

STANFORD CARDINAL



WR/KR Ty Montgomery

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2014

QUARTERBACKS - In '12 the big question was who would replace SU's all-time career leader in wins. Andrew Luck joined fellow SU QB's Bobby Garrett, Jim Plunkett and John Elway in being selected as the #1 pick in the draft. Three VHT QB's battled for the job in '12 incl Josh Nunes (PS#17, 2 car att) and Kevin Hogan. Nunes started the first 9 but comp just 53% (1643, 10-7). Hogan had been running some Wildcat packages and took over the duties on the 3rd series vs Colo. He went 5-0 as a st'r with 4 wins vs ranked tms (#1, 13, 15 & 17). His mobility (#2 rusher 263) gave D's another wrinkle to prepare for and he was also solid throwing on the run. He completed 72% (1096, 9-3). LY Nunes retired w/inj and Brett Nottingham (PS#14) transferred so the bkp was Evan Crowder (PS#25). Crowder threw just 15 passes for 141 yds. Hogan's comp % dropped partially due to losing his TE's and throwing downfield more. In one 3-game stretch (Oreg St, Oreg, USC) he threw for a combined 318 yds (0-2 ratio) but vs Cal's worst in the nation pass D, he threw for more yds in 3Q's than he had the previous 3 gms (17-26-329). On the year he threw for 2,630 (61%, 20-10, #2 rusher again w/355). Added to the mix TY is rR Ryan Burns (PS#12). I look for Hogan to have improved numbers in '14.

RUNNING BACKS - In '09 Toby Gerhart finished #2 in the closest Heisman race ever, rushing for an FBS leading 1,871 (5.5) and 28 td's. In '10 they had to replace Gerhart (#2DC) and Stepan Taylor (PS#36) took over & led in rushing for 3 straight yrs with 1,137 (5.1) in '10, 1,330 (5.5) in '11 and 1,530 (4.8) in '12. Tyler Gaffney (PS#13) had 449 (6.1) in '11 but left to play baseball w/the Pirates in '12. LY they had to replace their career leading rusher (#5DC) but Gaffney ret'd joining Anthony Wilkerson (PS#22, 914, 4.7 3Y), rR Barry Sanders (PS#8, son of "the" Barry) and Remound Wright (PS#25, 81, 3.5 '12, solid pass blk'r). Gaffney became the workhorse and surprisingly topped Taylor's stats in yds (1,709), ypg (5.2) and rushing td's (21) but had less yds rec (287 to 86). Wilkerson was the #2 RB w/353 (4.2) and Sanders had just 5 att's in 12 gms (42 yds). TY they lose their top 2 in Gaffney (14 st, #6DC CAR) and Wilkerson as well as FB Ryan Hewitt (11 st, 54 tfl yds). They are less exp'd and it will be very tough to match Gaffney's stats but they've had 3 diff RB's run for 1,100+ for 6 str yrs.

RECEIVERS - In '11 and '12 SU's receiving corps was led by their TE's. LY they had to replace their top 5 rec's incl their top 2 TE's (#1 & #3 rec, 1291, 13.9 comb) who were #2 and #4 DC's. Ty Montgomery, the leading returnee (213, 8.3 in '12) matched a schl record with 5 td's vs Cal (all in 1H), scoring the first 4 times he touched the ball (Darrin Nelson 5 td's '81). Their top

TE in rec LY was Davis Dudchock (43 yds, left tm after ssn). 6'4" Devon Cajuste (PS#61) was #2 (642, 22.9). rR Michael Rector (PS#87) only had 14 rec but led the nation (ply'rs with 6+ rec) with a 30.8 ypg. HC Shaw did recruit 3 TE's last year in Austin Hooper (PS#14), Greg Taboada (PS#17) and Eric Cotton (PS#29). Not in the PSL is Dontonio Jordan (5'11" 188 So, PS#122). TY the top 7 WR's return led by Montgomery, Cajuste and Rector and the trio comb for 2,031 (19.7!). I expect more contributions from the TE's and this is a much more exp'd receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In the L5Y SU's OL created holes for the top 5 rush totals in schl hist. In '11 SU had just 3 returning st'r's but a great foundation to build on with David DeCastro (#1DC) and Jonathan Martin (#2DC). The Cardinal rushed for 211 ypg (5.3, 11 sk, 2.6%). In '12 they went from 50 car sts to 37 with the loss of those 2 DC's but they added in PS#2, #4 and #7 true frosh. They also did not have Andrew Luck to elude sks. As you would expect, even with 3 st'r's back, SU slid to 174 ypg rush (4.4, 20 sk, 5.0%) and those 3 true frosh comb for just 3 sts. LY they had to replace a 3rd Tm P12 2Y st'g C but had 9 of the top 10 back (84 car st) and improved to 207 ypg rush (5.0, 16 sk). TY the losses are heavy in 1st Tm AA LG David Yankey (40 car st, 3Y st'r, #5DC MIN), 1st Tm P12 RT Cameron Fleming (14 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC NE), 3rd Tm P12 C Khalil Wilkes (14 st, 2Y st'r) and 3rd Tm P12 RG Kevin Danser (14 st, 2Y st'r). They have just 26 car OL sts back. This is the least exp'd O-line that Shaw has fielded but he has plenty of VHT's and should be able to form yet another solid unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In former HC Walt Harris' last year ('06) they all'd 211 ypg and their 4.9 ypg was their worst in over 2 decades. SU improved the ypg rush allowed each of the next 5 yrs all'g 84 ypg and 3.0 in '11. In '12 they had 2 st'r's back (97, 3.0). LY Ben Gardner turned down the NFL and they had 2 st'r's back again (5 of the top 6 back, lost NT). They gave up 89 ypg (2.9) with 44 sks (57 in '12). SU's rush D was even better than the numbers as they yielded 284 (4.7) to Army (option) but all'd just 74 (2.6) in the others. Gardner had been playing in pain since being inj'd vs Wash and was OFY for the final 6. Also DE Henry Anderson was inj'd in Wk 2 (miss 6). Shaw said that not a lot of guys on the planet are built like Anderson (6'6" 295). TY they lose 3rd Tm P12 Gardner (19 tkl, 4.5 sk, 3 tfl, #7DC DAL) and DE Josh Mauro (11 st, 51 tkl, 4 sk, 8.5 tfl). Not listed below are Ikenna Nwafor (6'6" 300, PS#169) who is ? for '14 and JB Salem (6'4" 255 Jr, PS#99). With 2 ret st'r's missing a comb 12 gms, it was like having just 1 ret st'r. This year they have 1.5 back making them just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - In '12 SU not only had their top 5 LB's back, but got the return of PS#11 Shayne Skov (ACL Wk 3 '11). As you would expect, SU had one of the premier LB corps in the country. Trent Murphy earned 3rd Tm AA (10 sk, 8 tfl) and was bigger, stronger and more explosive in '12. LY they did have to replace a 1st Tm P12 OLB (#2 tkl'r, 7.5 sk) and a bkp (24 tkl). James Vaughters (PS#9) took over and st'd all 14. During a 3 gm stretch the D held UCLA, Oregon St and Oregon all to ssn lows. TY the losses are heavy. Gone is 1st Tm AA Trent Murphy (#2DC WAS) who had a nation leading 15 sks (14 st, #6 tkl'r, 8.5 tfl), 2nd Tm AA Skov (#1 tkl'r, 5.5 sk, 7.5 tfl) and Jarek Lancaster (25 tkl, 1 sk). They return 5 of the top 8 (#2, #10 tkl'r's) incl 3rd Tm P12 AJ Tarpley but any team that loses 2 AA LB's will clearly be weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SU was #16 in my PDR in '10, their best s/'96 but they surprisingly slipped to #36 in '11 with just 7 int (only 3 by CB's). In '12 they had to replace a 1st Tm P12 SS (#4 tkl'r), their FS (#2 tkl'r) and a CB (#6 tkl'r). Surprisingly with just 1 st'r back, SU moved up to #11 (61%, 13-15). LY they had to replace a CB (#5 tkl'r) but ret'd 3rd Tm AA FS Ed Reynolds and 3rd Tm P12 SS Jordan Richards. It was surprising they finished #41

(62.1%, 22-13). TY they lose 2nd Tm AA Reynolds (13 st, #3 tkl'r, 5 pd, #5DC PHI), Usua Amanam (4 st, #8 tkl'r, 5 pbu) and Devon Carrington (33 tkl, 4 pbu). With 3 st'r's back, I expect them to improve on their surprisingly low finish from LY.

SPECIAL TEAMS - LY Jordan Williamson ret'd after hitting 17-27 (L/48) and improved to 18-22 (L48, misses 52 & 51) with 25 TB on 46 KO. Conrad Ukropina (4 TB/42 KO) hit 2-4 (L31) while Williamson was banged up. They had to replace their P (38.5 net) and Ben Rhyme avg 42.9 (38.1 net). Montgomery had 293 (26.6) on KR in '12 and LY earned 2nd Tm AA (1091, 30.3 w/2 td's). **SU finished with my #1 ST rankings and 3rd yr ST coach Pete Alamar is deserving of my ST COY award.** With everyone back they have a great chance at B2B titles.

COACHES - Jim Harbaugh departed after 4 ssns and a 12-1 record in '11. David Shaw was the OC here from '07-'10 and not only kept the winning momentum going but has led the Cardinal to 3 additional seasons of 11+ wins. He spent the previous 10 yrs as an NFL off asst (PHI, OAK, BAL, SD). Shaw is also the 5th alum (4L at WR) to be a HC here. Mike Bloomgren (Jets asst '07-'10) was the OC lch here in '11 & '12 and was promoted to OC LY. DC Derek Mason left for the Vanderbilt HC job. New DC Lance Anderson was at SD ('05-'06) under Harbaugh and has been a position coach here s/'07 (L4Y OLB cch).

ALSO ON ROSTER: RB Ryan Gartner 5'10" 215 rR
WR Rollins Stallworth 6'4" 197 Jr
WR Gautam Krishnamurthi 6'1" 172 Sr
TE Chris Harrell 6'4" 238 So
TE Alex Fricovic 6'5" 244 So

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jim Harbaugh and now David Shaw have done a remarkable job turning the Stanford program around. In the 7 years prior to Harbaugh's arrival, SU had 3 diff HC's and in the year ('06) before he took over they were 1-11 (last P10 -169 ypg, 90 yds worse than #9). Their 11 straight losses tied a SU rec (1959-'60). Harbaugh had a couple of losing seasons but then SU made my Most Improved List in '09 and moved up to 8-5 and remarkably in '10 they won 8 of their first 9 for the first time s/'70, had their first undefeated home season s/'77, had 3 shutouts (1st time s/'69) and had their 6th ever Top 10 finish (#4, 1st s/'92) which was 2nd highest in tm history (#2 in '40). Andrew Luck opted to return for '11 despite Harbaugh departing for the 49ers. I must admit, new HC Shaw exceeded my expectations as they went 11-2 only losing to Oregon at home, 53-30, and to #3 Okla St in the bowl (2 miss fg, lost in OT). Their +152 ypg was the best in the P12. The Cardinal had to replace Luck in '12 but Shaw again showed his prowess. They improved greatly once QB Kevin Hogan took over (st'd L5) and went 12-2 (#7). They had their highest preseason ranking ever in '13 (#4). They had benefitted from 6 net close wins in '12 and were +9 in TO's. After a couple of lackluster wins to open, SU dominated Ariz St (led 39-7 4Q), playing their bkps in the 3Q. They led Wash 31-21 after 3Q's and held on for a 3 pt win but then were upset on the road by Utah. They had a 419-266 yd edge beating #9 UCLA at home, then Oregon St had 1&gl at the SU7 but their 4 passes fell inc at the end (SU 20-12 win). They led Oregon 23-0 after 3Q's and won by 6. They were in a tough situation having to play USC on the road the very next week after playing their A++ game and did lose 20-17 dropping to #10. They clinched the P12 North beating Cal (after Oregon lost to Ariz), got past ND then beat down Ariz St a 2nd time, this time in the P12 Title gm, 38-14 in Tempe. SU was favored in the Rose bowl vs #4 Mich St but lost 24-20 and dropped out of the Top 10 to #11. TY SU loses the bulk of their O-line, their 1,709 yd rusher and 4 key starters (AA caliber) on D. SU is 13-1 at home vs ranked foes s/'09 but TY they face Wash, ND, Ariz St, Oregon and UCLA all on the road. Shaw will carve out another solid year but I don't see them matching LY's 11 win total.

OFFENSE

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2014 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

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DEFENSE

QB 8 KEVIN HOGAN JR. 6-4 228 PS#18.5 st, 1096 (72%, 9-3), 263 rush (4.8), HMP12 rF. 14 st, 2630 (61%, 20-10), 355 rush (4.2) LY. **5** Evan Crowder (6'5" 214 Jr) PS#25. 4 gm, 141 (67%, 1-0) LY. Ryan Burns (6'5" 219 rF) PS#12.
RB 26 Barry Sanders Sr. 5-10 192 PS#8. 12 gm, 42 (8.4) LY. #22 Remound Wright (5'9" 204 Jr) PS#25. 13 gm, 81 (3.5) rF. 12 gm, 102 (5.1) LY. **30** Ricky Seale (5'9" 202 Sr) PS#38. 37 gm, 114 (3.8) 3Y. Christian McCaffrey PS#14.
FB 36 Lee Ward Jr. 6-1 245 PS#14.4. 5 st, 2 rec 3Y. **24** Patrick Skov (6'1" 234 Jr) PS#188. 28 gm, 3 rec 2Y. Daniel Marx PS#96. **RB 39** Kelsey Young (5'10" 195 Jr) PS#29. 2 gm, 111 (10.1) 2Y. **42** Pat McFadden (5'10" 195 rF).
WR 89 DEVON CAJUSTE JR. 6-4 228 PS#61. 1 st, 1 rec rF. 7 st, 642 (22.9) LY. **3** Michael Rector (6'1" 187 So) PS#87. 3 st, 431 (30.8) rF. **87** Jordan Pratt (6'3" 213 Jr) 3 st, 148 (12.3) 2Y. **81** Connor Crahan (6'4" 198 So) PS#104.
WR 7 TY MONTGOMERY SR. 6-2 215 PS#44. 8 st, 563 (11.3) 2Y. 12 st, 958 (15.7), 1091 KR (30.3), 2nd Tm AA.
KR LY 4 Francis Owusu (6'3" 210 So) PS#33. 12 gm, 56 (28.0) true. **18** Jeff Trojan (6'3" 195 Sr) DNP 2Y. 14 gm, 50 (8.3) LY.
TE 84 Austin Hooper rR. 6-4 254 PS#14. **80** Eric Cotton (6'6" 242 rF) PS#29. **88** Greg Taboada (6'5" 231 rF) PS#17. **86** Charlie Hopkins (6'6" 262 Jr) PS#47DL. 1 gm rF. 3 st, 10 (5.0) LY. **96** Eddie Plantaric (6'5" 248 Sr) PS#76. 1 st LY.
C 95 Graham Shuler So. 6-4 282 PS#49. 7 gm rF. **78** Thomas Oser (6'5" 302 rF) PS#93. 7 (14 knee). Jesse Burkett PS#93. **LS 67** Reed Miller (6'2" 225 Jr) 27 gm LS 2Y. **62** Austin Tubbs (6'0" 223 Jr) DNP 2Y. CJ Keller PS#22LS.
RG 46 Johnny Caspers So. 6-4 301 PS#177. 14 gm bkp OG rF. **74** Brendon Austin (6'6" 304 Jr) PS#25. 14 gm bkp OT rF. 13 gm bkp OT LY. Brandon Fanaika (6'3" 320 Fr) PS#48. MSN 12-13. **63** Jim Grace (6'3" 255 rF).
LG 98 Joshua Garnett Jr. 6-5 316 PS#7. 1 st, LG, 14 gm true. 4 st (3 UBack, 1 LG), 14 gm LY. **63** Kevin Reihner (6'4" 295 Jr) PS#61. RS 11. 2 gm 12. 3 gm LY. A.T. Hall (6'5" 295 Fr) PS#78. **77** Lucas Hinds (6'4" 290 rF).
RT 94 KYLE MURPHY JR. 6-7 295 PS#4. 2 st at UBack (extra blk'r), 14 gm true. 5 st at UBack, 13 gm LY.
LY 64 David Bright (6'5" 293 rF) PS#138. Reilly Gibbons (6'6" 302 Fr) PS#38. 1st Tm All-FL as Sr in HS.
LT 70 ANDRUS PEAT JR. 6-7 312 PS#2. 13 gm (inj) bkp OT as true. 14 st at LT, 2nd Tm Pac-12 LY. **66** Nick Davidson (6'7" 289 So) PS#34. No gm action as a rF. Working at LT & RT spg. 14. Casey Tucker (6'6" 295 Fr) PS#9.
K 19 JORDAN WILLIAMSON SR. 5-11 194 PS#13. 19-19 lg, L45, 65 KO, 8 TB, 2nd Tm P12 rF. 17-27, L48, 75 KO, 4 TB 12. 18-22, L48, 46 KO, 25 TB, 11 gm (inj) LY. **34** Conrad Ukropina (6'1" 185 So). 2-4 fg, L/31, 42 KO, 4 TB rF.

DE 43 Blake Lueders Sr. 6-5 260 PS#20. 23 gm, 23 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. 1 st, 23 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **7** Aziz Shittu (6'3" 280 Jr) PS#19. 5 gm, 1 tkl true. 10 gm, 5 tkl LY. **75** Jordan Watkins (6'5" 275 So) PS#38. 2 gm rF. **79** Alex Yazdy (6'1" 261 Jr).
NT 58 DAVID PARRY SR. 6-2 303 3 st, 34 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y. 10 st, 23 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **97** Anthony Hayes (6'3" 293 Jr) PS#96. 2 gm 2Y. **55** Nate Lohn (6'3" 272 So) PS#111. 4 gm rF. Lance Calihan (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#135.
DE 91 HENRY ANDERSON SR. 6-6 295 PS#119. 13 gm, 6 tkl rF. 14 st, 51 tkl, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm P12 '12. 8 st (inj), 19 tkl, 4 tfl, HM P12 LY. **99** Luke Kaumatule (6'7" 267 Jr) PS#8. Ltt'd as true. **5** st TE, to DE in Oct LY. Solomon Thomas PS#6.
RUSH 9 JAMES VAUGHTERS SR. 6-2 254 PS#9. 13 gm, 11 tkl, 4 tfl true. 4 st, 14 gm, 26 tkl, 1 sk 12. 14 st, 36 tkl, 4 sk, 2 tfl LY. **34** Peter Kalamabayi (6'3" 236 Fr) PS#12. Bobby Okereke PS#27. **IFS 33** Torsten Rotto (6'2" 235 Jr) 6 gm ST's 2Y.
ILB 4 Blake Martinez Jr. 6-2 234 PS#136. 14 gm, 3 tkl true. 10 gm, 11 tkl, 1 int LY. **3** Noor Davis (6'4" 235 So) PS#5. 3 gm, 5 tkl rF. **44** Kevin Palma (6'2" 259 rF) PS#54. Jordan Perez PS#71. **68** Sam Yules (6'2" 229 So).
ILB 17 AJ TARPLEY SR. 6-2 238 PS#89. 19 st, 123 tkl, 11 tfl 2Y. 14 st, 93 tkl, 5 tfl, 3rd Tm P12 LY. **40** Joe Hemschoot (6'1" 225 Sr) PS#285. 26 gm, 17 tkl 2Y. 14 gm, 27 tkl LY. Joey Alfieri PS#26. **59** Craig Jones (6'0" 220 So) 2 tkl 2Y.
OLB 48 Kevin Anderson Jr. 6-4 244 PS#94. 14 gm, 7 tkl, 2 sk rF. 14 gm, 26 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **33** Mike Tyler (6'5" 219 rF) PS#127. Lane Veach (6'6" 235 Fr) PS#93. Only 12 gms in HS career (inj). **67** Sam Shober (6'3" 226 So).
CB 2 WAYNE LYONS JR. 6-1 196 PS#10. 1 st, 14 gm, 25 tkl rF. 14 st, 69 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **38** Ra'Chard Pippens (6'2" 202 Jr) PS#106. DNP rF. 4 gm, 1 tkl LY. **6** Tajuan Thomas (5'10" 171 rF) PS#173. Denzell Franklin PS#136.
CB 25 ALEX CARTER JR. 6-0 200 PS#10. 8 st, 46 tkl, 3 tfl true. 13 st (inj), 59 tkl, 8 pd LY. HM P12 LY. 2Y.
12 Ronnie Harris (5'10" 174 Jr) PS#104. 27 gm, 33 tkl 2Y. Terrence Alexander PS#70. **41** Chandler Dorelli (6'0" 190 rF).
SS 8 JORDAN RICHARDS SR. 5-11 208 PS#70. 17 st, 99 tkl, 16 pd 2Y. 14 st, 69 tkl, 6 pd LY. 3rd Tm P12 LY. **22** Kyle Olugboke (6'1" 205 Sr). 4 gm rF. OFY (inj) 12. 14 gm, 13 tkl LY. **10** Zach Hoffpauir (6'0" 193 Jr) PS#57. 24 gm, 22 tkl 2Y.
FS 9 Kodi Whitfield Jr. 6-2 196 PS#44WR. 27 gm rF. 183 (10.2) 2Y. FS spg 14. **2** Dallas Lloyd (6'3" 212 So).
PS#24. 7 gm QB rF. FS spg 14. Brandon Simmons PS#39. **45** Calvin Chandler (6'2" 215 rF). John Flacco (6'2" 200 Sr).
P 14 BEN RHYNE SR. 6-2 203 18 KO, 1 TB, 0 punts rF. 9 punts (41.1), L/56, 2 gm 12. 52 (42.9), L/60, 15 In20, 38.1 net, HM P12 LY. **47** Alex Robinson (6'0" 200 rF). **34** Conrad Ukropina (6'1" 185 So) PS#59. Also K.

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