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## Cardinal reaches CBI semis

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WICHITA, Kan. — A first-half scoring barrage coupled with a stingy defensive effort resulted in a 70-56 Stanford v ictory in the quarterfinals of the 2009 College Basketball Invitational.

Less than a week after routing Boise State 96-76 in the tournament's opening round, Stanford picked up its fifth r oad win of the year in front of 8,812 raucous fans at Wichita State's Charles Koch Arena.

Now Stanford will experience a quick and unique turnaround on the road and square off against Pac-10 foe Oregon St ate in Corvallis on Wednesday with a berth in the CBI's best-of-three championship series on the line. Stanford and Or egon State will be battling for the fourth time this year, with the Cardinal winning 62-54 two weeks ago in the play-in round of the Pac-10 Tournament after the Beavers swept both meetings by double-digits in the regular season series.

With Monday's 70-56 victory, Stanford notched its 20th win of the year and improved to 20-13 overall after overcom ing the losses of Brook Lopez and Robin Lopez (2008 NBA Draft) and three seniors to graduation.

Much like last week's win over Boise State, Stanford raced out to a huge lead and coasted the rest of the way. Lea ding the charge was Lawrence Hill with a game-high 21 points on 8-of-13 shooting in 33 minutes while Anthony Goods adde d 18 points on 7-of-15 shooting in 32 minutes.

Stanford shot 50.9 percent overall, including a blistering 60.7 percent in the first half, and held a 37-31 advantage in the rebounding department over Wichita State (17-17, 8-10 Missouri Valley).

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Stanford was in front 42-26 at intermission, leading by as much as 20 points early on after Josh Owens converted on the second of two free throws for a 30-10 lead with 6:17 remaining in the first half.

Meanwhile, a stifling Cardinal defense limited the Shockers to just 32.1 percent shooting from the field over the first 20 minutes as the home squad struggled to get open looks.

Stanford maintained a comfortable lead throughout the second half, and extended its lead to 19 on a triple from Hill at the 16:50 mark. But Wichita State countered with a 16-8 run thanks to six points over the next eight minutes from J.T. Durley. That's as close as the Shockers would get the rest of the way.

Notes: The fourth meeting between Stanford and Oregon State is a byproduct of the CBI deciding to re-seed the tournament bracket for the semifinals. Originally on opposite sides of the draw, Stanford and

Oregon State will now meet on Wednesday night while UTEP travels to Richmond in the other semifinal. The winners meet in a best-of-three championship series next week, with the host school yet to be determined.

- Monday's contest was the first-ever between Stanford and Wichita State on the hardwood. The Cardinal is now 6-5 all-time against Missouri Valley opponents.
- Stanford recorded its 20th season of at least 20 victories. Following up last year's 28-8 mark, this is the first time since 2002-03 (24-9 overall) and 2003-04 (30-2 overall) that Stanford has posted back-to-back 20-win campaigns.
- Stanford has now won six straight non-conference road games, a streak that began with a 67-43 victory at Colorado last year.
- Stanford is now 13-0 in non-conference competition, joining North Carolina (15-0), Pittsburgh (14-0) and Connecti cut (13-0) as the only teams in Div. I competition with unbeaten records against non-league foes. Those three teams ar e No. 1 seeds in this year's NCAA Tournament.
- Mitch Johnson dished out eight assists in a game for the fifth time this year. Johnson has now registered 140

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handouts this season compared to just 73 turnovers. His career total stands at 529, good for second place in the school record books behind Brevin Knight (780).

- Jeremy Green chipped in with nine points, all on 3-pointers. Over the last three games, he is averaging 10.1 points per game while shooting 8-of-13 from beyond the arc.

STANFORD (20-13)

Fields 4-9 0-1 9, Hill 8-13 4-6 21, Owens 2-2 1-2 5, Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Goods 7-15 3-4 18, Green 3-4 0-0 9, Shiller 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 1-3 0-0 2, Trotter 1-1 2-2 4, Daian 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-53 10-15 70.

WICHITA ST. (17-17)

Clemente 2-7 3-4 7, Durley 3-7 5-8 11, Hannah 4-7 2-2 13, Hatch 2-4 2-2 6, Murry 2-12 1-2 6, Ellis 1-3 1-2 3, Kyle 3-7 0-2 6, Hawkins 0-2 0-0 0, Stutz 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 18-53 16-24 56.

Halftime—Stanford 42-26. 3-Point Goals—Stanford 6-13 (Green 3-4, Fields 1-1, Hill 1-2, Goods 1-5, Shiller 0-1), Wichita St. 4-17 (Hannah 3-6, Murry 1-5, Durley 0-1, Hatch 0-2, Kyles 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Stanford 37 (Fields 7), Wichita St. 31 (Durley 8). Assists—Stanford 13 (Johnson 8), Wichita St. 6 (Hannah 2). Total Fouls—Stanford 21, Wichita St. 14. A—8, 12. St. 14.

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