

Arizona 56, Colorado 31

Nov. 10, 2012 – Arizona Stadium; Tucson, Ariz.

Postgame Quotes

Arizona head coach Rich Rodriguez

On the victory:

"I'm glad we pulled out the win. I wasn't comfortable until the last 30 seconds. I'm thankful we were able to run the ball, Ka'Deem Carey was Ka'Deem Carey. B.J. (Denker) was good for us today and I thought he ran the offense really well. Our defense is what it is but I'm glad we got to six wins."

On Ka'Deem Carey's performance:

"Ka'Deem runs as hard and as angry as any running back in the country. We did a good job up front today for him but he's in great shape and he can take some of those hits. He always has really good vision but today you could see it with some of those cutbacks he had."

On B.J. Denker's performance:

"B.J. made good decisions today. I really liked the two speed options we ran; he was sharp. We played well up front; I wouldn't say we dominated because we aren't big enough or strong enough but we executed well. B.J. is unflappable; he's been through the junior college games. We had an idea of what we were going to do but we didn't know how they were going to play us. We ran the ball well and it was safer. We probably should have thrown a little more and there are some throws that B.J. probably wants back. But when you have a guy as hot as Ka'Deem Carey was, you have to feed him."

On the defense's performance:

"We have to be better in terms of technique; we didn't tackle well. We know what we are defensively; we're undersized and we have true freshmen and redshirt freshmen playing. Are they playing before they are ready? Probably but you need 11 guys on the field. They are playing and we need them to play better. We need our guys to get in the weight room and get bigger."

Arizona sophomore running back Ka'Deem Carey

On the number of rushing yards:

"When you go from long run to long run and your linemen are really happy, you know you must be doing something right."

On breaking the school record :

"When I woke up this morning I knew I was going to try and break a school record. I didn't tell anybody but I wanted to get it."

On being run up behind by Colorado players:

"Everybody is going to give me grief for running out of breath. Next week I'll show them it won't happen again."

Arizona junior quarterback B.J. Denker

On Ka'Deem Carey:

"I had the best seat in the house for that. I had a great time handing Ka'Deem the ball and watching him work. I did try blocking for him once but I failed at that."

On Colorado's game plan:

"They were either going to let me or Ka'Deem (Carey) run and they let Ka'Deem run. I told him during the game that we may run for 500 yards together by the end of the game."

On the first play of the game:

"They did some sort of twist that I didn't recognize, and I was hit before I could make a decision. It was a weird play and I just wanted to move on right after it happened."

Arizona senior receiver Dan Buckner

On the play of B.J. Denker:

"I think B.J. did pretty well. He did throw three passes to me for two touchdowns so that was very good. I thought that he managed the game well, too. I just told him before the game that he didn't need to do too much, just do what he needed to do."

On being bowl eligible as a senior:

"It's a great feeling. I'm nearing the end of my college career and it feels great to get that extra win to get bowl eligible. I love these seniors and it feels good to be able to continue our college career a little longer."

Colorado head coach Jon Embree

Opening statement:

"We stopped Arizona twice and they fumbled on one of them. We just didn't get it done today."

On Arizona running back Ka'Deem Carey:

"He's an All-Pac-12 back. It's pretty simple. I don't know where he ranks, but he, Kenjon Barner and Johnathan Franklin are all really good. He fits through tight seams and breaks arm tackles. Their zone read was very effective."

On the season:

"We haven't played well. It's been different factors and different reasons. We've got two games left to put together a complete game."

On the defensive effort:

"I don't know if it's an effort issue or a getting blocked and being out of position issue. On a couple of (Ka'Deem) Carey's long runs, we didn't give up and chased him down."

On the game plan against a backup quarterback:

"We were playing the run. There weren't any surprises."

On quarterback Nick Hirschman:

"Nick played well all week. There were a couple of mistakes today with the clock and he made a mistake on the interception but he did his job. He gave a chance on that side of the ball."

On quarterback Connor Wood:

"Wood was fine when he got in there. I'm pleased overall with how that position played."

On the offense:

"We ran it well. It would have been nice to have that screen back early. I thought the offense did do well. We were patient and I thought our quarterbacks handled the pressure well, for the most part."

Colorado freshman tailback Christian Powell

On success gaining yards:

"Gaining yards was the game plan for this week. We knew by the structure of their defense that we were going to have success running the ball so we were working that set all week."

On the attitude towards losing:

"It's disappointing to lose but Coach tells us just to come out and have fun, which is what I'm trying to do. You'd obviously rather win but you are out here with all of your boys so you try to make the most of the opportunities given to you."

Colorado junior linebacker Derrick Webb

On the amount of yards the defense gave up:

"We've become familiar with the type of zone read offense that Arizona plays over the course of our season and we've had some of the same issues the entire season. It's always important to get the edge taken care of and the cutback. (Ka'Deem) Carey is a great player and was able to get the cutback. There were a couple of times where our guys could've been in our gaps better, and played with better gap assignment. Ten guys can be out there playing their butts off, and all it takes is one gap."

On Ka'Deem Carey:

"Carey was able to find our gaps and go a long way. He's aggressive and explosive on tape and he showed it today. He can see a gap, burst through it and then it is off to the races."

On the attitude of the defense after losing season:

"We put it all out there every game and we will continue to do that the last two games. I think all of our bodies are holding up really well, and we have a couple of people coming back into the lineup. We have a lot more to give and we are going to come back strong and work hard every game. It has been a tough season but it only makes us stronger. We have been through a lot and we just have to continue to come back and play hard the next game. We won't give up."

Colorado freshman running back Donta Abram

On the mindset:

"From an offensive standpoint we are looking to score on every drive. Our mindset doesn't change, we just go out and do what we do."

On having a breakout game:

"It felt great to get out on the field and show what I've got. There was great blocking from the wide receivers and offensive line."

On the mood in the locker room:

"It's been a tough year for us. We just need to keep fighting. Keep our heads up and keep fighting."

On Ka'Deem Carey

"He's a great player. He made plays and got in the end zone."

Colorado sophomore quarterback Connor Wood

On his performance:

"I feel good about some of the things I did but in the red zone we gave up some points that should have been there. Overall I'm unhappy but I'm going to get better from it. I think I moved the chains well with the opportunities I had. I just need to improve on that last drive."

On the pass to tight end Scott Fernandez:

"That was awesome. He deserves it. He works hard and always has a great attitude."

On the mood of the team:

"We had some fight today. Some plays didn't go our way but we still have a lot in us. These next two games we'll finish strong. We're working hard in practice and putting it on the line in the game. It's about details, and executing those details."