



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

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### **Senior Tight End C.J. Uzomah**

*On the LSU loss last season being a turning point for Auburn's season...*

"That game bonded us as a team. We matured a lot after the loss. We could have just rolled over and played dead, but we came out and played real well the week after on the road. I thinking doing that showed a lot of maturity as a team. Obviously it was a tough loss, but we were able to look past it and not let it ruin our season."

*On the record breaking season from the offense last season and how it can be better this season...*

"Our coach Guz Malzahn really emphasizes offense during practice. We have confidence in ourselves, our coaches, and our game plan. We lost a few key players, but we have some guys who are ready to step up and fill those roles. We have a lot of talent and I cannot wait to see what it is like when we put the pads on. We also have an experienced offense line that we have trust in. If we execute the way we practice, then there is no reason we cannot be the best offense in the country."

*On Quarterback Nick Marshall's improvement as a passer...*

"I do not believe Nick has ever had much of a problem throwing the ball down the field. I think he has improved a lot in his finesse. He is not going to over-throw or under-throw us anymore. He has had a lot more practice with the receivers and that has helped him know where we are on the field so he can complete those throws. He is getting more comfortable with each season and working hard in the offseason to improve. I believe that has helped him tremendously."

*On college football's four team playoff to determine a champion this season...*

"I am looking forward to it. Our goal is to win the SEC Championship and I believe that would put us at a good spot to compete in the playoff. I think it is a better way of determining who the best team is that season. Doing that is going to increase the popularity of college football even more than it already is."