## 2018 Sun Belt Football Media Day

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# South Alabama Quotes



#### **Head Coach Steve Campbell**

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We're very excited about this upcoming season looking forward to getting going I really like this year's football team we've been in Mobile for seven months now and the thing I like is each phase that this group has attacked. They've done a tremendous job of attacking it with a great attitude and a tremendous work ethic. We challenged the guys in the spring semester number one let's win in the classroom and the guys responded with an outstanding semester in the classroom had the highest GPA that we've had in five years. We counted that as victory number one. We challenged them to get stronger in the weight room. We had a large number of guys the biggest number of bench press over 400 pounds clean over 315 pounds. We got stronger in the weight room. We did a great job in the classroom, then we attacked the spring training phase. We had 15 practices and we used all 15 of them to make improvements. Then the guys really hit the program hard during summer workouts and have attacked it in a very positive manner and have made a lot of progress. I really like this year's football team. Got a good mix of some experience coming back and a lot of positions, some key positions, and then we got some new and inexperienced but a lot of talent coming back at the positions where we're not so experienced. I really like the mix of the older guys with the younger guys. It's a fun group to work with it's a hungry group."

## Bull Barge (Sr., LB)

# On skipping 11-12-year-old pee-wee football to play sixth grade football:

"Pee-wee ball for us goes up to 11 and 12 years old. But when I turned 11, I was going to the sixth grade, so I skipped 11 and 12 year olds, and I went to play sixth grade because they felt like pee-wee ball was beneath me. I was in sixth grade playing on the seventh grade team, so they felt like I was ready."

### Jamarius Way (Sr., WR)

On there being a significant difference between USA and the rest of the teams in the Sun Belt:

"Not really. I feel like every team in the Sun Belt is doing their own little thing, upgrading."