



## 2014 SEC Football Media Days Alabama Player Quotes Thursday, July 17, 2014

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### **Senior Wide Receiver Christian Jones**

#### *On Season Opener in Atlanta*

"It's a great opportunity for us and our team. It's a good motivation for us to play a non-conference team, a top non-conference team. It's really a good aspect for our fans to come out to another state to show their approval for us. It's sort of a tempo that we have to set, a standard that we're going to set for our team and try to use that for our motivation and set a different bar that we didn't set last year for our team."

#### *On his role on the team*

"It really doesn't matter what my title is, I would rather just be titled as a leader of the team. My role on the team has changed. Like you said I do consider myself a leader and I'm going to try to lead this team with the other leaders such as Amari Cooper and Landon Collins and try to mold this team into a different type of path that we sort of mishandled last year, try to keep us focused for the whole season this year. "

#### *On Coach Saban*

"[Saban] is the number one person I've watched since I've been here for these four years. A lot of other players because when I came in there were a ton of All-Americans guys who were here to mentor me but Coach Saban always defines what he wants and that's sort of what you have to do as a leader of the team. I feel like if the coach is coaching more than the players are then we're not going to have such a good team. The less he's coaching, the less he's leading the team, then the leaders stand up and lead the team for him, it's going to be easier on him. You have a good collective group that understands what needs to get accomplished. "

#### *On incoming Quarterback Jacob Coker*

"Jacob's done a great job since he came in May. He's been doing an awesome job with our wide receivers, with our coaches, learning and doing all the little things right, trying to become the quarterback that we want him to be. It's a competitive job for him as well, and he understands that because we've got three or four other guys who can also help us win. They all compete and are doing a great job, doing everything the coaches are asking them to do and it's fun watching them."

#### *On his role as a receiver*

"The route running, becoming a more complete outside receiver, being able to get open at double coverage, single coverage, being able to play the ball well in the air is very important, using my speed against the defense when I'm in a slot. It's a lot of



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things that I'm correcting as we speak, everyday. So I think these are the main things I need to work on."