

2018 Sun Belt Football Media Day

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Arkansas State Quotes



Head Coach Blake Anderson

Opening Statement:

"Good afternoon. It's been a long day for you guys, not doubt. So, we're winding down. Last one on the podium to finish up Sun Belt Media Day. But hopefully we can get everything you need. Excited about going into year five. We were just talking just a few minutes ago. I think I'm the longest tenured head coach in the league. That's hard to believe. I know five years ago, there were guys in the room who didn't think I'd still be here, but we are. But, I'm excited about going in with this team. Obviously the preseason rankings have come out. There's a lot of excitement around our squad. Just for me personally, five years into it, stability starting to set in, and guys that we've recruited and watched grow up over a four and five-year period. I think it's our most athletic team. One of our most experienced teams. Going in and just excited about what they have the potential to do. Our standards never change. We always expect we need to find a way to win a conference title now. There are obviously the media and other coaches in the league look to us as the favorite in that. But, we've got a long road ahead. All I know right now is that Troy and App State raised the trophy a year ago, and we want to get it back. "

Justin Clifton (Sr., DB)

On predictions of winning the Sun Belt Championship for the upcoming season:

"I think we just approach it how we always approached it, this is also like shocking that it's the first time that we've actually been predicted to win it and with that prediction we still take the same approach day by day, just going in with the same mentality we always had and we kinda last year slipped off and didn't hold up to the standard that we had, so this year we're cracking down getting back to the basics."

Justice Hansen (RSr., QB)

On management of expectations for the season:

"For ourselves we've always had those expectations even if we weren't picked to win the sunbelt, we believed we had the guys in the locker room to do it, now this year kinda some more people on the outside have picked us, but at the same time that doesn't change anything from the locker room, it's really outside guys maybe believing in us more this year, but we've always believed in ourselves, so from that aspect nothing really changes."