



2022 SEC Football Media Days

Auburn Player Quotes

Thursday July 21

Senior Tight End John Samuel Shenker

On how they have changed the team culture...

“Well, I think that’s also a testament to Coach Harsin and some of the things we went through. Coming from the season last year and all the guys that are coming back. Knowing where Auburn needs to be and where we were, and I think guys are realizing that. With Derrick Hall and Tank [Bigsby] as well knowing we belong at the top. That’s where our push is. People can say what they want, but they’re not in the locker room. They’re not at practice every day. We believe what we’re doing in the offseason has created momentum, positivity, and what we’re ready to do this fall.”

On what could be different about the offense...

“I think it’s a little bit easier this year with [Offensive Coordinator] Eric Kiesau, because they’re on the same page. They’ve been together for a while now. They see that. And now we get it be a part of that. I think with Eric Kiesau there’s a whole different dimension of communication. Allowing all of us to be on same page and pushing towards the same goal. And to be on that same page is really beneficial for our offense. Like Tank said, added run emphasis as well. But I also think it creates better communication with our wide receivers and tight ends.”

On seeing growth at the quarterback spot...

“Yeah, absolutely. It’s a testament of those guys. They work so hard. They’re also in the rooms and talking with the coaches just trying to better themselves. Especially during this quarterback battle. We’ll see that as fall camp starts. This is where all the hard work pays off. We’ll see that battle as it convenes. We’ll see what happens as we push through into the season.”