



## 2017 SEC Football Media Days Missouri Player Quotes Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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### **Senior Linebacker Eric Beisel**

*On interview before 2016 game vs. Arkansas...*

“Going into that interview, I had no doubt that we were going to win that game. I don't think any outsiders believed we would win the game, so that was really more for show I guess. But that rivalry is always going to be personal. People are always uncomfortable when things get personal, so why don't we just make it personal? They want to come to our house, they want to step on our field, they want to run through the A-gap. Well, you're gonna get hit in the mouth. It's disrespectful to step on the field at the University of Missouri and think you're coming out with a win.”

*On Brett Bielema's reaction to the interview and rivalry with Arkansas...*

“He understood where it came from. We're both extremely competitive. He's a great coach. Hats off to his staff and his team. I have no doubt that they're a great team. It's just that there's a conflict of interest. I want what he has and he wants what I have, and when we step on the field with pads, he puts his army out there and I put my guys out there, things are gonna go down.”

*On confidence shown at SEC Media Day...*

“There's always been a plan. There's been a plan since I was young, and I'm just following that plan. Everything is playing out just how I expected it to... I expected to be here today. That was on the agenda. Some people call me confident, cocky. You can call me arrogant, but you can never call me selfish. I'm here for my team, I'm here for my coaching staff, and I'm here to represent the state of Missouri, how the state of Missouri deserves to be represented.”

*On expectations for upcoming season...*

“I've played for four teams now here, and two of those teams went to the SEC Championship. We've had two down years, but we fully expect to get back to the top. I want to avenge the legacy. We want to attack the line every single rep, one play at a time. We're focused on summer ball right now, but we do have high expectations for this team and for this season... Perfection is the goal, and greatness is the expectation.”



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*On working with marketing team at Missouri...*

"I needed an internship to graduate. I thought, 'What better way than to sell some tickets and get some fans to the game and get them excited?' so, I'm killing two birds with one stone there. I'm getting the hours and credits I need to graduate, and at the same time, I'm getting out there, I'm meeting the fans, I get to meet all the incoming students, the freshmen, (I'm) getting them excited and getting them riled up. They get to come in and see me and touch my beard and get autographs or whatever they want to do. I'm a people person. This is a service industry, but it's an entertainment industry as well, so I'm here to entertain and win some games."