

2017 SEC Football Media Days Alabama Player Quotes

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Senior Wide Receiver Calvin Ridley

On what is different about this Alabama team...

"I've been around two teams, one a championship and one not. Coach Saban preaches leadership, and the leadership on this team is pretty good. We have some guys who are buying in right away, and now we have to get the younger guys to buy in and we will be a good team."

On the motivation for this season following the championship loss to Clemson...

"We definitely need that [the motivation]. When you lose a big game like that, you definitely come into the next season with a chip on your shoulder. We're very excited to get out there. All our guys that did play in that game are really hungry to get back out there and play and show the world that we are one of the top teams in the nation."

On the differences people will see in the offense this year...

"Pretty much you're gonna see some of the same things from last year. I really think Coach Saban brought in one of the best guys for us. It's going to be a real good season for us on offense. We're going to be a lot better."

On what Georgia fans can expect from his brother, Riley Ridley...

"I just wanted my brother to go somewhere he felt comfortable and just be able to play real well. I expect him to have a really great season, win the Heisman or something, do something real great. I don't really care. I just want him to play real well."

On what his production needs to be this year...

"I know I gotta do better this year for my team and offense so we can get to where we want to be."

On whether Jalen Hurts gets the respect he deserves...

"I really don't see too many people disrespecting him. He did very, very well for a freshman. He's improving every day and he's one of those guys who works really hard to be better. He gets the respect, but there are some people out there who don't respect him, but they should."

On how much the Florida State game means to him because he is from Florida...

"I'm really looking forward to that game. I liked Florida State when I was coming out of high school, and I know a lot of guys over there. I'm just real excited to get a chance to get back out there and compete against one of the best teams in the nation."