



2022 SEC Football Media Days

Georgia Player Quotes

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Senior Outside Linebacker Nolan Smith

On the defense after losing eight starters...

"I see a bunch of young guys that fly around and are just excited to learn football. Excited to be under Coach Smart. He spent 10-12 years at Alabama, being a great defensive coordinator. I think that is the ultimate reason why I came back, to learn from him and take every day in one step at a time. Be where your feet are."

On staying focused coming off the National Championship...

"Humility. That is one of the big things that we took last year to move a step forward. Connect with your brother and be humble. Don't have an ego. That's another thing here, the past is your ego. We can't control last year. We can't do anything on last year. We can only look forward. Be where our feet are at, and that's now."

On the credit of the team's buy in...

"The buy in is key. Once you have a bunch of guys that buy in and start pulling the rope in the same direction – as we say metaphorically – you get a lot of guys that want to pull that rope in that same direction. You get guys telling people, 'Hey man, that's not right. This is the way to do things. This is the way we do things at Georgia.'"