

WEEK ONE
SAN DIEGO STATE AT STANFORD

STANFORD, Calif. -- Stanford knows defenses are going to do whatever it takes to slow down Bryce Love after his record-setting 2017 season.

Being able to take advantage of that with the deep passing game will be key to the Cardinal's success this year.

JJ Arcega-Whiteside did just that, getting loose for three long TD catches from K.J. Costello to overcome a slow night by Love and No. 13 Stanford opened the season with a 31-10 victory over San Diego State on Friday.

"That's what their game plan was, to load up the box and play one-on-ones on the outside," Arcega-Whiteside said. "That's what you want and all you can ask for. Now teams know they can't just load up the box and play one-on-one on the outside."

Love was held to 29 yards on 18 carries as the Aztecs (0-1) focused their defense on stopping the man who led all Power 5 backs with 2,118 yards rushing last season on the way to a Heisman Trophy runner-up finish.

After a slow start, the Cardinal (1-0) made San Diego State pay for that decision. Costello connected with Arcega-Whiteside on a 38-yard score in the second quarter and then on plays from 19 and 80 yards in the third quarter as the Aztecs defensive backs struggled to contend with Stanford's big receiver. Arcega-Whiteside finished with six catches for 226 yards.

"It's no secret Bryce is the best running back in the country," Costello said. "We all believe it. There were times I came to the line and there were 11 guys coming downhill to light him up. Being able to counter that is what you have to do to be a good offense."

Costello added a 19-yard TD pass to Colby Parkinson in the fourth quarter to break open what had been a close game for more than a half. Costello finished 21 for 31 for 332 yards and four TDs.

The game turned following an odd sequence late in the first half. Noble Hall intercepted a deflected pass for San Diego State but then lost the ball when Stanford receiver Trent Irwin raced back and knocked it loose before recovering the fumble.

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| SDSU | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| STAN | 0 | 9 | 15 | 7 | 31 |

Scoring Summary -----

| FIRST QUARTER | SDSU | STAN |
|--|------|------|
| TD 2:38 Juwan Washington 4 Yd Run (John Baron II Kick) 8 plays, 92 yards, 4:14 | 7 | 0 |
| SECOND QUARTER | SDSU | STAN |
| SF 7:27 Bobby Okereke Safety 3 plays, -1 yard, 1:35 TD 0:27 JJ Arcega-Whiteside 38 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Jet Toner Kick) 3 plays, 52 yards, 0:00 | 7 | 2 |
| THIRD QUARTER | SDSU | STAN |
| TD 11:02 JJ Arcega-Whiteside 19 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Jet Toner Kick) 4 plays, 49 yards, 1:46 FG 6:49 John Baron II 30 Yd Field Goal 10 plays, 62 yards, 4:13 TD 4:43 JJ Arcega-Whiteside 80 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (K.J. Costello Pass to JJ Arcega-Whiteside for Two-Point Conversion) 3 plays, 75 yards, 2:06 | 7 | 16 |
| FOURTH QUARTER | SDSU | STAN |
| TD 10:54 Colby Parkinson 19 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Jet Toner Kick) 7 plays, 68 yards, 4:02 | 10 | 24 |
| | 10 | 31 |

| Team Stats | sds | sta |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs | 11 | 19 |
| Total Yards | 263 | 382 |
| Total Plays | 52 | 59 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 150 | 50 |
| Rushes | 37 | 28 |
| Yards Per Rush | 4.1 | 1.8 |
| Stat Name | | |
| Net Yards Passing | 113 | 332 |
| Comp-Att | 10-15 | 21-31 |
| Yards Per Pass | 7.5 | 10.7 |
| Times Sacked | 1 | 5 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -2 | -43 |
| Interceptions | 0 | 1 |
| Punts | 6 | 5 |
| Punt Average | 42.8 | 48.8 |
| Penalties | 11 | 3 |
| Penalty Yards | 125 | 20 |
| Fumbles | 2 | 0 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 0 |

Individual Stats

RUSHING

| S. Diego St. | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Juwan Washington | 24 | 158 | 6.6 | 40 | 1 |
| Chase Jasmin | 25 | 4.2 | 9 | 0 | |
| Ethan Dedeaux | 4 | 4.0 | 4 | 0 | |
| Christian Chapman | 6 | -37 | -6.2 | 6 | 0 |
| Stanford | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| Bryce Love | 18 | 29 | 1.6 | 14 | 0 |
| Cameron Scarlett | 7 | 16 | 2.3 | 5 | 0 |
| Trevor Speights | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 5 | 0 |
| K.J. Costello | -2 | -2.0 | 0 | 0 | |

PASSING

| S. Diego St. | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|------|----|-----|-------|
| Christian Chapman | 10 | 15 | 113 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 | 129.9 |
| Stanford | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| K.J. Costello | 21 | 31 | 332 | 10.7 | 4 | 1 | 193.8 |

RECEIVING

| S. Diego St. | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| 6 Tim Wilson Jr. | 2 | 49 | 24.5 | 28 | 0 |
| 7 Fred Trevillion | 2 | 29 | 14.5 | 19 | 0 |
| 81 Ethan Dedeaux | 3 | 21 | 7.0 | 9 | 0 |
| 82 Parker Houston | 1 | 8 | 8.0 | 8 | 0 |
| 29 Juwan Washington | 2 | 6 | 3.0 | 4 | 0 |
| Stanford | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| JJ Arcega-Whiteside | 6 | 226 | 37.7 | 80 | 3 |
| Colby Parkinson | 3 | 37 | 12.3 | 19 | 1 |
| Trenton Irwin | 5 | 31 | 6.2 | 12 | 0 |
| Kaden Smith | 2 | 18 | 9.0 | 13 | 0 |
| Bryce Love | 3 | 18 | 6.0 | 11 | 0 |
| Connor Wedington | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| Osiris St. Brown | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |