

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
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SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE

It was the best of nights, it was the worst of nights.

It was a win that the Dawgmeister considered beautiful, it was a win that the Scowlmeister considered ugly.

It was Terry Godwin making one incredible TD catch, it was Mecole Hardman dropping one.

It was an offensive line that opened gaping holes, it was an offensive line that did not.

It was Rodrigo Scholarship hitting a game-winner, it was Rodrigo Scholarship slicing an easy one.

It was Jake "Le Grande Frommage" Fromm playing like a senior, it was Jake "Le Grande Frommage" playing like a freshman.

It was Chubb and Michel blasting long gainers, it was Chubb and Michel getting hit in the backfield.

It was a night of precision, it was a night of penalties.

It was Dom Sanders talking trash before the game, it was Dom Sanders backing it up all night.

It was dark in South Bend, it became a light show in the fourth quarter.

It was a night when the media focused on the freshman QB, the rare trip north for UGA, and the mystique of Notre Dame, it was a night when the game was won by a ferocious defense that played with speed and fury on every snap.

It was a stadium so full of red that I thought I'd accidentally tuned into our game with Georgia Tech.

It was a defense that Kirby Smart refused to take credit for coming off the field, deferring all acclaim to Mel Tucker.

It was a hell of a night to be a Georgia Bulldog.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ It was nice to see Elijah Holyfield in the return game after seeming to have dropped off the face of our flat earth. He looked strong and fast back there. He might have trouble rising too far up the depth chart without 4 other guys getting injured, but I'm glad he's found a way to contribute.
- ☞ Did anyone notice that, after nearly getting blanked vs. App State, WRs were our top four receivers on Saturday? Our passing game is terrifying absolutely nobody right now, but it's a sign of life in an area that many had begun to wonder about.
- ☞ Can Roquan Smith cover a field, or what? Carter and Bellamy deservedly got a lot of credit for the W, but Smith, that cat can run.
- ☞ We didn't hear LeCounte's name called much, but I think that's because the front seven rarely let a player get past the line of scrimmage.
- ☞ Next time our punter gets introduced between the hedges, I suspect he'll get one big round of applause. Punter is the area of greatest upgrade from last year to this. And he should help out our GPA, too.
- ☞ Much has been made of Jake Fromm's maturity and poise. I'm all in on those qualities, but what I find so impressive is how quick his hands are. I don't want to get into Fromm/Eason comparisons too much, but Eason is one long dude and it takes him a little while to get all his body parts moving together. Fromm's much more compact and really facile in his ballhandling and in the quick passing game.

I think that's one of his greatest strengths: He gets the play in gear fast and doesn't wait for the defense to adjust.

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

Kelin Johnson came to UGA from Mainland, FL to play in the defensive backfield. Although he was not an elite recruit, he ended up starting and logging a lot of minutes. As a freshman, Kelin was awarded the Defensive Newcomer of the Year Award and Unknown Soldier Award, given to players who unselfishly sacrifice to prepare the team for each game; and earned a Robert P. "Yank" Ludwig Football Scholarship. Kelin was named, during his time at UGA, as a Coca Cola Community All American and was one of 11 players nationwide named to the American Football Coaches Association 2007 Good Works Team, which honors players for their community service. Kelin's good works included volunteering for HERO for a Day activities, which seek to improve the quality of life of children affected by HIV/AIDS, working with children with disabilities through Camp Wellsprings and Project REACH, mentoring at the Boys and Girls Clubs' of Athens, volunteering in Athens with Habitat for Humanity, and doing a lot of public speaking on behalf of community organizations. Not blessed with NFL talent, but possessing an outgoing personality and sharp wit, he was destined for other things. After graduating in 2007 with a degree in speech communication, he went into broadcasting, doing sports reporting for 680 The Fan, and later for GPS, where he could be heard calling state playoff games in December. He wanted closer contact to the game, however, and in 2014 became a graduate assistant for Mark Richt's coaching staff. He then shifted to strength and conditioning, and followed Coach Richt to Miami where he is now the Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning for the Hurricanes' football program. He represents the **G** about as well as a man could, and it's great to see him continuing his work in his home state following his career between the hedges.



THE FORECAST DAWGS VS. SAMFORD

One last leisurely day at the stadium before the season starts in earnest. Time to get the timing down better on offense while the D continues to dominate, as long as we don't turn the ball over in our own half of the field. Dawgs romp and the fans go home happy: UGA 42, Samford 0.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: LOUISVILLE OVER CLEMSON

One big game. Louisville looked fabulous on offense on Saturday, Clemson was stultifying on defense. But I didn't see Lamar Jackson playing QB for Auburn. This guy is just too good, and I'm going to take him to take down the Tigers. I might hate Bobby Petrino, but that doesn't mean I bet against him. But I don't bet anyhow, so who cares? Louisville, 31-24.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: MIAMI OVER FLORIDA STATE

Of course, that's assuming that there's a stadium available to play this game in. Got to go with that old Dawg in Miami, just because he's a better man than anybody on the staff that gave him his start in coaching. Hurricanes, as if we need another.....Miami, 27-24.

Note: my forecasts are off to an extremely slow start this season, other than UGA games, so don't wager your money on anything I say.