



Colorado Head Coach Mike MacIntyre

General

"Stanford is a heck of a team. They are our Pac-12 shot of getting to the [College Football] Playoffs, and I sure think they can and I sure hope they do. [Stanford head coach] David Shaw does a good job, has a very, very old team. Offensively, they have a bunch of seniors who have played a lot of football, and they did an excellent job today. The difference in the game – you can look at it every way you want – but the difference in the game was them making third downs and us not. If we could have got them out on a few third downs there (in the first quarter) and we could have made a few, it would have been a little bit different. But they are a heck of a football team; they did a good job today."

On having a goal of resembling what Stanford does as a football team

"Yeah, they're big and physical, they're able to run it on third down and throw it. Their quarterback [Kevin Hogan] is so efficient at what he does. Their offensive line has stayed so healthy, so you put those two combinations together and they're going to win a lot of football games. That's kind of how they controlled the game, their quarterback and that offensive line."

On if a turning point in the game came in the third quarter following SS Tedric Thompson's interception and the offense failed to score

"Yeah, that was a downer; that was a real downer. We get the pick, go down and they stunt us, run right across a couple of our offensive linemen's faces and hit us in the backfield. Now you're backed up, and I said, 'We're not kicking a field goal, we're going to try and find a way to score.' We couldn't get it done. That was the most disappointing part of the game to me, because you go score there and it's 35-17 and you get a little bit of momentum, you never know. But, definitely that was a big downer."

On struggling in the red zone

"We were really doing good until last week. We were scoring in the red zone, and moving the ball, but they stuffed us there on that situation. They did a heck of a job on that. That kind of series and then them scoring on the fourth down play, those two things were there. We tried to get a stop there and we didn't."

On the attempted inside kick early in the second half

"We had seen a flaw in what they did (kickoff returns), and the kid didn't take off running like he has in all the other games. No. 13 would take off running and turn his back, and it's a missile opportunity is what we call it. We've done it before, we did it against Utah our first year (as a coaching staff at CU) clean. We've tried it before. Thought we had a chance; almost got it over his head when he stopped. That was our plan, we told them at halftime go down and score, we're going to do the missile, go get another score and here we are back in the game. That was our whole plan, and our kids tried to execute it but they did a good job of stopping them. It was good seeing us come out of the locker room and going down and scoring coming out after the half ended so poorly. I was proud of them doing that, I really was."

On QB Sefo Liufau's interception in the second quarter

"The guy was wide open down the middle and he just made a bad throw, sailed over him, that would have been a big hit for us because he would have caught it and turned up and maybe got a field goal or even a touchdown there because we had completed a couple passes. I wasn't going to sit back and just let the clock run out when it was 21-7. Thought we could have a chance to do it with three timeouts, and then it sailed over his head. Then No. 18 [TE Austin Hooper] made a heck of a there that got them down there, and that was very unfortunate for us."

On TB Phillip Lindsay's role in the offense

"We're playing him more on special teams. We felt like for this game that [TB] Patrick Carr has been playing really well, he's extremely fast – he's a 10.4 100 meters, he's 200 pounds, he's athletic, he's good – and then [TB/WR] Donovan Lee as ya'll have seen has given us lots of different options in the passing game and the running game. Phillip is going to keep playing, he played today; he played more at different times. It depends on what we're planning on doing in the football game. He helps us in tremendous ways. Different roles change on the team as the season goes along at different times, and we're trying to find the best thing we can and that might be different this week."

On if CU was physically out-matched today

"I think they are a very physical football team. I think where they out-matched us some was on those third down plays where they barely made a couple first downs. There's two first down throws he made where he steps up in the pocket, rifles it, we're all over them – I thought we were going to pick both of them – and they barely catch them. You knock one of those down or they drop it, and that gives you some momentum. I thought our kids played hard, I'll look at it on film, but yes they (Stanford) are a physical football team, they are the most physical football team we will play this year, or I think we've played since I've been here, by far. With all these fifth-year senior linemen, there's four of them, and they're really old on offense and that helps

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MacIntyre (Cont.)

On the defense's effort of containing Stanford RB Christian McCaffrey and what got away from them

"Well, their third down plays is what got away from us. Because then they kind of got driving and got going and making some plays on that. They changed up a little bit of what they were doing, trying to get it to McCaffrey, but you have different calls made and they have some good plays called into it, that type of thing. To me, the third downs were kind of a back-breaker because they kept happening when you had chances. It was third-and-18 and they score a touchdown, I mean that's unacceptable, we can't have that happen."

On Christian McCaffrey's touchdown pass

"He came running up and our corner lost his eyes on the guy he had and he came open. You're bound to see him throw it eventually because he runs it so much back there. They tried a flea-flicker that we covered well, they tried to key on him because he's a heck of a football player. He's really good, a really good player."

On if QB Sefo Liufau remains the best guy to lead the offense

"Yeah, I do. I do think he's the best guy to lead the offense."

On former head coach Bill McCartney speaking to the team

"I had him come speak to the guys Friday night before we went to the (Pearl Street) stampede. He's an unbelievable man. Then, with the *30 for 30* [ESPN Documentary] coming out, our guys wanted to honor the (former players) and honor him, and I wanted him to come talk to the team. He has a grandson on the team, so he's very invested in it. He did a phenomenal job. I think any time our young men can be around a man of that high integrity and character and hearing him talk to them and seeing his passion and his love for the University of Colorado and his passion and love for football, I think it's awesome. I had him speak once the first year (MacIntyre was coaching at CU) and I had him speak this year. I thought it was very appropriate to have him come in and talk to our team with the *30 for 30* that came out. Also, he hasn't coached in 21 years I think, and I think when you're a coach and you get that opportunity to get back up in front of the team, it gets your juices going, I think it gets your passion going, and I wanted him to feel that again too. After watching that show, I said, 'Man, this would be awesome to get him and just kind of honor him.' He did a great job and I'm really glad we did it, and I'm glad he got to do it."

On LB Derek McCartney's performance today

"Derek played a good game today, he's staying healthy. He had that stinger that has held him out, he's been in-and-out (of games), and today he was healthy and felt good. Derek is a really good player for us, but also an excellent leader for us."

On WR Shay Fields' status

"He got it rolled up again in the game last week, and he just couldn't practice this week. We were trying to see if he could go, and he just really couldn't go today. We're definitely hoping he will be back for the USC game."

On third down conversions

"That's always a big difference in the game, when you look at third down conversions. Because, you get the third down, and you keep the drive going and then the other team gets tired and you can start making plays. Some of our third downs, were relatively very makeable third downs, and those are the ones you have to make. The third-and-longs is when it gets a little bit tougher. That really hurt us, their third-and-18 I believe it was. But third downs are a big, big key in football. If you can keep it rolling and only have first, second, first, second, then that's really good, but that is a big difference. I think that made a big gap for us today."

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Stanford Head Coach David Shaw

General

"First of all, I have to say this: not enough credit is given to Mike MacIntyre and the job he's done here at Colorado. They're fighting everybody, they're really close. You can see it by the way we played offense today. They made a lot of things very difficult. The score doesn't look like it, but we had to come with reverses and trick plays because we thought they were very sound, fought very hard, and were very physical. They have a tough offense to stop with a running quarterback, a really tough (running) back, and a receiver that makes all kinds of plays. The score is what it is, but I think coach MacIntyre has done a phenomenal job here. I give our team a lot of credit, I put it to them earlier in the week to see how much we've grown since Week One, not for anybody on the outside but for us. A ranked team going against an unranked team on the road with an early kickoff, it's the same exact scenario as the first game of the year. We put the challenge to the seniors and the guys responded. It was tough-sledding early on, but thankfully guys made some plays. Christian McCaffrey once again with over 100 yards in the first half. Bryce Love continues to be the game-breaker that we need him to be. Kevin Hogan played a really good game. I wish we had that one throw back; it was a big play. At the same time, I think our guys played really well."

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“We had some tough sledding. We still wanted and needed to score. We knew this offense now had kept the ball away from everybody they’ve played. Until the game was completely out of reach, we were going to be in attack-mode. That’s the mentality of our coaching staff and players. We’re not going to worry about the scoreboard. Whatever the defense dictates we do, that’s what we’re going to do. They’re loading the box when we’re running that strong-side toss play over and over again and we’ve got everybody charging while we’re getting three or four yards. We’re not getting very much, because we’ve got both safeties firing up there. That was a call we made once again to stay aggressive.”

On Kevin Hogan’s TD Run At the End of the First Half

“It was supposed to be a quick play-action pass with the halfback in the flat and the tight end in the corner. We wanted him to get it out of his hands very quickly, so we could kick the field goal. It didn’t get out quickly. Kevin’s very fortunate he scored, because otherwise we’d go into the locker room without any points. He’s a fifth-year senior quarterback; I trust him, his decision making, and I trust his legs.”

On Injury Status of Devon Cajuste and Alijah Holder

“Both guys look like they should be okay. Both guys will get a battery of tests. Devon for sure was absolutely not a concussion. The X-Rays are negative. Devon should be fine; he’s got a strained muscle. Alijah, we’ll see. We need to go back and test him again to see if it was a head injury. He seemed to be coherent and okay on the sidelines, but we’re not going to put him in when that’s in doubt at all.”

On Christian McCaffrey’s Excitement for this Game

“First of all, you’re talking about a phenomenal team player. He’s excited for everyone else, but this week for him, he was on his toes all week. He was so excited to come back to play in front of his home crowd, his family and friends. He loves this area. I was teasing him that one day he’s going to be the governor here, and I think he wants to be. I wouldn’t be surprised. He really wanted to put on a show and I think he did today.”

On McCaffrey’s Versatility, Especially on TD Pass

“This guy can throw the ball. There’s not many positions that the young man can’t play. I would say offensive and defensive line are probably it. He can play middle linebacker, fullback, receiver and quarterback. He’s just one of those phenomenal football players that we’re very fortunate to coach.”

On Play of Bryce Love

“We try to keep Bryce Love on a pitch count. He just has to touch the ball, no matter how or in which way. Not everything has to be blocked perfectly. He has such dynamic speed and ability to make people miss, break tackles and hit the homerun. He gets from zero to 60 as fast as anybody I’ve been around. It’s impressive to watch. Every game we’re going to try to use him both to get the ball in his hands and as a decoy. When he comes in the game, you see defenses pointing at him and sometimes the ball is going someplace else.”



Colorado Players

C Alex Kelley

ON STANFORD'S DEFENSE - "They are a really good defense. The whole week we were preparing for that. We have to go out there and continue to improve. Some of the things they brought against us we've practiced before but we just didn't execute, myself included. We just have to go out there and continue to improve. Now we know how much we need to focus throughout the week."

ON THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON - "The way I see it, we have three games to win three and become bowl eligible. That was our goal from the beginning of the season. It's still attainable. No matter how hard it may be, that's our goal and it's attainable. We're going to come out tomorrow and keep fighting to reach our goal."

ON PLAYING NEXT TO SULLY WEIFELS - "I say week in and week out that I trust whoever they put in there. I know how hard they work and how hard they get ready throughout the week. It doesn't matter who they throw in there. I know that they'll be ready. We played an okay game but I know that those guys have their first taste of a lot of playing time."

ON RED ZONE STRUGGLES- "We need to just win individual matchups. They throw a lot at us in the red zone so that's what we need to do. We need to calm down in the red zone, realize what we need to do and just execute."

DL Leo Jackson III

ON STANFORD'S STRENGTHS - "They have great athleticism and [we struggled with] their blocking. They are very fundamentally sound with everything that they do. They don't do too much but the little bit that they do, they do very well."

ON CHANGES THE DEFENSE NEEDS TO MAKE - "We have a lot to learn. First off we need to tackle, that's the main thing. Being the defense, we have to block and the offense has to put points on the board. It's give and take with both. Special teams you have to tackle and get the ball. There's a lot of things we can learn with this game."

ON BOWL GAME DREAMS - "It's attainable I know that we can beat anybody that we play. We just need to remedy the mistakes that we make and the plays that we give to the other team. We do that a little bit too much. It puts more pressure on us than we need to be."

ON WHAT WENT WRONG ON THE DEFENSE - "It was too many mistakes. We were fundamentally sound. It was a lot of people taking their own pursuit angles, people not fitting up right. It was a number of things but Stanford didn't do anything special that we couldn't have stopped on our own."

RB Donovan Lee

ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE RBS - "At times we did what we could; we got some movement up front and made some plays in the backfield. We didn't always do what we needed to do and sometimes we got away from it so we didn't get a chance to get in the groove. All in all, I'm not too upset with how we did in the backfield."

ON GETTING INTO AN OFFENSIVE RHYTHM - "I don't think [it's hard to get in a rhythm]. Our coaches do a good job of mixing us up and seeing how our players are doing and keeping us in or taking us out. A lot of us get rest when it's needed to so the rotation isn't really too much of a factor as getting into a groove or not."

ON THE INCONSISTENT RUN GAME - "That could be a theme of how this season has been going. I feel like our run game as a whole hasn't been what it can be but I'm not disappointed. We could be doing better; we could always be doing better. We can't go away from it when it's not working because we're going to be able to bust some big runs and make some plays whenever we keep on believing in our run game. I know our line is going to make some plays for us up front and we're going to do the same thing in the backfield whenever we can get some holes."

ON HIS TOUCHDOWN RUN - "I had some good blocks on the front side. The defense had a front that made me go backside and it was just me and another person. I know about the rotation and I may not be able to get another chance so I had to do it. The rest is history."

WR Nelson Spruce

ON MOVING ON FROM THIS LOSS - "We have to take it one week at a time. We have a short week this week so we have to bounce back; we just talked about that in the locker room. We just have to keep guys focused and not let something like this get us down. I feel like it's the worst game we played all year. I don't think it's indicative of where we are and where we've been. We just have to keep up."

ON GETTING INTO AN OFFENSIVE RHYTHM - "The more rhythm we get the more confident we will get and the more on the same page everyone will get. I think that was kind of what we were struggling with in the beginning. We'd have a bad throw or a drop or a missed route or protection wouldn't hold up. If we could all get on the same page, that's when we could be successful."

ON HIS MISSED TOUCHDOWN CATCH - "We got the look that we wanted for that play. If the look wasn't there, Sefo [Liufau] would have gone on the run. The reason we were throwing was because we had a good look and we put that play in this week and designed it so we could score within the five yard line. If I got a good look, I think I would have gotten it. Every week we'll have something a little bit different in the red zone. That's just how we do it."

ON WHAT THE TEAM NEEDS TO DO TO WIN - "It's just up to executing. We're getting put in the right positions but we just have to execute. When we get in the red zone, that's when we have to get that killer instinct to finish off a drive. We just haven't really done that."



Colorado Players (Cont.)

QB Sefo Liufau

ON OVERALL GAME - "I'm pissed off. I mean to put in a week's worth of preparation and come out flat like that is really frustrating. If any time you come out like that against a very good team it's not going to end in your favor."

ON NOT FINISHING THE GAME - "I'm not hurt. I could have played."

ON NOT EXECUTING AFTER INTERCEPTION - "You have to. If you want to win games, you have to do that. You have to finish off drives and we didn't. You're not going to win if you don't do that."

ON NOT FINISHING - "We just didn't execute. I think it all comes down to doing your job and everyone doing their job on a given play and we didn't do it. It all comes down to me. I will take blame, no matter what happens for this offense and pick it up if this offense wants to take this team places."

ON FIRST HALF INTERCEPTION - "Yeah you know I was just trying to get it up and over the backer who was sitting underneath the post route. I got it up but I didn't get it over and ended up getting a pick."

TB Phillip Lindsay

ON STANFORD'S DEFENSE - "We just didn't press our blocks. We [running backs] set our lineman up. If we set our blocks up, it makes everything easier and we didn't do that and we need to come out with a more physical mentality."

ON LOSS - "It doesn't feel like a step back at all. Everyone knows what we need to do and it is just the mistakes and as an offense we need to stay on the field, that's a must. If we are not staying on the field that puts a lot of pressure on the defense, that's any defense. If they have to play over a hundred snaps, it is going to hurt us. We have to stay on the field."

ON GETTING CLOSE RETURNING KICK RETURNS - "I was put back there for a couple of them and then got taken off. It all depends on how we set it up. So, it all depends on how it's blocked."

ON CHRISTIAN McCAFFERY - "I am always happy. As kids growing up, we knew of each other; knowing each others names at least. For a Colorado person going out there representing, I am going to be proud of him. I am proud of him; he needs to keep it up."

ON MINIMAL PLAY - "Of course it going to be frustrating, but everyone's role is different. For me I need to be patient because everyone's role changes and you just have to accept it and move forward. That's a question that has to be addressed somewhere else because I don't know."

DE Derek McCartney

ON BEING FIRED UP TO START THE GAME - "I was fired up, but every game I come ready to play. We were all excited to play and it was a unique opportunity for us."

ON THE DEFENSE PLAYING A LOT OF SNAPS - "On that first drive we had a lot of opportunities on third down to get off the field and we just didn't make it happen. That wasn't helpful for us."

ON STANFORD'S PHYSICAL PLAY - "There were a pretty physical football team."

ON STANFORD CONVERTING 3rd AND 4th DOWN PLAYS - "They made some good plays. We had guys in good positions and they made good plays."

SS Tedric Thompson

ON NOT SCORING AFTER THE INTERCEPTION RETURN - "Personally I felt like I should have scored to help the team out. I really don't know what to say, except that I really felt like I should have scored, and I was upset with myself for that. We had a lot of opportunities to help our offense out and get this win but we weren't able to capitalize on it."

ON THE MOOD OF THE TEAM AFTER THE LOSS - "It's demoralizing. Every team we've lost to doesn't have any more talent than we do on their team. They aren't doing anything we aren't preparing for, I'm not sure what it is but it hurts to keep losing these games. I'm tired of hearing people say that we're this close and if we had made this play or that play it would be different. It's happening week after week and we need to come together as men and really figure it out. It's out of the coaches hands at this point. They are doing everything right, making the right calls and preparing us. We just need to buckle down as men and accomplish our goals and then we can turn things around."

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QB Kevin Hogan

ON TOUCHDOWN RUN - "It's kind of a two on one with the tight end, it's a variation of 'Spider Two Y Banana.' Remound (Wright) out in the flat and Dalton (Schultz) was running a corner, didn't like the look and didn't want to kind of force it, just leaked out the backside and got in."

ON TOUCHDOWN PASS TO RECTOR - "Third down play, they were pressing so I gave him a go route and he got around him, stacked him and just made a play"

ON McCAFFREY'S THROW ON TOUCHDOWN PASS - "Got the job done, it doesn't matter how it looks."

ON MOMENTUM SHIFT (AWAY FROM CU) - "Yeah that'll happen when we make big plays. They had us in third and long and we were able to convert it. Just guys making plays all around, it's demoralizing. When I can get out and they're covering down field and I can get out and get a few yards. Little things like that it definitely takes the wind out of the sails, especially the play at the end of the half with the pick."

ON DEVIATING FROM GAMEPLAN - "We were expecting everything they showed just not as much of it. A lot of the stuff they were doing with their front, we thought it'd be an occasional thing. But they did a good job and it caused us to get to our alerts and we were able to execute."

ON PLAYING WITH McCAFFREY - "He's a special player, makes my job so much easier and makes everyone's job so much easier. He can do it all, you can put him back there to throw passes; you can put him out there to catch, run great routes. He does it all, he's a great football player."

ON OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION - "Yeah I thought we were pretty balanced and I thought we did a good job converting third downs. That's the biggest part, moving the chains and long drives because the defense wears down and it's kind of demoralizing, and then just finishing in the end zone, we were fortunate to finish in the end zone on most of our drives and that's where you want to be."

ON CLINCHING DIVISION - "It's not wrapped up yet. We're still going to get better every week. We have a big game against a Pac-12 North rival next week so we're not looking at it like that at all."

TE Austin Hooper

ON BIG CATCH DOWN THE SIDELINE - "It was kind of like a fake screen. Basically I push up a couple steps, break out, look like I'm blocking like I have two or three times to set that play up earlier on in the game. Then after that, just made it look like I was blocking and sprinted up the sideline and Kevin (Hogan) put it in a perfect spot."

ON McCAFFREY'S TOUCHDOWN PASS - "It's something we worked during the week just if their DB's are coming up, trying to stop the run, stop Christian (McCaffrey), and force them to honor it. Didn't expect to run it, they called it on the sidelines, had a tough time getting out because everyone's flying to one side. Got past that initial wave of bodies and it was me and the end zone. For a running back with gloves on, with a banged up knee, it was pretty good."

RB Bryce Love

ON LONG TOUCHDOWN RUN - "It was a fake reverse type of thing and I just came around the edge and really thought about pressing the outside and I cut back, and it was open."

ON MENTALITY DURING TOUCHDOWN RUN - "(Scoring) it's definitely the main goal for any offensive player, any time they touch the ball."

RB Christian McCaffrey

ON NERVES RETURNING TO HOME STATE—"No, we had our preparation in, I knew it was a big deal coming home and I had a lot of people here, but we came here to win a football game and nothing else so I don't think there were a lot of nerves."

ON TOUCHDOWN OVERRULED ON OPENING DRIVE—"I had no idea. The refs made the call, and I looked at the replay and they made a good call. I knew our offense was going to be ok."

ON WEEK LEADING UP TO COMING HOME - "Coming home is very special to me. It's always nice seeing family and Colorado, I think is the greatest place in the world. To see the support that people had, even though I didn't go here, was something that was very special and meant a lot to me."

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ON TOUCHDOWN PASS – "We had run it in practice and coach gave us the go ahead. (QB Kevin) Hogan said 'hey man don't throw it if it's not wide open' and (TE Austin) Hooper kind of nudged me and said 'throw the ball.' So we knew I was going to throw it and he (Hooper) made a great play in the end zone."

ON BEING A PATIENT RUNNER – "Our offense is built off of physicality and those three yard runs, there's a lot going on, a lot of hitting, and eventually it wears on defenses. We might not have it in the first quarter, but second, third, fourth quarter, it starts coming and that wears on defenses. We just got to trust the process. Anything where you're moving forward is good"

ON RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME CU PLAYERS - "It was awesome. So many of those guys I've grown up with and known for a very, very, long time. To see them postgame and to see the support that we have for each other was something that was really cool."

ON FUTURE – "I haven't (thought about it), really. I'm try to take it day by day and that's something that we really focus on; how you can be the best player and best person and best teammate you can be every single day. If that happens we can keep moving forward as a team."

ON ADVICE FOR YOUTH PLAYERS IN THE STATE – "Never give up on your dreams. I know that sounds cliché but it's cliché for a reason. If you want something go get it and don't be denied."

ON HEISMAN HOPES – "I haven't, I've tried to limit all of that talk and really focus on becoming 1-0 each week."