



2022 SEC Football Media Days

Mississippi State Player Quotes

Tuesday, July 19

Redshirt Senior Linebacker Nathaniel Watson

On being selected to represent Mississippi State at media days...

"It's an honor to represent Mississippi State at media days. Growing up as a kid and seeing it on TV every year made me wonder when I would get my chance, and it's a blessing."

On team improvements from the 2021 season to the 2022 season...

"Just less points on the board for the opponent. We practice being very physical, keeping teams out of the endzone. That is our philosophy on defense, and we are going to try to stop our opponent on every chance we get. It comes from hard work. Coach [Matt] Brock puts us through a lot of tough runs, tough weights, and nobody quits. We just always need to work on being tough and never giving up."

On victory at Auburn last season...

"We just kept on believing in each other. I remember our defensive backs coach [Darcel] McBath coming to me about the third quarter saying, "we are going to win this." He just kept on repeating it. We started coming back, and we just kept going and found a way to win."

On his excitement about this upcoming season...

"I am just ready to see our guys compete at another level this year. We have been working really hard this offseason, and I can't wait to start the season with my teammates."