



# Postgame Quotes

Stanford vs. California | December 30, 2017

## Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase

### ***Opening Statement:***

“I believe there were 15 possessions to end the game for us defensively. I believe we got two stops, so our inability to make free throws and get stops down the stretch ended up being the ballgame.”

“We missed 16 free throws and that is going to be a problem. Ideally, you don’t want to get in that situation and the lead is a little bigger. On the defensive end, we’ll analyze that. We did everything from a variety of zone presses to man-to-man, doubling in the post to man-to-man, not doubling the post to some zone defense and none of them worked.”

“I thought we got some decent looks. In the zone we talked about pace and trying to play with great pace and when we did, good things were happening when we played and got to the interior of their zone. In their man defense, we wanted to attack with great pace. I liked the stuff we were running, but it doesn't matter if you don't run it with pace and purpose. It doesn't matter what happens when you're not going to get clean looks.”

“I think both teams looked at this as zero and zero at the start of the conference season. We’re not going to give in. We are disappointed in this game and the plan is to do better.”

### ***On the game’s final possession:***

“We wanted a three. They didn’t foul so we were able to get a look which was a positive and a clean look at that. We did have Dorian on the baseline trying to come off two screens on the baseline. I thought he made a nice cut but it didn't quite come to the full development. Reid did have a clean look, and in that situation, six seconds left to get a clean look is a positive, but obviously it didn't go in.”

### ***On Cal’s clutch play:***

“Cal did a nice job of attacking the basket. They were not settling for shots until we had some breakdowns. We had a couple breakdowns in the zone where we were trying to locate their shooters and they got a couple clean looks there. As they had a couple of successes in transition, they scored a variety of their points in transition and offensive rebounds and the free throw line. They made some baskets and their confidence grew, and as it grew, they attacked more and got to the free throw line, got offensive rebounds and got out in transition.”

### ***Looking ahead:***

“I thought the guys came out with a lot of energy and passion for the game. The first 16 minutes I thought there was a lot of carry-over from practice. The experience and cohesion of playing together is still growing. The execution of everything we’re still doing is still growing. At the end of the day, it’s finding ways to get stops at the end of a game and I’m doing my best to build a program here and a culture within that program. This game is going to sting and it’s going to hurt, but at the same time I do feel like we are building the foundation of something special.”

## **Senior Forward Michael Humphrey**

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

“You go into every game confident you can win. This is a big rivalry game, we were all fired up to play, we wanted to start off Pac-12 play the right way. And we didn't do that.”

“We're going to have to watch tape, but our aggressiveness and our free throw shooting are big areas of concern for us. We did not shoot well from the line, and that had a massive impact on the game.”

## **Senior Guard/Forward Dorian Pickens**

### ***On Returning From Injury:***

“Being away from the games that long, it's nice to come back. But when you lose the game, it kills the feeling of anything I can feel individually.”

“Our defense was poor. I don't think our defensive performance was what our standard usually is and needs to be. On offense, we lacked aggressiveness, and on defense we weren't able to get stops. If you don't get stops, that kills you.”

### ***On The Game's Last Play:***

“Coach drew up a play, and they played good defense. It was late in the clock, we had to get a three up and we had to shoot. We are confident in Reid's ability.”



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## California Head Coach Wyking Jones

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

“Really, really proud of my guys and the staff for not throwing in the towel, just staying with it, chipping away, believing that we had a chance to get it done even though we were down pretty much the entire game. We found a way to dig ourselves out of a hole. I'm very excited about that.”

“I knew once we cut it below 10 we had a great chance to win. When you shoot 61 percent in the second half, it was all about getting stops. On the road, the bench has to do a great job for us to stay in a game on the road. Common denominator has been that it's been all 16 guys.”

### ***On Cal Gaining Momentum:***

“At the beginning of the second half, they did a great job attacking our man (defense). Once our guys got settled in and saw what they were trying to do, we started doing a better job of containing them off the dribble. Nick Hamilton came in and really gave us a spark guarding Dorian Pickens. His energy and enthusiasm --the other guys fed off of it. Once we did a better job of keeping them off the offensive glass, it worked out for us.”

### ***On Stanford's Personnel:***

“They are huge. Daejon Davis is 6-5. Humphrey, Travis, then they come in with Sharma. They were killing us on offensive rebounds. I felt that we needed the bigger lineup to keep those guys at bay as far as offensive rebounding. They had seven offensive boards in the first half and six in the second half. We had to have a bigger lineup just to combat that.”

## California Senior Marcus Lee

### ***On The Comeback:***

“Coach said to stay together, and when things go wrong, to go inward as a team. That's what we did today. We realized that when we do things together, then nothing can stop us.”

## California Freshman Justice Sueing

### ***On Cal's Play Down The Stretch:***

“Early in the season we would get down and stay down and would not try to pick back up. The coaches were on us and we were on each other to stay together, and staying together is what got us the win tonight. I'm proud of my guys.”

“This is a huge boost of confidence for all of us going into the games next week with the Southern California teams. We saw what we can do when we stay together. We'll just go from here one game at a time.”