



Postgame Quotes

Stanford vs. Arizona | January 20, 2018

Stanford Head Coach Jerod Haase

On the game

“I don’t know if there is a bigger takeaway but I am proud of the guys. It was a battle and outside the first six, eight, ten minutes of the game we joined the battle and competed at a high level. There were a lot of positives that we’ll take away. Obviously there a lot of things we can learn from as well but at the end of the day I think we competed at a high level.”

On losing the eleven point lead

“I thought we settled on a couple of shots we missed, I’d have to go back and look at the tape for sure. We missed some shots that we normally make as well around the basket. In the zone we got a little bit loose with it. Obviously they made a couple shots which cuts the lead in a hurry. The way they matched up in the zone did hurt us but they did a nice job attacking inside and out.”

On Michael Humphrey’s play

“He was an absolute warrior on the defensive end. It probably took away from his offensive energy, that kind of thing, but I thought he battled the whole night and was a huge piece of our defense.”

On Daejon Davis

“An ankle injury I think it was a rolled ankle but I don’t know the extent at this point. They were going to let me know at halftime if they could get him back but couldn’t get him back in the second half.”

On Dorian Pickens’ play

“I’m really proud of him. Dorian did a great job and he was a warrior as well. I’ve got to put him in position to be successful. When the pressure came I needed to get him a screen and a little more assistance. Overall I thought he was a warrior and handled everything well.”

On Reid Travis

“Obviously he’s going to draw a ton of attention and that was going to be a focus for them. He did make some nice passes and move the basketball and we obviously want to continue to go through him. From my standpoint at this point certainly we’re going to continue to get him the basketball and it’s his job to continue to make the right plays and I thought he made a lot of good ones.”

On the early deficit

“I think it took a little bit for our guys to get into the flow of the game. A lot of new experiences right now. If you go back to the beginning of conference season and look at every game. Talk about the progression we are making and the steps we’re taking. Today’s a game we’ve never seen and nobody’s seen that kind of length and athleticism up front. When our guys did attack in some games those can turn into dead layups or dunks and this game they turned into blocked shots and so I thought we adjusted fairly well trying to make plays for teammates and continue to try and attack the basket and make plays for somebody else. They are very good and they are very athletic. We were able to make some adjustments but I think our guys came in with a pretty good mindset.”

On this Stanford Team

“I think we are making real progress over the long term. Sometimes you can’t see the progress and sometimes there’s ebbs and flows to it. I think since I’ve become the head coach here I’m confident in what we’re doing I like what we are doing. I think the guys believe in what we’re doing and I think we’re making continual strides to get to where we need to get to. What that means moving forward I don’t know. But if we continue to make improvements on what we are doing.”

On Isaac White Stepping In With Daejon Davis Out

“Isaac had a wonderful look in his eye. I thought he embraced the challenge and loved being out there. He certainly gave us a few points. I thought defensively he did some nice things to pester people and was generally in the right spots. I thought he gave us good minutes.”

Junior Forward Reid Travis

On The Game

“There’s definitely some takeaways. We showed great spurts today. Getting that eleven-point lead and just building our momentum. That was great. We were able to make shots and stayed aggressive. When we went to our zone defense we were able to lock in. But giving up that eleven point lead and letting them take the lead and win the game, it’s obviously tough, but we will learn from it.”

On Humphrey

“He was big for us, we gave him a big challenge which was staying in front of their best player in the post. We were going to bring a double team but there were a couple of times where you have to sit on an island and just play one on one and play great defense without fouling because we need him on the court. He did a great job of that staying in front of his man and the basket, just walling up, getting charges called. He did a great job defending in the post.”

“They started to play the gaps a little better. That is nothing new, a lot of teams do that. From getting to the basket off the dribble they would send another man in the gap. I feel like I needed to keep on staying aggressive, keep on drawing fouls, so I was a little disappointed in myself that I didn’t stay pedal to the metal as much as I could have.”

On missing Daejon Davis

“It’s always going to hurt us, he is a great player the way he was facilitating in the first half, he really gets us into a good pace offensively. In the first half we were getting some easy buckets and getting out in transition which we didn’t have that much in the second half. We’re still confident in guys that have to step in. Dorian did a great job bringing the ball up with pressure. Obviously it’s a loss but we got guys that can fill in a take that position.”

On Deandre Ayton

“He’s big, he’s long, he can move his feet. For me it was just trying to get him out the post and play to my advantages. Putting my quickness on him. Obviously he’s a great player. Everything people say about him is true. He’s a shooter, very skilled so give him a lot of credit, we did a great job just trying to zero in and bring two guys on him all night. That’s never easy for him to try and get stats when we’re sending two at him every time. Credit him he was still able to be successful in some moments.”

Senior Forward Michael Humphrey

On The Game

“A loss never feels good, but I think as a team, there’s a lot we can learn from and build off of. I’m not disappointed in our team at all, I think we played extremely hard and put ourselves in a position to win. I’m not discouraged at all, a loss never feels good but I think we can build off a lot of things from today.

“I think we are going in the right direction. Like I said earlier, a loss always knocks you down a little bit. But the season is a long season. We’re still part of the way through so learn from some of things. I think as a team we feel good and we are confident we can play with the teams at the top of the conference. We should be up there and we deserve to be where we are. Obviously you would like to win a game like this but just continue to build off it and we’re confident as a team.”



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Arizona Head Coach Sean Miller

On The technical foul call firing up your team

“I don't think that was the reason. I give our guys credit, they dug deep. I didn't look good at that moment, but our effort continued to be very good or maybe increase. I had a couple guys come in off the bench that might have sparked that run. Winning on the road is hard, and I give Stanford a lot of credit. You know, Daejon Davis hurting his ankle was a big reason we probably won. He's a heck of a player, and to give credit where credit is due, Stanford's resiliency was impressive. They scored 42 points on us (in the second half), and they had their starting point guard the entire second half.”

At the end of the first half--I'd say from about the six-minute mark to halftime--we scored two points. It was as much our lack of execution as it was Stanford's zone. Sometimes on the road, if you get hot early and make some threes, which we did, it's a gift, but it's also a curse. We fell right into it because for us to have 15 or 16 three-point attempts in one half, that's not who we are. Oregon and ASU shoot about 26, 27 a game, they're on the high end, and we were on pace to shoot more than them. If you're Stanford, you have to feel pretty good about that.”

In the second half, we weren't perfect, but our execution and the shots we missed was much better.”

On Stanford's Play

“Stanford's game plan was good. They have some big bodies now, Humphrey's a senior, a very good player; Reid Travis is not only one of the better players in our conference, but in college basketball. Sharma's a seven-footer off the bench who is agile; he was a big reason they beat ASU. They've recruited well; Da Silva off the bench is a skilled player at the 3 or the 4. You can have the greatest scheme in the world but you have to have the players to be able to do it.”

They have recruited really well, their freshmen impact the game. The experience plus the freshmen give them a quality team. I think they'll be in this race for the Pac-12 all the way to March--I really believe that. If they had been healthy (earlier in the season), they'd probably have three more wins.

“I think Jerod [Haase] is one of the best coaches we go against. He has a system, he believes in his system, the system's only going to improve.

On Deandre Ayton's performance

“He had five blocks in the first half, for the game. Anytime a player has six blocks, that alone separates him from the crowd.

On Deandre Ayton fouling out

“I think out of the 20 games we've played, he was in (foul) trouble in one half. Tonight was different; we'll adjust.”