



2017 SEC Football Media Days Mississippi State Player Quotes Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Senior Offensive Lineman Martinas Rankin

On the offensive ground game turning around after the Samford game...

"(It started with) us realizing we needed to finish strong, just going out putting that chip on our shoulder as the offensive line. We went out there knowing we had to put the team on our back going forward."

On the impact of redshirting in 2015...

"It did wonders for me. It was a tough year for me, but I remembered that God didn't make any mistakes and I just had to work hard to bring a lot to the program. It seems to have paid off this past year."

On the relationship between Martinas and Nick Fitzgerald...

"He's a great guy. We have a good relationship between him and the offensive line. He's a guy that I respect a lot and I'm glad to have him on my team."

On not allowing a sack against Texas A&M...

"It was a great day. We all came in with a chip on our shoulder and before the game we all felt good about it. We all thought if we were going to run the ball, we were going to have great success."

On finishing the season with the Egg Bowl and a bowl victory...

It was a great day bringing the Egg Bowl trophy back to Starkville. That was the number one goal for the season. Then getting a bowl game to get the win was great."

On dominating the line of scrimmage against Texas A&M...

"We just had a chip on our shoulder. We just thought we were going to be successful after coach had been teaching and preaching, we left it all on the line."

On Coach Mullen's shoes...

"He always brings swagger so his outfit will match his intensity with the shoes."

On being discussed as a first round draft pick...

"I try not to worry about it at all since it's a long way away. I try to give my heart one day at a time. I just don't worry about the future. I just worry about my senior season and finish strong."