



## 2017 SEC Football Media Days Ole Miss Player Quotes Thursday, July 13, 2017

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### **Junior Offensive Lineman Javon Patterson**

*On being back as a second-year starter and the large amount of returners with him on the offensive line...*

"Our offensive line is really a strong part of our team. We are like the leaders around here. We have a special time and we truly all gel together, and we really put emphasis on the run game. We are making some big things happen for this offense, and I am excited about that. These boys are my brothers, and we are just trying to make a name for the Ole Miss offensive line."

*On his health with recently being cleared...*

"I am feeling really good. A doctor cleared me yesterday and I am excited. It is a blessing to be here. It was tough but the adversity makes us stronger and I am excited to get this season started."

*On progression of quarterback through end of last season and into the spring and summer...*

"I've seen a lot of progression. Everyone saw what he could do against Texas A&M and we had a little downfall with the other games, but he has potential. He is a great kid and a great worker. He is a gym rat and he is the first one in and last one to leave. He has really been using his potential, and I look forward to seeing him bring that to the fall."

*On the team responding to all the stuff surrounding Ole Miss...*

"We don't pay attention to anything like that. We are a brotherhood and we pay attention to our brothers. We have something special here, and I am excited about our team. We go out there every day at 6:30 to work out and then again at 4:00. Things like that really build our team and our culture. Things like that make us special."

*On starting every game on the offensive line last year and preference between center and guard...*

"I don't really have a preference. I am just here to help the team. Starting every game didn't really give me a sense of pride as much as it was a humbling experience. Not everybody gets that chance. Being an SEC offensive lineman, you take a lot of hits from big and freakish players. It is hectic out there. It is just a blessing to be put in a position, and I am blessed to be here."