



Postgame Quotes

Stanford vs. San Francisco | December 17, 2017

Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase

On the game

“The formula worked a lot better in the first half. The formula was very similar in the idea that you need to take away three-point shots and value the basketball. You can’t have a simpler game plan and a simpler reason for why things happened. On the defensive end, when we were a step slow we didn’t get to the three-point shooters and bad things happened. On the offensive end, we were awfully creative in finding new ways to turn the ball over. In the second half it was impressive to think of all the ways we turned the ball over. When we did that, we struggled. When we got shots, we were very effective and when we defended the three-point line, we were very effective.”

On the play of Reid Travis

“He [Reid Travis] was a monster. He is a heck of a player of a player and we were able to free him up some but a lot of it he does on his own as well. Physically, he is such a big presence. He can score a variety of ways, obviously he made some threes today but that’s not his bread and butter. He was able to get to the free throw line a few times and score around the basket a lot, he’s a heck of a college player right now.”

On Josh Sharma

“Josh [Sharma] has done a great job of just competing really hard in practice and in games. Not every game statistically looks like this one but in the last game there was a missed dunk he should have made. He sprinted back so hard and ended up deflecting the ball and we get a steal out of it. They turned the basketball over. Those kind of plays lead good things. His effort has been really good and I think that is the catalyst for what happened.”

On Daejon Davis

“The message before and after the game was we need to learn how to really enjoy each other’s success, enjoy team success and when we lose, we really hurt when we lose. I think in-general that is the case, but we need to be really bought in. It was really cool in the locker room today, you would have guessed Daejon [Davis] had 30 points, 20 rebounds, 10 assists and 25 steals. He was so excited about our team win. He knows he played poorly and he did play poorly, we all know that, but I fully expect him to bounce back. For him to be able to be genuinely be excited about his teammates and the team win, I thought was a really good to see.”

On the turnovers

“Twenty turnovers is probably not the recipe for success against Kansas. We are going to have to value the basketball and be smart about what we do, but we can’t become passive. We do need to be the aggressor and we just need to be good enough to make those plays. We’ll find out at this point if we are good enough to be the aggressor and make those plays. I haven’t watched them yet other than a few highlights so I don’t know the exact game plan I am going to give our guys. I know it is going to be a challenging situation but I also know it is going to be a heck of an opportunity for us.”

On Kodye Pugh

“It’s been a couple years. You know, he redshirted last year and has been injured some this year. I think the big thing with him is just getting some minutes. Practices have been great, but until he gets in game situations it’s hard to simulate that. I think the more minutes he gets, the more he gets out there will be beneficial for him. We don’t need him to score

20 points and make threes, but we do need him to compete at a high level. We need him to use his length and athleticism on the defensive end and make the right plays on the offensive end. I thought there was progress with him today.”

On the team’s progress

“I thought it was important, not only that we won the games, and that’s a big thing, but there is progress made. When I went back and looked at the Denver game, after the game I was discouraged how much progress we made. But after I watched the tape I was mostly pleased. I thought we did nice things. Today, when I go back and watch I think I’ll be really encouraged with the first half and disappointed in the second half. I do think there is progress being made. Obviously a lot of work to be done. When guys get healthy, our roster continues to look different as well. I’m generally an optimistic guy and I’m excited about our progress from the last two weeks and moving forward.”

On team goals moving forward

“We haven’t adjusted any goals. We’re not going to. I think we need to improve as a team. I know it is cliché, but our main goal every day is ‘what are we going to do to get better at today.’ I believe in this team, I believe in what we can do. You never know how things turn out, how you get to that end destination. There is a belief in that locker room that we are going to find a way to make something special out of this year.”

Junior Forward Reid Travis

On the game plan

“Our points of emphasis stayed the same all throughout the week. We wanted to take away threes, we knew they were a great three-point shooting team. The more we can make them take contested threes and shoot a lower percentage, we are definitely going to have more success than just pounding the ball inside, get in there and kick it out to three-point shooters. We saw a lot of that on the offensive end and playing with more pace. All that and the combination is why we were able to do that.”

“I was able to get one basket to go in early. I think it was good to see that first jump shot go in and get a little more confidence as they were backing up off me. Just staying in attack mode, I think that’s one thing Coach [Haase] has told me, you have to pick your spots. When the double team comes, be ready to hit the shooter, but if it doesn’t come you have to be ready to attack the rim. Today’s game, they didn’t want to leave the corner three at the start of the game so I got some early looks at the basket which really helped me. When they brought the double team I was able to hit some shooters. It’s just a combination.”

On the play of Josh Sharma

“He [Josh Sharma] brings a lot of energy. Coach preaches to him, when you come in it should be like a firecracker going off. That is definitely the way he has been playing the last few games. If he can hit his three-point shot, if he can get some big blocks, some big rebounds, if he’s talking on defense, that’s exactly what he’s doing right now and it just ups the level. When we can get him in and playing with a lot of energy like that it makes everyone else get excited and that’s when we can go on big leads like that. You see a swing in things.”

On Daejon Davis’ upbeat attitude

“There’s not a whole lot you have to say to him. I mean, Daejon is very mature, which behind closed doors a lot of people don’t see. He’s the first one high fiving, smiling in the locker room because he gets it. You can see that maturity. He understands he didn’t play his best game tonight but in no way is that going to affect him going into the next one. That’s biggest thing I am surprised about with him. He can explode for games like that, maybe he struggled tonight but you could never tell when you go into the locker room. I think that’s the biggest thing when guys can stay level-headed and

consistent. He'll come in this week and prepare for Thursday and not change his process. If he can continue to do that he'll continue to have success."

On controlling the turnovers

"Turnovers our on the top of the list. I think we've done a good job trying to take away threes but we still got a long way to go, they got a lot of open looks tonight, but going against Kansas we can't give away possessions. If we can get a shot at the hoop every time I like our chances, but when we our turning the ball over and getting empty possessions it's hard to beat anybody like that."

Junior Center Josh Sharma

On his play

"These past couple of weeks Coach [Haase] has been emphasizing getting out on three-point shooters and not turning the ball over which we struggled with today but we were still able to get that win. If we just play with energy and play hard out there we'll be alright. Coach keeps telling me to pick up the energy and that's what I try to do. This game my teammates were able to get me the ball and open looks and I was able to knock down some shots."

On the two wins this week after the final exam break

"It was huge for us [to get two wins after two weeks off] coming off that loss to Long Beach State we knew we had to get back to the way we play so these past two wins have been great for us and giving us momentum for our game against Kansas on Thursday."



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San Francisco Head Coach Kyle Smith

On the game:

“We have got to make some shots. That's obvious. I was so happy we fought back. We got off to a really good start, but to their credit, they went zone and rattled us, for whatever reason. They are really good at the rim, so it's hard to get layups in there. They were really flying out to our shooters, and when we didn't make some, it snowballed into us giving up transitions.”

On the play of Reid Travis:

“Reid Travis is a load. I can live with him making some post moves, but he can't hit the three off the dribble. I think he was 4-for-21 from three coming in today and he was 2-for-3 tonight. That's a tip of the hat to him because we have to guard him out there and then guard him in there. He's special.”

On the play of Souley Boum:

“He's got good confidence, and we're learning on the fly. We are playing some young ones. He was definitely impacting the game in a real positive way.”

Looking ahead to conference play:

“The top of our league is very good, and we're trying to get there. We are playing with some young ones and some good returners off last year's team. We have upgraded our schedule by playing teams like this. Part of the process is that we have to keep hacking away. You have got to play well to beat anyone on their home floor.”