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The 2018 Atlantic Coast Conference football rankings are out and the Syracuse Orange are predicted to be last. As N-C-C News' Kayla Burton tells us what one veteran player has to say about the teams' status.

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Redshirt junior running back Otto Zaccardo is caught off guard by the ACC's Kickoff media rankings for the upcoming season. He is surprised the team is ranked last place considering the returning players they have-- guys like senior quarterback Eric Dungey and senior offensive lineman Cody Conway.

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<" I'm a little shocked...I mean we've knocked out a top twenty-five team each year since Babers has been here ...It doesn't really make sense, especially if you're projecting for this next year when we have all of our pieces returning, it's a little surprising. ">

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Zaccardo says a big game-changer for them this year that they lacked last season-- is their maturity.

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< "I think a big thing this year is going to be that our O-line has finally matured. And you can tell our player-practices over the summer, it's like a different team.">

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On behalf of the team Zaccardo believes there isn't a doubt in their minds they can't win the ACC Conference this year. He says if anything, being ranked the lowest only triggers more motivation.

The Syracuse Orange heads into summer training camp starting next week to prepare for their first game against the Western Michigan Broncos on August thirty-first.

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