

MIKE MacINTYRE QUOTES

Comments On The Team's Third Spring Scrimmage

"I thought both sides of the ball made plays. I thought we made a couple deep throws which was exciting to see. That's something that we've been working on. We've been looking for some guys who could do that. So, that was good to see. We made some good runs and I thought that our field goal kicking was excellent which is big. We have an excellent field goal kicker. We've got a new snapper and he had good snaps today. We lost some people in the front and we're trying to get some guys that can do that. It sounds like its simple but tis really not. So, I think we've really shored that up. We got basically every situation covered which is great. So, I was encouraged with that. Nobody got hurt and that's really good."

On Goals Remaining For The Final Five Spring Practices

"I'm going to appeal the NCAA for five more. That's what I'm going to do. We will concentrate and we will put in a few more things on Monday and Wednesday. We'll keep working on third down and red zone situations. We'll keep working on two-minute situations and those types of things."

On What the Team Will Work On

"We'll do a couple more schemes on offense. We'll put in a couple more schemes on defense as far as playing different formations for different defenses that you play throughout the season. We don't always just go up against our stuff. We take some periods to work on a 3-3 front like Arizona or multi-blitz teams. We have to work those things offensively. And then defensively, we have to work on spread teams and power teams. Those are the types of things we start emphasizing a little bit more after we've kind of got our base stuff in after the first nine or ten days. We'll start looking at some other defenses and offenses we'll play during the season. So, our kids will be more familiar with that."

On The Team's Transition In Year Two of the MacIntyre Era

"Offensively, when you're quarterback is comfortable with everything and your offensive line understands it, then you can do more and you look more efficient at it which is what has happened for our offense. Defensively, we've got a couple of kids banged up but, we're playing hard and doing some good things. They've been more physical and they're playing harder all the time which is good."

On Comparing His Second Spring At Colorado To His First

"I think on that side of it yes it has been more productive. But, you've got to judge where we went from to where we ended up. When we started this year we started ahead so you have to raise it to another plateau. Hopefully we have."

On Wide Receiver Lee Walker's Progress

"He had a really good practice Wednesday. To the naked eye today I thought he made some plays which is good. He probably could've made a couple more. I don't know. We'll have to see on film. But, I have seen him make a jump this week compared to before spring break. So, he's probably gotten more comfortable. He knew where to line up. He knew where the practice field and all that type of thing."

On the Progress of the Running Game

"I think that we're running the ball better. I think all the running backs made some nice runs today. But, I think our offensive line is hitting their land marks on the blockers, cutting off the back side and making a dent where there's a little more space which allows a running back to hit it. So, I think that's good."

On Who Would Start Along the Offensive Line if the Season Started Tomorrow

"We'd probably have the guys that were out there today. I have to look at the tape because we move it around every day. I think at right tackle would probably be (Stephane) Nembot. We'd probably put Kaiwi (Crabb) out at left tackle. Then (Jonathan) Huckins, (Daniel) Munyer (at guards) and Alex Kelley at center. (Marc) Mustoe played some left tackle today too. We'd have another guy to play left tackle so we could give Kaiwi some rest. But, hopefully Jeromy (Irwin) is going to be able to be back and he'll be healthy next year. What we want to do is to be able to play him at left tackle if we can."

On Safety Josh Moten's Status

"He blew out his Achilles (on Wednesday, the one he didn't injure last year) and he gets operated on today. That's the third time in nine months. That's really, really, really sad. The kid's done a great job getting back and he's doing a good job in school. It's really tough."

On Whether Running Back Phillip Lindsay Has Met the Coaching Staff's Pre-Spring Expectations

"Yes he has (met those expectations). He's a really good running back. He's really good on special teams. He competes. He's tough. He's really tough. He's kind of like the Tasmanian devil. He just keeps going. I love him. I think he gives us another quick, fast guy like Michael (Adkins). I thought all of those guys today made some plays. It was good to see Christian (Powell) out there. We didn't play him a lot but it was good to see him get up and run in there and take a couple hits and get off the field and not worry about it. So, that was exciting to see."

On the CSU Game Moving to Friday, August 29

"I'm excited about that. I think the whole thing is a good deal. At first, when they were looking into it, we were concerned about high school football. Then we checked on that and high school football plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. It's not like everybody is on Friday night. Everybody shares fields so much that it wouldn't have mattered. We'd bother people on Thursday night and we'd bother people on Saturday night. I think Friday night is exciting. The way I understand it too is that there aren't many games around the country (that night). So, we'll get a national television spot which is great for the state of Colorado and it's great for CSU and it's great for us. Then, it also gives both teams an opportunity to use that extra day. We've got to travel all the way to New England to play UMass. I think they (CSU) has to travel to Boise State. So, on that side of it, it helps both teams. So, I'm excited about it and ready to go."

On Whether Playing on Friday Night Would Affect the Team's Recruiting Efforts in Any Way

"No, I don't think so. The way I understand it, it's going to be a night game (6 p.m. or later). So, it shouldn't have any problem on our recruiting situation especially that really in the year. Sometimes you're worried about the fact that that's our home game and we want kids to come watch it but, some will be playing on any of those nights. But, I think that early in the year it's exciting for everybody in college football. Hopefully, it makes it an even bigger crowd because they can go to the game and they can still have a long weekend. It was exciting playing there last year but, I'd love to see the place packed in black and gold and green and gold."

On Whether Playing on Friday Night Might Boost the Game's Attendance

"I think it might. People say 'We'll get off work, we'll go to the game and then we'll leave tomorrow morning for a long weekend.' I sure hope so."