

# Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl: Ole Miss vs Penn State

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Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

**Penn State Nittany Lions**

**Daequan Hardy**

Quick Quotes

**Q. What do you think it looks like for Penn State's season when you guys are all locked in?**

DAEQUAN HARDY: It won't look any different. It will be just be a couple guys aren't playing in the game, so we've got a couple of young guys stepping into roles which can lead into next year's success.

**Q. Younger guys to watch that will have bigger roles next season?**

DAEQUAN HARDY: We've got Zion Tracy, King Mack, Elliot Washington. We've got some younger D-ends playing, Zuriah Fisher and Amin Vanover. That's pretty much on the defensive side.

**Q. What is it about those three defensive backs that have allowed them to have success; King, Elliot, and Zion?**

DAEQUAN HARDY: Just their work ethic. They come in and ready to work every day. They give it their all. They come out to the field and put in the work and trying to get better.

**Q. What's your experience been like since you've been here? It feels like you guys have multiple events every day, stuff that you're going to, like the Battle For Bowl Week and just things like that. How has it been to experience all the activities?**

DAEQUAN HARDY: It's been cool. We went to the College Football Hall of Fame yesterday, which is pretty unique to see. It's kind of the holidays, so there's not too much going on in the city. But it's been cool being down here just to relax and get away from State College.

**Q. How do you stay focused on practicing and preparing for the game while also just trying to have**



**fun and enjoy the end of your time?**

DAEQUAN HARDY: I think you've got to know how, when it's time to work, it's time to work. When it's time to have fun, it's time to have fun.

I think as an overall team, we do a good job of flipping the switch of when it's time to have fun, it's time to have fun. When it's time to work, cut it out and get to the work.

**Q. What's it been like practicing in Mercedes Benz Stadium?**

DAEQUAN HARDY: It's definitely a cool stadium. I've only been in like three NFL stadiums, but it's definitely a cool stadium. I like it a lot. Just had to get adjusted to the lighting. It will be fun to play in there for sure.

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