



## 2014 SEC Football Media Days South Carolina Player Quotes

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### **Redshirt Senior Defensive Tackle J.T. Surratt**

*(On what the South Carolina defense is going to look like this season)*

“We’ve got a lot of people coming back. We lost some big guys, but at the same time, we’ve got some guys that can make a name for themselves. We have people that are stepping up already and filling those leadership roles. We’ve got a young linebacker core, and they’re all ready to fill in these leadership roles. We’ve also got a lot of us who are hungry and eager to start this year just so that we can, not so much quiet some things, but show everyone that we’re not going to fall off.”

*(On preparing for all of the new quarterbacks in the league)*

“We just try to take it one game at a time. Our whole main goal this summer is to get everybody prepared to the best of their ability and be ready for the season. Everyone’s summer is just competing and trying to make everybody better. We have Texas A&M on August 28<sup>th</sup> and that’s who we are preparing for.”

*(On his role on defense going into this season)*

“I have to step up and be a leader. Still be a cheerleader, but at the same time, show the leadership and let the guys know we’ve still got enough time to do what we have to do. I have to be able to keep the hungry in them and have to be ready to go at all times.”