

1991 Orange Bowl  
Post-Game Quotes  
Notre Dame Head Coach  
Lou Holtz

"I'd like to congratulate Colorado. They played an excellent football game, and I certainly hope they wind up with the national championship."

"It was a game of momentum in so many respects."

"We get the football with really good field position, pick up nine-and-a-half yards on first down, then we get a clip and go back."

"We competed hard but turned the ball over and you can't do that."

"The return by Rocket Ismail was one of the greatest individual efforts I've seen. I don't know if the clip had anything to do with the return, but I certainly hope it did."

"Zorich was outstanding."

"We had five turnovers. I think they had one, and we had one touchdown called back. Three turnovers in four plays is disastrous. You can't win a football game doing that."

"I hope Colorado wins it all, but that's not in my control ... I wouldn't be upset if Georgia Tech won it either, because Bobby Ross once coached for me."

"We went to the split backs for two reasons. One, we wanted to throw the ball more, and two, we wanted to get more productivity. I worked well early."

"Turnovers and penalties, particularly that clip on second down. We're looking at third-and-one on their 40."

Who clipped on Rocket's punt return? "I don't know. I asked twice and they gave me a different number each time. They told me 46 or 36. But in the lockerroom ... I think it was Greg Davis."

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Coach's Quotes  
Colorado Coach Bill McCartney

"I couldn't be prouder of our kids. That was a great team we beat out there. I felt that way from the first time I started watching them on film."

"We came up with the plays to win the game. Defensively, the turnovers that we got kept us ahead in the game in the second half. And our ability to rally behind a backup quarterback, Charles Johnson, I just couldn't be prouder of him. It was fitting that it should end this way because all year long we've been having to reach deep to find a way to scratch out a victory and the one more time they did I couldn't be prouder of them. It's a great moment for Colorado and I just proud to be a part of it. And I'm looking forward to hitting the ground tomorrow and celebrating this victory with the people of Colorado."

"I think historically, you play a team as worthy as Notre Dame and you win in a game like this, you should hold your ranking. Comparative scores really mean nothing. If you look what Colorado has done all year, the teams we've beaten, we should maintain our ranking."

"When you consider the way the game infolded, our guys played their hearts out."

COLORADO PLAYER QUOTES:

Charles S. Johnson (Quarterback) :

"I think it was a great team effort. We came together as a group in the second half to pull off the win." "Darian told me at halftime to concentrate and stay tough in the second half. "

"I feel good about winning the most valuable player award, but it is a total team effort."

Eric Bieniemy (Running Back): "In the second half, the offensive line was blasting off the ball and creating great holes. I picked my spots and it resulted in good gains."

"It was a Colorado win. All of the guys gave great effort. We knew if we held Notre Dame on defense, the offense would come through."

Mike Pritchard (Wide Receiver): On the quarterback change at halftime:

"We talked at halftime about containing and playing within ourselves"

"Charles has some experience at quarterback, so we weren't concerned about the change. Charles pulled us through on offense."

"We got it going in the second half, we did nothing different."

There is no doubt that we are number 1. You can't look at the Missouri game.

We were not shocked about Hagan's injury, but we felt sorry for him."

"My heart started again after I saw the flag on Ismail's punt return."