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A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to Cortez Smith, who played center till we pulled the starters. Last year when Drew Bobo got injured, the offense had trouble clicking. Did anyone notice a dropoff in the first quarter on Saturday?

"Could've got a shutout. Our standard's high at Georgia. Like, we don't got the regular standards like everybody else." ~KJ Bolden after beating Mississippi

There wasn't a shutout against Missouri either. But there sure was a beatdown, one convincing enough that Gunner Stockton sat out the fourth quarter, and every regular on both sides of the ball joined him shortly thereafter. And speaking of Gunner: Is there a QB in college football playing better than this humble country boy whose lack of glamour seems to blind the Lamestream Sports Media to his vast abilities?

The airplanes of the nation might have been grounded on Saturday. But the Dawg air and ground show was flying high.

The term "juggernaut" was created to describe teams like Georgia. A juggernaut is a force that is unstoppable, merciless, destructive, and beyond control. Since the inexplicable Auburn loss, that's how the Dawgs have played against a string of ranked teams and rivals: one on a neutral court, one away, and one at home. It doesn't seem to matter.

Missouri scored some TDs after the game was miles out of reach. But in general, the ranked team with a first-round QB, 2 NFL RBs, and one NFL WR couldn't move the ball against a stout and inspired UGA defense. One sign of our dominance: At some point Cayden Lee, who has torn up the rest of the league, caught a pass, and I realized I'd forgotten he was even on Missouri's team.

Coach Drinkwitz said afterwards, "The interception, obviously, after that it kind of snowballed on us. If we saw that coming, we wouldn't have started with a pass." And if Custer had known about all those enemy warriors on the rim of the canyon, he probably would have put his troops on higher ground.

I've heard Greg McIlroy say a few times that one parallel between Saban and Smart is how they maintain consistency by being harsh on their team when they are playing well, and encouraging when things go sour. Rumor has it that Kirby was very unhappy going into halftime that Georgia had let up in the second quarter and wasn't up 49-0, and that a punt downed on the 8 yard line was a soil on Georgia's reputation. They then came out in the second half and played better until the reserves took over and gave up some points. If a team's greatest weakness is that its scout team isn't as dependable as its rotation players, then it's probably in pretty good shape.

Georgia is playing absolute lights-out football right now, right when it matters most, blowing out everything in their path. It's inspiring and awesome. And it's going to continue.

R.I.P. Marcellus Young Casario

Disconcerting Signals

There is now a degree in content creation from the UK's Nottingham Trent University. The "influencer degree" is a three-year course with BA status and a price tag of almost $13,200 USD a year. Students are taught "hands-on technical production," "analytics, branding and commercial strategy," and collaboration with brands and "industry partners." The university provides the caveat that students won't turn into overnight social media stars. No word yet on whether they've offered Knox Kiffin a scholarship.

Dawgmeister Good Works of the Week

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The Atlanta Continuum of Care is comprised of over 170 nonprofit, government business and community stakeholders dedicated to ending homelessness the City of Atlanta. The Continuum of Care is a HUD program that promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and state and local governments to quickly rehouse people impacted by homelessness. The Atlanta CoC works with Partners for HOME to execute its strategies to end homelessness in the City. The Atlanta CoC is an unincorporated association led by a Governing Council with committee and workgroup engagement for members including:
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SAT Prep Session

SAT Question of the Week: Who, among the following fine fellows, does not belong on this list?
A. Paul Brown
B. Bill Belichick
C. Trent Dilfer
D. Tony Sanchez
E. Todd Dodge
F. Gerry Faust

Answer: All of these men were hired for their first university head coaching job without having coached in college previously. Only one—Paul Brown, hired by Ohio State straight from Massillon (Ohio) High School in 1941—had a winning record. He went 18-8-1 at Ohio State, winning a war-time natty in 1942 as determined by a vote by the AP. He then went 15-5-2 in two seasons at Great Lakes Navy. He later founded the Cleveland Browns in 1946 as co-owner-coach, and modestly named the team after himself.

UNC's Belichick (9-14 so far, including 4-10 in ACC play)
UAB's Trent Dilfer (9-21 from 2023 to '25)
UNLV's & New ~~Mexico~~ America State's Tony Sanchez (29-61 from 2015-9, 2024-present)
North Texas's Todd Dodge (6-37 from 2007 to '10)
Notre Dame's & Akron's Gerry Faust (73–79–4 from 1981-94)

Bonus question #1: How'd them Dawgs do in 1942?
Answer: UGA finished #2 in the final AP poll with a record of 11-1; Ohio State was 9-1. Frank Sinkwich won the Heisman Trophy and led the nation with 2,187 yards of total offense (including 1,392 passing yards), making him the first major-college player to produce 2,000+ yards in a season. The Dawgs won the SEC championship and beat UCLA in the Rose Bowl. The Bulldogs ranked first nationally with 429.5 yards of total offense per game.

Bonus question #2: What Georgia-based football program had the greatest mascot name in 1942?
Answer: The Oglethorpe Stormy Petrels in Atlanta. They cancelled their football program in 1943, but retained the mascot name through the present. James Oglethorpe was inspired by the courage of the small, gutsy bird as it dove in and out of the crashing ocean waves as he crossed the Atlantic in 1732. The mascot is affectionately called "Petey" by Oglethorpe students. The stormy petrel is purportedly the inspiration for Oglethorpe's motto, *Nescit Cedere*, translated as "He does not know how to give up."

Bonus question #3: Any other fine mascots names back then?
Answer: The Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks. Remember, this was during the war, and schedules included military schools, including the one that Paul Brown left Ohio State to coach. Or, maybe Pre-Flight was the name of the school and not the birds.

Bonus question #4: After Ohio State and Georgia, Wisconsin was ranked #3. Who were #4 and #5?
Answer: Tulsa and Georgia Tech.

Bonus question #5: Who was the nation's #2 passer in 1942?
Answer: Otto Graham, Northwestern U.

Dawg Doots

- Proof that even UGA coaches miss on talent evaluations: in-state recruits Isiah Canion (Warner-Robins), Cayden Lee (Kennesaw Mountain), and Khalil Barnes (North Ocoee) didn't make their offer list.
- Help me out. How is this play by Johnny Manziel any more amazing than Gunner Stockton's great TD scramble against Mississippi?
- Barstool personality, vocal JMU fan PFTCommenter wants Billy Napier fired less than a year into the job
- After beating Billy Napier's JMU on Saturday 46-22, UConn—I said UConn—taunted their overmatched opponents by changing J-M-U to J-M-Who?
- LSU fans have got to be wondering, this is what we fired Brian Kelly for?
- You can't spell ReliaQuest Bowl without LSU.
- "We'll have better rosters [in the future]. That's no poor reflection upon these players. We just will." ~Coach Kiffin after losing to Texas and blaming his players
- #67: LSU's red zone efficiency national rank with the genius Kiffin calling the plays for his cruddy players.

- “Our culture is no excuses. We live by it.” ~Utah QB Devon Dampier
- You know you’re in trouble when you are taunted by Central Oklahoma: “Just like every other team in the country other than Ole Miss, our opponents were able to find a solution [to the travel fiasco].”

The Coveted Dawgmeister Good Guy of the Week Award

Good Guy Archive

A life trajectory rarely follows the plan. The example of **Quincy Carter** shows how twists, turns, and setbacks can obstruct a path forward, with downturns often providing the life lessons needed to find *el camino*, one’s true road in life. Quincy was a spectacular high school player at Southwest DeKalb, where he led the team to the state championship and was the AJC’s all-classification player of the year in 1996, later becoming a 2023 inductee in the Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame. He committed to Georgia Tech, but was such a talented baseball player that he gave the game a shot that never panned out. He then did the unthinkable: sign to play football at GT’s hated rival UGA. He was Jim Donnan’s QB from 1998-2000, becoming the Dawgs’ second-leading passer in career yards behind Eric Zeier before becoming a second round NFL pick by Dallas, where he played before being released and then signed by the Jets, playing four years in the league. Quincy’s path hit a self-constructed barrier: drugs and alcohol. Toward the end of his year with New York, he enrolled in a rehab program to get his life back together. His football window by then had dwindled to some shots in the Arena league, where he finished his playing days. To help others avoid the detour he took into substance abuse, he started the Quincy Carter Foundation, whose mission is “to create a safe, drug-free environment” through camps, rehab follow-through, school visits, and other outreach. “Drugs and alcohol played a big role of my life,” he said. And if I can just save anybody from the hardships of this fatal disease of alcoholism and being an addict, man, I'm going to do it. I'm on a mission to do it. I went to rehab here almost five years ago. Strengthened my relationship with God. I dove into steps because I needed AA. I just wasn't a guy who goes cold turkey, go to church and quit. So I really needed to dive into the steps. I did the hard work and continue to do the hard work. I just want to help anybody who's struggling.” Substance abuse has affected the lives of other former Dawgs, and getting straight has been part of their life mission. For Quincy, his AA sponsor, Hollywood Henderson, was a great support. Quincy gives back in other ways. Now the father of seven kids, he coached at Southwest DeKalb before recently being named the head coach at Heritage High School in Conyers, a program with a relentless losing tradition. The Patriots have much to learn from this old Dawg, not just about football, but about living a healthy life. Sometimes, it’s the ones who fell off the wagon who ultimately know now to drive it straight. And straight is now the path that Quincy Carter travels every day.



The Forecast

Dawgs vs. South Carolina

I was all on board the LaNorris Sellers train two years ago when he began rampaging through the S. Carolina schedule. Last year was a major detour, prompting speculation that both Shane Beamer would be fired, and Sellers would transfer. But here he is, revived and tearing up the league once again.

Or so he was before turning his ankle and sitting out the Gamecocks' hideous loss to hideous Arkansas. Their no-show against the Hogs showed how great he is, and how bad the rest of the SC roster is. I was very concerned about this game before Saturday's debacle because Sellers is a better version of Byrum Brown, who gave us fits in our own unfathomable loss to Auburn. Without him, this will be a game where the Dawg reserves play in the second half, unless it's called off by the run rule. With him, his ankle injury will likely deny him one of his greatest gifts, his ability to cut and run.

Backup QB Cutter Woods was awful against Arkansas, throwing—like Arch Manning—three picks on the day. But Manning has Will Muschamp coaching a ferocious defense to bail him out of his own lousy performances. Ain't gonna happen next Saturday night.

And yet I have some Scowlmeister-like cautions in the back of my mind after the Auburn game. One media source wrote Sunday morning, "This is a game Georgia not only should win but one they should probably win rather easily. At the end of the day it doesn't really matter how much Georgia wins by, but it would be nice for them to blow another team out and cruise into their season finale against Georgia Tech as the clear best team in the country."

We've seen that script before. So has Kirby Smart. I don't think we'll fall for it again. Dawgs over SC, 45-14.

National Game of the Week: Tennessee over LSU

Is anyone getting tired of my continual effort to discredit the LSU decision to hire glamour and glitz over toughness and grit? Not me. Maybe Lane will really shock the world next weekend by having Pete Maravich in his pre-game entourage. That's where his mind is, on how it all looks to cameramen and media eager to promote the idea that this guy is newsworthy simply by getting off the bus with his designer shades and

famous friends and walking to a locker room. But this is football, not TMZ. (I think.) Tennessee has jowly Josh Heupel heading the team, and he's as glamorous as I am. (I'm not.) I'll always take smashmouth SEC football over Lane flipping his clipboard 30 feet into the air when one of his plays works. And smashmouth it will be. Vols over Tigers, 28-21.

National Upset of the Week: Michigan over UCLA

I think this is a Big 10 game. Who needs regional rivalries? UCLA is perhaps the nation's greatest 2026 story, a hapless program overshadowed in its own city by another glamour program, now rising while the other is adrift at sea under its own over-celebrated and overmatched glamorous coach. I suspect that with Billy Napier now at JMU, the "cradle of coaches" succession will be on hold. But the last two guys they've prepped for the big time have turned out pretty well. Meanwhile, Michigan is a certified train wreck just two years after a tarnished natty under the leadership of Jim Harbaugh, now driving the Chargers into every available ditch. One program in ascendence, the other having to fire a Y1 coordinator in midseason over terrible production and the mismanagement of their QB situation. So, of course, I'll take the trainwreck in Ann Arbor over the whiz kids from LA. Wolverines over Bruins, 16-13.