



## 2014 SEC Football Media Days Florida Player Quotes Monday, July 14, 2014

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Florida Defensive End Dante Fowler

Why are you guys going to be the team to beat in the SEC?

“We are going to be the team to beat this year because I feel like we know we have that bad taste and that bad season last year nobody really expected. Just having the feeling to succeed after all the barriers we had to cross and all the adversity that we fought last year. Those guys know the pain and I know nobody on the team wants to go back to that. We came to UF to win championships and we have to get back to that in the off season”

Was the 4-8 season last year motivation for next year or something that you guys want to put behind and focus on this year?

“We definitely can’t forget about it, it’s in the record books so I would say yes it is motivation for us to do better this year. So as we go into the season this year we can look at that time as a team and use as motivation to do better this season”

How do you help the younger guys that coming in this year?

“Just being a mentor to them. There are a lot of new guys coming in so being able to show them the ropes and give them pointers can help them in the long run. I was in their position once and so having someone help me prepare for my first college career games helped me out as well”

The Swamp wasn’t in the top polls for toughest places to play, so what is the Swamp today in your opinion?

“First of all I want to say all the college stadiums are nice and they all are great places to play in. It’s a fun time and a great experience. As far as the Swamp goes, playing a home game at 7:30 at night, it doesn’t get any better than that.”

What affected you more not seeing the SEC take a national championship last year or seeing your in-state rival win the national championship last year?

“I would say seeing our in-state rival win the national championship last year because they beat us to get to the national championship. We had a chance to prevent that and we didn’t so it has a big emphasis on us. Our two biggest goals we put emphasis on is winning the east and beating state and we didn’t do neither of those this year”