



2015 SEC Football Media Days Ole Miss Player Quotes Thursday, July 16, 2015

Senior Linebacker C.J. Johnson

On Moving From The Defensive Line To Linebacker

“Coach [Freeze] came to me right after the bowl game and said they were going to experiment with me at that position. I told him immediately that that would be something I want to do. I will do anything to help the team win football games, so we made that decision. We are really deep up front, and that is the main reason behind the move. We needed some depth at the linebacker position, and we had so much depth on the defensive line.”

On Gaining Confidence From The Success They Experienced Last Year

“We started out really good last year and each year we are trying to build on what we have done in the past. Over the last two years we have made a big emphasis on finishing the season. I think this year that has been a focal point throughout the summer. We want to not only start fast, but also finish fast.”

On The Adaptations He had To Make Moving From Defensive Lineman To Linebacker

“The biggest adaptation I had to make was being out in space. It requires a lot more running and you have to be more patient. I have developed patience and have learned to react instead of attack. Our defensive line plays a really aggressive style, and I think moving to linebacker has taught me to be patient.”