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STANFORD OPENS 1990 FOOTBALL SEASON AT NATIONALLY-RANKED COLORADO

THE GAME STANFORD (0-0 OVERALL, 0-0 PAC-10) VS COLORADO (0-0-1 OVERALL, 0-0 BIG-8)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1990, 5:00 P.M. PDT
FOLSOM FIELD (51,463)

THE CARDINAL Stanford opens its 96th season at Colorado ... This will be the second time in the last three seasons that the Cardinal will have opened the season on the road ... A year ago, Stanford opened the campaign with a 19-3 loss at Arizona ... In 1987, Stanford lost a 31-21 decision at Washington, but in 1986, Stanford opened the season with a 31-21 win at Texas ... Going in the 1990 season, Stanford has played 927 collegiate football games ... The Cardinal finished the 1989 season with a 3-8 overall record, 3-5 (tied for seventh) in the Pacific-10 Conference.

THE BUFFALOES The Buffaloes opened their season on Aug. 26 in the Pigskin Classic in Anaheim against eighth-ranked Tennessee ... The two teams battled to a 31-31 tie ... Colorado finished the 1989 season ranked fourth in both the UPI and AP polls ... CU was 11-1 overall in 1989 and 7-0 in the Big-8 Conference ... Colorado, the Big Eight champion a year ago, went into the Orange Bowl with a perfect 11-0 record and a number one national ranking, but lost a 21-6 decision to Notre Dame ... The Buffs were ranked fifth in the first AP poll of the 1990 season.

THE COACHES DENNY GREEN is entering his second season at Stanford ... He was 3-8 in his freshman season on The Farm ... His career mark (5 seasons at Northwestern, 1 season at Stanford) is 13-53 ... BILL MCCARTNEY is in his ninth season at Colorado with a mark of 47-45-1.

THE SERIES Colorado holds a 2-1 edge over the Cardinal ... All three games have been played in Boulder ... In 1904, Stanford beat Colorado, 33-0, but have since dropped a 27-21 decision in 1977, and a 31-17 verdict in 1987.

THE LAST MEETING September 19, 1987, was the date that Stanford-Colorado last met in Boulder with the Buffs scoring a 31-17 decision ... The wishbone offense proved unstoppable for Stanford as the Cardinal yielded 413 rushing yards ... Running back ERIC BIENIEMY scored Colorado's first touchdown on a two-yard run ... BIENIEMY rushed for 119 yards on 14 carries ... Wide receiver WALTER BATSON scored Stanford's first touchdown on a 48-yard pass from QB GREG ENNIS ... BATSON finished the day with three catches for 58 yards ... ED MCCAFFREY added three catches for 41 yards ... JOHN HOPPKINS kicked a 27-yard field goal.

RADIO KCBS Radio (740-AM on the dial in San Francisco) will serve as the originating station for Stanford's live football broadcasts ... The Cardinal radio network will include stations throughout the west coast ... They are KERI-AM in Bakersfield, and XTRA-AM in San Diego (a 50,000 watt station) ... Hal Ramey, KCBS sports director, will handle the play-by-play duties, while Bob Murphy, former Stanford sports information director and San Jose State athletic director, will handle the color commentary ... Stanford campus station KZSU (90.1 FM) will carry all Cardinal football games live with Dutch Webber and Mark McGloughlin.

ON THE TUBE The Stanford-Colorado game will be broadcast live nationally on ESPN

beginning at 5:00 p.m. PDT ... The Cardinal is scheduled to appear at least three more times on live television: Sept. 15 at UCLA (Primeticket Network, Pacific Sports Network locally), October 13 vs USC (ABC) and November 17 at California in the Big Game (Primeticket, PSN locally) ... The San Jose State game on September 29 will be broadcast on PSN on a tape-delayed basis at 7:00 p.m. that evening ... Stanford Sports Magazine: Football '90 will be telecast every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on the Pacific Sports Network with Bob Murphy and Denny Green ... The show will make its debut on Sept. 5 ... PSN will replay Wednesday's show each Friday evening ... Stanford Sports Magazine will be seen weekly on PSN throughout the football and basketball seasons.

PRESS CONFERENCE Head coach DENNY GREEN will host his weekly press conference beginning next Tuesday, September 4 in the Hall of Fame Room (located near the Sports Information Office) ... The press conference begins at 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday prior to Stanford's 11 football games ... Along with Green, the opposing head coach will be available via a speaker phone connection and at least one Stanford player will be in attendance.

THE SCHEDULES STANFORD (0-0, 0-0 PAC-10)

Sept. 6 at Colorado
 Sept. 15 at UCLA
 SEPT. 22 OREGON STATE
 SEPT. 29 SAN JOSE STATE
 Oct. 6 at Notre Dame
 OCT. 13 USC
 OCT. 20 WASHINGTON
 Oct. 27 at Oregon
 NOV. 3 WASHINGTON STATE
 Nov. 10 at Arizona
 Nov. 17 at California

COLORADO (0-0-1, 0-0 BIG-8)

Aug. 26 Colorado 31, Tennessee 31
 SEPT. 6 STANFORD
 Sept. 15 at Illinois
 Sept. 22 at Texas
 SEPT. 29 WASHINGTON
 Oct. 6 at Missouri
 OCT. 13 IOWA STATE
 Oct. 20 at Kansas
 OCT. 27 OKLAHOMA
 Nov. 3 at Nebraska
 NOV. 10 OKLAHOMA STATE
 NOV. 17 KANSAS STATE

THE PAC-10 STANDINGS

	OVERALL	PAC-10
Arizona	0-0	0-0
Arizona State	0-0	0-0
California	0-0	0-0
Oregon	0-0	0-0
Oregon State	0-0	0-0
Stanford	0-0	0-0
UCLA	0-0	0-0
USC	0-0	0-0
Washington	0-0	0-0
Washington State	0-0	0-0

Aug. 31 USC-Syracuse (Kickoff Classic)
 Sept. 1 Montana at Oregon State, Washington State at TCU
 Sept. 6 STANFORD AT COLORADO
 Sept. 8 Oklahoma at UCLA, Oregon State at Kansas, San Jose State at Washington, San Diego State at Oregon, Wyoming at Washington State, Illinois at Arizona, California at Wisconsin

A PEEK AT THE LAST WEEKS OF 1989

Stanford closed out the final three games of the 1989 season with two victories, a 17-14 victory over UCLA in game nine and a 24-14 verdict over California in the season finale ... Ironically, in those two wins the Cardinal rushed the ball more than in any other games of the '89 campaign: 44 attempts vs. UCLA and 54 in the Big Game ... Stanford gained a season high 229 yards on the ground against Cal ... In those final three games, the Cardinal gained 485 yards on the ground, almost half of the season total of 994 yards ... Stanford averaged 162 rushing yards in those final three games ... In the first eight games of the year, the Cardinal gained just 509 yards on the ground - an average 64 yards per game.

FOR STARTERS Stanford University begins its 96th season in 1990 ... The Cardinal owns a 60-31-4 record in season openers - a .653 winning percentage ... Stanford began playing football in 1891 ... More recently, the Cardinal has lost its last three season openers: 1987 at Washington (31-21), 1988 at home vs. USC (24-20) and 1989 at Arizona (19-3).

ROAD OPENERS Thursday's matchup with Colorado will mark the fourth time in the last five years and the fifth time in the last seven seasons that Stanford has opened on the road ... The Cardinal is 1-3 in those previous four games (since 1984) ... Stanford's last road win on opening day was September 13, 1986 when the Cardinal beat Texas 31-20 in Austin ... The Cardinal went on to earn a Gator Bowl bid and finish 8-4 in '86

ROAD WOES The Cardinal has gone 0-9-1 in its last 10 road games dating back to the 1987 season ... Stanford's last road win was November 14, 1987 when the Cardinal beat Oregon State 38-7 in Corvallis ... Stanford went 0-4-1 on the road in 1988 and 0-5 a year ago.

AGAINST THE BIG EIGHT Stanford is 5-5 vs. the Big Eight Conference ... The last time the Cardinal played a Big Eight team was when Stanford visited Boulder to face CU on September 19, 1987 ... Stanford has lost its last three meetings with Big Eight Teams: 1987 at Colorado (31-17), 1984 at Oklahoma (19-7) and 1983 vs. Oklahoma at Stanford (27-14) ... The last Cardinal win over a Big eight opponent occurred on September 27, 1980 when a John Elway-led Stanford team beat Oklahoma 31-14 in Norman.

PALUMBIS BACK AS STARTER JASON PALUMBIS, a part-time starter for Stanford in 1988, has earned his second tour of duty as the Cardinal's starting quarterback ... Palumbis, did not play a down in 1989 as he fell to fourth on the depth chart ... Following the season, he underwent shoulder surgery in November, 1989 ... With his arm back at full strength, the Lake Oswego, Oregon native recaptured the starting spot during the spring campaign ... Palumbis has not played in a game since November 11, 1988 in the Big Game (which ended up in a 19-19 tie) ... As a starter in '88, Palumbis guided Stanford to a 2-3-2 record ... He won his first two starts, vs. San Jose State and Arizona State, as he went 36-for-67 for 415 yards and two touchdowns ... As a starter in '88, Palumbis went 110-for-201 (.547) for 1,388 yards, six interceptions and seven touchdowns ... Below is Palumbis' game-by-game numbers for his career, which includes the 1988 season only:

G#	PASSING vs.	G/GS	ATT.	CMP.	PCT.	INT	PCT.	YDS	ATT	YDS/	YDS/	YDS/	PASS				
													TDS	ATT	COMP.	GAME	EFF.
1	USC	1/0	3	1	.333	1	.333	12	4.0	12.0	12.0	0	.000	.000	.0	33.3	12
2	San Diego State	1/0	1	1	1.000	0	.000	11	11.0	11.0	11.0	0	.000	.000	.0	93.4	11
4	Notre Dame	1/0	23	16	.696	0	.000	158	6.9	9.9	158.0	1	.040	.060	1.0	58.5	27
5	San Jose State	1/1	35	13	.371	0	.000	222	6.3	17.1	222.0	1	.030	.080	1.0	53.8	49
6	Arizona State	1/1	32	23	.719	1	.030	193	6.0	8.4	193.0	1	.030	.040	1.0	51.4	24
7	Oregon State	1/1	27	15	.556	0	.000	262	9.7	17.5	262.0	1	.040	.070	1.0	82.2	75
8	Washington	1/1	40	19	.475	1	.030	220	5.5	11.6	220.0	2	.050	.105	2.0	46.8	27
9	Washington State	1/1	30	18	.600	2	.070	239	8.0	13.3	239.0	2	.070	.111	2.0	67.6	41
10	UCLA	1/1	10	9	.900	1	.100	71	7.1	7.9	71.0	0	.000	.000	.0	60.3	15
11	California	1/1	27	13	.482	1	.040	181	6.7	13.9	181.0	0	.000	.000	.0	56.7	37
Totals		10/7	228	128	.561	7	.030	1569	6.9	12.3	156.9	8	.040	.060	.8	58.4	--

"RUN" HAPPY STANFORD Although Stanford University is best known as a "pass" happy team, the 1990 Cardinal will not follow in the footsteps of some of the great passing teams in its history ... In fact, Stanford has stockpiled perhaps its best group of running backs in recent years ... Ironically, of the top six running backs, which Green says he will utilize all six, only two had significant playing time in 1989, three did not play at all and one played two games before being injured ... Starting backs GLYN MILBURN and ELLERY ROBERTS did not play in '89 due to NCAA regulations on transfers while CHARLIE YOUNG missed the entire season with a knee injury ... JON VOLPE played the first

two games of 1989 before injuries kept him out the rest of the way ... Only TOMMY VARDELL and J.J. LASLEY had significant playing time a year ago ... Of those six backs, the Cardinal returns only three who gained a total of 542 yards in 1989 ... Nevertheless, look for Stanford to run the ball in 1990 ... Here is the breakdown of Stanford's returning runners from the '89 squad who are expected to play a significant role in the running attack:

NAME	TCB	YG	YL	YDS	AVG	TD
Tommy Vardell	60	252	15	237	4.0	3
J.J. Lasley	40	193	8	185	4.6	1
Jon Volpe	31	136	16	120	3.9	1
Totals	131	581	39	542	4.1	5

O-LINE TIPS SCALES AT 1,420 POUNDS Stanford's offensive line, which returns four of five starters from a year ago, is one of the largest in recent years on The Farm ... While the Cardinal is not quite at 300 pounds per lineman, it is nearing that mark rapidly ... The five starters on the offensive line, who weigh an aggregate 1,420 pounds, average 6-5 and 284 ... The starters include LT BOB WHITFIELD (6-7, 300), LG BRIAN CASSIDY (6-5, 300), C RICK PALLOW (6-4, 270), RG CHUCK GILLINGHAM (6-4, 275) and RT DARRAN BAIRD (6-4, 275) ... Cassidy is the only new starter on the line.

WHITFIELD "BETTER" THAN '89 Sophomore left tackle BOB WHITFIELD, a Second-Team All-Pac-10 pick a year ago and a First-Team Preseason All-American in 1990, has "matured as a player and is simply better than he was last season," according to offensive line coach SCOTT SCHUHMAN ... "Bob is stronger and moves a lot better than he did last year," he said. "He has taken that next step up to another level. We're going to run the ball his way. I don't think we're going to fool anybody there. There's no question he's one of the best in the conference and I think he's one of the best at his position in the nation," said Schuhmann.

MAINSTAYS ON DEFENSE In LC KEVIN SCOTT and LILB JONO TUNNEY, the Cardinal will build its defense around two guys who are beginning their fourth season in the starting lineup ... Scott, a 1990 All-America candidate, has started the last 30 games for Stanford in the defensive backfield ... He started the final eight games in 1987 and all 11 in '88 and '89 ... Tunney, also an honors candidate, has started 31 of Stanford's last 33 games ... Tunney started nine games in '87, when he finished as the team's third-leading tackler, and all 11 in 1988 and '89 ... He has led the team in tackles in each of the past two seasons.

HOPKINS NEARING RECORDS Placekicker JOHN HOPKINS has a chance to break three school records in 1990: career points, career field goals and consecutive PAT's made ... Entering the season, Hopkins needs to make six field goals to break MARK HARMON'S (1981-84) record of 50 and he needs 64 points to break Harmon's record of 252 career points ... Hopkins missed his first collegiate extra point in 1987, but has since made 54 in a row ... He needs to make six consecutive PAT's to break Harmon's record of 59.

GREEN ON COLORADO, ETC... "Colorado poses a great challenge because of their tremendous rushing attack on offense and their number one rush defense," said Cardinal head coach DENNY GREEN. "We realize the effect DARIAN HAGAN can have on a defense trying to stop their offense. We do not feel CU is one-dimensional. They have a lot of attacks with the I and the Bone. We will have to work equally hard at their inside attack and their perimeter attack. I feel we have had an excellent training camp and we'll go to Colorado with a healthy team. It is our opening effort at seeking the type of balance we think is necessary to be successful. That responsibility falls squarely on the development of our offensive line. JASON PALUMBIS and our receivers have had a solid camp and we're hoping that opportunities for the big play will present itself. I think the special teams play of both teams may have the opportunity to set the tempo of the game. Colorado has excellent return and coverage teams. Our hope is that GLYN MILBURN, KEVIN SCOTT and ROGER BODEN will make that phase of our game equally explosive."

1990 STANFORD UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART
 Sept. 6, 1990 vs. COLORADO (STARTERS IN CAPS)

Acad/Ath.

STANFORD OFFENSE				COLORADO OFFENSE			
	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.		Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
SE -40 ED McCAFFREY	6-5	215	Sr/Sr	WR - 9 MIKE PRITCHARD	5-11	180	Sr.
80 Chris Walsh	6-1	180	Sr/Jr	25 Mark Henry	6-3	190	Jr.
LT -70 BOB WHITFIELD	6-7	300	So/So	LT -76 ARIEL SOLOMON	6-6	275	Sr.
79 John Carpenter	6-5	270	Sr/Jr	65 Greg Loest	6-6	255	Fr.
LG -65 BRIAN CASSIDY	6-5	300	So/Fr	LG -62 JOE GARTEN	6-3	280	Sr.
50 Chris Dalman	6-4	280	Jr/So	73 Roger Ivey	6-3	280	Fr.
C -54 RICK PALLOW	6-4	270	So/So	C -52 JAY LEEUWENBURG	6-3	265	Jr.
56 Scott Whitt	6-5	260	Fr/Fr	71 Erez Gottlieb	6-3	270	So.
RG -62 CHUCK GILLINGHAM	6-4	275	Sr/Sr	RG -79 RUSS HEASLEY	6-4	265	Jr.
74 Glen Cavanaugh	6-5	290	So/Fr	78 Bryan Campbell	6-4	270	So.
RT -68 DARRAN BAIRD	6-4	275	Sr/Sr	RT -72 MARK VANDER POEL	6-8	300	Sr.
75 Steve Hoyem	6-8	300	So/Fr	77 Jim Hansen	6-7	270	So.
TE -83 TURNER BAUR	6-5	242	Sr/Jr	TE -81 JON BOMAN	6-3	235	Jr.
88 Paul Nickel	6-4	240	So/So	32 David Brown	6-2	240	Sr.
FL - 6 JON PINCKNEY	6-3	195	Sr/Jr	QB - 3 DARIAN HAGAN	5-10	185	Jr.
4 Walter Batson	5-10	175	Sr/Sr	4 Charles Johnson	5-11	165	Jr.
QB -12 JASON PALUMBIS	6-3	205	Sr/Jr	WB -42 MICHAEL SIMMONS	5-9	195	Sr.
17 John Lynch	6-2	210	So/So	23 Greg Lindsey	6-1	200	Fr.
HB - 5 GLYN MILBURN	5-9	175	Jr/So	TB - 1 ERIC BIENIEMY	5-7	195	Sr.
26 J.J. Lasley	6-0	208	Jr/So	35 Chuck Snowden	6-1	200	Fr.
FB -33 ELLERY ROBERTS	6-1	222	Jr/So	FB -22 GEORGE HEMINGWAY	6-0	230	Sr.
44 Tommy Vardell	6-2	232	Sr/Jr	33 James Hill	6-0	210	Fr.

STANFORD DEFENSE				COLORADO DEFENSE			
	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.		Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
LT - 63 FRANK BUSALACCH	6-4	276	Jr/So	LT -99 LEONARD RENFRO	6-5	285	Fr.
96 Scott Palmbush	6-4	255	Sr/Sr	97 Marcellous Elder	6-5	285	So.
NT - 51 ESTEVAN AVILA	6-3	279	Jr/So	NT -93 JOEL STEED	6-2	280	Jr.
78 Aaron Rembisz	6-3	260	Jr/So	39 Jeff Brunner	6-1	245	Fr.
RT - 61 TYLER BATSON	6-5	250	Jr/So	RT -95 GARRY HOWE	6-0	275	Sr.
91 Matt Borkowski	6-4	270	Jr/So	89 Brian Dyet	6-6	240	Fr.
LOLB-29 RON GEORGE	6-2	230	Jr/So	LOLB-94 ALFRED WILLIAMS	6-6	240	Sr.
37 Charlie Lough	6-5	235	Jr/So	91 Lamarr Gray	6-1	235	Sr.
LILB-95 JONO TUNNEY	6-2	240	Sr/Sr	LLB-19 GREG BIEKERT	6-3	220	So.
57 Eric Pierce	6-1	240	Sr/Jr	43 Rob Hutchins	6-1	220	Sr.
RILB-31 KEVIN PUK	6-2	230	Jr/So	RLB-34 CHAD BROWN	6-3	230	So.
55 Dan Byers	6-1	231	Jr/Jr	88 Richard Fisher	6-2	220	Fr.
ROLB-42 DAVE GARNETT	6-1	220	So/So	ROLB-96 KANAVIS MCGHEE	6-5	250	Sr.
85 Vince Otoupal	6-3	230	Jr/So	46 Paul Rose	6-2	215	Sr.
LC - 3 KEVIN SCOTT	5-11	182	Sr/Sr	LC -12 DAVE McCLOUGHAN	6-1	185	Sr.
15 Gary Taylor	5-11	200	Sr/Jr	13 Ronnie Bradford	5-11	175	So.
SS - 24 TUAN VAN LE	6-0	185	Sr/Jr	SS -17 TIM JAMES	6-3	205	Sr.
46 Jimmy Klein	6-3	205	So/So	6 Eric Hamilton	5-11	195	So.
FS - 16 SEYON ALBERT	6-0	185	So/So	FS -27 GREG THOMAS	6-3	220	Jr.
43 Matt Smith	6-4	190	So/Fr	21 Dwayne Davis	6-2	200	So.
RC - 8 ALBERT RICHARDSON	6-0	190	Sr/Jr	RC -15 DAVID GIBBS	5-9	175	Sr.
10 Ron Redell	6-3	195	So/So	2 Deon Figures	6-0	195	So.

CARDINAL SPECIALISTS			
	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
PK - 94 JOHN HOPKINS	6-3	185	Sr/Sr
90 Aaron Mills	6-0	175	Fr/Fr
P - 11 PAUL STONEHOUSE	5-8	175	So/So
94 John Hopkins	6-3	185	Sr/Sr

Holder - 9 S. SMITH, 80 Walsh
 Snappers-62 GILLINGHAM, 56 Whitt
 Punt Returns- 5 MILBURN, 2 Roger Boden
 Kick Returns- 5 MILBURN, 3 SCOTT

BUFFALO SPECIALISTS			
	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
PK -16 JIM HARPER	6-0	180	Jr.
14 Pat Blottiaux	6-0	200	So.
P -10 TOM ROUEN	6-3	215	Sr.
17 Jeff Kochevar	6-4	200	Jr.

Holder- 4 CHARLES JOHNSON, 25 Henry
 Snappers- 81 JON BOMAN, 52 Leeuwenburg
 Punt Ret.-12 McCLOUGHAN, 9 PRITCHARD
 Kick Ret.- 9 PRITCHARD, 21 D. DAVIS