

**MSU Player Quotes**  
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**MARIO KEGLER, FR, G**

***On learning how to play the power forward position ...***

"I would say that I am more comfortable at the [small forward position] because I've been playing that position my whole life. But I am getting the hang of playing [power forward] and that's coming along well."

***On how his offensive skills make him a mismatch ...***

"Power forwards aren't known for being able to move that quickly, side-to-side, so every chance I get I am going to take them away from the basket."

***On the chemistry of this year's team ...***

"All of us get along. We have a bond that no one else has. Everybody plays, and everybody is competitive. We all just want to win. I played on a team last year that had a great bond because we were always together. I think chemistry is huge part of success."

**I.J. READY, SR, G**

***On being the only senior on the team ...***

"I've pretty much improved in every aspect, especially being a leader. Last year we had guys that were seniors on the team, but this year I'm the lone senior. The big thing for me is being a leader, knowing the game and trying to help the younger guys. I want to be able to give them my knowledge to help them the whole year."

***On what he has improved on during the offseason ...***

"I've learned that I need to take care of my body. I've worked on my leadership, my shooting and my defense. I started off last year trying to focus on offense, but offense is the easiest to learn. On defense, you have to control what's going on. So I've just been focused on defense. I know that I have to set the tone defensively every day in practice. I think that's probably been my biggest area of improvement."

***On how the Bulldogs are improving their rebounding skills ...***

"We do 100 box out drills. Box out, box out, box out. If we don't box out, we run. And nobody on the team likes running. So pretty much everybody boxes out. Boxing out is a big thing for us because we're a small team and a young team. There are always consequences for not boxing out."

**QUINNDARY WEATHERSPOON, SO, G**

***On avoiding a sophomore slump ...***

"I have to stay in the gym each and every night, like I was my freshman year, so I won't hit that sophomore slump. I'll just keep working and playing as hard as I can. Even if I'm not playing good on offense that night, I'll play defense as hard as I can. I'm just trying to play hard each and every night for my team until we get a win."

***On extra practice ...***

"I try to get in here at least three times a week at night with one of the GAs. Since we added the morning shooting in, I still try to come in the same three nights that we have the morning shoots. I'm

just trying to get a lot of reps in because I am going to need them because the whole defense is planning for me, and I have to make shots for the team so we can win.”

***On his expectations for his shooting percentage this season ...***

“For the game this year I’m going to try to have 42 percent from three. I’m going to try to stay around 50 percent inside two and 90 percent from the free throw line.”

**TYSON CARTER, FR, G**

***On the team’s chemistry ...***

“I think we bonded pretty well. Ever since we got here, we’ve been really close. We took the Italy trip, we all got a little closer and the chemistry got better. The chemistry is going to be real between the freshman and all of us.”

***On adopting to the college game ...***

“It’s not really a shock. I knew it would be a lot different between college and high school, but I guess that’s what practice is for. Practice is pretty hard in college, and you get used to practicing. The game will come easier.”

***On learning from the veterans ...***

“They are teaching us what it takes to win because we don’t know yet. We haven’t played in the SEC yet. We don’t really know what is expected from us, and we haven’t really seen it yet. They are telling us that we can’t take plays off and to bring the energy every day.”