



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

Senior Defensive Lineman Kendal Vickers

On the level of angst on not getting to Atlanta in December...

"Anytime you don't go to Atlanta, we have such high expectations for ourselves and not just from outside people. It's disappointing, but you can't look past and say 'What if?' you got to look forward and right those wrongs. We've been working hard this offseason, so we're just going to go out July 30 and get camp started and try to right wrongs from last season."

On the feelings about Coach Jones possibly being on the hot seat...

"It's a little disrespectful. When I got here, we were 5-7 and I was redshirted. Things were bad. For us to win three straight bowl games, us being 9-4, we haven't won every game and we go out there to win every game. He's changed this program so much, and he's done everything he's possibly been able to do to change the culture at Tennessee. So, yeah I think it's a little bit disrespectful, but we don't worry about that in the locker room."

On how many players last year went down with injury...

"It got crazy. Guy after guy after guy were going down, but it's football. It's just next man up. We kind of learned last year that no matter what the situation, the guys have to step up. It helped us build our culture for this year. Our guys are coming back healthy. We have a lot of depth at all positions, and that helped us for going on to the future."

On who the best defensive lineman is on the team...

"It's me. I'll tell them that myself, though. It's mine. I'll make sure to let them know about that. We have camp on July 30, so."