



2022 SEC Football Media Days South Carolina Player Quotes

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Senior Defensive Lineman Zacch Pickens

On managing expectations for next season...

"We all are trying to get better. Every time we turn around, we choose to get better. There's not one thing we take for granted. That's one thing we are trying to do better than last year. Last year was good, but we are trying to do even better. We are trying to improve every year."

Why he chose South Carolina over Clemson...

"Everyone wanted me to go there since it's like 20 minutes, 25 minutes away. What made me come to South Carolina is everything they got there: nutrition staff, Kristen, the atmosphere, the fans, Willie B. It's amazing, and you don't get that special feeling anywhere else until you witness it, and I'm glad I witnessed it."

How the win at the Duke's Mayo Bowl influenced his return to South Carolina...

"After the bowl game, I had thought about it when we won, but I had to take time at least to think about it for myself. Was it the best decision for me to leave or should I come back and raise my stock and not settle for where I was at?"

Interactions with "Radio" growing up...

"Yes, sir I do. My favorite memory is when he said, 'we go back like four flats on a Cadillac.' That was the best memory I have with him. But he would be at every game. He would never miss a home game. He always broke the banner, and we miss Radio."