



2017 SEC Football Media Days Vanderbilt Player Quotes Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Junior Quarterback Kyle Shurmur

On his father being a former head coach and now offensive coordinator... what his experience as a coach taught you about being quarterback at an SEC school...

"He has taught me a bunch of things throughout my life and I think the biggest thing is the mental side of the game; how to handle success, adversity, failure and more of the mental aspect opposed to the nitty gritty of football. He is a father first and we have a great relationship."

On making a bowl last year but Vanderbilt searching for more attention or respect... expectations on entering the season...

"I think we are worried about ourselves at this point and winning games. We don't worry as much about the outside. We work hard and we're going to compete and go out trying to win games."

On second half of season particularly Tennessee game... what clicked for you? ...

"I think not only myself but as an offense we all grew as the season went on. I think we saw that growth throughout the year. We saw flashes of that throughout the beginning of the year and we really did some great things. We would like to be more consistent, but I think we can build off of the end of last season. It was really encouraging, and I think we are going to hit the ground running from week one this year."

On leading Vanderbilt at quarterback to first bowl game in a long time...

"It's just great to be a part of the team. We all work so hard and at the end of the day, we all play for each other. I just really like being part of the team, and it is an honor to be quarterback for them. We were all really excited as a team to get bowl eligibility, but we are trying to take that next step."

On relationship with Coach Mason...

"Me and coach love to talk during the week. We really have always been on the same page and we have grown together. His first year was my first year at Vanderbilt, and I think we have grown together, him as my coach and me as a player. He is always trying to put me in the best position possible, and I try to play hard for him every week."