



2017 SEC Football Media Days Auburn Player Quotes Thursday, July 13, 2017

Senior Offensive Lineman Braden Smith

On biggest challenges about going back and forth between guard and tackle...

“The difference with transitioning between guard and tackle for starters, it’s less space in there going against those bigger buys. It’s not as athletic as the defensive end, so basically with tackle you’re dealing with a lot more space and guys that are more athletic, but you’ve got to deal with the transitions between the two in case you ever have to be put in for one or the other.”

On Coach Malzahn’s cooking...

“Coach will sometimes host the team meal, probably twice a semester, and usually one of those times we go out to his house. One time, we had some sausage, brisket, and a lot of other stuff that I don’t even know what it’s called, but it tastes good!”

On integrating deep pass plays into regular blocking as an offensive lineman...

“Basically, you just have to be versatile enough that you’re not a one-sided player. That’s the balance between being gritty and being graceful. That’s just how the game is, you just have to excel at both ends.”

On Jarrett Stidham...

“When you come in, you just have to get a feel for things. He came in pretty early just to kind of get a grip of the offense, and he just kind of slowly took it and made a leadership presence. He was really talking to guys and gaining our trust that way.”

On offensive depth...

“It makes us comfortable knowing that we have that kind of depth. We can plug in any player at any position and we have multiple options. We don’t have to fear that if one guy goes down we don’t have anyone to fill that spot. So definitely having that depth is very key.”