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The previous game is under further review.

“I know that, of course, I’m a person of faith, and I know that my story is being written way above my pay grade. And I know we’re doing things the right way here, and we’re getting closer each game.” ~Hugh Freeze, mid-week, perhaps inattentive to his 14-16 record, 5-13 in the SEC, as Auburn’s head coach, with another L in the record after Saturday.

“Just put my fries in the bag, bro.” ~Little Woolly

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

Observers of college football talk about two factors that often determine who wins games: turnovers, and explosive plays. UGA is trying a different approach: grinding to the tune of 17-play drives consuming 8+ minutes of the clock, averaging 2.5 yards a carry for the game while still playing ball control. And, forcing the occasional fumble.

About 30 seconds after the Kentucky game ended, The Scowlmeister wrote saying that he was very concerned about the Auburn game, mainly because of the injuries on the OL, and the lack of pressure on the QB. And don’t forget how incredible Auburn’s receivers are, and how unreliable our secondary has been. And remember the perils of a mobile QB who can hurt you on the ground, especially one who was once the #1 prospect in Texas, the #4 QB, and #10 recruit overall in his class. And as the week wore

on, I began to think that the game would be a rock fight, given the stats the teams had compiled in the season's first half. Auburn's only losses were on the road to top 10 teams in one-score games, so their record might be deceiving, especially when they finally returned home to the friendly confines of Jordan-Hare Stadium, a venue called by Cam Newton in midweek a "difference-maker."

For most of the first half, I was sinking further and further into the couch as it looked as though Auburn was the better team, and as though The Scowlmeister's fears were being realized on national TV for all to see. Gunner wasn't sharp with his passes, the runners were getting stoned at the line of scrimmage, and Jackson Arnold looked like the guy everyone thought he was when he was a recruit. It wasn't the deluge we faced at Tennessee, but Auburn was outplaying us in every facet of the game. But similar to the Tennessee game, no matter how much of a blowout it appeared to be, we never fell far behind. And then that glorious punch-out at the goal line changed everything. And from there on out, it was all Dawgs.

Meanwhile, on Sunday morning, Sean McDonough was still walking around Toomer's Corner looking for Auburn fans who would confirm his belief that the play produced a touchdown, not a fumble, a point he mentioned about 2,000 times during the remainder of the game.

"I have no clue how that (football) doesn't break the plane," Freeze said.

"Yeah, that too." ~Little Woolly.

"It's very clear that we find ways to not win football games," Freeze said.

Amazingly, it was the 18th-straight sellout for Auburn, at one of the lowest periods in recent program history: The Harsin-Freeze Era. I hear Dan Mullen may be available at the end of the season. But for today, it's great to be a Georgia Bulldog.

HBTFD!!!

Disconcerting Signals

"Ain't none of them on campus because things have changed. Everybody is taking classes online and they graduate. Shedeur has never taken a class on campus in his whole college career. Shilo may have at South Carolina but I don't remember Travis ever being on campus as well. So they missed a whole part of the collegiate experience. But to each his own." ~Deion Sanders, proud Colorado parent.

Meanwhile.....-

Brock Bowers went back to school in Athens for the spring semester. "Since leaving early, I think I always had it my mind I was going to come back," Bowers said. Bowers said he wanted to graduate. . . . His mother, DeAnna Bowers said. "Georgia required he did two classes in person. He couldn't do them online."

Bonus coverage I: "Shedeur [is] having a silent competition. It's not offensive but I just heard on his podcast, 2 Legendary, that his goal was to be drafted higher than me." ~Shedeur's father, pre-draft

Bonus coverage II: “In her 35 years of teaching, Julie Brown has never seen anything like it. Fake students — bots, as she calls them — have been enrolling in her courses at an alarming rate. Last fall, the marketing professor at Santa Barbara City College dropped 30 of her 140 students from an online Business 101 course. She also removed eight potential bots from an in-person introductory management course. This spring, she estimates about 10 of her 45 students across five courses may have been fraudulent.”

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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The mission of **Mary Hall Freedom Village, Inc. (MHFV)** is to empower women, children, veterans, and families to end the cycle of homelessness, addiction, and poverty.

TREATMENT SERVICES: The journey to freedom begins with recognizing the need for help and results with a healthy, drugfree, self-sufficient life. While at MHFV, participants identify the reasons behind their behaviors and traumas that led to addiction. Gaining new tools for recovery to live productively and free. Our purpose is to work with every woman to develop a road map to recovery by providing wraparound services, to include day treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, aftercare, residential treatment, recovery housing, medical and mental healthcare, childcare, career development, and spirituality.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: MHFV offers emergency, transitional, and permanent housing, to women, children, veterans, and families on a path to a better life. Our continuum of services enables each participant to identify root causes of barriers to independence.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT: The Work 4 Development program is designed to eliminate barriers to employment for women by providing fundamental training and addressing employment requirements. Community partners, faith partners, and volunteers assist in our Vocational instruction and educational programs are provided, as well as an on-site GED (General Equivalency Diploma) Program.

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES: MHFV understands the importance of early intervention to stop the vicious cycle of multigenerational addiction, poverty and homelessness. As a result, we have created an enriching and supportive environment for the children and families. Our program utilizes a unique blend of therapeutic childcare, family education and counseling to make a difference in the lives of our children and families.

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SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Who spoke the following insight? “Therapy can be a good thing. It can be therapeutic.”

- A. Dr. Phil
- B. Hunter Biden
- C. Jon Gruden
- D. Sigmund Freud
- E. Da Biebs
- F. Jenny Dell
- G. Rachel Maddow
- H. Elon Musk
- I. Mike Slive
- J. Marjorie Taylor Greene

Answer:
Alex Rodriguez

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ At the most recent Mississippi home game, Layla Kiffin was observed throwing a sex toy onto the field.
- ☞ Moments later, Lane Kiffin was seen picking it up.
- ☞ “UCLA’s interim head coach, Tim Skipper, is tied with [James] Franklin with one career top-10 win against a Big Ten opponent.” ~StateCollege.com
- ☞ “Points are usually a good indicator of how well we executed.” Marvin Harrison, Jr.
- ☞ [A Brain Fart Scientist Explains Why NFL Players Drop the Ball at the Goal Line](#)
- ☞ Never in my life did I think I’d ever see a scroll like this:

TOP NEWS | (7)Indiana travels to (3)Oregon for clash of Big Ten titans

- ☞ And never in my life did I think I’d ever see a score like this: Indiana 30, Oregon 20
- ☞ In watching a rerun of the Kentucky game, I heard this gem from Jesse Palmer after Dillon Bell’s great one-handed catch: “It was a perfect throw, and an even better catch.”

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

Dawg DE **Davin Bellamy** had some advice for Baker Mayfield after the national semi-final in which Mayfield’s histrionics reached the point of self-serving obnoxiousness: “All I’m saying is humble yourself. All the flamboyancy. . . . I carry myself the same way, but humble yourself, man. . . . Our wide receivers came back and told us that they were running their routes before we went out there and he was on their line. Just humble yourself, man, just humble yourself. You’re not built like that.” In the long run, Davin’s caution could well have stood as his personal creed. Davin came to UGA from Chamblee HS, where he starred while playing his senior year injured, enough to earn mostly 4-star recruiting rankings, a consensus national top-300 overall rating, and a UGA offer. Davin began as a redshirt and ended up a two-year starter, along with a few starts his first two years. He was a reliable player for the Dawgs, and was named in his final year to the

Senior Bowl Watch List and Butkus Award Watch List. As a Public Relations & Communication Studies major, Davin was awarded 3 William K. Holmes Scholarships and a William P. Bruckner Scholarship, indicating that he wasn't just an athlete or a life counselor for big-headed athletes. Davin went undrafted in 2018, a humbling experience, but wasn't daunted. If persistence is a character trait, then this guy's bursting with virtue. After the draft he signed with Houston, was waived, and then signed with their practice squad and ultimately to a reserve/future contract before the Texans waived him during the final roster cut. The Bengals then signed him to their practice squad, but didn't renew him when his contract expired, sending him back to the Texans' practice squad, where he signed another reserve/future contract before being waived and re-signed to the practice squad, before an injury ended his stint with the team. Then it was on to the Titans for another reserve/future contract, which lasted till he was waived with a non-football injury. The 49ers then signed him to a one-year contract but waived him within a week, leading to a brief contract with the Chargers, who waived him after a couple of weeks. But he still believed in his football future, and the New Orleans Breakers took him with the first pick of the second round of the 2022 USFL draft, signing him to a one-year contract. David played one season with the Breakers, then in 2023 was taken by the DC Defenders in the first round of the 2023 XFL Supplemental Draft. DC then re-signed him for the 2024 season. Davin is a study in self-belief unencumbered by hubris, something we could all do better with. He may never be a Pro Bowler, but he's a guy with a lot of qualities that will serve him well if his football career ever ends. Davin is now creating a new career in the mediasphere, with about 600 subscribers to his YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@davinbellamy007>, 17.ovemedia. #17 is still out there working his way up in the world. Don't miss him.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. MISSISSIPPI

“Kiffin is 1-11 against Top 5 teams. 3-15 vs Top 10. That makes Lane Kiffin the SEC's James Franklin, with a slightly worse record.” ~ [Lane Kiffin's Hot Water Boils Over as Analyst Demeans Ole Miss After SEC Coach's 'Overrated' Label](#)

It's the Lane Show, coming to a stadium near you. And he'd better hope he's doing better than James Franklin these days. Both Mississippi and Georgia are coming off

tough wins, so should be sobered up about the need to get serious. Maybe the Dawgs will start more as they did vs Kentucky than they did at Auburn. Although the team has shown remarkable resiliency in not letting early holes bury their chances, it's a dangerous way to live.

I'm banking on a boisterous home crowd to put UGA over the top. Mississippi might be a top 5 team while UGA rounds out the top 10, but this is why they play the games. Dawgs 24, Rebs 20.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: TENNESSEE OVER ALABAMA

This one should be mighty interesting. I think these teams are very evenly matched, no matter what color hoodie the coaches wear. Both have explosive offenses and good defenses, and both need this win to stay in the running for a playoff spot. But it's time for the Vols to make their own statement and shake up the standings. UT 38, UA 35.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OVER NOTRE DAME

After USC beat Michigan, this might be less of an upset than it was when I set this feature up in mid-week. I always assume that both of these teams are overrated, so it's hard to say which one will show out next weekend. I haven't seen USC play this year, so can only guess. Which makes me like the other experts calling games. Trojans 35, Irish 30.