



Colorado Head Coach Mike MacIntyre

OPENING STATEMENT - "They are always going to get you in bounds. He did that on film too. It was an exciting game. The thing that are team kept doing – that we kept talking about and I believed they would – is that they have such great character and fortitude. They kept fighting, and they just don't blink. They kept playing. That fourth down stand at the beginning of the fourth quarter was the turning point in the game, when Nick Fisher made the tackle there. Nick had to come in and play a lot tonight after we lost Fo' [Laguda] and Ryan Moeller. I'm very proud of him. We talk all the time about – you have to start in your role, whatever your role is, and everybody's dreams can come true. We're marching to try to get our dreams come true."

ON GAME BEING A HEAVY-WEIGHT Fight - "No. 1, Drew Wilson has got our guys in great shape. Our guys are battle-tested and hardened. We use to always wonder, can we win one of those and now we're able to do it. They've been through so much. The younger guys are stepping up and catching on to what's going on. They kept fighting. I just started saying it three weeks ago, we do not blink. We keep fighting and keep swinging and don't worry about anything else."

ON SEFO LIUFAU - "He played excellent. He's such a battler, he's such a warrior. He got hit no the hip, he was hurting and came back. He kept fighting and battling. He played really well. He played like I figured Sefo would. He'll probably say he missed a few throws here and there, but that happens. He threw it 41 times and ran it 23 times, some of them were scrambles. He did an excellent job. He kept our team fighting and believing."

ON THE OFFENSIVE LINE - "Our offensive line played well. They're a very good defense, they stunt a lot. Like I said earlier in the week, they're going to stunt some and we'll have some negative plays, they'll have some hurries on us. I told them to keep battling and we'll pop one. That's what we did. Our offensive line did an excellent job of staying after it and staying with it. Phillip [Lindsay] did a nice job of seeing runs and so did Sefo. I was very proud of the offensive line."

ON WHETHER THE TEAM IS BUYING IN OR HAS A CHIP ON THEIR SHOULDER - "The buy in is bigger by everybody. The chip is within their heart and soul. They've got such a fortitude and a fight. They truly believe in each other. I told everybody to be all-in, the guys that might not play much and the guys that play a lot. We had to move around our special teams a lot, because Fo and Ryan Moeller play on a lot of special teams, so there are a lot of guys that you don't really notice that had to jump in there and play. We had a couple walk-ons that jumped in there and did really well. I'm very proud of what they're doing. That just shows you

the care they have for each other and the attention to detail to be ready to go."

ON GAME'S ATTENDANCE - "I thought it was great. I know it's hard for some of the kids, they've got to go home for Thanksgiving break. But I imagine some of them will be getting some earlier flights back for next Saturday. I'm excited about seeing the place overflowing. It was exciting, it was a great atmosphere. It was really loud in there, it was a lot of fun. It's fun to see that with our young men to know they've done that. They brought people back out. They kind of reconnected the state of Colorado with their team, the University of Colorado. It's really special."

ON SEFO ELUDING TACKLES - "He has to do that. All the good quarterbacks are able to elongate the play. He did that a lot tonight. It's going to happen from time to time. He was able to do that tonight. He converted three or four third-down plays. That was the difference in the game when you look at the stats, we had a better third-down percentage than their third-down percentage. That made a huge difference."

ON KICKING SITUATION WITH DAVIS PRICE AND CHRIS GRAHAM - "We did that change and Chris made a really big field goal there. That was great. It was a big momentum shift for us. Davis is kicking really well on extra points and getting them up high. We'll just keep working at it this week and see who does the best again. They've been able to handle that pretty well."

ON TEAM NOT BLINKING - "After the Stanford game, that was a game that we could have blinked and said there's no way. They just kept battling. I noticed that they just kept fighting. At the beginning of the fourth quarter and they're on the 40-yard line, they're moving and go for it on fourth down and we stop them. That was one of the big momentum plays in the football game, Nick Fisher made a good play there. Nick Fisher made another good play on another fourth down stop."

ON DESCRIBING THE TEAM TO SOMEONE WHO HAD NOT WATCHED THEM PLAY BEFORE - "Our young men just kept fighting. I use the three P's that I use all the time personally and our guys use it: persistence, passion and prayer. The thing that they've done is they've united as a bunch of guys believing that they can accomplish anything. It's really special to see. To me – there's no doubt it's awesome right now – but I feel like I always get graded when they're 30 or 35 [years old]. I think they've learned a lot of great life lessons: caring about other people, blocking out the outside and keep putting gone foot in front of the other. They're going to have a lot of hard times ahead of them in life and hopefully they can revert back to some of the lessons they've learned here."



MacIntyre (Cont.)

ON WHAT SEFO WILL DO LATER IN LIFE - "He has such a giving heart. Whoever hires him is going to have an unbelievable worker and person. I don't know exactly what he'll do, but whatever he does he'll be successful. He's so grounded, he's not an ego kind of guy. He has very good confidence, he's humble with confidence. I think our football team's that way."

ON WATCHING SEFO PERFORM ON THIS STAGE - "He's come full circle. He means about almost everything to me that he's able to be the one to do it. I've said it for a long time and no one believed me, but if our team caught up to Sefo, we'd be successful. In every game he's played in, we're always leading, even when he got hurt. That's not something to take away from Steven [Montez] at all, Steven's going to be really good. He just has that will power right now, he has that it-factor. Every once in a while you see that with a quarterback at certain times. I'm just so happy he's getting to do it with all he's overcome."



Washington State Head Coach

Mike Leach

ON TURNING POINT IN GAME - "I have to think about that and look at the stats. Coming out of the half, it was one of those scores where they ran right through us, where the quarterback ran right through us, I think that was the turning point where they got the upper hand. It was the touchdown after they went ahead is what I thought it was, the context of that I'll need to see on film."

ON WHAT MADE COLORADO HARD TO STOP- "The biggest thing is, I think we didn't do our job on offense, defense, either one. I thought we were incohesive as far as doing our jobs, there were times somebody would do it and we'd make a good play, then all of the sudden we'd turn somebody loose, I thought that's what happened on defense. The same thing happened on offense, it just manifested itself different, we'd make a bad read, or overthrow a ball, we'd drop a ball, we miss a block, we're not pushing the pile up field like we did before, we're not particularly good using our hands getting releases. Obviously Colorado is a good team but you can't squander plays if you're going to successfully beat Colorado."

ON SEFO LUIFAU CONVERTING 3RD DOWN CHANCES ON HIS FEET- "I think it was pretty much our fault, defensively, without going into a ton of detail and putting on a clinic for about three hours, there's so many gaps and so much space, and you have those filled, and as your line moves and as you twist and as you blitz, you fill all of those spaces. If you don't do it in a nice synchronized fashion then there's space. We just allowed too much space. The other thing is, I thought he (Sefo Luifau) did a really good job, he's tough to bring down, He'll get a few extra yards, so he deserves some credit. The biggest thing is, as far as us improving, the only thing I care about is what we can improve on. I thought offensively we were similar to that. There were some key down that they rose to better than we did."

ON WHETHER THEY WERE CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY LUIFAU RUNNING THE BALL 23 TIMES- "Not really. They do it. They do it in the first place and then if they have success with it, they continue to do it, if they don't have success with it, they stop doing it. I thought we played the pass pretty well, I thought we stopped the run pretty well at times, but we gave up explosives."

ON WHAT HE CAN TAKE FROM THE GAME - "Just simple stuff. We've just got to play tighter and do a better job doing our job. They're a good football team, they earn what they get. We earned what we get too."

ON POOR EXECUTION EARLY- "I don't think there's any question. You guys saw the game, you saw how many times we got behind them, how many times we dropped the ball, and how many times we barely missed. Anybody that's watched us all year knows that doesn't happen very often, but that's all within our control and we have to do better than that on offense."

ON COLORADO SECONDARY DOING MORE TO STOP LUKE FALK THAN OTHER OPPONENTS - "I don't know they're kind of tall. We didn't just get behind them, we got way behind them, we just squandered the opportunity."

ON GOING FOR IT ON FOURTH DOWN IN FOURTH QUARTER - "We were close on two of those. I thought we'd get it... I thought we'd get it. It wouldn't have mattered. One of them I probably should've kicked a field goal but in the end it really wouldn't have mattered. The bigger thing is, if we execute better, we get it. You want to go for it on fourth down? Make 'em."

ON PLAY CALL THAT LED TO KYLE SWEET'S POOR PUNT BEFORE HALFTIME - "It was (supposed to be) a punt, it was just a bad punt."



Colorado Players

QB Sefo Liufau

ON THE FEELING RIGHT NOW – “Ecstatic. We are very happy to be in the position that we are in. We’re very happy to be able to go out there and grind one out and get a good win. A lot of guys played very well tonight, especially this guy right here, Nick Fisher. To have two safeties go down and have him step up and play the way he did is great, especially for a young guy.”

ON HIS INJURY IN THE THIRD QUARTER – “It was a recurring injury from last week and I just got a little banged up there, which was pretty painful. But a quick little patch work from the trainers who do so much for me. But I was lucky, thankful and blessed to be able to come back out and play this game.”

ON THE CROWD – “The crowd is amazing, especially on defensive. For them to be able to back the defense by being so loud and into the game is a lot different than our freshmen year.”

ON FINISHING A CRUCIAL GAME – “It means the world to be able to go out there and keep our hopes alive. We’ve been in close games for a while now, but we have gotten a little older, a little better at being consistent and executing. It’s just a great feeling to go out there and win.”

ON THE ROLE OF THE OFFENSE - “It’s all up to the O-Linemen and the receivers. All I do is get the ball to my playmakers. I think there was two times where I ran almost untouched into the end zone because of the open lanes the O-line was able to create. So, shout out to them and the receivers for making plays. I am just one piece of the puzzle.”

ON HOW MUCH HE RAN TONIGHT - “It all depends on the game. The QB runs were in the game plan, but depending on what the other team struggles with, we’ll try and run those plays a little bit more. That’s kind of what we did down in the red zone. They were having a hard time with the zone read, so we just kept running it.”

ON THIS SENIOR CLASS - “I don’t know if I knew it was coming every step of the way out whatever journey or path we were going to take this year, I wanted to be a part of it. I think this senior class put in so much and I love playing with them. I say that if I don’t play another snap after college football and it’s over with these guys, I’d do it in a heartbeat. They mean a lot to me. We have a great bond both on and off the field. So, I’m just happy to be able to play out here again with these guys.”

ON THE DEFENSE’S PLAY TONIGHT- “To see the defense go out there, I know that everyone was making a big deal about Washington State’s offense; they’re a good offense but we have a pretty good defense. Shout out to our defense, they were making plays. I think we could have had a couple of more turnovers and that just shows how versatile and athletic we are. The DBs are back there doing their thing. It’s great to see our team putting together a good performance and being able to go out there and win.”

ON THE FLEA FLICKER PLAY - “We’ve been practicing that play for two weeks now and I’m not going to lie, but I was really confused and surprised that they called that play. Then I was supposed to throw it a little sooner, but I think their guys were so tired that they were coming pretty slow to me. I took my time over there and gave it to Devin [Ross] and he made the play. We’ve been practicing that for two weeks and it worked out for us this time. I handed it off to Devin who handed it off to Kabion [Ento], who gave it back to me and then I gave it back to Devin.”

QB Chidobe Awuzie

ON DEFENSE STEPPING UP IN THE FOURTH QUARTER - “I really give credit to the offense. Once they started going and we started to see them getting first downs and scoring, and Chris Graham hitting that field goal, it gives the defense momentum. We understand now that it’s on us to perform. Everybody else is doing their job, now we’ve got to do our job. Just seeing them do that brought fire in our eyes, and knowing that if we do our job, we’d be able to win the game.”

ON MOMENTUM FROM THE CROWD - “It was wonderful, you hear all those people yelling and screaming on third downs, fourth downs, we didn’t get off the field as much as I’d like to, but hearing them gave us a lot of motivation to stop the other team. That’s been huge for us this year, our crowds been showing out, we’ve been having a full crowd every time, and if that keeps going the sky is the limit, because they don’t understand how much of a factor they are, but we definitely feel them when they’re loud.”

ON COMPARING THE CROWD TODAY TO HIS FRESHMAN YEAR - “The crowd has always been good, they’ve always been there. It just comes with winning. Once we started winning, they have something to cheer for. When we were losing and were in those close games, the fans still stayed. I remember against UCLA my sophomore year, we went to overtime, the fans didn’t usually stay but they stayed. They stayed to watch us finish that game and we ended up losing. The fans have that same mindset, they’re going to rock with us win or lock.”



Colorado Players (Cont.)

ON WASHINGTON STATE'S PASSING ATTACK - "We didn't take it personally, we understood what they were good at, and we understood in the defensive backfield that it was going to be on us a lot of the time to make those plays that could get us off the field. When the game started we got a stop right away. They started getting in a little rhythm, and we kind of lost focus. But in the second half we really buckled down and were able to handle our assignments and do our jobs."

ON SOPHOMORE NICK FISHER'S PERFORMANCE - "Nick Fisher, man, that's a great player for us. He tried to play the 'Buff' for us last year and tried to play more in the slot, I was really trying to mentor him and help him out with that kind of stuff. Fisher has so much potential that he doesn't even know about it so when he's out there making those plays it doesn't surprise me. It shouldn't surprise him either, because he can do some much more and those are the kind of plays we come to expect from Fisher. He's a great player and a heck of an athlete, so hopefully down the road he keeps making those plays and reaches his potential."

ON EMOTION AFTER THE WIN - "We've accomplished a lot this season but one thing we haven't done yet is beat a ranked opponent, so that was a really big personal goal, and defensive goal. We talked about it and let it be known, now we've got a gold brick on the wall. That's definitely something we wanted to do to secure a legacy here. That's pretty much all I was thinking about. It was great to see the fans get excited, we just try to stay level-headed on our team, because we know that our dreams could be gone in a second if we don't beat Utah. It's definitely on to the next one and we've got to battle and prepare really hard this week."

ON SIGNIFICANCE OF UTAH GAME - "As a team, every game has been so important, no matter who we play. There's a lot at stake against Utah, but if we would've lost one of the games before we wouldn't have been in this position, so every game we approach the same way, (with a) 1-0 attitude like it's the super bowl."

ON HALFTIME MESSAGE - "Coach Mac told us they were right where we wanted them. We knew it would be a close game because they're a really good team, but we're a really good team. We were getting the ball back on offense and we knew that if we scored and we got another stop on defense that our offense could really get this game going. So Coach Mac just really stressed to keep fighting, keep battling, that we were going to have to play for four quarters and I think we did that, and obviously ended up with a W."

ON WASHINGTON STATE BEING TIRED - "I don't think they got tired, they battled through the whole game like a Pac-12

contender should. They're a really good team. Sometimes teams aren't used to the altitude and they may get tired and may get hurt more often, but I think Washington State held their own and was able to battle through that."

ON WASHINGTON STATE QB LUKE FALK - "Honestly I think he may be the most complete quarterback we've seen. Some of the balls he was throwing, you could tell he's an NFL quarterback. We were right there in coverage a lot of the time and he would just throw it on a dime and some of their receivers dropped the ball, but we knew that if we weren't in perfect position he was going to make the perfect pass and we wouldn't be able to make the play. He's a great quarterback, hopefully he finishes the year out strong."

ON SHOCK FROM WHAT THE TEAM HAS ACCOMPLISHED - "I'm not amazed at all. Going into any game you expect to win. There's definitely some excitement, but at the end of the day we know that being humble is one of our competitive forces. It helps us stay level-headed and really respect our opponents, being humble, tough, mentally, physically, and playing for four quarters."

RB Phillip Lindsay

ON TODAY'S WIN - "It was a big win. We have something called the gold games and we have gold bricks. So any time we beat a ranked team we get a gold brick. This is our first time since we've been ranked that we get a gold brick so it's a pretty big deal for us. We're excited and we're happy and we have to continue to ride this wave and get ready for the next game."

ON COACH HAGAN - "Our offensive line is doing a great job. Coach Hagan has a lot to do with it. That man has put a lot of work into our running back crew and he's taken us to another level. I appreciated that and I want to thank Coach Hagan for that."

ON HIS 140 YARDS RUSHING TODAY - "That was big. Our offensive line got rumbling, got on top of the defensive linemen. As a running back, you have to find the holes and make people miss. When your receivers are assigned to catch, Devin Ross and Jay MacIntyre came up really big. Sefo is like a train and is doing his thing, it really helps."

ON FINISHING DRIVES AND HIS TOUCHDOWN - "We need to finish drives. That's the one thing that Coach Lindgren and Coach Chiaverini talk about all of the time, finish8ing drives. I felt like I needed to finish that drive off. I kept my feet moving, and with the will and determination that I had, that helped me cross the goal line. It was a great feeling knowing that I helped my team win. It's a team game and I love my men to death. I'll do anything for them."



Colorado Players (Cont.)

ON PREPARATIONS FOR UTAH - "The intensity has to go up a lot. We have to stay focused and we're going to have to compete. We're going to have to do a lot of one vs. ones in

ON CREATING A NEW LEGACY AT CU - "It's been a long time for the University of Colorado to have that done. For all of the men that have sweat and bled and cried on the field from back in the day to now, we have to keep it going. We have to keep the legacy going."

ON SEFO LIUFAU - "Sefo's a "dog" and you have to be a "dog" in this game, period. That man, he puts his body on the line day in and day out. He takes the most criticism, he has to remember everything on the field. He tells me what to do half the time. For that, there are no words that I can say to express my feelings towards that man. That's my guy to the end. He's going to keep us going. He's our leader. He puts us in the right play calls and positions and then we just go out and play ball."

SS Nick Fisher

ON GETTING SUBSTANTIAL PLAYING TIME TONIGHT - "I normally just play special teams, but Coach always talks about staring in your role and tonight my team needed me to step up and I tried to do that for them."

ON WHY HE THINKS HE WAS SUCCESSFUL TONIGHT - "I love my teammates. I want to win. I am playing for 9-2 and I am playing for Sefo. There is just so much love in that locker room that you don't want to let anyone down. After I let a run go up the sideline because I wasn't in the B-gap, I said to myself that I didn't want to be the reason we lose tonight, so I just had to step it up on my part."

ON HIS NERVES BEFORE THE GAME - "I was nervous getting thrown right into the game because a couple plays later they were in the end zone. After a couple plays I was looking into Tedric [Thompson]'s eyes and I knew it was just like practice and that we've got this."

ON HIS FOURTH DOWN STOP - "We were just in this coverage. I was seam-flat and my guy was going vertical. Then I was just looking at the quarterback and I see a guy coming underneath and no one was covering him. So, my first instinct was to go shoot right now. When he threw the ball I just made sure to wrap up because coach is always saying to make sure we don't miss a layup. Then the crowd roared and I was feeling great. All the hairs on my back of my neck stood up and I felt energetic."

ON FINISHING THE GAME DEFENSIVELY - "Like Sefo said, we've been in close games before and this is another close game. No one had their head down in the locker room. We knew that the offense was going to do their thing as long as

we did our thing. We just played as a team and we were feeding off of them. They get their touchdowns and that makes the defense energetic and we don't want to let our offense down so we're playing our hearts out too. We all have one goal."

WR Jay MacIntyre

ON THE OFFENSE'S GAME PLAN TODAY - "I think the offense came out with a great plan. Coach (Darrin) Chiaverini and Coach (Brian) Lindgren had a great plan. We made some big plays out there and the ball came my way today. That doesn't always happen. But my dad always talks about playing your role and being a star in your role. When the chances do come, make them, That happened tonight and it was exciting."

ON RECOVERING FROM HIS CONCUSSION EARLIER THIS SEASON - "That was one of the most frustrating times in my life honestly. When I got the concussion, it wasn't my best game. Also the concussion put me back a little bit. But I got to practice after all of the concussion protocol after four days. It puts you behind. You really want to be out there, but you can't. But I feel like we got back on track. Sefo and I work all of the time together. So hopefully we can keep up the rhythm."

ON PULLING OUT CLOSE WINS - "We don't really blink. We see the game and we're going to win it. If new can't score then then defense picks us up. If the defense can't stop them then we have to go score. We have a belief in each other and we know at the end of the day that we're going to go score. That is a big deal. The past couple of years when haven't pulled out those close games but this year we are. It's just a belief factor in others and in our coaches."

ON TEAM GOALS - "Coach Chev always preaches that if you can stay on the field then you're going to win the game. We always have goals. Third down conversions are one of our biggest goals. We happened to do really well on that today."

ON PATIENTLY WAITING FOR HIS CHANCE TO MAKE BIG PLAYS - "That's what Chev told us from the beginning [about being patient]. He said that if you keep working and play your role then the ball is going to find you some way. It happened to find me today and it's going to find others in other games. We just have to make plays when the ball comes our way."

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**C Alex Kelly**

ON THE FACT THAT THE OFFENSE PUT UP OVER 600 YARDS TONIGHT - "Our work throughout the week, that is one of the things that we were focused on. Washington State's defense likes to move a lot so that was one of our focuses."

ON WASHINGTON STATE'S TACTICS TO GET FALSE START PENALTIES - "One of the things that Washington State is known for is moving right before the snap or making loud noises. It's really hard because you're trying to tune into your quarterback. They got us a couple of times, but you just have to move forward."

ON TEAM MOMENTUM - "We've just been through hell and back so many times that now that we're in this position, we know that we never want to go back to where we were before. Just that fear in the back of our minds keeps us moving forward."

ON THE ATMOSPHERE TONIGHT - "It was fun. At the end, everyone was rushing the field and I had to just take a step back and let it all sink in. I have one more game here at Folsom next week and the atmosphere is just phenomenal."

ON THE UTAH GAME NEXT WEEK - "They're a really tough team. They have a really good D-Line. Year-in and year-out they're one of the best D-Lines in the Pac-12. I haven't really watched tape on them, but I know that their nose guard is a big man. It's fun to go against him."

WR Devin Ross

ON THE OFFENSE'S PLAY TONIGHT - "We just game planned against them because the way their defense plays those slots was a big advantage for us. It was open for all of us and we made plays and executed just like we're supposed to. Coach (Chiaverini) was proud of us for that and I'm proud of my teammates, too."

ON TEAM MOTIVATION AND ENERGY - "At home it's definitely the 12th man, our fans. They give us so much energy and keep us in the last quarters and keep our motivation up. We keep the energy going with each other, we pump each other up and we know that we've got this and we're going to just keep playing. We're not going to stop. That's the mindset we had tonight and I'm proud of everyone. We did our jobs and executed and did our thing. We're definitely having fun. I can't wait for next week already."

WR Kabion Ento

ON WHAT ALLOWS THIS TEAM TO THRIVE IN BIG GAME SITUATIONS - "We just know it is going to take all four quarters no matter what - every game. Of course you would love to blow someone out. But we come in expecting four quarters and coach Mac always tells us to stay focused for the whole entire game. We have to make sure that each play we are doing our best. If we do bad, we forget that one and come back on the next play."

ON IF THE TEAM WAS AWARE OF THE UTAH RESULT - "We just found out in the locker room. I guess it's good to hear in our case but we control our own destiny so we have to focus on ourselves."

DE Jordan Carrell

ON THE WAY THE TEAM RESPONDED TO THE PRESSURE LATE IN THE GAME - "As a team, we just didn't want to let that affect us. We just wanted to keep sawing wood. We knew they were going to score points. They are a great team but at the end of the day, we got the win. And that all comes from staying together. We just kept sawing wood throughout the whole game and we came out with a big win."

ON IF THE EARLY STRUGGLES ALLOWS THE TEAM TO GET STRONGER AS THE GAME GOES ON - "As a team, we just want to do our best every week, but we are going to make mistakes. I know I made a couple mistakes today and I got ripped for it. But I just feel like our maturity level has gotten us to the point to where we can just take it and just move on to the next play. We did a good job with that throughout the whole game and they made some plays, but we made more plays - and we came out on top."

ON LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S GAME - "I'm excited. This is what we dreamed about since we were little kids, to be in these situations. Coach talks about these being the 'gold games.' So we just have to go win another in a gold game next week. Utah is a great team and I know they have a good front. So we just have to dial into the playbook this week and watch them on film. I think that our coaches are going to deliver us a great game plan like they did this week. It'll be a fun matchup, but we are not going to celebrate this one. We still have a big goal in mind so we are going to wait until next week and go after them."



Washington State Players

QB Luke Falk

ON PASS DEFENSE- "I think that they were a good group, they play pretty sound ball. We shot ourselves in the foot, we were moving the ball really good but we just couldn't convert on those key downs and key situations. Its really disappointing because that's all on us and we just aren't doing our jobs. It's on me as a quarterback, I have to be able to execute out there and get the chains moving."

ON DROPPED PASSES EARLY ON- "You just have to move on and play the next play. We had some drops but I had a lot of over thrown passes in the second half. I was in a rhythm in that first half and I just couldn't get in a rhythm that second half for some reason. We will make the corrections we need to and learn from this one."

ON COLORADO'S DEFENSE- "We kind of knew what they were doing. I think they did a good job disguising a little bit but it comes down to reading it post snap and we just have to execute. That's on me and I just have to put the ball in play."

ON IF EXECUTION WAS BETTER- "We definitely missed some opportunities early on. We were moving down there and didn't convert on fourth down, we just had a couple miss cues. A couple missed communication but who knows how it would be but it didn't happen. We needed to move on from it and come out in the second half. We did a nice job but in the fourth quarter we didn't get anything going. I just got to get in the right play checks and put the ball in play."

ON LOUD STADIUM- "It was a loud environment, but we work on that on Thursday so there is no excuse on that part. We just have to go out there and execute and we didn't."

ON NOT CONNECTING WITH RECIEVERS- "We were right there, he had a step sometimes and sometimes the throw wasn't there. We just have to go back and see what we need to work on. We will hit them, that second half was kind of a fluke. We will learn from it and we will focus on next week."

ON RECOVERING FROM LOSS- "Just like any other win, loss, or game. You look at the film tomorrow, you look at the sheets, you look at the things you did good, you look at the things you could have done a little better and then it's done. You move on, you move onto the next opponent."

ON CURRENT MOOD IN LOCKEROOM- "I think right now we are a little disappointed with how we played out there. We will look at the film and then we will be ready to go tomorrow."

ON WINNING DIVISION- "You want to win every game, that's part of playing college football. You only have a

limited amount of opportunities and this was a great environment. We just have to move on. "

DL Hercules Mata'afa

ON STOPPING COLORADO'S OFFENSE- "I think they executed their plays well. Colorado was able to play better than us today. They were the better football team today."

ON ROBERT BARBER COMEBACK- "He brought energy to the team, but we need to be self-motivated."

ON SEFO LIUFAU'S- "We expected him to run. It is part of their game plan. That's what we thought they would do and that's what he did. I mean, he knows how to play good. He's fast, he's athletic, I just couldn't get there fast enough."

ON COLORADO'S KEY THIRD DOWN'S- "It was frustrating. Every time they make a play, it is frustrating for us. We know we're able to stop it. Tonight wasn't our best game, we didn't quit at the end because we are a team that still plays no matter what adversity happens."

Nickel Parker Henry

ON COLORADO'S QB- "I think it was a combination of things that led to him being so effective. Their scheme was good. We had trouble tackling him, especially in the second half. We weren't able to get him down. They had a good plan but ultimately it was on us not being in their gaps, not doing what we are supposed to. He's a good player and probably the biggest quarterback we've seen all year. It's definitely an adjustment. He's a hell of a player."

ON TACKLING PROBLEMS- "I think we lacked discipline. I think it's something we've done pretty well, especially on this winning streak that we just had. Today, I think we just didn't have enough pride as we should have."

ON COLORADO'S SIZE AND SPEED- "I don't think we were surprised. We knew they were a good team, one of the best teams we'll play all year. They're 8-2, or 9-2 now, for a reason. We know they like to get down and run the ball. That's what we thought, but they're a really good team."

ON TAKING DOWN COLORADO QB- "It's tough, you don't run into a 235-lb quarterback all the time. That's something they know that's an advantage for them. They've been taking advantage of this all year. He's a good player. I know this from Washington, I played him in high school and it's the same type of deal

ON THE FIRST LOSS LEADING UP TO APPLE CUP- "I think it helps. This isn't a feeling that we haven't had in a while.

We don't want it again. But we got no choice but to flush it. Next week it's a huge game, because the Apple Cup is our next game, a big game. As soon as this plane lands, we're going to look at this film, we're going to move on and try to get the best we can next week."

LB Peyton Pelluer

ON DEFENSIVE STRUGGLES- "They didn't do anything fancy, they didn't do anything we didn't expect. We made mistakes and I give credit to them and like I said they capitalized on them, so my hats off to them."

ON DEFENSIVE ADJUSTMENT AFTER HALFTIME - "Not to many adjustments after half time. When they were going they split back, two back we were getting our immediate check, we had our eyes in the wrong spots so we had to adjust off that in the third and forth quarter because Stefo was capitalizing on that counter weak. We adjust off of that and when they tired it again we shut it down enough. Like I said, my hats off to them for capitalizing on those plays and our mistakes."

ON CU'S LATERAL PLAY- "We knew they were going to throw a trick play at us at least once, so it was a good play on their part to reverse. We thought they were going to do a throwback and we didn't expect a throwback screen and then they go blockers on us and they capitalized on us not being in the right place at the right time."

ON THIRD DOWN DEFENSE - "You could say it wears us out. We had to come out there with the same mentality every single time, it's all mental. So when we cannot stop them it doesn't help our offence or this team. We have to take it upon ourselves to get off the field on the third downs, tackle better, communicate better and help our offence out."

ON WASHINGTON'S MENTALITY ON THIRD DOWNS- "At times yea but we cannot let that get to us. The moment we lose confidence in yourselves as a unit, on defense you won't perform or be able to stop them on the third down at all. So we just had to keep talking to each other and keep picking each other up and keep rallying trying to get off that field best as we could. Obviously we couldn't do that enough."

ON MOVING ON FROM THE LOSS- "We need to get healthy and just learn from this. We have to take something out of this at the end of the day and I think we will. I have confidence in this group of guys and this team and just because of tonight none of that is shaking. We are going to learn from it, bounce back and win this next game."

ON APPLE CUP- "It didn't help that we were in Colorado right now. We take it one at a time and this happens to be our last game and that's that."

RB Jamal Morrow

ON STRUGGLE TO WIN THE GAME- "Just when they finished drives, left a lot on the field and we just didn't play to our full potential. We have to learn from that and get ready for the next week."

ON THE MOMENT THE GAME GOT AWAY- "We played the whole game, all they way to the quad K, double zeros and we feel like we still have a chance any time there is time on the clock. The key drive was probably the second drive when we got intersected and went down to score was huge."

ON THIS BIG GAME- "We just went out there and played ball. We didn't play our best brand of football that we have been playing all season. It today we made some mistakes we haven't made in the past and they really affected us. We are going to learn from this and get ready for next week."

ON THE DEFENSE - "They had good defense. The plays we have been converting on all season we just didn't convert on it. The best thing to do is to get better and learn from it."

ON THE TOUGH LOSS - "Just learn from the mistakes we made. We have another game coming up and we have to take care of them and what happens after that happens. We are focused on this next game and get ready for U dub."