



2017 SEC Football Media Days Auburn Player Quotes Thursday, July 13, 2017

Senior Defensive Back Tray Matthews

On the emotional impact of transferring from Georgia to Auburn...

“The last couple of years have been the most amazing years of my life. I bounced back. I’ve met great friends. I’ve met so many great people in Auburn. It’s unbelievable. The teachers and custodians are even nice. They’re the greatest people you’ll ever meet. It’s been an honor to come to Auburn because they blessed me with a lot. I’ve earned my degree. I’m actually working on my master’s degree now, so everything has worked out perfectly.”

On playing through lingering injuries...

“This past year showed exactly what I can do when I’m healthy. I’m in the same system with Coach Steele, and I feel like I’m going to have a blast this year. I should be healthy once again. Carlton (Davis) went through a lot of adversity, and I know exactly where he’s coming from. I was there mentoring him the whole way because I know the feeling of being hurt, having lingering injuries and not being able to go full speed even though you want to. You want to be out there with your teammates. You’re sacrificing your body just to be there, but you’re not playing up to par. You’re not playing to the best of your ability, but you’re out there because you want to be. He’s in the best shape of his life right now. He’s healthy. Y’all look forward to him having a great season as well.”

On the importance of the South’s Oldest Rivalry...

“It’s very important to me. Winning that game would be a great way to go out and finish things at Auburn. I’m looking forward to it. We have high expectations, so we’ll see.”