



STANFORD CARDINAL

2013 PAC-12 CHAMPIONS • ROSE BOWL GAME GUIDE

Bowl History

Appearances [24] • Record [11-12-1]

Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score	Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score
1901	Rose (Jan. 1, 1902)	Michigan	L	0-49	1978	Bluebonnet (Dec. 31, 1978)	Georgia	W	25-22
1924	Rose (Jan. 1, 1925)	Notre Dame	L	10-27	1986	Gator (Dec. 27, 1986)	Clemson	L	21-27
1926	Rose (Jan. 1, 1927)	Alabama	T	7-7	1991	Aloha (Dec. 25, 1991)	Georgia Tech	L	17-18
1927	Rose (Jan. 1, 1928)	Pittsburgh	W	7-6	1992	Blockbuster (Jan. 1, 1993)	Penn State	W	24-3
1933	Rose (Jan. 1, 1934)	Columbia	L	0-7	1995	Liberty (Dec. 30, 1995)	East Carolina	L	13-19
1934	Rose (Jan. 1, 1935)	Alabama	L	13-29	1996	Sun (Dec. 31, 1996)	Michigan State	W	38-0
1935	Rose (Jan. 1, 1936)	Southern Methodist	W	7-0	1999	Rose (Jan. 1, 2000)	Wisconsin	L	9-17
1940	Rose (Jan. 1, 1941)	Nebraska	W	21-13	2001	Seattle (Dec. 27, 2001)	Georgia Tech	L	14-24
1951	Rose (Jan. 1, 1952)	Illinois	L	7-40	2009	Sun (Dec. 31, 2009)	Oklahoma	L	27-31
1970	Rose (Jan. 1, 1971)	Ohio State	W	27-17	2010	Orange (Jan. 3, 2011)	Virginia Tech	W	40-12
1971	Rose (Jan. 1, 1972)	Michigan	W	13-12	2011	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 2012)	Oklahoma State	L	38-41 [OT]
1977	Sun (Dec. 31, 1977)	Louisiana State	W	24-14	2012	Rose (Jan. 1, 2013)	Wisconsin	W	20-14

1902 Rose Bowl Game

Michigan 49, Stanford 0

January 1, 1902 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	Final
Michigan	17	32	49
Stanford	0	0	0

Approximately 8,500 people crowded into Tournament Park on the California Institute of Technology campus to witness the first Rose Bowl Game. The best in the West versus the best in the East had been brought together by tournament officials to attract more national attention to their pageant.

What spectators got was a flat-out massacre by the "point-a-minute" Michigan Wolverines, who had outscored opponents 501-0 during the regular season.

Coached by Fielding H. Yost, an assistant at Stanford the year before, Michigan outplayed Stanford in every aspect of the game. For the Wolverines, fullback Neil Snow rushed for five touchdowns and Ev Sweeley punted for almost 900 yards and kicked four field goals.

In a violent game, Stanford guard William Roosevelt, a second cousin of President Teddy Roosevelt, played an astonishing 15 minutes with a broken leg before having to leave the game with fractured ribs in addition to the leg injury.

The game ended with eight minutes remaining on the clock after the two team captains agreed to finally halt the Michigan onslaught.

Following the game, the Rose Bowl Game was discontinued until the first day of 1916, when Washington State defeated Brown, 14-3.

1925 Rose Bowl Game

Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10

January 1, 1925 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	0	13	7	7	27
Stanford	3	0	7	0	10

One of the most classic Rose Bowl Game matchups occurred in 1925 when Stanford coach Pop Warner and star player Ernie Nevers went up against Knute Rockne and "The Four Horsemen" of Notre Dame.

When it was over, the Fighting Irish had a 27-10 victory, a 10-0 season and a national championship, while the Cardinals finished 7-1-1. Turnovers proved to be Stanford's undoing in the game as three Irish touchdowns were scored on Stanford giveaways.

Nevers, Stanford's All-American two-way star, turned in one of the greatest performances in the school's history. Not only did he play all 60 minutes in the game, but he rushed for 114 yards, more yardage than all the Four Horsemen combined, despite having his ankles bandaged so tightly that the circulation was almost completely shut off. Both ankle bones had been broken earlier in the season and the casts had been taken off just 10 days before the Rose Bowl Game. Nevers could barely walk.

Elmer Layden was the star Horseman on this day by scoring three touchdowns for Notre Dame, two on interception returns. His 76-yard return in the second quarter moved the Irish to a 13-3 lead, and his 70-yard touchdown return in the fourth quarter provided Notre Dame with its final score.

Murray Cuddeback kicked a 17-yard field goal in the first quarter to give Stanford an early 3-0 lead. Notre Dame then scored 20 unanswered points before the Cardinals managed to score and cut the lead to 20-10.

1927 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 7, Alabama 7

January 1, 1927 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Alabama	0	0	0	7	7
Stanford	7	0	0	0	7

In a game that pitted two unbeaten teams, Stanford and Alabama played to a 7-7 tie in a game that set a Rose Bowl Game attendance record of 57,417.

Pop Warner's Stanford team entered the game with a 10-0 record while the Crimson Tide brought a 9-0 record to Pasadena. The Tide averted its first loss of the season by scoring the tying touchdown in the last minute of the game.

Stanford's only score came in the first quarter when quarterback George Bogue connected with Ed Walker for a 20-yard touchdown.

With Stanford nursing a 7-0 lead late in the fourth quarter, Alabama's Clark Pearce blocked a Stanford punt on the 47-yard line, which was ultimately recovered on the Indians' 14-yard line.

Five plays later, Alabama scored a touchdown and kicked the extra point to preserve its unbeaten season.

Stanford outgained the Tide, 311-92, in total offense.



1928 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 7, Pittsburgh 6

January 1, 1928 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	0	0	7	0	7
Pittsburgh	0	0	6	0	6

For the third time in four years, Stanford was selected to play in the Rose Bowl Game and for the first time, came away with a victory, beating Pittsburgh, 7-6.

Pitt's Jimmy Hagen broke a scoreless tie when he returned a fumble recovery 20 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Stanford quickly answered as quarterback Spud Lewis hit Biff Hoffman on a screen pass but fumbled after receiving a hard hit just before the end zone. Stanford's Frankie Wilton recovered the fumble and streaked into the end zone for the tying score.

Hoffman added the extra point to give Stanford its first Rose Bowl Game victory.

1934 Rose Bowl Game

Columbia 7, Stanford 0

January 1, 1934 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Columbia	0	7	0	0	7
Stanford	0	0	0	0	0

The "Vow Boys" made their first of three straight Rose Bowl Game appearances but were shut out by the Columbia Lions, 7-0.

Columbia scored the game's only touchdown in the second quarter on a skillfully executed hidden ball trick which worked to perfection. The play, known as "KF-79", began on Stanford's 17-yard line. Columbia quarterback Cliff Montgomery handed the ball off to halfback Al Barabas, who hid the ball on his hip and waited patiently. When the entire Stanford team had been either faked or blocked, Barabas ran virtually untouched into the endzone for the game's only score.

The fact that the game was even played was remarkable. The Pasadena Fire Department had to pump 12 inches of water off the field after heavy rains pounded Southern California in the days leading up to the game.

1935 Rose Bowl Game

Alabama 29, Stanford 13

January 1, 1935 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Alabama	0	22	0	7	29
Stanford	7	0	6	0	13

Alabama's passing game led by quarterback Dixie Howell and wide receiver Don Hutson proved too much for Stanford, as the Crimson Tide handed the Indians their second straight Rose Bowl Game defeat, 29-13.

Howell completed nine of 12 passes for 160 yards while Hutson caught six passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns as the Tide completed an undefeated season.

Stanford took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter, as Bobby Grayson carried over from a yard out for a touchdown which was set up by a Tide turnover. However, Alabama scored 22 consecutive points in the final 13 minutes of the first half to take a 22-7 lead into the locker room at intermission.

Stanford cut the lead to 22-13 in the third quarter, as the Howell-Hutson combination struck again in the fourth quarter, connecting on a 59-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-23 play from its own 41-yard line.

1936 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 7, SMU 0

January 1, 1936 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	7	0	0	0	7
Southern Methodist	0	0	0	0	0

The third time proved to be the charm for the "Vow Boys" who went to Pasadena with another vow: to win the Rose Bowl Game.

Stanford quarterback Bill Paulman scored the game's only touchdown on a one-yard bootleg play in the first quarter.

SMU made its only serious scoring threat in the second quarter when it drove down to the Stanford five-yard line. Stanford's Wes Muller then forced and recovered a fumble inside the five-yard line, ending the threat.

The game was a defensive battle throughout. Stanford's Bobby Grayson gained just 28 yards in 17 attempts while Bones Hamilton netted 23 yards on 15 carries.

1941 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 21, Nebraska 13

January 1, 1941 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	7	7	7	0	21
Nebraska	7	6	0	0	13

In 1940, Stanford got a new football coach in Clark Shaughnessy and the rest of the football world got a revolutionary style of football that would forever change the game.

Shaughnessy and his "T" Formation proved to be an offense filled with innovative tricks that left fans astonished and opponents flat-footed. The Indians bowled over all nine of its regular season opponents and came into the Rose Bowl Game with a perfect 9-0 record. The Cornhuskers (8-1) were ranked seventh in the nation and had lost just once all season to top-ranked Minnesota.

But, the game belonged to Shaughnessy and the "Wow Boys." The "T" Formation featured a completely new offensive set with the quarterback taking the snap from right behind the center. It is this game that is generally considered the clincher that convinced football pundits that the "T" was the offense of the future.

Of course, Shaughnessy's new offense was not without its stars. In quarterback Frankie Albert, halfbacks Pete Kmetovic and Hugh Gallarneau and fullback Norm Standlee, the Indians had the right tools to run the "T." Shaughnessy would later call this backfield one of the greatest of all-time in American football history.

1952 Rose Bowl Game

Illinois 40, Stanford 7

January 1, 1952 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Illinois	6	0	7	27	40
Stanford	7	0	0	0	7

In the first nationwide telecast of the Rose Bowl Game, Illinois pounded Stanford, 40-7.

The Indians held an early 7-6 lead in the first quarter, only to see the Illini score 34 unanswered points to secure the sixth straight victory for the Big Ten in the New Year's Day game.

Stanford, which had won nine consecutive games during the regular season, finished the year ranked seventh in the nation in the final wire service polls.



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1971 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 27, Ohio State 17

January 1, 1971 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	10	0	3	14	27
Ohio State	7	7	3	0	17

Making its first Rose Bowl Game appearance in 19 years, Stanford stunned the college football world with a convincing 27-17 upset over previously unbeaten Ohio State.

Heisman Trophy winner Jim Plunkett completed 20 of 30 passes for 265 yards and one touchdown, while the Stanford defense, led by tackle Dave Tipton and linebacker Jeff Siemon, limited the Buckeyes to just three points in the second half as the Indians erased a 14-10 halftime deficit.

Stanford trailed 17-13 after three quarters, but Plunkett engineered an 80-yard, 13-play scoring drive early in the fourth period, culminated by a one-yard touchdown run by Jackie Brown.

On the Buckeyes next possession, Stanford's Jack Schultz intercepted a Rex Kern pass, giving the Indians the ball on the Ohio State 25-yard line. Four plays later, Plunkett connected with Randy Vataha for a 10-yard touchdown to give Stanford a 27-17 lead with just over eight minutes left to play.

1972 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 13, Michigan 12

January 1, 1972 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	0	0	3	10	13
Michigan	0	3	0	9	12

Quarterback Don Bunce and the "Thunderchickens" defense gave Stanford head coach John Ralston his second consecutive Rose Bowl Game victory in a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over previously unbeaten Michigan.

A 31-yard field goal by Rod Garcia with 0:12 remaining capped off a wild fourth quarter, as the underdog Indians scored their second straight upset victory before 103,154 at the famed stadium.

A safety gave Michigan a 12-10 lead with 3:18 remaining. After regaining possession on its own 22-yard line with 1:48 remaining, Bunce completed five consecutive passes, moving the Indians down to the Michigan 17-yard line with 22 seconds remaining. Two plays, three yards gained and two timeouts later, on came Garcia to attempt a game-winning 31-yard field goal.

His kick split the uprights, handing Stanford an improbable, come-from-behind victory.

Bunce, who completed 24 of 44 passes for 290 yards, was named the game's MVP.

1977 Sun Bowl

Stanford 24, LSU 14

December 31, 1977 • El Paso, Texas

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	0	10	7	7	24
LSU	7	7	0	0	14

Playing in its first post-season bowl game other than the Rose Bowl Game, Stanford notched a 24-14 victory over favored LSU in the Sun Bowl.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Bill Walsh, Stanford ended the season with a 9-3 record and a No. 15 ranking in both wire service polls.

The game was billed as an offensive showdown with the passing of Stanford quarterback Guy Benjamin and the running of LSU All-American Charles Alexander. Benjamin completed 23 of 36 passes for a Sun Bowl-record 269 yards while Alexander finished the game with 197 yards on the ground, also a record.

But the game was decided by Stanford's defense, which shutout the Tigers in the second half. Linebacker Gordy Ceresino led both teams with 22 tackles and was awarded the Chuck Hughes Memorial Trophy for his outstanding defensive play.

1978 Bluebonnet Bowl

Stanford 25, Georgia 22

December 31, 1978 • Houston, Texas

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	0	0	22	3	25
Georgia	3	12	7	0	22

Stanford won its fourth bowl game in four appearances in the 1970s as Bill Walsh led his Cardinal to a spectacular come-from-behind victory over heavily favored Georgia.

The Cardinal entered the game with a 7-4 overall mark, 4-3 in the Pac-10 and unranked. Georgia, on the other hand, was 9-1-1 and ranked seventh and 11th by the two wire service polls.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 15-0 lead at the half and led 22-0 early in the third quarter before Stanford got its wake-up call. The Cardinal proceeded to score 25 unanswered points in a six-and-a-half minute span to take the lead. Stanford's 25-22 lead early in the fourth quarter held up as the Cardinal defense, led by Gordy Ceresino, shut out the powerful Bulldog offense to preserve the win.

Ceresino was named the game's Defensive MVP as he accounted for 20 tackles. Cardinal quarterback Steve Dils was the Offensive MVP after leading the remarkable comeback. He completed 17 of 28 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns.

1986 Gator Bowl

Clemson 27, Stanford 21

December 27, 1986 • Jacksonville, Fla.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Clemson	7	20	0	0	27
Stanford	0	0	7	14	21

There were two different games played on this day in Jacksonville, Florida. The first belonged to Clemson in the first half and the second belonged to the Cardinal in the final half.

The difference, however, was that Clemson won the first half 27-0 and Stanford won the second half 21-0 – giving the Tigers a 27-21 victory in the Cardinal's first post-season bowl appearance since the 1978 Bluebonnet Bowl.

Clemson gained 291 yards and had 15 first downs in the first half while the Cardinal gained just 57 yards and recorded three first downs. The Tigers' 27-0 first half lead was largely due to the running of Terrence Flagler and Kenny Flowers and the passing of quarterback Rod Williams, who completed 8-of-11 for 101 yards.

Stanford's starting quarterback – John Paye – could not play due to injury and seldom-used backup Greg Ennis was called to action. Ennis completed 20-of-40 for 168 yards for the game, but was just 6-of-13 for 18 yards in the first half. Brad Muster, the 1986 Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year, earned co-MVP honors with Clemson's Williams after rushing for 70 yards on 17 carries and catching four passes for 53 yards and two touchdowns.

1991 Aloha Bowl

Georgia Tech 18, Stanford 17

December 25, 1991 • Honolulu, Hawaii

	1	2	3	4	Final
Georgia Tech	10	0	0	8	18
Stanford	7	10	0	0	17

Stanford's "Now Boys" entered the Aloha Bowl with a seven-game winning streak - the program's longest since 1951 - as the Cardinal was making its first bowl appearance since 1986.

The Cardinal jumped out to first-half leads of 7-0 and 17-10, but Georgia Tech scored a touchdown and two-point conversion in the last 14 seconds of the game to secure an 18-17 victory. Stanford led 17-10 with 1:41 remaining in the game when its drive stalled on the Georgia Tech 45.

Tommy Vardell finished the game with 104 yards and accounted for both of Stanford's touchdowns, but was knocked out of the game in the second half after breaking his collarbone. Quarterback Steve Stenstrom finished the game completing 16 of 32 passes for 170 yards.



1993 Blockbuster Bowl

Stanford 24, Penn State 3

January 1, 1993 • Miami, Fla.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	7	7	10	0	24
Penn State	3	0	0	0	3

The culmination of one of the greatest football seasons in Stanford history came on a warm and cloudy day in Miami. The Cardinal, Pac-10 Co-Champions for the first time since 1971 and playing in its first New Year's Day Bowl Game since the 1972 Rose Bowl Game, beat traditional power Penn State, 24-3, in the Blockbuster Bowl in a game that clearly showed why Stanford was a top 10 team.

Stanford used a familiar formula: a dominating defense and an effective offense.

After Stanford took a 14-3 lead into the locker room at halftime, Penn State could muster just 29 rushing yards, 53 via the pass and only 82 total yards the entire second half.

Senior cornerback Darrien Gordon was named the game's Most Outstanding Player after holding Penn State All-American wide receiver O.J. McDuffie intact. Gordon recorded seven tackles and was credited with six pass breakups.

Steve Stenstrom completed 17 of 28 passes for 210 yards and two touchdowns while fullback Ellery Roberts added 98 yards on the ground.

1995 Liberty Bowl

East Carolina 19, Stanford 13

December 30, 1995 • Memphis, Tenn.

	1	2	3	4	Final
East Carolina	7	9	0	3	19
Stanford	0	7	6	0	13

Stanford was picked to finish last in the Pac-10 by many of the preseason prognosticators but the Cardinal, under first-year head coach Tyrone Willingham, had different ideas. Stanford found itself unbeaten after its first five games, with only a tie against Wisconsin blemishing an otherwise perfect ledger.

The Cardinal picked up three more wins late in the season against Oregon State, Washington State and Cal to finish the regular season with a 7-3-1 mark and gain an invitation to the St. Jude Liberty Bowl, where it would face East Carolina.

Stanford could not get on track offensively and managed just 11 first downs and 211 yards in total offense in a 19-13 loss to the Pirates. The Cardinal faced a third-and-one from the Pirate 20 with less than a minute left to play, but Mark Butterfield's last two passes fell incomplete and ECU took over on downs with 11 seconds left in the game.

1996 Sun Bowl

Stanford 38, Michigan State 0

December 31, 1996 • El Paso, Texas

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	7	14	10	7	38
Michigan State	0	0	0	0	0

In the most lopsided bowl game victory in school history, Stanford completely took apart Michigan State en route to a 38-0 Sun Bowl win, the first shutout by a Cardinal team since 1974.

Stanford advanced to the 18th bowl game in school history and the second straight under Tyrone Willingham. The Cardinal's win gave Stanford a 7-5 final record and five consecutive wins to end the season.

The game was as one-sided as the score indicated. Stanford scored touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams, led 21-0 at the half and never allowed the Spartans to mount any semblance of a comeback in the second half.

Chad Hutchinson was named the game's offensive MVP after completing 22 of 28 passes for 226 yards and one touchdown. Anthony Bookman ran wild in El Paso, finishing the contest with 103 yards on 11 carries. Defensive end Kailee Wong recorded 10 tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks and was named the game's defensive MVP.

2000 Rose Bowl Game

Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9

January 1, 2000 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Wisconsin	0	3	7	7	17
Stanford	0	9	0	0	9

Stanford found itself back in Pasadena for the first time since 1972 after finishing the regular season with an 8-4 overall mark, including a sparkling 7-1 Pac-10 Conference record. Stanford was a heavy underdog to Big Ten champion Wisconsin, but gave the fourth-ranked Badgers all they could handle in a 17-9 defeat.

Stanford's effort was even more impressive considering the Cardinal suffered crucial injuries to key players—notably wide receiver Troy Walters and defensive end Willie Howard—days and weeks leading up to the game. Howard suffered a severe knee injury in the last regular season game against Notre Dame. Walters, the Pac-10's most prolific receiver, suffered a dislocated right wrist just three days before the game and was ruled out of the contest 48 hours prior to kickoff. However, Walters played in the game with a heavily wrapped wrist and caught three passes for 52 yards and Howard defied the odds and made a start at defensive end and recorded five tackles.

2001 Seattle Bowl

Georgia Tech 24, Stanford 14

December 27, 2001 • Seattle, Wash.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Georgia Tech	7	10	0	7	24
Stanford	0	3	3	8	14

Coming off one of the best regular season performances in the 106-year history of the program, Stanford rode into postseason play with momentum, boasting a spectacular 9-2 record. The nine victories marked the first time since 1992 that the Cardinal accomplished this feat, and was only the second time in 50 years that the program had attained this mark. The 11th-ranked Cardinal aimed for its 10th victory in the Pacific Northwest against Georgia Tech (8-5) in the inaugural Seattle Bowl, the 20th bowl game in school history.

Despite a fourth-quarter surge that pulled the Cardinal within a field goal with 11:39 left in the contest, unranked Georgia Tech surprised Stanford 24-14 before a crowd of 30,144 at Safeco Field, home of the Seattle Mariners.

Stanford finished the year with a 9-3 record and was ranked 16th in the nation by the *Associated Press*. Lewis, who replaced starter Randy Fasani at the end of the third quarter, was named Stanford's Player of the Game after completing 6 of 13 passes for 110 yards and one touchdown.

2009 Sun Bowl

Oklahoma 31, Stanford 27

December 31, 2009 • El Paso, Texas

	1	2	3	4	Final
Oklahoma	10	7	14	0	31
Stanford	7	17	0	3	27

Playing in its first bowl game since 2001, Stanford fell to Oklahoma, 31-27 in the Brut Sun Bowl before a sellout crowd of 53,713 in Sun Bowl Stadium.

The 19th-ranked Cardinal was without the services of quarterback Andrew Luck, who was sidelined with a broken right index finger suffered in the fourth quarter of the Notre Dame game a month earlier. Senior Tavita Pritchard made his first start of the season and completed 8 of 19 passes for 117 yards with two interceptions. Running back Toby Gerhart ended his Stanford career by rushing for 135 yards on 32 carries to go along with two touchdowns. It marked Gerhart's seventh straight game of rushing for 100 yards or more as the Heisman Trophy runner-up finished a brilliant senior season with a school-record 1,871 yards and 28 rushing touchdowns.



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2011 Orange Bowl

Stanford 40, Virginia Tech 12
January 3, 2011 • Miami Gardens, Fla.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Stanford	7	6	13	14	40
Virginia Tech	2	10	0	0	12

Stanford added an exclamation point to its historic 2010 season with a 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech in the Discover Orange Bowl in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Behind four touchdown passes by quarterback Andrew Luck, Stanford pulled away from the ACC-champion Hokies in the second half en route to its school record 12th victory of the season. Three of Luck's four touchdown strikes went to tight end Coby Fleener, who finished the game with six receptions for 173 yards, both career highs.

Luck, who was named the game's Most Outstanding Player, completed 18 of 23 passes for 287 yards and four touchdowns. After completing 9 of 13 passes in the first half, Luck was nearly perfect following intermission, completing 9 of 10 attempts for 201 yards and three touchdowns – all to Fleener.

Stanford led just 13-12 at halftime, as the Hokies thwarted a fake punt and blocked an extra point try. Running back Jeremy Stewart, who had been hampered all year with injuries, broke loose for a 60-yard touchdown run at the 6:16 mark of the first quarter to give the Cardinal a 7-0 lead.

After Virginia Tech took a 13-9 lead, Luck connected with tight end Zach Ertz for a 25-yard touchdown pass that capped an eight-play, 79-yard scoring drive. A field goal by Virginia Tech's Chris Hazley just before halftime cut Stanford's lead to 13-12 at the break.

The second half belonged to the Cardinal, as Stanford scored on its first four possessions on its way to its eighth consecutive victory. Owen Marecic opened the second half scoring spree with a one-yard run at the 8:47 mark of the third quarter to give Stanford a 19-12 lead. Luck then hit Fleener for touchdowns of 41, 58 and 38 yards, securing Stanford's first bowl victory since 1996.

Stanford's defense, behind a 12-tackle effort from linebacker Shayne Skov, limited a strong Hokies running game to just 66 yards.

It was the final game for Stanford head coach Jim Harbaugh, who compiled a 29-21 in four seasons at the helm of the Cardinal program. With the win, Stanford became the first FBS team to win 12 games four years after losing 11 contests.

2012 Fiesta Bowl

Oklahoma State 41, Stanford 38 (OT)
January 3, 2012 • Glendale, Ariz.

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Oklahoma State	0	21	3	14	3	41
Stanford	7	14	7	10	0	38

In the most anticipated postseason game outside of the BCS National Championship Game, third-ranked Oklahoma State dealt fourth-ranked Stanford a heartbreaking 41-38 overtime loss in a wildly entertaining Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

Quinn Sharp's 22-yard field goal in overtime gave the Cowboys its first BCS bowl win, only after Stanford kicker Jordan Williamson misfired on two critical field goal attempts, one at the end of regulation and the other in overtime.

Quarterbacks Andrew Luck and Brandon Weeden each threw for over 300 yards while Stanford running back Stepfan Taylor ran for a career-high 177 yards on 35 carries.

Two-time Biletnikoff Award winner Justin Blackmon caught eight passes for 186 yards, including touchdowns of 43, 67 and 17 yards.

Luck was especially brilliant in his final game in a Stanford uniform, completing 27 of 31 passes for 347 yards and two touchdowns, including a 53-yard bomb to Ty Montgomery that accounted for the game's first touchdown.

Stanford compiled 590 yards in total offense, compared to 412 for Oklahoma State and held the Cowboys to just 13 yards rushing.

The Cardinal never trailed in the game until Sharp made the game-winning field goal that left Stanford crestfallen.

The two teams combined for 24 points in a wild fourth quarter.

Taylor's one-yard touchdown run with 4:34 left capped a 13-play, 69-yard scoring drive that gave the Cardinal a short-lived 38-31 lead.

Weeden and the Cowboys marched 67-yards in nine plays and tied the game when Joseph Randle carried over from four yards out with 2:35 left.

Luck then drove the Cardinal down to the Cowboys 23-yard line, setting up a potential game-winning field goal with :03 remaining.

However, Williamson's attempt missed badly, sending the game into overtime.

Stanford had the first crack in overtime, but Williamson misfired on a 43-yard attempt.

On Oklahoma State's second play of overtime, Weeden threw a 24-yard pass to Colton Chelf that was originally ruled a touchdown, however, following a replay review, the ball was placed on the one-yard line.

On the next play, Sharp nailed the game winning field goal from 22-yards out, denying Stanford its second straight BCS bowl title.

2013 Rose Bowl Game

Stanford 20, Wisconsin 14
January 1, 2013 • Pasadena, Calif.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Wisconsin	0	14	0	0	14
Stanford	14	3	0	3	20

Stanford finished a 12-2 campaign with a 20-14 victory over Wisconsin in the 99th Rose Bowl Game. In a defense-dominated second half, Usua Amanam stopped Wisconsin's final drive with an interception near midfield with 2:30 to play to seal the program's first Rose Bowl victory in 40 years.

Stepfan Taylor rushed for 89 yards and an early touchdown, while Kevin Hogan passed for 123 yards, but Stanford won the game with a shutdown effort by its defense, which held Wisconsin scoreless with just 82 yards after halftime.

Kelsey Young took his only carry 16 yards for a score on Stanford's opening possession, and Taylor scored on the second drive after a big catch by Zach Ertz. Wisconsin kept the Cardinal out of the end zone for the final 51 minutes, but Stanford's defense didn't need any more help in the Cardinal's eighth straight victory to end the campaign.

Following Taylor's 3-yard touchdown run just 8:30 minutes in to give the Cardinal a 14-0 lead, Wisconsin briefly got going only to be turned back by Stanford's defense with a goal line stand from its 1-yard line.

Montee Ball had an 11-yard touchdown run midway through the second quarter and, following a Stanford field goal, the Badgers cut the deficit to 17-14 on Jordan Fredrick's short touchdown catch just 19 seconds before the break. Wisconsin would get no closer as Stanford celebrated in front of 93,359 fans.



Last Time It Happened in a Bowl Game

Team

+300 yards passing 347 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 -100 yards passing 98 • vs. Nebraska • 1941 Rose
 +150 yards rushing 187 • vs. Wisconsin • 2013 Rose
 +200 yards rushing 243 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 -0 yards rushing -5 • vs. Wisconsin • 2000 Rose
 +500 yards total offense 590 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 -200 yards total offense 156 • vs. Southern Methodist • 1936 Rose
 Beat top 25 team No. 12 Virginia Tech (40-12) • 2011 Orange
 Beat top 10 Team No. 7 Georgia (25-22) • 1978 Bluebonnet
 Beat top 5 Team No. 3 Michigan (13-12) • 1972 Rose
 Forced 2+ turnovers 2 • vs. Oklahoma • 2009 Sun
 Committed 0 turnovers vs. Wisconsin • 2013 Rose
 Failed to score offensive touchdown vs. Columbia (L, 0-7) • 1934 Rose
 Failed to score a point vs. Columbia (L, 0-7) • 1934 Rose
 Shutout opponent vs. Michigan State (38-0) • 1996 Sun
 Overtime vs. Oklahoma State (L, 38-41) • 2012 Fiesta

Individual

Rushing

+100 yards 177 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +150 yards 177 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +50-yard rush 56 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 +20 rushing attempts 20 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Wisconsin • 2013 Rose
 +30 rushing attempts 35 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +2 rushing touchdowns 2 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta

Passing

+300 yards 347 • Andrew Luck vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +20 completions 347 • Andrew Luck vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +40 attempts 40 • Greg Ennis vs. Clemson • 1986 Gator
 +50-yard completion 53 • Luck to Montgomery • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +3 touchdown passes 4 • Andrew Luck vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange

Receiving

+5 receptions 7 • Montgomery, G. Whalen vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +100 yards 120 • Ty Montgomery vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +150 yards 173 • Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 +50-yard reception 53 • Ty Montgomery vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 +2 touchdown receptions 3 • Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange

Defense

+10 tackles 12 • Shayne Skov vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 +15 tackles 15 • Shayne Skov vs. Oklahoma • 2009 Sun
 +20 tackles 20 • Gordon Ceresino vs. Georgia • 1978 Bluebonnet
 +2 sacks 3 • Shayne Skov vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Interception return for touchdown 50 • Leroy Pruitt* vs. Michigan State • 1996 Sun
 * Scored on lateral from Josh Madsen after Madsen intercepted pass

Special Teams

Punt return for touchdown 40 • Peter Kmetovic vs. Nebraska • 1941 Rose
 Blocked punt return for touchdown 9 • Tim Smith vs. Michigan State • 1996 Sun
 Blocked punt Richard Sherman vs. Oklahoma • 2009 Sun
 +2 field goals Nate Whitaker vs. Oklahoma • 2009 Sun
 Made 40+ field goal 47 • Jordan Williamson vs. Wisconsin • 2013 Rose

Bowl Game Records

Individual

Rushing

Rushing attempts 35 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Rushing yards 177 • Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Rushing touchdowns 2 • four times • last by Stepfan Taylor vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Longest rush 60 • Jeremy Stewart vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange

Passing

Pass attempts 44 • Don Bunce vs. Michigan • 1972 Rose
 Pass completions 27 • Andrew Luck vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Passing yards 347 • Andrew Luck vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Passes intercepted 2 • three times • last by Mark Butterfield vs. East Carolina • 1995 Liberty
 Touchdown passes 4 • Andrew Luck vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Completion pct.871 (27-31) • Andrew Luck vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Longest pass ... 58 • Andrew Luck to Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange

Receiving

Receptions 8 (112 yards) • John Winesberry vs. Michigan • 1972 Rose
 Receiving yards 173 • Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Touchdown receptions 3 • Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Longest reception 58 • Fleener from Luck vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange

Scoring

Points 18 • twice • last by Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Touchdowns 3 • twice • last by Coby Fleener vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Kicking points 9 • Steve Horowitz vs. Ohio State • 1971 Rose Bowl
 Extra points 5 • twice • last by Jordan Williamson vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Field goals 2 • three times • last by Nate Whitaker vs. Oklahoma • 2009 Sun
 Longest field goal 48 • Steve Horowitz vs. Ohio State • 1971 Rose

Defense

Tackles 22 • Gordy Ceresino vs. LSU • 1977 Sun
 Solo tackles 18 • Gordy Ceresino vs. LSU • 1977 Sun

Team

First downs 27 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Rushing attempts 50 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Rushing yards 257 • vs. Michigan State • 1996 Sun
 Rushing touchdowns 3 • twice • last vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Pass attempts 44 • vs. Michigan • 1972 Rose
 Pass completions 27 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Completion percentage871 (27-31) • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Passing yards 347 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Passes intercepted 5 • vs. Notre Dame • 1925 Rose
 Touchdown passes 4 • vs. Virginia Tech • 2011 Orange
 Total offensive plays 81 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Total Yards Gained 590 • vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Most points scored 38 • twice • last vs. Oklahoma State • 2012 Fiesta
 Fewest points allowed 0 • vs. Michigan State • 1996 Sun