

41st Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

No. 3 Oklahoma State vs. No. 4 Stanford

Game Recap

No. 4 Stanford Cardinal (11-2) vs. No. 3 Oklahoma State Cowboys (12-1)

Attendance: 69,927

Offensive Player of the Game: Oklahoma State WR Justin Blackmon

Defensive Player of the Game: Oklahoma State DB Justin Gilbert

Sportsmanship Award: : Oklahoma State OL Grant Garner

Weather: Roof Closed

| Scoring | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | F |
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| #4 Stanford | 7 | 14 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 38 |
| #3 OSU | 0 | 21 | 3 | 14 | 3 | 41 |

- The turnover of University of Phoenix Stadium began minutes after the Arizona Cardinals' 23-20 overtime victory over Seattle on Sunday afternoon. More than 200 stadium workers and Fiesta Bowl volunteers worked all night to accomplish the feat for the second time in three years (it also happened before the 2010 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl between Boise State and TCU. The Cardinals played January 3 and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl was played January 4).

Crews cleaned the stadium, changed signage, hung banners and placed Tostitos products at every seat. Two rows of field level seats were constructed in each corner of the field. New logos were painted on the grass playing surface. The stadium roof was open from about 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and blowers were used to help dry the paint.

- The team scoring first in the Fiesta Bowl is 27-13-1 all-time (Stanford scored first tonight).
- The attendance for the 41st Tostitos Fiesta Bowl was 69,927.
- Oklahoma State improved to 14-8 all-time in bowl games and 2-0 in the Fiesta Bowl.
- Stanford fell to 10-12-1 all-time in bowl games.
- The 42 combined points in the first half was the fourth highest halftime total in Fiesta Bowl History. The first Fiesta Bowl in 1971 between Arizona State and Florida State holds the record with 53.
- The Cowboys' honorary captain was Rickie Fowler.
- For the first time this season, Oklahoma State wore a black helmet, black jersey and black pant uniform combination.
- Oklahoma State won the coin toss and deferred to the second half.
- Oklahoma State trailed 6-0 to BYU after the first quarter in the 4th Fiesta Bowl (December 28, 1974), but rallied for a 16-6 victory.
- Oklahoma State was held scoreless in the first quarter for the first time all season.
- CB Justin Gilbert intercepted a pass for the second straight game. He also had a pick in back-to-back games on Sept. 17 (at Tulsa) and Sept. 24 (at Texas A&M).
- Justin Blackmon has now caught two or more touchdowns six times this season and 12 times in his career.
- Brandon Weeden's 67-yard touchdown pass to Justin Blackmon in the second quarter was the longest passing play of the season for the Cowboys.
- Justin Blackmon recorded his 19th career 100-yard receiving game in his 38th career game.

- Oklahoma State has scored in less than a minute 21 times this season.
- Brandon Weeden scored his first career rushing touchdown.
- Cardinal honorary captains were Tiger Woods and Greg Penner.
- Terrence Brown made the first interception of his career in the first quarter.
- Stanford scored first in 12 of its 13 games this season. The only game the Cardinal did not score first was the 53-30 loss to Oregon on November 12.
- Stanford held an opponent scoreless in the first quarter for the ninth time this season.
- Stanford's Stepfan Taylor recorded his 13th career 100-yard rushing game and 6th this season.
- Both teams were tied at halftime for the first time this season. Stanford led at halftime in 11 of its 12 games this season, while Oklahoma State led at halftime in 11 of its 12 games as well.
- Stanford's Stepfan Taylor 177-yards marked the 28th time someone has run for over 100-yards in a Fiesta Bowl. Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon and Stanford's Ty Montgomery each eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark, the 34th and 35th time a player has gone over 100-yards receiving in a Fiesta Bowl.
- Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon tied a Fiesta Bowl record with his three touchdown receptions. Kansas State's Darnell McDonald had three against Syracuse in 1998 and Florida State's Rhett Dawson had three against Arizona State in 1971.
- Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden passed for over 300 yards for the 16th time in his career. Stanford's Andrew Luck did it for the ninth time in his career.
- Stanford's Stepfan Taylor set a new career-high with his 177 rushing yards. His previous high was 153 against Arizona on September 17, 2011.
- 2012 marked the first time in Fiesta Bowl history both teams had quarterbacks throw for over 300 yards.
- The 746 combined passing yards is the most in Fiesta Bowl history, eclipsing the previous mark of 652 in 2011 between Connecticut and Oklahoma.
- For the third time in Fiesta Bowl history, the game went to overtime. In 2007, Boise State beat Oklahoma 43-42 in the first overtime. In 2003, Ohio State beat Miami 31-24 in double overtime to win the National Championship.