



# 2015 PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

## POSTGAME NOTES

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015

**No. 7 Stanford Cardinal 41, No. 20 USC Trojans 22**

### Pac-12 Championship Game Most Valuable Player

**RB Christian McCaffrey STAN (So. 6-0, 201, Castle Rock, Calif.)**

*461 all-purpose yards (207 rush, 105 receiving, 120 KOR, 29 PR, 2 TD)*

#### • Game Time Conditions at Kickoff:

Cloudy, 55F, calm wind

#### • Attendance: 58,476

**STANFORD** has won its third Pac-12 Championship title, more than any other school, and improved the North Division to 5-0 in the game.

### #WILDCAFF

**Christian McCaffrey** set a Championship record with 93 yards gained in a quarter on 11 carries. He went on to set the Championship record for rushing yards in a half at 155. He broke the Championship all-purpose yardage record by the third quarter with 272 yards, and exceeded his total to 461.

In the second quarter, McCaffrey broke Barry Sanders' NCAA single season record for all-purpose yards (3,250) by the third quarter and now has 3,496 this season. With 461 yards, he surpassed Glyn Milburn's 1990 school single game record of 379 all-purpose yards.

McCaffrey rewrote the Pac-12 Championship Game rushing records, setting new records for rushes (32), yards in a quarter (93) and yards in a half (155)

### ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

McCaffrey and **Kevin Hogan** BOTH recorded a rushing, receiving AND passing touchdown in the game. McCaffrey is the fourth active FBS running back to achieve the feat in their career.

### #BLOCKPARTY

Stanford's blocked USC PAT attempt was the first blocked kick of any time in Championship history.

### TAKE IT TO THE HOUSE

**Solomon Thomas** had the first fumble return and fumble return for a TD in Championship history with his 34 yard TD. It was the first fumble return for a TD for TD in Championship history with his 34 yard TD. It was the first fumble return for a TD for Stanford since 2012.

### NO FLY ZONE

The Trojans allowed the fewest passing yards in a half in Championship history in holding Stanford to just 16 yards. The 155 total passing yards for Stanford was the lowest total allowed in Championship game history.

### GOOD JUJU

**JuJu Smith-Schuester** set his career record of receptions in a single game with 11. That marks at Championship game record.

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### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME HISTORY

2011	UCLA	31
	OREGON	49
2012	UCLA	24
	STANFORD	27
2013	STANFORD	38
	ARIZONA STATE	14
2014	OREGON	51
	ARIZONA	13
2015	STANFORD	41
	USC	22



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### **STANFORD CARDINAL POSTGAME NOTES**

- RB Christian McCaffrey and QB Kevin Hogan each caught a touchdown pass, rushed for a touchdown and threw for a touchdown on Saturday, becoming the first players in the FBS since Pharoah Cooper (South Carolina) on Nov. 1, 2014 to accomplish the feat in the same game. Brett Hundley was the last Pac-12 player to do it, achieving the feat against Utah on Oct. 3, 2013.
- The Cardinal are now 11-2 in games with Kevin Hogan rushes for a touchdown.
- McCaffrey is the first player in Stanford football history to eclipse 400 all-purpose yards in a single game, setting the school record with 461 all-purpose yards, breaking Glyn Milburn's 1990 school record of 379.
- He is the third player in school history with 1,000+ kick return yards in a season (1,042).
- McCaffrey has each of the FBS' top-3 single-game all-purpose yard outputs on the season.
- McCaffrey has two games this season with over 100 rushing yards AND over 100 receiving yards. The rest of the FBS has combined for two such games.
- McCaffrey has 830 all-purpose yards and accounted for five total touchdowns in his last two Pac-12 games (369 yards, two TDs against Cal/461 yards, three TDs today).
- Stanford has won 32 straight games when leading after the third quarter, dating back to 2012.
- Conrad Ukropina has 67 consecutive extra points, good for the third longest streak in Stanford history. He is 60-for-60 this season.
- Solomon Thomas' 34-yard fumble return for a touchdown was Stanford's first fumble recovery for a touchdown since Chase Thomas did so in 2012.
- USC's three first-half points were its fewest against Stanford since Sept. 29, 2001, when the Cardinal built a 21-0 halftime advantage.



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### USC TROJANS POSTGAME NOTES

- Sr. QB Cody Kessler has thrown at least one TD pass in 34 of 40 starts.
- Kessler's 12-yard fourth-quarter scoring dash was his fourth rushing TD this year.
- So. WR JuJu Smith-Schuster broke his personal best with 11 receptions today, good for a Pac-12 Football Championship Game Record. He is now eighth on USC's single-season reception chart with 75.
- So CB-WR Adoree' Jackson's 27-yard fourth-quarter rush was a career long.
- Fr. Ronald Jones' 27-yard third-quarter TD run was his team-best eighth rushing score.
- Sr. Jahleel Pinner's 1-yard TD catch was his second TD catch of his career, both this season.
- RS Jr. PK Alex Wood's 40-yard FG made him 13-of-17 this year.
- USC has trailed at the end of the first quarter in 8 straight games. Troy won five of the previous seven entering tonight.
- So. Nico Fallah is USC's fourth starting center this year.
- Olajuwon Tucker led all players with 13 tackles in the game – four more than his previous career best against Oregon earlier this season. It was also tied with Su'a Craven's 13-tackle effort against Stanford earlier this season for the most single game tackles in a game for the Trojans.
- Anthony Sarao also had a season's best nine tackles in the game.