Arizona vs. No. 16 Colorado
Saturday, Nov. 12
Arizona Stadium
Postgame Quotes

Arizona head coach Rich Rodriguez

Opening statement:
“Same silly mistakes. Penalties were horrendous. I’ve coached for a long time and I don’t think I’ve ever had 13 penalties for 143 yards. Some of them were good calls and some I have to watch the film. Those are killers. It’s hard for us to stop somebody, and we finally stop them to give them a first down on a penalty with some poor technique. You can’t do those things. You’re not a good football team when you do those things and you don’t give yourself a chance to beat anybody. We got some momentum. I always feel like we’re in it.”

On Brandon Dawkins and Anu Solomon’s performance:
“Brandon has run the ball well. He’s throwing the ball well, albeit some of the protection was breaking down. I think Anu went in there and did some good stuff. I may start him this week, but it’s better to watch the film first so I can truly judge his performance.”

On Samajie Grant’s performance:
“He has really played well. There were a couple times when he bounced something and didn’t quite press a certain play. But for the most part, he’s a competitive guy. He’s playing really hard. It’s a good thing. He’s the one tailback we have with a little bit of burst. I thought he played pretty well.”

On an improvement in the defense:
“I was multi-faceted in my decisions to improve the defense. The first thing was recruiting; we’ve tried to build a strong base in Southern California and some other areas where I thought the new staff could help us. I think schemes are always important from a coordinator standpoint. I always have to remind myself that everyone is learning it for the first time, even the seniors, so I have to be a little more patient. As the season went along, there were some bumps and bruises. Certainly we weren’t playing great defense, but we’re trying hard and the coaches are working hard, so we’ll be fine there. When we get healthy and get recruits in, I feel confident in our staff.”

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Brandon Dawkins

On 50-yard completion to Shun Brown:
“We got the look we wanted, and the line did a great job. We got to sit back there for a second and delivered a strike. It was one of the plays we executed, but I wish we had a few more.”

On the red zone issues:
“There were a multitude of different things. Some of it was the penalties when we got down into the red zone. Some of it’s on me, for different reasons. There were plays I could have made, or did better with. Just a lot of different things. It all comes down to execution on offense.”

On how the team will stay motivated going forward:
“If anybody needs to be motivated, they probably shouldn’t be on the team. You play this sport to win games. Obviously if you get dealt a bad hand, you have to keep rolling with the dice and just keep it
going. I don’t feel like anybody needs to be motivated at this point. It hasn’t been a great season, but at the end of the day we’re still going to come out and play. We’re not going to come out and hand teams any wins. We’re going to keep coming out and fighting every week, no matter who we’re playing.”

Senior running back Samajie Grant

On what he did differently this week in practice:
“Honestly, I didn’t change anything. (Calvin) Magee, he always tells me to listen to him and understand that he’s been doing this for a long time, so I try my hardest to do it his way and try to remember everything he told me in practice. Sometimes when I actually remember to do it, that’s when I did well. When I didn’t do that, I lost yards. So I just did what the coach told me to do.”

On the possibility of making a comeback:
“I always feel like that, even when we’re down by a lot. I believe we can come back from anything. I never give up and I’m pretty sure my teammates don’t.”

Senior linebacker Paul Magloire

On the high number of penalties:
“Some of them were pretty close calls. We definitely need to play smarter and we’ve got to get better. It’s a new week coming up, so we’ve got to fix those things.”

On lack of consistent turnovers:
“More guys have to make more plays. That’s just really it.”

Colorado head coach Mike MacIntyre

Opening statement:
“Our young men played extremely hard, I thought we did some really good things. We had a little bit of a lull at the start of the fourth quarter. Anu (Solomon) mad a couple great plays and we had that bop pass. But I thought our guys played really hard and came out with fire. It was a good win for us, Rich Rod does a heck of a job and they’ve beat us three years in a row now and we finally got them. The last time we were here, we got beat pretty good, so I am excited about what we have done and we are going to get some In-n-Out Burger after this.”

On the team’s ability to focus when they are highly ranked and have a target on their back:
“Our kids have been focused every game, I know the last game was kind of ugly. We were ready to play, and we played hard. We had some mistakes down here today, we got the ball in the endzone like we said we would and got back in our rhythm. We hit some deep balls, and Sefo played really well. Defensively, we were concerned about (Brandon) Dakwins running the ball and Samajie Grant, he can fly. They got outside of us a few times and we were concerned about that but fixed it at halftime. I thought our special teams played excellent tonight, and I thought that we put together three good phases. The defense gave up a little bit of yardage but they didn’t give up as many points.”

On College Gameday possibly going to Boulder:
“I’m not that great? What’s exciting about it, is that is exciting for both teams. It is exciting for Washington State and Mike Leech, it is exciting for the University of Colorado and our staff. I am so excited for our fans. This is a special time in Colorado football. Our young men have taken us from good to really good and hopefully next week they can take us to great.”
Players:

**Senior QB Sefo Liufau**

*On his play and excitement of next two upcoming games:*

“I don’t know who lost. But I think the most important thing is that we came out here and won today. There were ups and downs, and we would have liked to be a little more consistent as a team, but to be able to come out here and get a win at a place where we haven’t won in a while, or ever, I don’t know the history, is great for the team.”

*On offensive pace and play:*

“I think the biggest thing to that affect is the field position and where we were starting. There were a lot of short kicks by them, from kick offs and punts, and so that’s why we had shorter field position. But I think it was really important for us as an offense to get back on track, and go out there and put up points on the board, because we’ve really been leaving our defense out to dry these past couple of weeks. And so I think for the most part we did very well in terms of scoring points. There’s a couple things we could have done better, and that all falls back on me. So I’ll look at those mistakes and make sure we’re better for Washington State.”

*On personal play and getting back to himself:*

“I think I kind of just let loose and decided to have fun and go with the flow. I was joking with all the guys in between drives and plays. I think that’s how a lot of people should play, just loose and just go out there and kind of let the manual overdrive take over, because you study so much all week and it just becomes second nature, and you get all the reads and see what the defense is doing. So I just went out there and had fun this week.”

**Senior Outside Linebacker Jimmie Gilbery**

*On third down sack in third quarter:*

“On that one I have to give all credit to Laguda, because when he stepped up into that B gap, the tackle went down and that allowed me to be a free runner. One thing coach Leavitt always says is don’t miss a layup, so I couldn’t leave him out to drive because he ate up the blocker, so I have to capitalize on that opportunity.”

*Challenges from run game and Dawkins mobility:*

“I mean (Brandon) Dawkins broke me off twice. Just the fact that they have a quarterback that has the ability to run the way he did, you have to be very tight and very fundamental with your pass rush, can’t let him run out of the pocket and do too much on the edge. We still have some things defensively that we need to fix, breaking down and tackling in space, we missed too many tackles today. And we need to improve our pass rush drastically. Dawkins and (Anu) Solomon had too much time in the pocket to release the ball. So we really have to pick that up this upcoming week.”