

WEEK NINE
ARIZONA at STANFORD

Costello sparks Stanford offense in 41-31 win over Arizona

STANFORD, Calif. -- The final test for K.J. Costello came in the pregame warmups. If he could show he could hold and throw the football, he was a go.

Being forced to stand on the sidelines for the past three weeks took its toll on the senior quarterback, who returned to Stanford's starting lineup and led the Cardinal to a 41-31 victory over visiting Arizona on Saturday.

"It doesn't feel good. It's awful," Costello said of being sidelined. "Not playing a few weeks I have to challenge myself in terms of energy."

An energized Costello threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns after missing three games with a thumb injury. He was 30 of 43 passing with no interceptions. Back-up Davis Mills, out with a calf injury, was unavailable.

"I feel a whole lot different playing than not playing. It's everything," Costello said. "When our offense plays the way we know we can, when we're able to run the ball, you can see the full complexion of the offense and what we want to do."

Showing no signs of discomfort, Costello rifled passes to 12 different receivers, including a pair of touchdown passes to Simi Fehoko and one to Brycen Tremayne, whose only two career receptions have both gone for touchdowns.

"I haven't hit an inside pass to Simi all year," Costello said. "It felt good. I think the game has finally slowed down for him."

Fehoko agreed.

"A lot of this season I've felt rushed," he said. "Today it slowed down. It's good to have him back, leading the ship."

The Wildcats (4-4, 2/3 Pac-12) went with two quarterbacks, starting the athletic Khalil Tate, who passed for 205 yards and a pair of touchdowns and rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown.

"Any time we can put points on the board I'm excited for us," Tate said. "I just want to move the ball up field."

Connor Wedington caught seven passes for 61 yards for Stanford (4-4, 3-3) and Michael Wilson had six for 45 yards. Cameron Scarlett rushed for 102 yards and scored twice. Freshman Ryan Sanborn added a pair of field goals.

"He brings energy that cannot be matched," Scarlett said of Costello. "Having him back, that shows you how dangerous our offense is and how dangerous he is."

J.J. Taylor rushed for 107 yards for the Wildcats, surpassing 3,000 for his career.

Jamarye Joiner and Drew Dixon caught TD passes from Tate, who moved into eighth-place on Arizona's all-time passing yards list.

Freshman Grant Gunnell played two consecutive series in the first half, leading the Wildcats on an efficient eight-play, 65-yard scoring drive in which he completed all three passes attempted for 34 yards including an 8-yard scoring toss to Jalen Johnson.

"If he's not redshirting he needs to play, and he needs to learn in situations like today," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said. "You're not in mop-up time. We want to make sure that his growth continues."

Tate returned to the lineup after Stanford took a 21-10 lead and needed two plays to go 75 yards. Tate raced 57 yards for the score. He tucked the ball in after faking a pass and ran untouched.

CROSSING THE LINE

Stanford's offensive line has been banged up most the year and this was the second time all season the same players started back-to-back games. "Drew (Dalman) has been playing good football all year," coach David Shaw said. "He's been our mainstay in there. The young guys, bless them, they just go hard." Their play may have fooled Arizona's defense. "We underestimated their O-line," Wildcats' safety Tristan Cooper said. "They are better on the field than they were on film."

TAKEAWAYS

Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin doesn't call it a controversy. He's just trying to get the most out of his quarterbacks. It's a nice problem to have. Freshman Grant Gunnell, an accurate passer, entered the game for a series or two in each half, sparking a touchdown drive on his first series. The rest also seemed to ignite Khalil Tate when he re-entered. Two unique quarterback styles will make it tough on opposing coaches who must prepare for both. "Everybody knew the plan before the game," coach Kevin Sumlin said. "I thought they both played well. We have to cut down our turnovers and penalties and press forward."

Nothing like getting your starting signal caller back in the lineup. K.J. Costello gave the Cardinal offense a huge boost. After scoring 16 points in its last game with the No. 3 QB, Stanford scored 31 in the first half against the Wildcats. Costello gives his team a hit of confidence that could lead to another winning season.

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ARIZ	10	14	7	0	31
STAN	7	24	7	3	41

Scoring Summary -----

	ARIZ	STAN
FIRST QUARTER		
ARIZ FG 12:07 Lucas Havrisik 29 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 64 yards, 2:53	3	0
STAN TD 8:20 Cameron Scarlett 1 Yd Run (Ryan Sanborn Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:47	3	7
ARIZ TD 2:55 Jalen Johnson 8 Yd pass from Grant Gunnell (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:41	10	7
SECOND QUARTER		
STAN TD 14:54 Brycen Tremayne 14 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Ryan Sanborn Kick)		
7 plays, 49 yards, 2:50	10	14
STAN TD 7:55 Cameron Scarlett 8 Yd Run (Ryan Sanborn Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 5:04	10	21
ARIZ TD 7:29 Khalil Tate 57 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:26	17	21
STAN TD 4:36 Simi Fehoko 44 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Ryan Sanborn Kick)		
5 plays, 66 yards, 2:44	17	28
ARIZ TD 1:41 Jamarye Joiner 18 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:55	24	28
STAN FG 0:07 Ryan Sanborn 33 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 60 yards, 1:34	24	31
THIRD QUARTER		
ARIZ TD 9:32 Drew Dixon 9 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
8 plays, 73 yards, 2:37	31	31
STAN TD 5:11 Simi Fehoko 14 Yd pass from K.J. Costello (Ryan Sanborn Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 4:21	31	38
FOURTH QUARTER		
STAN FG 6:18 Ryan Sanborn 21 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 60 yards, 5:59	31	41

Team Stats	ARIZ	STAN
First Downs	29	26
Passes for First	13	17
Rushes for First	15	9
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	6-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	0-0
Total Yards	495	472
Total Plays	77	74
Avg Gain Per Play	6.4	6.4
Net Yards Rushing	222	160
Rushes	37	31
Yards Per Rush	6.0	5.2
Net Yards Passing	273	312
Comp-Att	24-40	30-43
Yards Per Pass	6.8	7.3
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-22
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	2
Penalty Yards	56	20
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	25:29	34:31

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
ARIZONA					
J.J. Taylor	16	107	6.7	0	18
Khalil Tate	9	103	11.4	1	57
Nathan Tilford	3	15	5.0	0	8
Darrius Smith	4	11	2.8	0	6
Gary Brightwell	2	3	1.5	0	4
Grant Gunnell	3	-17	-5.7	0	12
STANFORD					
Cameron Scarlett	19	102	5.4	2	22
Austin Jones	7	32	4.6	0	13
K.J. Costello	1	14	14.0	0	12
Connor Wedington	1	10	10.0	0	10
Dorian Maddox	1	2	2.0	0	2
Nathaniel Peat	1	2	2.0	0	2
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
ARIZONA							
Khalil Tate	17	33	205	6.2	2	2	75.1
Grant Gunnell	7	7	68	9.7	1	0	77.1
STANFORD							
K.J. Costello	30	43	312	7.3	3	0	83.0

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
ARIZONA					
Tayvian Cunningham	4	61	15.3	0	43
J.J. Taylor	5	53	10.6	0	18
Brian Casteel	4	42	10.5	0	17
Jalen Johnson	2	30	15.0	1	22
Jamarye Joiner	2	25	12.5	1	18
Cedric Peterson	1	19	19.0	0	19
Stanley Berryhill III	1	12	12.0	0	12
Boobie Curry	1	11	11.0	0	11
Drew Dixon	1	9	9.0	1	9
Darrius Smith	2	8	4.0	0	9
Bryce Wolma	1	3	3.0	0	3
STANFORD					
Simi Fehoko	3	97	32.3	2	44
Colby Parkinson	5	68	13.6	0	19
Connor Wedington	7	61	8.7	0	21
Michael Wilson	6	45	7.5	0	13
Brycen Tremayne	1	14	14.0	1	14
Cameron Scarlett	2	12	6.0	0	11
Austin Jones	1	11	11.0	0	11
Osiris St. Brown	1	10	10.0	0	10
Nathaniel Peat	1	9	9.0	0	9
Tucker Fisk	1	0	0.0	0	0
Houston Heimuli	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
K.J. Costello	1	-12	-12.0	0	0