

**85th Hyundai Sun Bowl**  
**Monday Dec. 31, 2018**  
**Head Coaches Postgame Quotes**

**Stanford head coach – David Shaw**

**Opening Statement...**

“Pitt is a very physical football team with two outstanding runners and a very underrated quarterback as far as the ACC is concerned. The guy makes plays with his legs. We had a tough time stopping him as a runner in the first half. He made some really tough throws in the first half as well. A couple guys made some big plays. That’s indicative of our entire season. More guys get banged up and we had guys step up and play. Thankfully, guys didn’t stay out for very long. Guys were able to come back in and make some plays and we keep fighting and when we make mistakes and do the wrong thing, we keep fighting. I can’t say enough about the heart of our older guys, in particular. Bobby Okereke, at least once a quarter, made a big play. Sean Barton made plays. Our guys up on our defensive line had to make plays. I’m so excited about where we’re headed with that group; they’re going to be so much better. Frank Buncom had a heck of a game, made some big plays. On the offensive side, tough sledding, tough sledding, tough sledding, Cameron broke a couple runs which were great, but JJ Arcega-Whiteside once again. I don’t know of many guys like him in college football. I’m curious to see how the next level is going to approach him. All the guy does is change field position and score points. He and K.J. have grown very well together. Both made plays today and then we find a way to end the game with more points than the other team. It’s not a beauty contest, it’s a football game and thankfully, we were able to win it.”

**On being outgained by Pitt on the offensive end and still being able to win the game...**

“It’s not about yards, it’s about points. There’s so many different stats and I appreciate the Pro Football Focus stuff, but that doesn’t win football games. I think it’s a good indication for how talented some guys are and how some teams play, but as far as the game is concerned, it’s on the scoreboard and I’ve said it for years, and I’ll continue to say it. You’ve got to run the ball well, you’ve got to stop the run, you’ve got to be great on first down, you’ve got to be great on third down and you’ve got to be great in the red zone. That’s football. Our defense gave up some yards, but didn’t give up a bunch of touchdowns. We made them kick two field goals, which were huge. And another one, which we backed them up and made them try to kick a long one, which they didn’t make. That’s the difference in the ball game. If they go up and down the field and score touchdowns, we can’t win. But, we stiffened up in the red zone, kept them out of the end zone. And we get a chance to get down there and we get touchdowns instead of field goals, the math is in our favor.”

**On winning despite going 1 for 10 on third down...**

“I don’t think so and hopefully that never happens again. But, once again, that’s a lot of credit to the Pitt defense. Pat Narduzzi is one of the best defensive minds in

college football he forces you to play a difficult game and we were not efficient on first down which means we had too many second-and-long's and too many third-and-long's. We tried to drop back on those third-and-long's. We had a couple completions and a couple times, our quarterback got hit because they're that good at rushing the passer. So trying to stay in third-and-medium and third-and-short is really difficult against a defense like this."

#### **On whether he felt his team got lucky on the final touchdown...**

"Yea, my mother refers to this game as the game with the ball that bounces funny and that's what happen. Sometimes it bounces your way, sometimes it doesn't and thankfully the momentum was on our side and we had a very alert play by Cameron Scarlett. Not the best ball security, not what you're looking for there. But sometimes, things go your way. We had a lot of things go against us today, and thankfully that one went for us."

#### **Impact of plays from Michael Wilson and Dorian Maddox...**

"We're missing a couple guys. We were missing Trent Irwin. Michael had to step up a couple times, even late to get that last first down. They were overplaying the run, we had run the ball strong so many times and we came back with the reverse to a true freshman. You give him a bunch of instructions. Don't go out of bounds, protect the ball, and don't score. It's a lot for a young guy to keep in mind. He had to break a tackle in the backfield, he got positive yards, he got the first down and he got down and we were able to run the clock out. He stepped up and made some plays. Dorian Maddox had a couple of really nice runs; a couple of great moves. Dorian has been banged up for over a year. The second half of the year I was just so glad to see him get back healthy. This guy is going to help us in special teams, this guy is going to help us as a running back. Love what he does as a pass protector as well. I love where our running backfield is right now and he is a big part of that."

#### **On the play of Henry Hattis...**

"I don't mind talking a little private business openly here. It's been a tough year for Henry Hattis. He had a great offseason, worked extremely hard and he was playing behind a 5th year senior and a 5th year senior that's been banged up in A.T. Hall. And A.T. has strapped it up every single game and played really hard and Henry is there waiting and you never know when you're opportunity is going to come. We split some time last game at Cal and he went out there and played well and we knew we were going to rotate him in anyway. And then A.T. got hurt and we had to go with him."

### **Stanford running back - Cameron Scarlett**

#### **On his game-winning touchdown...**

"Which one?" The game-winner the second one "Just like we drew it up, we were running that play a couple times throughout the game and the defensive end just cheating the play a little bit, so we had talked earlier about maybe pulling it making it, having KJ pull it make him respect KJ and give him a little bit more space inside

and KJ thought he saw something and I was fortunate to carry out the fake and look back and the ball was right there in my hands.”

### **Stanford quarterback - KJ Costello**

#### **On being outgained by 150 yards but still getting the win...**

“I don’t believe so, no, the game of football is played very specifically the majority of the time, somebody outmatches somebody to an extent like that typically wins the ball game. Coach Shaw referred to it in the locker room, I mean this game was a lot like the season, the first half of the season, but effort was never a question with these guys, they are going to figure it out. We got a lot of guys going down (with injury) but at the end of the day you have to dig deep, you know a win’s a win and we dug deep and we gotta move on.”

#### **On what kind of panic is there when you fumble down at the goal line...**

“That’s a great question. Yeah, the ball was loose, I try and scrap for it, I turn around and it’s in my teammate’s hands so if there was a little bit of panic it was for a bout a second and half. You know that’s on me 100 percent, you know sometimes things fall your way and in the second half there was a couple of things that fell our way, so I’ll take it and move on.”

#### **On what did you see from their defense that made the game so tough for the offense to get going...**

“I saw exactly what we saw on tape for the past 2-3 weeks, they are really committed to their base looks and they have a lot of faith in their back end.”

### **Pittsburgh Head Coach – Pat Narduzzi**

#### **Opening Statement...**

“I’ll start off again by thanking everyone involved in the Sun Bowl it was a great experience. Obviously not the outcome we wanted but defensively when you look at the stats, it almost makes me want to fall over. I give Stanford credit. I look at our 208 yards rushing and 344 total yards to their 208 and I just doesn’t add up how that score ends up being 13-14 but that’s really the only stat that matters. Offensively we have to finish drives in the red zone. Overall, offensively and defensively we outplayed them we just didn’t win on the scoreboard which is unfortunate and I feel bad for our seniors.”

#### **On the inability to put the game away offensively...**

“Without replaying the whole game in my head, it starts with a holding on the first drive and we had another holding. It’s all those errors that we talk about so many times that we’ve been plagued with this season. It’s those errors that put you behind the chains. We got to make better plays and call better plays.

**On not being able to score more than 13 points offensively in the past three games...**

"We just have to continue look at what we're doing and how we do it and evaluate every part of the program. We did some better things that we did last game but we just have to continue to go to the drawing board."

**On potentially making staff changes...**

"I'm not going to talk about that right now. I like our staff right now. We're going to digest this football game."

**On being involved in dominating statistically but ending up losing...**

"Not many (games). I've been involved in a few of them but the stats don't really matter."

**On if the losing streak diminishes overall season success...**

"I don't think so. Our goal was to get to the (ACC) Championship and we got there. We didn't play great but I thought we rebounded well in a bowl game against a quality Stanford team. We got to the (ACC) Championship and a lot of people wish they could be there. We rolled through the Coastal division and we can always from this season saying we are Coastal division champions. That "C" word is still on this 2018 senior class."

**On thinking of letting Stanford score on last possession...**

"We went back-and-forth even with 3:44 to go in the game. On offense we obviously went for it and we converted on that first one but couldn't convert on the last one. But we talked about it and as a defensive coach that philosophy is difficult to let somebody score. "

**Pittsburgh quarterback - Kenny Picket**

**On being 2 dimensional and throwing the ball down the field...**

"Really we just wanted to take advantage of the coverage that they were showing. We felt that we could get the ball out quick and do some work there, which I thought we did. We only had a couple of explosives down the field passing, I wish we had some more, some deep shots that would've ended up in touchdowns. There's no secret to why we lost. We didn't punch it in inside the ten twice, we almost scored, that's why you don't win games. The defense played great, we got to finish drives."

**On the last drive in the first half and the approach...**

"We started off running the ball and we hit that one to Maurice down the middle and then we kind of got in our two minute there. I took a shot to Taysir deep on the post, try and give him a chance to go and make a play. Really just trying to find a way to go and get points."

**On why the passing game never took off this season...**

“There’s three phases to it, we go to block them, I have to throw it, and we got to catch it. We got to improve in all areas this off season.

**Pittsburgh defensive lineman - Rashad Weaver**

**On his vantage point with the last Stanford touchdown...**

“You know we had a stunt called, Dewayne bottled up the quarterback, got a good hit on him and got lucky, that’s what I’m going to call it. They called the ball and that was a fumble. They didn’t do anything on that play. That’s what it is.

**Pittsburgh running back - Darren Hall**

**On the injury to Qadree Ollison...**

“It’s hard and we feed off each other throughout the game and really I knew I had to step up more.”