t come easy. He’s proven he’s going to make shots in the game and put in the time in practice to become a better player and shooter.”

### **Looking ahead:**

“We have two guys that are out right now who would have been huge factors on the team if they were not injured. Getting them back into practice and finding our rhythm will be a challenge. Those guys, Dorian and Marcus, know their roles and it has been established. We will have more depth.”

## Freshman Guard Isaac White

### **On his three-point shooting:**

“That’s my role on this team. The coaches told me they would have preferred me to shoot 20 threes. They have given me an ultimate green light and I am very fortunate for that. When teams run zone, I am not going to be in the interior and our ball movement saw me get open looks and the perimeter I am always going to shoot it. Whenever I get space I am going to put it up.”

### **Looking ahead:**

“I think every game no matter who you play is very important. We are under .500 right now and that’s unacceptable. It is not up to our standard. Our next focus is on USF. Every time we hit the court, we know every game is really important. We have a goal to make the NCAA Tournament and you can’t lose games.”



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## Denver Head Coach Rodney Billups

### **On the Game:**

“Davis got hot. We didn't anticipate him making so many shots. If you look at his season stats from behind the arc, we would have bet that he would not make so many tonight. But good players make plays, and that's just how it is. There is an old saying: "It's easy to come back, it's hard to come back to win," and that's what happened.”

“Overall, I liked our effort, our energy, especially in the second half. We have to take care of the ball better. Stanford is not a huge pressure team; that's why 20 turnovers are entirely too much. I liked our guys' fight. We have just got to tighten up. We have to not do what Stanford does; we have to do what Denver does.”

### **On the play of Daejon Davis:**

“I looked at our staff and said, 'That kid there is going to be a really good player.’” He's a freshman, he's got some poise, he sees the floor very well and he's got a lot of confidence. He's going to be a really good player.”

### **On early foul trouble:**

“We were hurt by early foul trouble with Daniel Amigo, Jake Krafka and Christian Mackey. It's hard for us when our best player, Amigo, is sitting on the bench with two fouls. We have to play smarter, not foul and take advantage of what we do well, which is rebound.”