



2017 SEC Football Media Days

Missouri Player Quotes

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Junior Quarterback Drew Lock

On career and main goal this season...

"My main goal is not necessarily the stats, we want to win games at the University of Missouri. To do that I need to be more accurate with the ball. (My) accuracy was not where I wanted it to be, it was okay (last season), and if I do that and take care of the ball, we will win football games."

On winning games at University of Missouri to help change perceptions...

"Missouri is a great place, I love Missouri. I am a home-grown boy. I grew up in Kansas City. I love Columbia, I came to a lot of football games when I was younger. There has been a lot of great leadership put into our facilities now and some may not have acknowledged that before. When we start winning football games and winning the SEC Championship game, I do believe the enrollment will go up."

On numbers put up last year and being an underrated quarterback in SEC...

"Numbers aren't enough, you need to produce to win football games, but I do believe I have all the skills and all the same things everyone else does in this conference to not be up there (among the elite)."

On transition with Coach Pinkel to Coach Odom...

"Yeah, when I chose Missouri, that was the number one thing I wasn't worried about was the coaching staff. I thought Coach Pinkel was going to be there all four years while I was there. When that kind of got thrown into our lives, I think Coach Odom was the best fit for that and kept familiar faces within our organization and within our program. He helped us ease into everything. Coach Odom has definitely changed the vibe I get from head coaches. Coach Pinkel was a middle-of-the-field guy and Coach Odom is more of a hands-on guy and in your face, personal type of coach. I truly enjoy that and he treats us like his kids. I said earlier today that all coaches say, 'I am going to treat you like my son,' but I believe Coach Odom exactly does what is best for everybody."

On expected bigger jump now second going in as a starter...

"Yeah like he said, he expects a bigger jump and so do I. Coming into college, I didn't necessarily know what I was going to do, play quarterback or basketball at Mizzou or Oklahoma or Wichita State. Now, like you said, I had my second offseason, I think what is truly going to ramp up my level of play is to just understand more the level of football. Coach Heupel has been around the game of football and he knows defense in and out and has been drilling me for the past two off seasons and even during the season more about knowing the game of football. I didn't fall in love with the game of football until last year mid-season, where I realized it is truly the best game that there is. And just indulging myself into it rather than just playing it."