



2015 SEC Football Media Days Texas A&M Player Quotes Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Senior Center Mike Matthews

On Coach Christianson and what changes he has made to the running game....

“Coach Christianson has done a lot of great things for us this offseason, especially for the running back. He has put a new scheme into place, has gotten us all to buy into the system and I think that will do big things for us in the future.

On playing the first game against Arizona State...

“As the days keep getting closer, I get more and more excited every time. My season was cut early last season with the bowl game and my injury. I didn’t get to participate in spring football so I’m really excited. We’re playing right there in our backyard. A lot of guys came from that city. We’re excited to get things going against Arizona State.”

On competing in the SEC West and every opponent being really good...

“It’s awesome, but at the same time you don’t have any weeks off. Every time you’re preparing for a really good opponent. There are some schedules that there are some games here and there (to be off), but for us, we have to be at our best every single week. It’s definitely a grind every single week. You’re on national TV every week with each game being such a big stage .”

On playing Arkansas in Arlington every year...

“Yeah Arkansas is a really good team. We’re really excited for that game. Last season was nail bitter. Thankfully, we were able to pull it out. They’re a great team with a lot of style. It’s going to be some great competition for us. From what we have seen from last year they have gotten better and better so we got to be ready to roll.”