



2017 SEC Football Media Days Mississippi State Player Quotes Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Senior Linebacker Dez Harris

On being at SEC Media Days...

"It's a huge blessing. I grew up right down the street, and I always saw guys coming to this and being on SEC Network, so it is a blessing to be here. I've always dreamed of playing in the SEC, so being able to come back to Birmingham to represent my town and school is a blessing."

On Nick Fitzgerald...

"It's fun. Nick and I go at it every day. He always has something to say to me and I will always have something to say back. We love to go out and work hard at practice. Dak and Nick are both great players; they both have their own style. Dak has always been one of the greatest leaders I have ever met, and Nick is working his way into that role. They both have their positive traits."

On adjusting to a new defensive coordinator...

"It is always a little difficult at first not knowing what he expects and trying to figure out what he wants from defense, but at the same time – defense is defense. Every guy that comes in will have his own plays. We are still defense and we go out to execute every day."

On his suit selection...

"My mom and my best friend helped me pick this out. My mom went running all over the city trying to find me a suit with the color. I ended up getting this from Belk, and I appreciate their help."

On preparations for playing LSU this season...

"We prepared all week to come out, run plays, and play the game. LSU will always have a good running game, so we will just have to focus, lock in, and stop them in order to win the game."

On season preparation after knee injuries...

"I try to prepare myself the same way every week. I really don't worry about my knee. I trust that each doctor that has operated on me every time, so that is really not a thought in my mind anymore; I just focus on coming out and winning a game. My family has been behind me the whole time and I just stay prayed up about the situation. My mom and my sister have always had my back. It's been a hard road getting here but at the same time I wouldn't change anything about it because all of those setbacks made me who I am today."