



2017 SEC Football Media Days South Carolina Player Quotes Thursday, July 13, 2017

Sophomore Quarterback Jake Bentley

On being a leader as a sophomore...

“I don’t think leadership is something you learn, it’s more you’re born to be a leader, whether or not you’re supposed to be a vocal leader. I just go there to work every day, and I’ve always been taught to expect the best from everyone and for everyone to expect the best out of me. Guys see me work as hard as I can, and I see the same thing out of them.”

On being sacked so much last season...

“I definitely think about it from a protection standpoint, but many of the sacks last year were on the quarterbacks. Sometimes the offensive line play wasn’t the best, but we could’ve done better getting the ball out faster or changing protection, so definitely in that area. We can do a much better job with the offensive line setting up their game this spring. That would be the biggest area I would think about improving next season.”

On enrolling early last year...

“I’ve gotten more comfortable with everything, from the way classes work to the workouts in the morning. Everything has become more of a routine now. It’s all more comfortable, more comfortable in our offense, just trying to get better every day because at the end of the day that’s all we can do.”

On possibly not finding a comfort level yet...

“You’re always learning and every quarterback is trying to get better. So I’ll never be in a comfort zone because there is always more to learn, more of the defense to study up on. But I’ll just have more experience with environments on the road and it will be good for me this year.”