

**Post Game Quotes. Colorado Head Coach Bill McCartney:**

"I felt like everything that could go wrong did go wrong. But I felt like our kids hung in there. We made a couple of big plays in the passing game that got us back in field position after the reverse. And then that great catch by Pritchard leading up to the first touchdown and then everything went our way. Everything went against Nebraska from that point forward. I think what we're talking about here is our group of guys that won't be beat--can't be beat."

"I thought our defense played extremely well against an explosive offense. I felt like our offense was really stymied there in the middle two quarters because of the wind and because of the Nebraska defense. And yet we made a couple of big plays there at the end of the third quarter that helped us. Wind was a big factor. We wanted to throw the ball. We didn't think we could run wide on them and we were right."

"We were our own biggest enemy with the fumbles and the kicking game we just really did a poor job in the first half with the kicking game. We just didn't have confidence to make plays, didn't make good decisions, and gave up good field position. So that was very frustrating."

"I'd like to say this. The Nebraska crowd really showed a lot of class. I hope that our players handle this with the humility that they should. Because the Nebraska crowd was tremendous--behind their team the whole game. And when the game ended, they were very generous. I'm grateful for that and I think that's a class that we at Colorado would want to duplicate."

**On Bieniemy's last fumble:**

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"I told him that nobody felt worse than he did but he's got to cover up the football better and that's he's got to rebound from that adversity and he did."

**On the turning point in the game:**

"The big play was the touchdown that gave us the lead. When we came up inches short, it looked like Dave Brown did a magnificent job. That ball was thrown up and he went up and got it and wrestled it away. I couldn't see the rest of that play, but that was a big play there because even though you only need six inches, you still need six inches. Bieniemy went in for the touchdown. What we had tried to do there, the down before was draw them offsides, but they didn't bite. And Hagan was instructed to call a timeout if they didn't jump. We sure didn't want to take a five-yard penalty. He handled that masterfully, he called the timeout with one second left on the 25-second clock. So that gave us time to regroup. We brought the offense over and said 'men it all comes down to this one play.' And the offensive line created a new line of scrimmage there and Eric got over the top. Walker was out of the game there."

**On Kenny Walker:**

"Walker is a tremendous player. He takes away so much of your offense that you don't even want to try it. We had trouble with him but we blocked him pretty good a number of times."

**On fake punt:**

"That fake, down in there that deep where they came up short. I mean we practiced a on numerous occasions for that type of think but it caught me totally by surprise."

## COACH OSBORNE QUOTES

"I feel very badly about the loss. I feel bad for our players. I think they had a lot of confidence and momentum coming into the game. I think we probably played the first three quarters well enough to put it away. We missed a couple of scoring opportunities and that hurt. At the end of the third quarter and the fourth quarter they got some things going."

On Colorado's running game in the fourth quarter:

"They got an isolation play going where they were cutting the play back behind our nose man and we tried everything we could to stop it and we just weren't able to do it. They were just good enough in the offensive line that we couldn't protect that back-side gap and they were getting five to ten yards a crack."

On his decision to go for a fake punt trailing 13-12 with 6:38 left:

~~When~~ I began to see that we weren't stopping them very well and I don't know if it was premature or not, but we had felt like we could run a fake punt on them. They had ten men on the line and I didn't see us stopping them very well and I thought maybe that it was the last chance we had to run a fake on them and get down the field and score on them. Of course we came up about a yard short and that was the game. I'll probably catch heck for it since it didn't work."

On Colorado's fourth quarter domination:

"As the game went on I thought we'd be the stronger team, but they got their running game going and we didn't get it untracked and once they got ahead they made a couple big plays and a couple great catches and that was the difference."

On ruling that QB Mickey Joseph stepped out at the 9 on a third quarter run:

"I couldn't tell if Mickey stepped out of bounds, I guess he must of because they called him out, but he said he didn't. Then we didn't get anything out of that which was real a big play because that would have given us at least 19 points and then we wouldn't have done some of the things we did at the end."

On ineffectiveness of Nebraska's passing game:

"I don't know if it was the weather, but we didn't throw the ball very well and on a day like this I think you need to throw the ball well to get something done. We had only two out of 12 so that hurt. On a day like today you're obviously not going to throw it around a whole lot the weather being what it was. Mickey was not throwing the ball well at all early. He was having trouble hanging on to it. At halftime he said all of his clothes were wet and he just couldn't grip the ball and he doesn't have a very big hand. He was having trouble getting anything on the ball. He had some passes open that he just couldn't throw the ball well."

On his team's reaction from the loss:

"After the game I told them I was proud of their effort. We could've played better. But I think we can still have a fine season. I'm really anxious to see how they respond because after something like this I think you can go different directions. We're hoping we'll respond favorably and play well this next week against Kansas."

## NEBRASKA PLAYERS

Defensive tackle Kenny Walker:

On Colorado tailback Eric Bieniemy:

"He has very good speed and he can read the defense very well. He has a lot of ability which allows him to run the ball very well and he's a very good performer in the fourth quarter."

On pregame introduction:

"When I came out on the football field, I was reminded that it was a very special day. I saw the signs and everyone's hands waving. That's better than clapping because I use my eyes."

Tight end Johnny Mitchell:

"Colorado has a good team and they came out and scored points when they had to in the fourth quarter and that's when it counts."

On blocking Colorado's All-American outside linebackers:

"I really didn't get much of a chance to block them. They really didn't do much damage, but they came together when they had to."

On Nebraska's poor passing performance:

"I felt if we put the ball up in the air I'd be aggressive and go up and get it. A couple of the plays where Colorado put it in the air and Pritchard made a couple of great catches, I felt like we could have done the same thing. They just got a couple of breaks and came out with the victory."

On 3rd quarter TD catch:

"I just concentrated and looked it in and did what I had to do. It was a simple post-flag pattern and we caught the defense guessing wrong. It was open and I scored the touchdown."

Quarterback Mickey Joseph:

On CU's defense:

"We got outside on them a couple of times. They had good outside linebackers and defensive tackles and they made the plays when they had to. I guess that's why they're All-Americans."

On 3rd quarter run when he was called out of bounds:

"I didn't think I was out. I guess someone must have pushed me out at the last second. I was really surprised. I was about ready to run off of the field."

On CU's 4th quarter comeback:

"We made a couple of big mistakes on offense and we had a lot of three and outs. You can't have three-and-outs when you're playing a team like Colorado. We went into the fourth quarter winning and we thought we could win but we just made too many mistakes."