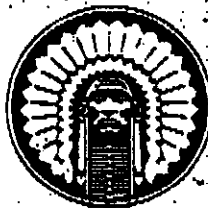


FOOTBALL

Post-Game Quotes



THE UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS

Memorial Stadium, Champaign, Illinois

Illinois vs. Colorado

September 15, 1990

Colorado Head Coach Bill McCartney

"We had the game under control and we let them out with the fourth-and-15 play"

"As soon as they scored before the half, the whole game changed. I thought if we could get back up to a two-score lead, we would be in good shape. They blocked a field goal when we had a lot of momentum."

"Our defense played well enough to win, we just didn't have enough offense. You don't expect to move the ball consistently against their defense. We didn't get it done. Our kids played hard but didn't get it accomplished."

"The fourth-and-15 play was a tremendous call. I wanted them to go for it. They made the play and we didn't."

"Offensively, we're not converting like a year ago. Our defense is solid, but we're not taking advantage of our defense. You have to give credit to Illinois and their strong defense."

On Colorado punter Tom Ruen...

"I'd say he was a weapon. He downed one on the one-yard line and kicked it over their heads a couple of times."

Illinois Head Coach John Mackovic...

"I thought there would be an up and down, and ebb-and-flow, and certainly we talked about that. I told them if we would get down and things don't happen very well, don't hang your head, keep playing hard and get in there and see if you can make things happen. Little did I know what might happen. We had a safety. We had a ball downed inside the one. We squib kicked it at the end and didn't squib it very well and they had the ball starting on the 40-yard line. It was heckuva college football game."

"I was really disappointed at halftime, because we should have been in better position. We were playing well in the first half. We missed some opportunities on the very first field goal when we missed Shawn Wax for a touchdown. We were down there again and jumped, and did not get a touchdown. We felt we were in great position. We had first and goal. Those types of things upset me. I made sure the offense knew that at halftime."

"The defense gave up a couple of big plays again, but when we had to get control of the game in the second half, our defense did that for us. Our fans were a good part of the game today. They were into the game. They spiritually gave us a lift."

"The last drive was as good as you could get. We couldn't ask him to do any more. We have explained to him (Verduzco) many times, we'll win if you can make these types of plays. If the ^{quarterback} and our offense can execute some of the things we do, we'll win because we'll move the ball down the field to score points and our defense will give us the opportunity to do that."