**83rd ANNUAL HYUNDAI SUN BOWL POST-GAME NOTES**

**Friday, December 30, 2016**

**General Notes:**

* No. 16 Stanford defeated North Carolina 25-23, as the Tar Heels scored a touchdown with 25 seconds remaining in the contest. The two-point attempt by UNC was failed.
* North Carolina was the ‘home team’ and wore its Carolina Blue jerseys.
* Stanford was the ‘visiting team’ and wore its white jerseys.
* North Carolina won the coin toss and deferred to second half.
* The announced attendance was 42,166 for this year’s contest.

**C.M. Hendricks MVP Trophy:**

* Stanford junior DE Solomon Thomas earned the C.M. Hendricks MVP Trophy after his performance against North Carolina. Thomas finished the contest with seven tackles, a sack and a pair of tackles for loss.
* Solomon Thomas is the first DE since Oregon State’s Victor Butler in 2008 to win the distinguished trophy, while Thomas is the first defensive player since UCLA LB Jordan Zumwalt in 2013 to win the award. Zumwalt was co-MVP with QB Brett Hundley that year.

**Sun Bowl Notes:**

* Stanford improves to 3-1 in the Sun Bowl game after its victory, while North Carolina falls to 2-3 in the annual contest.
* Stanford picks up its first Sun Bowl victory since the 1996 Sun Bowl. The Cardinal defeated Michigan State 38-0.
* With no. 16 Stanford’s victory, ranked teams improve to 29-18 all-time in the Sun Bowl game.
* The two teams combined for 19 penalties, two short of the Sun Bowl record 21 combined penalties [2007 & 2013].
* Pac-12 teams have won four consecutive Sun Bowls after Stanford’s victory today: Washington State [2015], Arizona State [2014] & UCLA [2013].

**Sun Bowl Records:**

* Conrad Ukropina tied a Sun Bowl record with four made field goals, tying with two other players [Nebraska’s Paul Rogers – 1969, Washington State’s Drew Dunning – 2001].
* Stanford [four FGs] and North Carolina [one FG] tied a Sun Bowl record for combined field goals made with five. Iowa vs. Washington combined for five in 1995.

**No. 16 Stanford Notes:**

* Stanford improved to 10-3 in 2016, while winning its third consecutive bowl game.
* Stanford ends the 2016 campaign with six consecutive victories.
* Stanford is 14-13-1 all-time in bowl games.
* Bryce Love scored his first receiving score of 2016 – a season-long 49-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. Love entered the contest with 34 yards on seven receptions this season.
* Bryce Love rambled off a career-long 59-yard run during the third quarter.
* Bryce Love rushed for 119 yards, his third career 100-plus yard rushing performance and second in a row.
* Bryce Love tallied 168 all-purpose yards.
* Conrad Ukropina connected on his 20th field goal of 2016 – a 33-yard make in the second quarter, setting a single-season school record for made field goals. Ukropina tied his career high, connecting on 4-of-5 field goals today. Ukropina finished the season 22-of-27.
* Conrad Ukropina set a Stanford bowl record with 10 kicking points [three field goals & one extra point].
* Dallas Lloyd scored on a 19-yard pick six in the fourth quarter, his first career touchdown. Lloyd picked off a career-best two passes today.

**North Carolina Notes:**

* North Carolina drops to 8-5, while losing its third consecutive bowl game.
* North Carolina falls to 14-18 in bowl contests.
* Mitch Trubisky threw his 29th touchdown of the season – a 19-yard score in the first quarter, setting the school’s single-season record.
* Ryan Switzer hauled in a 19-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter, becoming the school’s all-time leader in receiving yards. Switzer entered the contest with 2,822 career receiving yards and finished the contest with 85 yards on five catches.
* Jordan Brown scored his first career touchdown – a five-yard rushing score in the third quarter.
* Austin Proehl tied his career high with seven receptions for 91 yards.