



## **Colorado Head Coach Mike MacIntyre**

### **Opening Statement**

"I thought today went well. There were zero injuries, which is what you always want in a scrimmage situation. We got a lot done with all of the referees here in all phases, so I was excited about that. There were big plays made on both sides of the ball. We'll go back and look at the film and work from there, but I was pleased with the overall effort of the guys."

### **On If There Is A Benefit To Having Three More Practices After The Spring Showcase**

"Yeah there is. We moved it back because we had a few guys that had some injuries that we wanted to be able to give them more time to get out there and practice. I'd rather just have one afterwards, but with three next week the kids understand that this isn't the end. Usually, they think the spring game is the end. But, we'll have another scrimmage next Friday."

### **On Offensive Lineman Jake Moretti Practicing In Scrimmage Situations**

"This is his third practice of doing a lot of team [situations]. We've been bringing him along. He's passed every test so far. Of the little bit I saw of him out there today, he looked pretty good. Hopefully he'll keep going because he's extremely talented. We love having him out there playing."

### **On How Many Plays Moretti Has Taken In Scrimmage Situations**

"We went eight plays, then 14 plays and today we went around 20. He held up. We've been doing a lot of one-on-ones. It's exciting to see it, not only as a coach but I'm really more excited for the kid and all he's been through. His dad came to practice the other day and his high school coach showed up at practice and you could just see the glow in their eyes just thinking that he has a chance to play. It's exciting."

### **On How Linebacker Akil Jones Improving Helps With Depth**

"It's really big. Akil was doing really well last year for us and he ended up having a sports hernia at the end of the year and really didn't tell anybody. He kept trying to play. Before the season was over we asked him what was wrong, and he said it was really bothering him. So, he had to get sports hernia surgery on him. He's come back this spring on fire like he was in fall camp. I trust Akil being out there now playing on special teams and playing linebacker. He's very explosive and fast. He's really good. Nate Landman's good and Drew Lewis is good and of course, Rick Gamboa is good. I feel like we have four guys now that can do it. I'm excited about that."

### **On Quarterback Steven Montez's Interceptions**

"He made some plays and he also had some that were in there that might have gotten caught but the DB made a really good play. It's hard to tell, so we'll have to look at it on film. Carson Wells has gotten him a couple times sneaking out there this spring. Carson has a knack for doing that. Nobody else has gotten him on that. I think that was a great play by Carson and not a very good play by Steven. I thought some of our running backs ran well and I thought some of our guys tackled well in the secondary. Viska [Shenault] made a really good run, but we couldn't get him down, which is what we expect Viska to do. I saw positives and negatives on both sides. Overall, we showed glimpses on both sides of the ball and we have some playmaking on both sides."

### **On How The Spring Season Helps The Development Of Relationships With New Assistant Coaches**

"It does a lot. We tell them what we are going to be on a typical day, the practice schedules, how we run practice, the tempo we want – all of those types of things. The good thing about the early signing day for us this year is we were able to meet a little bit more on some of those late weekends where you would have had a lot of visits. So we were able to meet as a staff and come back in from the road – which helped accelerate the knowledge of those guys exactly what we wanted. That is going good. I am very pleased with all three guys, the input they have made, and how we have bonded as a staff. That is important. We have to always have each other's back and I feel like they definitely do."

### **On The Celebratory Dunk On The Goal Post From Montez**

"I didn't like it. [OC] Chev [Darrin Chiaverini] got him so we pulled him out after that. He came and apologized to me. I told him, 'Two years ago, you were so fat you couldn't have done it. So now you are in better shape.' He will have a little bit of extra on Monday's practice."

### **On Encouraging The Passion Of Montez While Maintaining Discipline**

"I want him to have the passion to run, to play. I don't want him to go up and dunk it. He has that fire, that vinegar in him – which is good. He said, 'I wouldn't have done that on game day.' I said, 'I know you wouldn't have.' I saw him do a 360 dunk in high school. There is a lot of guys that couldn't have done that. So that is a good thing that he is a good athlete. But it's a bad thing that he did it. He has got a lot of charisma to him and the guys really love him. He is competing really hard. I thought he did a really good job today on his slides and understanding in like the two-minute drill there. He thought about it, would go forward, but he had to get that first down and that would stop the clock. In the past, he might have slid there and stopped it before. That knowledge of all of those game situations, he has really improved on."

### **On The Ability Of William Sherman To Play Either Guard Or Tackle**

"He has the ability to do both. He has long arms and is really athletic. He played tackle in high school. Height wise, he is probably a better fit long term at guard. But he is so athletic and such long arms. He is kind of like how Daniel Munyer [former Colorado Buffaloes offensive lineman] was for us. We could move him at guard, center, and tackle. He had long arms and at six foot three. He is a guy that could be a utility lineman for us and be able to do it well. We try to utilize him at all spots. If we stay healthy, he will stay at one spot. If we don't stay healthy, he will be able to swing – which is good. You want to be able to have that. He can do that. He is definitely smart enough to handle it also."

### **On The Movement From Right To Left Tackle For Aaron Haigler And Jake Moretti**

"[Aaron Haigler] played right tackle all of last year and right guard. We moved him to the left. If Jake Moretti keeps coming on, Jake is more comfortable at left especially with his knee injury. It is better for him to be on the left than the right. Aaron can play both. And he can play guard. So Aaron could fluctuate playing right tackle too. We just have to see how that comes along. We are going to rotate them in practice so it is not foreign in the game."