

WEEK TWO  
**USC AT STANFORD**

Final	1	2	3	4	T
USC	0	0	3	0	3
STAN	7	7	3	0	17

Love leads No. 10 Stanford past No. 17 USC 17-3

STANFORD, Calif. -- Bryce Love ran for 136 yards and a touchdown and No. 10 Stanford made talented quarterback JT Daniels look like a freshman in a 17-3 victory over No. 17 Southern California on Saturday night.

The Cardinal (2-0, 1-0 Pac-12) got an early touchdown run by Love and then tormented Daniels much of the night, holding USC to its fewest points since being shut out by Washington in 1997.

"We have a saying around here that there's a party in the back-field," coach David Shaw said. "I don't think we were that team last year. I challenged them to be that team this year. It's not just one guy getting there, it's groups of guys getting there."

Stanford took control of the game late in the second quarter with a strip sack on fourth down against Daniels that set up K.J. Costello's 9-yard touchdown pass to Colby Parkinson that gave Stanford a 14-0 lead.

Daniels made an impressive debut last week for the Trojans (1-1, 0-1) when he threw for 282 yards and a touchdown against UNLV. But duplicating that against Stanford proved far more difficult with the Cardinal using blitzes to pressure and confuse Daniels at times.

Daniels went 16 for 34 for 215 yards with interceptions on his final two passes of the night. He was forced to leave the game for one possession in the first half after a hard hit by Joey Alfieri.

"Every experience is a learning experience; some are good and some are not-so-good," USC coach Clay Helton said. "Our QB is going to learn from every rep he gets. He'll get better and the staff will learn how to work around with him. He's smart and talented."

It was another big play by Alfieri that proved big late in the first half. Helton went for it on fourth-and-2 from the Cardinal 40, but Alfieri came free on a blitz and knocked the ball loose for Bobby Okereke to recover at the Stanford 49

"We called a stunt and I looped around and just came free," Alfieri said. "Guys were eating up blocks. I was lucky enough to come free. Don't miss the easy layup, like the coaches always say."

The Cardinal drove down field to score on Costello's TD pass with 34 seconds left in the half.

Love provided most of the rest of the offense after getting held to 29 yards on 18 carries last week against San Diego State. His 28-yard run sparked the opening drive that ended with his 6-yard score. He added a 59-yard run in the third quarter to set up a field goal.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

USC: Daniels was sacked four times and pressured many more but still showed some promise at times. He connected on a well-thrown 45-yard deep pass to Michael Pittman to set up a field goal. He nearly had a TD on that drive but Amon-Ra St. Brown couldn't come down inbounds with a pass in the end zone. Daniels also made an impressive escape on a near sack, turning it into 8-yard gain to convert a third down. But USC ended up with just three points on six drives that reached at least the Stanford 40.

Stanford: Costello showed he can succeed, even in situations when the defense knows a pass is coming. He converted a long third down to Kaden Smith on the opening drive to help set up a touchdown. He then found Smith for 25 yards on third-and-23 in the third quarter to set up a field goal. He finished 6 for 8 for 76 yards on third down.

**BLOWN CHANCES**

The Trojans had plenty of chances to score but couldn't deliver and ended up with their fewest points against Stanford since getting shutout in 1941. They drove to at least the Cardinal 40 six times and ended up with just one field goal.

"We'd get down there and we'd miss some opportunities," Helton said. "It was a variety of things. Bottom line we have to push it in."

**Scoring Summary -----**

	USC	STAN
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
STAN TD 10:26 Bryce Love 6 Yd Run (Jet Toner Kick)	0	7
8 plays, 83 yards, 4:34		
<b>second quarter</b>		
STAN TD 0:34 Colby Parkinson 9 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Jet Toner Kick)	0	14
5 plays, 51 yards, 0:44		
<b>third quarter</b>		
USC FG 11:24 Chase McGrath 35 Yd Field Goal	3	14
9 plays, 58 yards, 3:36		
STAN FG 6:04 Jet Toner 30 Yd Field Goal	3	17
9 plays, 79 yards, 5:20		

Team Stats	USC	STAN
First Downs	20	13
Total Yards	332	342
Total Plays	73	57
Avg Gain Per Play	4.5	6.0
Net Yards Rushing	114	159
Rushes	37	29
Yards Per Rush	3.1	5.5
Net Yards Passing	218	183
Comp-Att	17-36	16-28
Yards Per Pass	6.1	6.5
Times Sacked	4	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-30	0
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	6	8
Punt Average	36.2	43.9
Penalties	4	7
Penalty Yards	35	50
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
<b>Possession</b>	<b>29:17</b>	<b>30:43</b>

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING					
USC	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
28 Aca'Cedric Ware	18	59	3.3	12	0
7 Stephen Carr	10	52	5.2	14	0
29 Vavae Malepeai	3	18	6.0	11	0
19 Matt Fink	1	5	5.0	5	0
18 JT Daniels	5	-20	-4.0	8	0
Stanford	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
20 Bryce Love	22	136	6.2	59	1
22 Cameron Scarlett	5	12	2.4	4	0
3 K.J. Costello	1	12	12.0	12	0
23 Trevor Speights	0	0	-	-	0

**PASSING**

USC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
18 JT Daniels	16	34	215	6.3	0	2	88.4
19 Matt Fink	1	2	3	1.5	0	0	62.6
Stanford	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
3 K.J. Costello	16	27	183	6.8	1	0	128.4

**RECEIVING**

USC	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 Tyler Vaughns	7	84	12.0	35	0
6 Michael Pittman Jr.	3	65	21.7	45	0
8 Amon-Ra St. Brown	2	39	19.5	28	0
7 Stephen Carr	3	12	4.0	9	0
29 Vavae Malepeai	1	10	10.0	10	0
82 Tyler Petite	1	8	8.0	8	0
Stanford	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
82 Kaden Smith	4	77	19.3	26	0
JJ Arcega-Whiteside	4	62	15.5	29	0
2 Trenton Irwin	5	31	6.2	16	0
84 Colby Parkinson	2	16	8.0	9	1
23 Trevor Speights	1	-3	-3.0	0	0