

## Colorado Postgame Quotes

### Colorado Coach Mel Tucker

**"Coach, can you take us through what happened tonight?"**

"We had a few turnovers and we couldn't finish drives. We knew we would be able to run the ball but our passing game was inconsistent. Defensively, it just took us too long to settle down. Early in the game we had missed tackles, we had some missed assignments, and we weren't able to get off the field on third down. Once we settled down, we were able to get some stops and be aggressive, but it was a very disappointing effort in the first half.

**"You had five drives into WSU territory. Does that take the wind out of your team?"**

"We need to be able to score touchdowns, especially against team like this who can move the ball and score. That has been an issue for us the past couple of weeks. Obviously, we are moving the ball but we can't finish drives and we missed a couple field goals. Those are things that we have to get cleaned up.

### Alex Fontenot RB for Colorado

**"Alex, you almost averaged a first down every time you got the ball, but when you got down was it hard to stick with the ground game?"**

"For me, the run was just opening up a lot and it was just frustrating because every time we tried to pass it just wasn't working. That part was frustrating but the run game to me just felt natural."

**"You guys had five trips into Wazzu territory but only three points to show. Does that take the wind out of the sails of the offense?"**

"It is a little frustrating but you cannot let it get to you. You have to keep the mentality of, when I am out there I am going to score, and just keep going."

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#### **Head Coach Mike Leach**

##### *On how gratifying this win was*

“The biggest thing I gage it by if you play well...we played hard the entire game and not mistake free but we played hard, had good energy on all sides of the ball and I thought it was complete with 11 people with good energy. I think there are some things we need to polish up but, we did play well. We finished the first half and our defense finished the second half.”

##### *On the defense*

“I think we are emerging defensively, we simplified some things, we still coming together and honestly I think defensively some of our best football is ahead of us.”

##### *On the offense*

“Well we were more consistent then we have been, we are explosive and have been explosive most of the year. We were better on third down when it counted, which I think that’s important, I think that we are explosive but then inconsistent, that the difference from hitting home runs and knocking someone out of the park, but then all of a sudden you hit a slump and it’s tough to do much, and so we have to be a team that has consistency.”

#### **Quarterback Anthony Gordon**

##### *On the offense in tough weather conditions*

“I say we definitely did a pretty good job moving the ball as an offense given the conditions, but you know you accept to come play football here you what you may get, you know that this is definitely a possibility. We have had spring practices and spring scrimmages in weather similar to this, so we are accustomed to it and we weren’t going to let the weather be a factor and we went out and executed.”

##### *On the confidence the defense success gives the offense*

“The defense played unreal today, it great to see them finally get back to their form and what their capable of, and to see them get a little inspiration over there. So when we got them playing great like that is comforting but we also as an offense we need to take what the defense is doing for us and run with it really separate form some teams and we definitely had some opportunities to do that tonight and as we came to it later, we were a little stagnant at times and we need to correct that and come out a little more hot in the third quarter.”

**Running Back Max Borghi**

*On playing against Colorado*

"Yeah, obviously I'm from Colorado so it is marked on the calendar, I take it week by week, but when this comes up it's always an exciting week for me. I'm just happy with how the team played tonight, and that I got the opportunity to go out there and make plays"

*On the defense*

"They played great, three take a ways, you can't ask for much more, obviously they looked like they played as a team and felt like they were playing together tonight, so it was real good, when the defense plays great, it just helps us."

**Linebacker Willie Taylor III**

*On the defense playing a complete game*

"I believe so, I believe tonight the effort was overall better, and the communication is hitting all cylinders"

*On improvements the defense*

"We've definitely been practicing better, running around, playing faster, running to the ball, communicating a lot more and everyone seems to be on the same page now."

**Linebacker Jahad Woods**

*On shutting down the passing game*

"Preparation, our number one thing is preparation. When we prepare well the outcome is always good for us. We worked extremely well throughout the week, and it's hard to pinpoint one thing but I think we played well on all phases on defense."

*On preparation*

"Just the DB's locking in and understanding what they have to do more, with the pass game its always the DB's first, we also had a lot of pressure on the defensive line, we got them off the spot a lot and that helped us a lot."