



2017 SEC Football Media Days Arkansas Player Quotes Monday, July 10, 2017

Senior Defensive Back Kevin Richardson II

On his injury last year and the way it affected leadership on the team

“To see so many of us get injured was hard but the boys don’t miss a beat. Everyone stepped up and stepped in but we just had a lack of understanding about our opponents. I don’t think there was a lack of leadership but rather a lack of understanding. Those guys were ready to step in. They just could have used more time to evaluate our opponents.”

On naming captains in the spring

“It was surprising all around, but overall really surprising that I was voted captain, especially knowing where I came from.”

On what quarterback in the league has been the most difficult to face

“The toughest quarterback I ever faced was Dak Prescott and you can even see his talent in how well he’s playing now. If you want me to talk about which quarterback in the league is the best, excluding my own because to me he’s the best quarterback in the nation, I’d have to say Missouri’s quarterback (Drew Lock). I remember watching him struggle his freshman year, then have a standout sophomore season.”

On being a walk-on and how far he has come

“I never imagined doing any of this. I just hoped I could play one day. But now being a starting player with a scholarship, voted captain, and being at media days is something I could never have dreamt of doing. I’m living a dream right now.”

On coach Paul Rhoads

“Coach Rhoads is one of the greatest coaches I’ve ever had. He loves teaching. He loves coaching. And he’s really helped me grow as a player this year. I got to understand his mindset by sitting in meetings with him and watching film with him. I feel like I’m ready to take the next step as a player without even playing this year. “

On leading his team away from negativity

“We keep talking about setting the bar higher. We set the bar last year and it wasn’t exactly where we wanted to be. So we’ve set the bar higher for ourselves this year. This is the first year we have had everyone on time to workouts, practice, meetings. We hold each other accountable and to higher standards. If we won’t show it this year we expect them to keep raising the bar in order to reach the level, we want our program to be at.”