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DAWGS DOMINATE PESTILENT HIVE OF HUBRIS**

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Another packed house for Game Day on the Flats

“Anytime Dolly’s gonna be around it certainly adds pressure, absolutely. For Tennesseans, that’s, you know, one that everybody will enjoy seeing.” ~Josh Heupel, mid-week

“What position does she play?” ~Little Woolly

The pattern this season has been for UGA to win the coin toss, choose to kick off, and then allow the opponent to put together a scoring drive to put the Dawgs in a 7-0 hole. On Saturday, they decided to simply spot Tennessee a score, and then go about the business of demolishing them in every aspect of the game.

Carson Beck has spent the season successfully blowing away “Yeah, but....” doubters. He was great in the spring game, but they said, “Yeah, but can he win when the games count?” With early teams on the schedule that provided little opposition, they asked, “Yeah, but can he play from behind?” Yes, again and again and again. After he won a few, they said, “Yeah, but can he beat SEC competition?” Yep, he could do that too. But then they asked, “Yeah, but he’s been playing low-tier teams. Can he beat ranked opponents?” Just ask those opponents. Most recently, it’s been, “Yeah, but can he go into Neyland Stadium and call a flawless game in one of the nation’s biggest and loudest venues?” Check that box too, and add that afterwards Carson Beck concluded that “Auburn was louder,” although probably not on Saturday. And now comes the ultimate: “Yeah, but can he beat Alabama?” We’ll know soon. [Richard Johnson of Sports Illustrated](#) now deems Carson Beck to be “a certified good quarterback.” Yeah, but is that good enough for a championship? I guess we’ll know that before long as well.

The pregame analysis in the booth included Gary Danielson’s assessment that in order for Tennessee to win, Joe Milton would need to play at the top of his game, the OL and RBs needed to dominate the line of scrimmage, the kicking game needed to capitalize on every opportunity, and the defense needed to control the line and smother Beck’s targets. That strategy worked for one play. After that, it was all Dawgs. Later Josh Heupel allowed that “Today was not our best football.” To which I say, Nada de caca, Sherlocka.

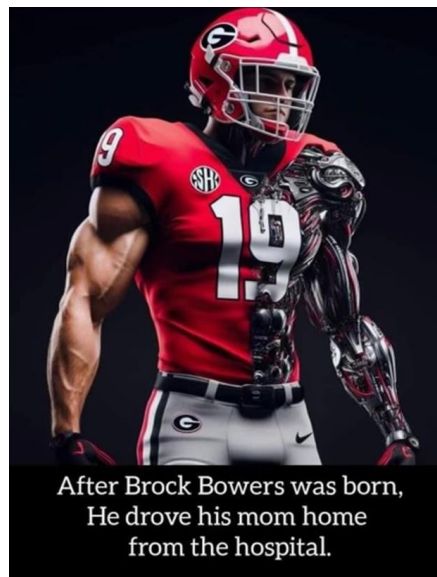
Who would have thought that McConkey, Lovett, and Thomas would combine for 2 catches for 27 yards, and it wouldn’t even matter? That Edwards and Milton would combine for 100 yards, and that reserves would finish out the game in a near-empty stadium? That after the first spectacular TD run by Tennessee, the Vols would total 55 yards on the ground, with Jaylen Wright carrying 8 times for 15 yards as the bell cow of the UT backfield? That sixth-year QB and pro prospect Joe Milton would end up with a QBR of 32.5 to Beck’s 93.1? That, at 7-4, UT is living Steve Spurrier’s dream of playing in the Citrus Bowl? That Bear Alexander would record 6 tackles and still play for a big loser? Oh, sorry. Wrong game.

And now, in the middle of the Weekend Forecast, we pause for an on-air interview with Dolly Parton so she can pitch her new album. She was Tennessee’s biggest threat all day, and to the programming’s producers, evidently more important than that silly football game.

One of the stats that broadcasters have been posting lately is Kirby Smart's overall record as UGA coach, now standing at 92-15 (.86 winning %), with 8-2 in bowl games that include playoff teams. What they consistently overlook is that he was 8-5 in his first year. Since then, he's been 84-10 (.89 winning %) and is heading toward a national record winning streak, with Georgia Tech the next obstacle.

We've been hearing about Josh Heupel's high-powered offense ever since he took the bus up from UCF and brought rapid-fire playcalling to Knoxville. It got them 3 points after their opening TD run, which was not a consequence of a fast-paced offense. Meanwhile, Kirby Smart keeps showing that all that glitters is not the glitterati. The Dawgs just play tough, smart, disciplined, connected football without many gimmicks, just well-repped execution and great game preparation. After the Tech game, things get serious: Alabama, and then what we hope is a shot at the title. It's what we had high hopes for back in August, while everybody else was picking someone else to knock us off; and look where we are now. I can't wait to see where we stand in two weeks.

But first, as Coach Smart says, we've got Georgia Tech, now bowl-bound and believing in themselves. They'll take this game seriously and will intend to win it. I'm counting on the Dawgs to put them in their place and head back to ATL 12-0 and ready for the postseason.



SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: What did UGA fan favorite Mike Griffith of the AJC DawgNation staff say about Texas and Steve Sarkisian at the conclusion of spring practice?

1. "offensive genius Steve Sarkisian"
2. "The Longhorns weren't able to score an offensive touchdown in their home game with TCU last season—a defense that Georgia shredded for 65 points even after pulling starters at the beginning of the fourth quarter."

3. “Manning was 5-of-13 passing for 30 yards. . . . it wouldn’t not be surprising if Manning is one day under center against the Georgia football program . . . if Sarkisian can get the Longhorns on track after essentially winning half his games the first two seasons in Austin (13-12 overall and 9-9 in Big 12 play).”
4. “Texas, with its unmatched financial resources and giant in-state recruiting base, is headed for the SEC as college football’s most noted sleeping giant.”

Answer: All of the above.

Bonus coverage: Here is [one ranking of the top offensive minds](#) in college football prior to the 2022 season.

Question: How far up his own ass is the person who compiled this list?

Answer: So far that his head is coming out his own mouth.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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DAWG DOOTS

- ATM Machine University has released its wish list of candidates to replace Jimbo Fisher. The top tier of targets includes Urban Meyer, Jon Gruden, Jim Tressel, Nick Saban, The Scowlmeister, Bill Belichick, Heather Dinich, Mel Tucker,

George Santos, Bobby Petrino, Jim Harbaugh, Vladimir Putin, Deion Sanders, Elon Musk, Barry Switzer, Kim Mulkey, and Coach Knute “Bear” Lombardi.

- ☞ Mississippi State, operating with fewer resources, is targeting one candidate for its new opening: Rush Propst.
- ☞ It’s worth noting at this point that while SEC programs tend to go for the glamor hires like Hugh Freeze and Jimbo Fisher, New Mexico State went with Jerry Kill—who lives a precarious life fighting off epileptic seizures—and, after being the nation’s doormat since the beginning of time, is 9-3 after blowing out Auburn and heading to the Conference USA championship game.
- ☞ Internet link still looking for its first click: [How to Watch Syracuse at Georgia Tech](#)

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

Jamon Dumas-Johnson was one of those Covid-era athletes whose senior season at Saint Frances Academy in Baltimore was eliminated during the shutdown. He was nonetheless among those featured on the [HBO documentary The Cost of Winning](#). 247 rated him as the nation’s #198 recruit overall and #22 linebacker with Day 3 draft potential. No doubt those ratings have since been revised. As a freshman, #10 was the first LB on the field following the three upper classmen who went early in the NFL draft after the season, and fans were wondering, Who is this guy? He was everywhere, known as “Pop” based on a childhood nickname bestowed by his mother, but a name easily adapted to the way he plays football. His freshman season, Nolan Smith said, “Every time he’s out there, you actually see a pop. Literally he goes in there for two plays, he gets the ball out. He went in for three plays against UAB. He caught a pick-six, ran it back. He gets forced fumbles and sacks within seconds. I love him.” Another elder statesman, Chris Smith, noted that even as a freshman on a historically great defense, “He probably gets the most shots on ball than probably anybody, I want to say. Like I say, he wants that ball no matter what. He’s keeping that in my mind. To see a guy that young, have that kind of mindset about the ball, the ball, it’s definitely exciting to see.” By his sophomore year Jamon was established as the main man in the linebacker corps, ultimately being named a Butkus Award finalist ahead of the 21 guys ranked ahead of him in his graduating class. He got this notice without the raging statistics that often drive player evaluations, instead gaining distinction for quarterbacking a ferocious defense and being the primary communicator. That ability to coordinate 11 men into a unit led him to say, “It’s a lot of communication [that] goes on, because teams know that if you line straight-up it ain’t gonna be good for them. So they try to get us to communicate, motion out, motion in. Just try to see if we can communicate.” The orchestrator of a sophisticated defense needs to be intelligent and prepared as well as athletic. What Jamon packs between his ears has plenty of Pop. He is pursuing a Public Health major with support from a William J. MacKenna Football Scholarship. No doubt his work in public health will have to wait while he completes his football career. He’s got all the tools to make it work, no matter where he goes.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. GEORGIA TECH

Time to wrap this thing up and get hunkered down for the SEC championship game. The wee stadium in Atlanta will once again be filled with fans in red and black. GT has improved by adding Buster Faulkner, Dom Blaylock, and Bret Seither to their offense, but that won't be enough to make this game competitive. In addition to Seither, they've gone to the portal to reel in former Princeton OG Connor Scaglione, who has become their OL anchor for the season. Rumor has it that he's done wonders for their SAT and GPA average, and also is their [most gigantic starting OL](#) at 315 pounds.

The Dawgs can smell a turd when they see one, and this is still Georgia Tech, even with a Princeton guy starting for them. Dawgs sniff that poo-pile, roll around on top of it, and eat it to boot. UGA 65, GT 7.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: OHIO STATE OVER MICHIGAN

“A silver spoon program with the resources to hire recruiting analysts, fly in the top recruits from around the country, get caught cheating, and then blame their accusers is as American as apple pie these days. Pretending to be the victim and seeking sympathy for how the powers-that-be are unfairly targeting them, sounds familiar in this climate. If Harbaugh wants to stop these investigations in his tracks, he should announce he's running for Senate in Michigan this week. That way he can accuse anyone who dares punish him for creating the environment for a banana republic. At this pace, I'd be more worried that if Michigan doesn't reach the College Football Playoff, Harbaugh's Wolverines will stage a rally at midfield of the Sugar or Rose Bowl and refuse to leave the field. Michigan portraying themselves as the hard-scrabbled disruptors being punished for coloring way outside the lines, then blaming the college football equivalent of the deep state for screwing them over, is beyond overdramatic.” ~[D.J. Dunson](#)

What a great game to close out the season on. Michigan has a copy of OSU's playbook, of course, and will try to use it to their advantage. Everyone in the nation except Houston Astros fans will be pulling for America's Team to lose, and you can count me in on that one. Cheaters, unfortunately, often prosper, even those who encourage the rest of us to be patient with the judicial process until after the season is over so their victimized

coach can continue to lead his men of character on the field, as well as off. I'm going for cosmic justice to prevail. Buckeyes 31, Wolvercheats 20.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: AUBURN OVER ALABAMA

Wouldn't it be lovely if Rivalry Week produced one whoop-ass upset? Why not this one? Auburn gave us a hell of a game at home, and this one's on The Plains. Or is it The Flats? Hard to tell sometimes. Anyhow, Auburn is dangerous at home, or was before New Mexico State came to town and blew them out of their stadium. But this game means a lot in the Ironhead State. Sorry, it's the Iron Bowl, and the Yellowhammer State, a.k.a. the Heart of Dixie and the Cotton State, because the state of Alabama is such a leader in progressive thought. Well, back to football. Rivalry games always supersede teams' incoming records, and this one's been a doozy over time. I'm taking the Tigers, or maybe the War Eagles, over the Tide, in a game that will recall Georgia Tech's loss to Bowling Green and subsequent win over Miami. Auburn, 28-27.

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