



NOTRE DAME POSTGAME NOTES

*Stanford * Stanford Stadium * Stanford, California * November 25, 2017*

TEAM NOTES

- By forcing the Cardinal to punt on its first offensive possession, Notre Dame has forced either a turnover or punt on the opponent's first drive in 11 of 12 games this season. Wake Forest made a field goal on the Deacon's first drive of the game to be the only Irish opponent with points on their opening drive.
- Notre Dame outgained Stanford, 415-328. It was the first loss of the season for the Irish when outgaining their opponent.
- It was just the third time on the season Notre Dame lost the turnover battle.
- The Irish lead the all-time series with Stanford, 19-12, while the Cardinal hold an 9-6 advantage at home.
- Notre Dame captains at the coin toss were OL **Mike McGlinchey**, QL **Quenton Nelson**, LB **Drue Tranquill** and WR **Austin Webster**. Stanford won the toss and elected to receive. The Irish were 7-5 on the coin toss this season. Tonight marked just the second time this season Notre Dame kicked off to start the game, with the other being the victory at Boston College (the Irish won the toss and deferred).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- The 83-yard TD pass from QB **Brandon Wimbush** to WR **Kevin Stepherson** to open the scoring was Notre Dame's longest pass play since 2010. It was the longest pass play against the Cardinal since at least 1996 (per STATS).
- When Wimbush connected with WR **Equanimeous St. Brown** for a 75-yard score on the first-play from scrimmage in the second half, it marked the first time in program history Notre Dame completed two passes of 75 yards or more in the same game.
- WR **Chris Finke's** 41-yard punt return in the third quarter was the longest by an Irish player this season. It was the longest return by an Irish player since Sept. 26, 2015, when **C.J. Sanders** had a 50 yard return against UMass.
- RB **Josh Adams** now totals 1,386 rushing yards on the season. He owns the third highest rushing total in school history, trailing **Vagas Ferguson** (1,437 on 301 attempts in 1979) and **Allen Pinkett** (1,394 yards on 252 attempts in 1983).
- For his career, Adams stands at 3,154 rushing yards, fifth all-time at Notre Dame. **Darius Walker** is next on the career rushing list with 3,249 career yards, good for fourth.
- CB **Julian Love** added to his single-season school record with three pass break-ups, giving him 17 for the year.
- With six tackles, DL **Jerry Tillery** reached 101 for his career.