

**USC POSTGAME QUOTES**  
*USC vs. Colorado – Oct. 20, 2012*  
Los Angeles Coliseum

**HEAD COACH LANE KIFFIN**

*Opening Statement:*

"Really good team win today. I'm really proud of the guys. We did a good job preparing this week. We had the hardest Tuesday we've had. Very physical preparing like we're playing the best team in the world. Outside of first-half penalties, I thought we did a good job. We responded well at halftime after we had a conversation about stepping up.

"Good team win and a historic day. So many things happened today. We've been playing for 124 years and today we had the most touchdown passes in a game. Matt ties his own record again. And we watched the most TD passes in the history of a career. Robert had the most receptions and will be announcing he is coming back very soon. It was an unbelievable day."

*On next week's trip to Arizona:*

"We play one week at a time. We go out of LA for the last time this year. We have to get back to work."

*On his halftime speech on the field:*

"We weren't playing Trojan football. We looked really undisciplined. I felt bad for the fans. It really took away from this special day."

*On no-huddle offense:*

"It's something that we practiced throughout the year and were waiting for the right time. We didn't take it lightly. The emphasis was on passing not on who we're playing, but to come out firing. It kept our three receivers on the field and playing a lot of time."

*On Barkley's performance:*

"His 95 percent completion rate today was pretty amazing. He tried to go back in the game because he heard Tee Martin held the record."

*On comparing the team at this point in the season to the team at this point last year:*

"Like I tried to say all along you have to take the whole year evaluation. You have to wait for the whole thing to come together. Sometimes you're on the road a lot or playing better defenses."

*On what aspect of the game did not represent Trojan football:*

"They did well outside of penalties. It was totally the penalties. That's not who we want to be and not the product we want to put out there."

*On Leonard Williams' penalty:*

"I didn't really see it. I saw a quick clip in the scoreboard. I was going to pull him anyways. I think there's a specific rule and that goes to the conference."

*On playing backup quarterbacks Max Wittek and Cody Kessler:*

"It was great to get those guys in for them to get some experience. We got a bunch of guys making plays. For them to go 4-for-5 was great to see."

*On Drew McAllister:*

"Drew's had a really good season. It was great to see him and I'm really proud of Drew."

*On if the passing game has hit its stride:*

"We're not overreacting to one game. The sky is not falling. Matt can still throw. We still have a lot of work to do. I really thought we were going to move the ball really well and had good matchups."

#### **QB MATT BARKLEY**

*On what it means to be among this list of other accomplished USC quarterbacks:*

"It's special. It's definitely an honor to be among names like that. I'll take credit, but I've been here for four years. The wideouts did a terrific job and coach Kiffin with his play-calling. It's a special day to be able to celebrate with Robert and the rest of the guys. It's special to represent USC in that way."

*On finding a good rhythm in the game:*

"I think the no huddle did help the passing game. More pass oriented. We were moving the ball and keeping the defense on their toes. And we were completing passes. It worked out pretty well. That rhythm and faster pace worked for us. Regardless of whether or not we do it next week, it set a good base for us."

*On the video tribute after he set the Pac-12 TD passing record:*

"I was surprised when I looked up. That was pretty special to see Matt and Carson and all those guys. It was pretty special to be recognized by all the hometown LA residents. It was special for USC to be in that category too."

*On if he's satisfied:*

"I think we have a better feeling in our stomachs after this win, but there's always something to correct. We put points on the board early and moved the ball."

*On setting these records:*

"It's something I did dream of as a kid. Not the records, but to be able to be here for four years and live those dreams out as a senior. I never thought that it would happen but I'm trying to soak it up."

#### **WR ROBERT WOODS**

*On what it means to make history at USC:*

"I grew up watching those receivers. Ever since I understood USC football and growing up seeing them play. I don't see myself above them but a part of an elite group."

*On his dedication to his sister Olivia – who died of cancer – after breaking the receiving record:*

"I was living what she told me as her last words. I was doing my assignment. I felt like this was a breakthrough, like I made it. I was thanking her right then and there and did for anything she thought and did."

*On what the team needs to improve on:*

"We need to play more disciplined. The past couple of weeks we've had a lot of personal fouls. We'll fix that. Other than that I thought we played better all around. We have a lot of games left, we just need to keep producing."

**Colorado Coach Jon Embree**

"We are not playing well enough, not just at quarterback but at other spots. We have to help him out. We need to play better at every position."

(On CU's pass coverage)

"We had a chance to make some plays and didn't. Other times we had blown coverage. It was no secret (they were going to come out throwing). We were anticipating that. "

"We moved the ball well all game but had six turnovers, four in the red zone. You can't do that. We're not good enough, especially against a team like this. You get down that far, you have to find a way to get into the end zone. It was not just negative yards but turnovers in the red zone ... We've been in the red zone and protected the ball. To do it in a game like this, you can't do it."

(On Matt Barkley)

"There's a reason why he'll go high in the draft. He's a great player and I'm glad I don't have to see him again."

(On the idea of playing backup QB Connor Wood)

"It helps you if you win. You make a change with Connor and he's a young guy. It's not like we're going to Steve DeBerg. You would have to rally around him and give him support, just like we have to do with Jordan."

(On playing freshman cornerback Kenneth Crawley)

"It was either that or play with 10. We didn't have a lot of options. I'm sure Kenneth is down. He's a prideful guy."

**Colorado linebacker Doug Rippy**

"We didn't feel like it was slipping away. We just gotta keep the young guys in it. As a senior leader we have to pick them up and focus on the next play."

"We need everyone to do their assignments. All of the TDs came off of passes with blown coverage."

**Colorado Safety Parker Orms**

"Matt Barkley is very accurate and if you leave a little opening, he'll hit it and he's got receivers who can run. They're hard to cover."

"We had a lot of blown assignments. We talked about not getting beat deep and keeping things in front, and that's what happened."

"We go over the game plan and if guys aren't getting in the playbooks deeply enough, it will show. It's embarrassing. We just have to keep fighting. Even if we're getting blown out, we have to play for the guys in the huddle and on the team."

**Colorado safety Ray Polk**

"I played like crap out there and I blame myself for starting off with the deficit."

"We've got to keep putting the heat on guys to watch film and understand what the game plan is."

"The bottom line is, we've got to execute and we didn't do it. We played hard, but didn't execute."