

2019 SOUTH CAROLINA SPRING GAME

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>>> SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER QUOTES

Jake Bentley • QB • Senior

On only playing a few series...

“Yeah, it wasn’t bad. I feel like I really didn’t set in until the end, but it was good to get out there and lay out what we’ve been working on all spring. It was good to get a lot of the young quarterbacks reps.”

On the development of the run game...

“It’s getting a lot better. As the running backs continue to compete and find that guy, it’s going to make the run game so much better, because they are going to have a better relationship with the offensive linemen. The linemen, they get after it. We have some good defensive linemen too. It is always a battle in there, and I’m proud of the guys the way they’ve worked in the spring, as far as trying to establish a really good run game.”

On Jay Urich’s performance and the move to wide receiver...

“Honestly it reminds me a lot of what Bailey [Hart] did. It speaks a lot about the type of guy he is. Not one time did it get him down, he just really wanted to help the team. Jay [Urich] is just one of the best guys on the team, as far as just being a consistent guy. It really just speaks a lot of his character being able to do that. He just showed out today and looked good.”

Bailey Hart • WR • Junior

On the toughest part of moving from quarterback to wide receiver...

“The toughest part is the physicality of it. It’s a ton of different than taking a bunch of three-step drops every day. You’re running routes, blocking guys and being really physical. That’s been the toughest part for me, just getting used to that, getting my body used to that.”

On if he talked to Jay Urich about playing wide receiver...

“Not really. It was really quick. I think he only had about two practices where he started to get reps. He did a good job today, obviously. We’re really happy for him.”

On Parker White being awarded a scholarship before halftime...

“That was awesome. Just seeing how hard he’s worked, from his freshman year. Not many people know how he was at the indoor every day and was kicking every day when he wasn’t even on the team. Seeing that work ethic pay off for him was really cool.”

Parker White • PK • Junior

On whether he knew about his scholarship offer...

“I knew at one point they were thinking about using their last remaining one on me. I wasn’t sure if it was going to be in practice, during the summer or in the fall camp. I had no clue when it was going to be. When I did that last kick of the game I had a feeling, but I decided to not overthink it and just kick the ball.”

On how special he felt being told about his scholarship at the spring game...

“I would first like to thank God, my coaches and my family for allowing it to happen. Specifically, my parents and grandparents for helping me get through school until this point. Having my parents come out on the field and all of my teammates surrounding me was definitely really special in front of the best fans in the country.”

Donell Stanley • OL • RS Senior

On his opinion of the offense today and through the spring...

“The biggest thing we want to do is stay consistent. We started out a little sluggish in offense as a whole but as the game went on, we had guys make plays and do what they needed to do.

On the challenges for an offensive team having quarterbacks with different skillsets...

“I wouldn’t say it’s a challenge. It’s more of a privilege. You have guys that can run, you have guys that can throw. Either way it’s a win-win situation. So, we look at it as helping us instead of challenging us.”

Jay Urich • QB • Sophomore

On his mindset when asked to play receiver...

“I just want to help the team the best way I can. Whatever coach wants, whatever this organization needs me to do, I’m going to do it.”

A.J. Turner • RB • Senior

On his comfort level with the defense and the role he is playing

“Having the ability to be able to play both sides, I’m definitely grateful for it because not a lot of people are able to do it. Not a lot of people can say that they have done it. So, knowing that Coach Muschamp trusts me that much feels really good.”

Jamyest Williams • DB • JR

On what he has learned during spring practice, especially after getting injured towards the end of last season...

“Just the mental part of the game, you know just recognizing the little things. Recognizing the little things that I was messing up in the season, correcting them, playing a lot faster and helping out my teammates more.”

Dakereon Joyner • QB • FR

When you see a guy like Parker White get put on scholarship, what does that mean to you and some of the other guys?

“It makes me very excited because I know what kind of work he puts in. I know how hard he works. I’m proud of him.”

How would you assess your play today?

“I think I played alright. My teammates helped me just boosting my confidence throughout the whole spring and allowing me just to play my game. As a whole, as an offense, I think we played pretty solid.”

What has your first year been like on campus?

“It’s been up and down because of some things I didn’t really expect. I enjoyed every second of it. Everything happens for a reason.”

Where are you as a player right now as opposed to this time last year?

“I think first and foremost I’m a more comfortable player. I got my head in the playbook. I got on film and really got into what coach (Dan Werner I assume?) was trying to teach me. I think this time, this year compared to last year, I’m more coachable than I’ve ever been. I have great coaches around me, and I appreciate all my coaches and all my teammates.”

On your touchdown pass to Jay Urich, what did you see from him?

“Explosiveness – that’s the fastest guy. I think he’s one of the top-three fastest guys on the team. Just to see me throw the ball to him and just to see his excitement – if you go back and watch the film I was right behind him. I’m just as excited for him as he is for himself. He’s one of the hardest working guys I’ve ever been around. We work together in the weight room, and we run right next to each other whenever we train. I love that guy to death, and I’m so happy for him.”