



## 2017 SEC Football Media Days LSU Player Quotes Monday, July 10, 2017

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### **Senior Defensive End Christian LaCouture**

*On Arden's transition as a player from year 2 to year 3 which could lead to a big year...*

"He's been a guy that's always been very mature. He's a guy that carries himself in the fashion that he knows he has very lengthy, freakish talent, and he works his tail off. I really feel like going into this year he has put a lot of time into the weight room to understand that this could potentially be his last year – we don't know. But what he brings to the table, and how he goes off the edge – I don't know a lot of people that can do that."

*On the comparison of Derrius Guice to Fournette...*

"You guys saw last year – having those two back there was special, once in a lifetime. With Leonard, I feel like he is more of a bigger back, a bruiser that could go up through the middle. I feel like Derrius could do that as well, but I think Derrius could catch some more balls than Leonard can. With Derrius being a smaller, stockier guy, I think he's a guy that can do more. But I think both those guys can run, cut inside and outside, and for a running back, that's what you want to see."

*On watching film with Dave Aranda...*

"I think Dave Aranda is a guy that you want to pick his brain. He's going in and out. He's a guy that will make sure that we go out every week ready to go. Going up there, watching what he watches and how he sees it, it's something you don't have to work out – you can still get better during that day by doing something like that. We're so happy to have him on our staff and to play for him."

*On Danny Etling progressing as quarterback...*

"Danny's a guy that the whole summer, he's been running, he's been going everything that he should. When we do our defensive line drills, it's been 7-on-7, and Danny's been doing everything – no hold backs. I think he's going to be 100 percent go for fall camp."

*On sitting out last season and what he learned...*

"Last year was very tough. It was something for me that was probably one of the worst years of my life to be honest. With that happening, and then my family having the flood, it was something that hit me really fast. You know, I wanted to be out there with my teammates but my doc is telling there is nothing you can do – you feel hopeless. I'm back now – 100 percent - being with Coach O and the staff he has is very exciting – that's one of the reasons I wanted to come back. Having Coach O as a defensive line coach and knowing what he brought to the table, I wanted to do that again. I didn't want to leave with how I had it. I wanted one more year with him."

*On changing his jersey number...*

"It was very humbling – being in that group with those guys. Benny Logan wore No. 18 last year as defensive tackle. He's always been a mentor for me and when he found out, he called and texted me. It was very humbling. I was like a kid on Christmas to be very honest with you."