

### **Arizona Head Coach Sean Miller:**

Q: Stanford stayed close in the first half, you pulled away in the second half. What was the difference?

A: I thought our defense was the constant from start to finish. It might have been our best overall defensive performance. I have great respect and like Stanford's team. They're a very hard-playing group. They play together well on both ends. We knew before they came in that their zone defense was a big part of their success. I thought it rattled our guys at times, especially in the first half.

Gabe York (19 points) was tremendous; he's done that a number of times, especially in our road games. I thought him stepping up in the mid-second half was one of the keys to our victory.

Q: You out-rebounded Stanford 2 to 1 defensively in the game. How much of an impact on the win?

A: We're an excellent rebounding team. At halftime we had zero offensive rebounds, which I credit them because not only were they playing an excellent zone, but they had us at zero offensive rebounds; that's a big reason why we were struggling against the zone. In the second half, we got some key second shots. But our rebounding is our team strength.

Let's credit Stanford. They force the most turnovers in the league. Their activity, their togetherness, how hard they play, they have a very quick and rugged team. They do a really good job on defense.

I thought Ryan (Anderson) did a really good job against an excellent player (Rosco Allen). I believe Rosco Allen is one of the premier players in the Pac-12, he's a big reason Stanford's had the success they've had.

### **Forward Ryan Anderson:**

Q: Keys to the game as you saw it?

A: I credit the coaching staff. They put us in a great position to be successful defensively, and offensively, they (Stanford) played a lot of zone, which cause a lot of turnovers and traps they try to create.

Q: What was different in the second half?

A: We pride ourselves on what we call '10 wars in the game.' Whatever team wins the most wars usually wins the game. We didn't win many in the first half and that was our mindset coming into the second half, to try and win the sixth war by at least one point. We got the first war, it tied us together and put us in a better position for the second half.

Q: On defending Rosco Allen:

A: Coach Miller said that he's had his way with every team in the league so far, he's playing at a very, very high level, and anytime I play against a guy like that, it brings out the best in me.

### **Guard Gabe York:**

The older guys didn't want to lose. When you have a guy like Ryan (Anderson), who's a double-double machine, and somebody who brings that to the table every game, it's easy for us to try and lay back and go off his shoulders, and tonight a lot of people stepped up. Mark Tollefson had a big night for us. It was a great win in a hard-fought environment.