

# Stanford University Football

## Media Conference

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### Karl Dorrell

#### Postgame Media Conference



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#### **Q. Comments, thoughts on this ball game today.**

KARL DORRELL: Well, it was a great win for our team. We would have, if I had the choice, I would have orchestrated it a little bit better in the second half. I thought we had a good first half where we were battling back and forth and we had a couple scores, we were up leading at halftime, and I felt our defense was playing really well. Really controlled the line of scrimmage from a run game perspective. I thought we did a really nice job from that standpoint. So the halftime, at halftime we felt we were in pretty good shape. We knew we had the ball coming out of half. The offense went down and scored, which was a positive thing and we felt we built a pretty comfortable lead.

That's the point of the matter. It wasn't too comfortable because they came back. Probably similar to what happened last week against UCLA. But our players, they hung in there. That's a good team. That's a good team that we played, that Stanford team, and I mentioned that to you guys all last week. And I thought our guys went toe-to-toe with these guys and I would have liked to have finished that game on our terms. That would have been much better for us to feel better about it, but it's a great win still, I think we're still learning as a team. I felt we played as well as we needed to to finish the game. They came back in the fourth quarter with a couple scores and two-point conversions. Offensively, we didn't want to give them opportunities to trade turnovers and whatnot against us from an offensive standpoint. What can I say? I think it was just a good team win. We have a lot of work to work on and complete and get better at in a lot of areas, just like it was last week. The thing about this team is they're pretty resilient. I think they understand that we've got some struggles that we need to work through and get better at and we're 2-0 with a chance to get better. So we're pleased at where we're at, but we still have so much work to do.

#### **Q. Some of the issues you had last week, that young secondary, your linebacking corps was playing a little more solid football. Is part of the finishing part of the**

#### **maturation process of a football team?**

KARL DORRELL: It is. I got a young freshman corner that people are trying to pick on and he's battling and he's trying to make plays. And I disagree with the pass interference call late in the game in that last drive that they made. I felt that the receiver was pulling on my corner as much as anything and they called pass interference against us, which I quickly don't, I don't understand. But our guys kept fighting, and offense put together a good performance. I would have loved to have finished the game like we finished it last week, where we had the ball and we took the knee, but we had the dramatics all the way to the end, unfortunately. But the fortunate thing, we got the W. We can learn from this and move on to next week.

#### **Q. Dimitri Stanley, six receptions, 126 yards and a touchdown. We were talking. He's a dynamic presence out there for you guys and really a weapon that, when Sam needs somebody to go to, he can really be a guy that can make some plays, can't he?**

KARL DORRELL: He really can. And Dimitri's had, probably of our receiver group, had a very consistent, very productive camp leading into the season. And I think he had six catches in the first game against UCLA and this game he duplicated those numbers, but had more yards and got in the end zone. He's a really good player and he's a sophomore and we're young in a lot of spots still. So it's good to have him for a couple more years. He's a really dynamic kid and he showed some of that today.

#### **Q. Like you said, both games this season so far, big leads, then you have to sweat it out at the end. Do you feel like you guys maybe took your foot off the gas a little bit offensively in that fourth quarter?**

KARL DORRELL: I wouldn't say we were taking our foot off the gas. It was, I wanted to eat some clock and we had a pretty comfortable lead. I hate using that word, comfortable, but we had a good lead at a certain point in the game where you needed to try to get them to burn his timeouts, which eventually that's what happened. I think when have you a lead like what we had, which was two or three scores, and it's about 11, 10 minutes left in the

quarter, you want the other side to start burning their timeouts, just because those are the saving factors for them, when time gets low when they're trying to put together drives. So we were fortunate enough to get them burned out. They still created some drives and scored and had a couple two-point conversions, but at least we had one more chance with the ball with them having no timeouts. And we didn't get a first down, which would have iced the game if we got the first down in the series offensively. We wanted to run the ball three times so we could keep the clock moving. You saw that we did have a timeout for ourselves to call on that fourth down so I can try to take a much time off of the clock and try to pin them deep in their territory for at least, make them try to go 90 yards for a score. Our punter did a great job. Josh did a great job on the fourth down punt and got it inside the 10. We probably, this is the youth of our football team. We had people in position to down the ball inside the 10, but we didn't need to touch it so soon. We could have let the ball roll around just a little bit longer, might have taken off another two or three seconds. But it was at least at 10 seconds by the time they took possession of it and really with only 10 seconds, if you're inside the 10, it's really hard to do anything, and fortunately for us, we were able to finish the game.

**Q. You had a first-time starter on the offensive line, Cary playing center for the first time. And yet Sam wasn't sacked once. What can you say about the performance of that group today and through two games?**

KARL DORRELL: Well, I mean, Cary is a very good player for us. He was one of the, he's the most quiet guy of the people on our team. He doesn't say boo. He just works his tail off and he plays normally our left guard. With Colby down, we moved him to center and then I gave Chance Lytle a chance to play, and Chance played well, which is I'm really excited about. He really did some nice things. So it's kind of that next man up mentality. When someone gets dinged you just kind of have to go to the next guy to come in and be productive and keep the offense moving and we were able to do that up front. We had decent yardage rushing. I think we had, I don't know what the stats are officially, but I know it was a little over 150 yards rushing and we had about 250, 60 yards passing. So pretty good balance. Wanted to run the ball. Like I said, that defense was a lot tougher defense than the defense we played the previous week. We were able to do some really positive things that I'm sure we felt we could have had a few more opportunities to put some points on the board where we had some drives stall. But I think for the most part that we played enough that, we put enough points on the board to win offensively.

**Q. 177 on the ground.**

KARL DORRELL: That's a pretty good day.

**Q. There were some mysteries about this team given the circumstances of the off-season and everything else going on around it. How important was this kind of a win as reinforcement and a revelation that last week was no surprise, no fluke, that this team's actually pretty good, even in your mind, really not knowing a lot going into the season?**

KARL DORRELL: I'm still learning so much about this football team. We feel pretty confidently about ourselves and I think that's more in our building than probably the people outside of our building. I like to ride on the temperature of the team, and the team is very hungry. They're inspired about playing well and having success this year. They told me that from the very beginning when I was hired here. So I'm kind of riding on that wave of thought process and been building on that thought process for the last nine months. And these guys have, they have done everything I've asked them to do, absolutely everything, and that's why I love these kids. They're learning how to win and they're learning how to win ugly and that's still a good sign and it's a good trait to have in these types of games that we had today. There were some really good moments where you saw really good engineered drives and touchdowns, it seemed like things were seamless, but then there's still those struggles. That's the ebbs and flow of football. There's good teams that you're going to have some good drives and some not so good. And this team is learning how to play in difficult circumstances and that can be a great experience for them to continue to build on so that when we're in a championship model-type of game at least we say we have been there and we know how to gut it out to find a way to win.

**Q. Can you take us back to the last two minutes of the game, and your offense had the ball. In your perfect world, how would those three plays have went to clinch that first down, if you would have got that?**

KARL DORRELL: Well, it wasn't a perfect world where we got the first down, and that was the unfortunate thing. There's always a lot of ideas and there's, I call them the Monday morning quarterback of what you could have done perfectly to create a better scenario than that. But I felt our offensive coaches, and they had a good plan and they, it didn't look so good at the end there, I know that, when they had everybody up on the line of scrimmage. But the bottom line for us, those last three plays, we needed to take some time off the clock. I believe it was about two minutes and right around three seconds, I think that was

left when we took possession of the game. And we needed to run the ball. We didn't want to take knees. And unfortunately we tried to get a first down and didn't. It was right around mid-field or just short of it or just a little bit past it that I felt it was important for us, since we had the timeouts and they didn't, was to run it on the first three plays of that last series and try to milk the clock as far as I could, which I did all the way down to 10 seconds and pin them deep. And really that gives a great advantage for us, for our defense to kind of keep them down there with minimizing the threat. So it worked out okay. I'm sure I'm going to go back and look at the tape and there are going to be a lot of woulda, couldas, and shouldas. But our team knows they can get better and the coaches know we can play better and coach better and we will. We're not going to give up on each other. We're going to continue to get better as a team and figure out the right points of emphasis for us to continue to get better week-to-week. This was a good win for us on the road. We got a win at home, a win on the road against a great team like this. And I'm sure there's going to be some things we're going to be upset with, but we'll work to get them fixed. That's part of the process.

**Q. How has this team taken on the personality of these seniors, guys like Nate, guys like Sam, that you said you had talked you want this so bad. And two, how do you temper Buffs' fans expectations when they see 2-0 and they see a big road win like this and they want to dream big when it's a weird year?**

KARL DORRELL: Well, I'm so into these players. All I do is live and think about these guys and what we can do to get better as a team and try to continue to build this program in a way that we all have expectations for it to be at some point in time. And I'm just so pleased with what they have done in such a short period of time. They've worked really hard. And I know you guys have heard me say that, but we haven't had a lot of time together in terms of field time, working with each other, and they have really maximized every day of, every play matters, everything that we did. And I just have so much admiration for what they want and what they can achieve. So for us to come away with a win like today, given the circumstances, I'm extremely excited about this team having the fortitude and the grit to try to finish games, and we did it twice in a row. We're figuring out how to do it. I think sometimes, even really good teams struggle at these waning moments late in the fourth quarter, and we have been able to figure out a way to finish, at least for the first two weeks of the season. So we're hopeful that we can continue this progress. We need to play cleaner. We need to continue to get better. And I think that will get better in time. But I'm very proud of these guys, how they hung in there. It's interesting how in their stadium here, all we had are us, it's just us. Our

players on the sideline were very behind each other or encouraging either side of the ball and looking for guys making plays, so it was really just a fun team win where the team was really into it.

**Q. Y'all are 2-0. USC got to another kind of ugly win today. They're in the top-25. Y'all are in the same division. Do you think that y'all have done enough in the first two weeks of the season to turn top-25 consideration?**

KARL DORRELL: I'm not really made, I'm really trying to get better as a team. My focus is on this team. I'm going to let all the voters and all that stuff, that's their job. My job is to continue to try to produce winning games week after week, and that's really my focus. I don't have any control over the other things. So I hope our team does get the recognition it deserves at some point in time, but right now we feel like we're just getting better. We just want to get better and go on to the next challenge of the season and focus on that opponent and continue to try to win games. So that's really where we are right now. We're not really paying much attention to anything outside of that.

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## **Colorado Players**

### **OLB Carson Wells**

ON GETTING OFF THE FIELD ON THIRD DOWN- "We know that is the money down. We have to get off the field on third down. That was the game plan coming in to stop the run and get off the field on third down."

ON CLOSING OUT GAMES- "We just have to finish. My heart can't take those anymore. We have to learn how to finish."

ON DEFENDING THE SCREEN PLAY- "We practiced that all week. I should have had a pick on that one. We knew we were going to get them after the game last week."

ON STEPPING IN FOR INJURED PLAYERS - "We just play for each other. That's all it is. We know it is the next man up mentality. Everybody prepares like they are the starter so when the starter does go down they can step in and there is no slack."

ON THE DEFENSE- "We just play ball. If they can't score, they can't win. That is our mentality. We don't want to let them in the red zone, but once we let them in the red zone (we try to) just hold them to field goals. That was a point of emphasis going into the week. I feel like we did a good job of that in the first half. We have to do better in the second half."

ON PLAYING IN A NEAR EMPTY STADIUM- "You just have to bring your own energy. That is the mindset. We knew that coming in. Last week, we had 500 people. That is not much more (than today). It didn't make a difference. We just knew we had to bring our own energy and come out and start fast."

### **QB Sam Noyer**

ON BEING 2-0- "2-0 is a great feeling. That wasn't the prettiest win, but at the end of the day, a W is a W. We just have to build off this and keep it going."

ON THE OFFENSE- "We know we have to correct some things and clean some things up. There were some mental errors there. We got the ball rolling. As the game went on, we started rolling as an offense and our defense did a great job of getting the ball back."

ON WR DIMITRI STANLEY- "Dimitri is a great player. You guys saw that last game and this game. Dimitri will make plays, whether it is a five-yard dump off and take it to the house, like you saw today, or a long-ball across the middle. Dimitri is fearless. He goes out there and plays hard every single game. All of our guys can do that. You saw spurts of it throughout the game. You are going to continue to see spurts of it going forward."

ON OC DARRIN CHIAVERINI AND QB COACH DANNY LANGSDORF- "Coach Chiaverini has done a great job. He is a motivator. He is a very strong motivator. He does a great job of preparing us throughout the week and going into the game and so does Coach (Danny) Langsdorf. Coach Langsdorf does a really good job in the quarterback room and with the offense overall. Both of those guys together do a really great job. You guys can expect to see that keep going and keep growing."

ON GOING FORWARD- "We are going to keep going. 2-0 is a great feeling and we want to get to 3-0. We have to go back and watch the film to correct those mistakes. We have something going here and something great going here. We are building something special with Coach Dorrell and this team. Everyone is buying in. Guys are having fun out there. It is good to see that again. I haven't seen that in a couple of years. Guys are really enjoying being out there on the sideline. Everybody wants to win and you see it from the fourth-string all the way up to the first-string. That is a good feeling and is something we are going to continue to see going forward."

ON DEPTH- "Coach talks about it all the time. He puts up that phrase, "Next Man Up". That is exactly what happened when someone went down. We had two guys go down and the next guy was up. That is exactly what you saw. People stepped in and got their jobs done. They don't hesitate. They come in there and are comfortable and prepared just as we are. That just goes to show we do have depth and have guys who want to get in there and play. They are taking advantage of those opportunities. That is something that is really good so see for sure."

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DAVID SHAW: So bottom line for us, we took too long to get going. Really took too long to get going. I thought defensively, initially early on, we played pretty well. We gave up one big play. It was inexcusable. And, but for the most part we played them pretty tough early on. And then offensively, we were out of sync. For obvious reasons, Davis Mills with one day of practice, missing throws he can make. There's no other way to say it. There's nobody to be mad at. It just happened. It's an unfortunate situation. And the longer he played, the better rhythm he found, the better our guys played. He also was a the dropped pass, that should have been a touchdown. Had a couple other balls that were close. But as he got going, he got back in rhythm and was great. Bottom line, it was too late for to us play. We need to play at that high level the entire game. Running the ball-wise, we never got, never got it established. Coming off a really good game last week and didn't play as well up front. Too many errors. Too many guys losing their man and our running backs never got a chance to get going.

Defensively, we just got to get more stops. Too many long drives. Two really easy plays we gave them. One on a long catch and run pass early on and then another a guy's by himself running for a touchdown. You take out those two plays and we play a little bit better, yeah, maybe it's a different game, but it wasn't because we made some errors. We let some guys go free. Nobody's ever going to question our fight or our toughness. We stayed in it until the end, came back and fought really hard to fight our way back in, got some great plays by our quarterback and a couple of our receivers, got some great stops on the defensive side to get the ball back, and we just, it was too little too late. This team is talented, but it doesn't matter. We have to play better and we have to play better for an entire season. There's no corona to blame. There's nothing to blame. We're on the same page as everybody else, same situation. We can play better and we must play better.

**Q. You guys aren't used to going into the home locker**

**room after a loss. Can you give us an idea of the initial reaction from the players in there?**

DAVID SHAW: They're upset. They should be. I'm upset. And I should be.

**Q. You talked about the play of the defense in the first half and I think especially in the third quarter Colorado took the advantage and got the better of the defense. It's been a somewhat similar story line for the first two games, obviously not exactly the same. Are you seeing any commonalities in terms of why things kind of start to turn against the defense?**

DAVID SHAW: I can't tell you right now. I'm not sure. Oregon was, they didn't change much, and we didn't change much. They just out-executed us in the third quarter. They ran a lot of the same running plays and our guys that were in position the first half and in the third quarter we made some errors that cost us. This game, I haven't seen the film yet. It's tough to see. But we just, we didn't get off the field in the third quarter and that's something we have to look at and change.

**Q. A follow-up on the defense. It seems, to my eyes at least, on first feeling that there have been some issues with the outside linebackers playing the read option. Your thoughts on that and the ability of quarterbacks now on two straight weeks to keep and have relatively easy gains if not touchdowns.**

DAVID SHAW: That's an issue.

**Q. As you look at these last two games, it seems like an awful lot of things were even between you and your opponents, and one of the big differences has been third down. Is anything particular standing out to you on either side of the ball in terms of that down for you guys right now?**

DAVID SHAW: Different, two different games, really for us early on, third down in this game, or third down in the Oregon game, we had some opportunities and we didn't make some throws and catches. Same thing happened early on in this game and then we kind of were much better



in the second half. And third downs can be misleading when you go for it on fourth down because if you get it on fourth down, really third down for us was, once we're in a fourth down mode, we're just trying to get some more positive yards to go for it on fourth down. So second half, I thought we were much better, and particularly the fourth quarter. But I'll even add one. It's third down in the red zones. If we come out of the first couple drives with touchdowns, which we had opportunities to have, we come out with 14 points instead of six, it's a completely different ball game.

**Q. Can you first take me through the sequence with Isaiah Sanders, bringing him in on third and one, had to call the timeout because the play clock was down to one, then Mills threw incomplete on the next pass. Can you take me through that sequence of things you guys were looking for?**

DAVID SHAW: We got Isaiah as a grad transfer from Air Force. It's something we have been working on for awhile. He's got a great package of plays. And went out there and the clock expired and so that was a difficult situation. We got to be faster getting him on the play, getting him on the field, and he's got to recognize that and get the snap off before the clock runs out.

**Q. I know you said that you're in the same situation as everyone else, but you did not have your quarterback available last week. Just what, how difficult was it to not have him in practice this week? And did you notice anything that would have been different if you did have him? And just how would you evaluate his performance overall?**

DAVID SHAW: That's what we don't know. We don't know how the Oregon game goes if he's able to play. We don't know how this game goes if he's able to practice all week. Those are things that are unknown. I think it was obvious that he was rusty. He was in isolation essentially from Saturday afternoon until Thursday night, was able to come in and get one practice, and it showed. It's unfortunate. I'm not happy about it, by any stretch of the imagination. Not much we could have done about it. But to say that it didn't affect his performance, I think would be inaccurate. So hopefully we'll play much better from here on out. We're capable. I think we showed that. I know he's, he is what you saw late in that second half. Our guys, our receiving core, our running backs, they are their best plays over these last couple games. Bottom line is we got to be at our best for sixty minutes and if we can do that, we got a chance to be really good.

**Q. There was a lot of discussion, understandably so, during camp about how this off-season was going to**

**affect play on the field and how much we were seeing in the NFL and other college football games in terms of missed tackles and just poor execution. There have been several touchdowns now, I would say, in both games that were left on the field that were there to be made, and some issues on defense as well. To your eyes, as you're watching your players kind of make these miss-steps, how much of it are you kind of thinking, Okay, now I'm seeing how much it affected our prep?**

DAVID SHAW: That's just unknown. It's just unknown. We can't diagnose that. All we can do is look at what we, how we practice, what we install, how we teach it, how the guys perform it, and then what we do on game day. So the what-ifs are really, it's too hard to go down that rabbit hole because you never come back out. We have the ability to be much better than we performed, got to look at all the things we're doing, to make sure that we're getting our guys ready to go. That's the coaching side. Our guys got to go out there and execute. We're in this thing hand in hand. When we're at our best it shows and when we're not it shows.

**Q. How would you sum up your initial read on Austin Jones' day?**

DAVID SHAW: It was tough. Colorado did a good job, a lot of movement, a lot of inside pressures and they made it tough for him to get through. Barely got back to the line most of the day. That's them out-scheming us and outperforming us. We'll see what it looks like after watching the film, but loved a lot of things we had in the running game a lot of things that we believed we were prepared for what we saw, we didn't execute them. We believe that Austin's got a chance to be an outstanding running back, but we got to get him to the line of scrimmage. That just didn't happen with any regularity today.

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## Malik Antoine

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**Q. Can you just divide the game up between when you got down 28-9 kind of what wasn't working or what you guys were missing out on? And what turned it around for you guys with the way you closed out the game on defense?**

MALIK ANTOINE: I think it really just came down to us executing. Nothing really changed within our game plan, just guys did their job, me included. Throughout that, going down by 20 points, I think we most of us, we just were making little dumb mistakes that we can't make versus a good team. So it really just comes down to execution. I think towards the end of the game we got settled in and we started executing better. But towards that middle section, second and third quarter, we kind of just weren't executing. And I hold myself accountable as a leader and I'm going to push the guys forward to, we have to execute to play well, like, when we execute, we're a great defense, but when one guy misses his assignment, it affects everything.

**Q. What's the big differences on third downs against the Buffs today?**

MALIK ANTOINE: Say that again.

**Q. What were some of the big differences on third down for the Buffs?**

MALIK ANTOINE: I think they really got into their boot game, pass game that was really successful for them. Going in we knew that they were going to bring that, but a lot of times we kind of lost our eyes on the back end and that's things we can't if we want to be a great defense. So, again, it comes down to execution. When guys do their job, we're really good, but when one of our 11 makes a mistake, it shows against a good team.

**Q. You've touched on this with a couple of answers, but wondering your thoughts overall two weeks into the season about the performance of the defensive backs in particular. We have now heard a bit of the**

same thing from both you and Kendall after the Oregon game, about eye discipline. With this season being so short and so little time to really like turn things around, what are your thoughts on two weeks in what you've shown and what needs to get better?

MALIK ANTOINE: Yeah, I think you kind of hit on it. Collectively, we have to get better execution-wise. Too many times where one guy is not doing their job and it shows up. So that's one thing. Also I think we can all get better at tackling, we can all get better at playing the ball down the field. I think even when we're in coverage sometimes guys just don't make the plays. So on the back end we have to execute, we have to finish the play and we just have to tackle better.

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**Q. Good to see you on the field and healthy. And wondering, kind of connected to that, was it noticeable to you that it took a bit of time to get in sync and feel comfortable out there, given what had happened the past week or so?**

DAVIS MILLS: I wouldn't say necessarily, like, for me, it felt like we started off slow. I just felt, we felt a little out of rhythm on offense in that first half. Felt like the team really responded in the second half, but it was too little too late. We got to keep that urgency that we felt in the second half and just kind of use it the rest of the year now.

**Q. You've had to, you had a chance to watch the first game and obviously play in this one. What is standing out to you about third down? It just seems like kind of a sticking point for you guys early in the season.**

DAVIS MILLS: Nothing in particular. I would like to go back and see the film. But obviously our third down conversion rate is not where we want it to be. We have a lot of weapons on the edge. We have really good offensive line and backs. Really just go and watch film and prepare for next week and hopefully we can end up and be more successful on third down.

**Q. And then just last one for me. How sharp did you feel your pre-snap reads and decision-making were, given what Colorado likes to throw at people?**

DAVIS MILLS: I felt pretty good out there. Obviously it was protected really well. They obviously did bring those funky looks that you talked about. Colorado likes to mix it up, throw in some pressures, and some weird looks up front. But I thought we handled it well. My reads, I mean, obviously they're bringing pressure, so I wasn't able to get, like, through full progressions, but I thought we had chances, just need to execute a little better.

**Q. But pre-snap you felt pretty good about your game today?**

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, managing protections, pre-snap kills, didn't really have any play clock issues. I thought we handled everything well pre-snap and before the ball was snapped, yeah.

**Q. Take us through your week and what you had to go through.**

DAVIS MILLS: You cut out the second half. I'll try to answer it. Definitely it was a very odd week for me. Got news, we had a false positive test Saturday of last week, so I was in isolation until I was let out. We had talked to the counties all week. They didn't approve our initial request to get out of isolation, just because we didn't have enough info. But I still tested throughout the week, ended up coming back, having a couple negative PCR COVID tests and then eventually the talks at the county went well and I was cleared out Thursday night, right before walk-through. But I wasn't able to participate in the walk-through, so we got one Friday morning. And I mean, I was up to date, was still in all the meetings. I was still ready to play. I just wasn't out there practicing with the team the first couple days. But I thought we had a really good -- we had a walk-through Friday morning and we had a really good practice Friday night. It looked really good and I felt prepared. So practice-wise, definitely odd to be not out there the first couple days, but I thought we did well at responding to what was going on and coming out and playing here today.

**Q. You just hit on a bunch of this, but as much as you can do mentally, how difficult is it to go a week with only one practice in preparing for a game?**

DAVIS MILLS: I would say it's not too bad. The hardest part is really just going out and getting those live reps at practice of seeing our scout team run their defensive looks. I'm able to do a lot just through, like, film study and stuff outside of practice, but missing out on some of those reps during practice definitely affects it. But I thought I saw it better than I initially thought after the game. So looking back on it, it wasn't too bad.

**Q. And then I know it's only been a couple minutes**





**here, but you guys aren't used to going into the home locker room with a loss. What's been the immediate reaction from the guys?**

DAVIS MILLS: It's tough. Everyone, we're keeping our heads high, but really echoing the call. We want everyone to remember this feeling. I thought we started off too slow today and that urgent feeling we felt in the second half when we were behind, I thought we were playing some of our best football, we just really need to bring that to the first half of next week and keep riding on it.

**Q. Where did you actually watch the Oregon game? And then, also, just I guess how, there's only a limited number of games this season and it's a short season anyway, how frustrating is it to have to miss the first one?**

DAVIS MILLS: I watched the Oregon game from my hotel room up in Oregon. So I traveled with the team and then ended up getting called out of it right before, actually the team meal, like, earlier in the afternoon. So I watched the game from my hotel room and then again on film and stuff.

But can you repeat the second part of the question?

**Q. Just, it's such a short season to begin with, just how frustrating was it to have to watch the first game?**

DAVIS MILLS: It was tough. Obviously, I want to maximize the most I can do out of these seven games that we have. But being held out of the first one. It was a little out of my control. I'm not able to do it. All I'm able to do is respond to what's ahead.

**Q. This is your first game kind of playing without fans in the stadium. What was that experience like?**

DAVIS MILLS: Different, obviously, because there's no fans. We still pumped in some of that ambient noise at the certain decibel that's allowed. So that obviously simulates a little bit of that crowd noise, but it's definitely different with the fans, but it just puts the onus on us as players to keep up the energy and really go out and execute.

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