

Post-Game Quotes Hawai'i vs. Colorado Sept. 3, 2011

Hawai'i head coach Greg McMackin

On win

"It's a great win, a great team win. I'm really proud of our players and our coaches. We let one get away last year (at Colorado). We had that chip on our shoulders. We've been working really hard for this."

After consecutive timeouts in the third quarter

"We just had a little visit and talked family business. I won't say what was said, but it took me two timeouts to get everything I wanted to say done. The official gave me a weird look."

On solid defensive effort

"That's just credit to our front seven and our secondary."

On Hawia QB Bryant Moniz

"Mo might not lead the nation in passing this week, but he might lead the nation in rushing."

On offense's slow start

"We were just a little rusty. Even (WR Royce) Pollard dropped a couple of passes which he normally doesn't do."

"The offense is really young and will get better as the season goes on."

Colorado Head Coach Jon Embree

General comment

"Penalties and defense and not tackling. I thought the defense played well, except for the couple plays we didn't tackle. We held them in check throwing the ball, but he (Moniz) beat us with his legs."

On first half

"We were off in the first half. I don't know what that was. I mean, you fumble the snap on the first play of the game. We'll figure it out. We don't have any other choice."

On next game against Cal

"We have to get ready for Cal. We don't have any choice. That's who's coming in. They whipped our butts last year. We just got to go. We need to get better."

What he told team in locker room

"I told them we lost, Colorado lost, coaches included. It's not a player issue. That's the first thing I told them. Then I told them that's not us."

On Moniz

"You have to give him some credit, too. Seven-teen (Moniz) is a heck of a player. He's a stronger guy than what I thought. He ran though a lot of tackles."

"We knew he could run. He made some plays last year running the ball. We knew that. Had made two plays where he was just better on that play."

On Colorado's second-half rally

"I told the team at halftime don't worry about it. Let's just come out and play, and we did. We were there. ... I felt at halftime like we were going to win. I thought we were going to win when we were down a score toward the end."

"There is no bright side. I'm not a moral victory type guy. We did not win. That was our goal. We got to end this losing streak on the road. That is the goal right now. We didn't do that."

On debut at Colorado

"Not good. Not a great debut."

On Hawaii's pressure in second half

"I don't think it was a look or blitz thing that was getting us. We didn't do a good job protecting. Protection is the quarterback getting rid of the ball. Not just the linemen blocking for five seconds."