



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

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### **Junior Running Back Derrius Guice**

#### *On importance of summer activity to affect upcoming season*

“The most important thing I have done this summer I would say is to mature more. I have a lot of guys that are looking up to me. The freshman that just came in and the guys older than me, I just have to be more studious of the game. I have to be more aware that I am a leader whether I want to be or not. Getting everyone on the same page and making sure everyone is ready to go.”

#### *On comparison with Leonard Fournette for this season*

“I tend to block out the comparison. That is a man who I have looked up to for the past 4 to 5 years. Ever since he was here, I had a great time learning from him, as I learned a lot. I taught him a lot of things too that I didn’t recognize until he told me. The main thing that he really taught me was how to grow up fast because as you see he has two kids now being so young so he had to change his life quickly and grow up fast. And with me, I would transition that to the football world in terms of how fast I can grow up. I just turned 20 a few weeks ago, and I am in front of all these big cameras. You need to realize whether I am a teenager or not, I need to grow up whether I want to or not, and that is one thing Leonard told me was you have to grow up and be a man quick in the football business.”

#### *On where Derrius sees the offense going*

“It has changed a lot. Coach Canada brings a lot of awareness for defense, as they must be on their A-game and mentally focused. It is an offense where there will be a lot of disguises, a lot of motions. This offense will take us as far as we want to go, it us up to us, to the team, to buy into it and to really understand it and like it enough to trust the process. I feel like we are doing a great job of it so far, that everyone is buying into it, and everyone is doing what we have to do to understand it and really excel in it. And I feel like it is the best thing for all of us right now, to buy into it and excel and trust it.”

#### *On importance of quarterback with offense*

“The most impressive thing that I have seen with Danny (Etling) is how active he is with the younger quarterbacks, making sure everyone is ready, he is not a selfish guy and I think that is important for himself because he can go out there anytime. I am happy to see him make sure everyone else is ready if he does go out there. That is the biggest thing for me, seeing him being a leader out there and making sure everyone else is ready because a lot of people have to learn this new offense, the freshman that just came in this year, they have ways to go like Myles Brennan, and just seeing his passion and energy means much more to him.”