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Here we go again, another slow start.....Damn noon starts, especially the ones that start at 11AM local time. We just can't get rolling.

C'mon, Bobo.

That's been an under-the-radar shift for this year's team, albeit against 2 cupcakes and the SEC's bottom-feeder. These guys come out of the locker room ready to play.

Coach Smart said afterwards that the game wasn't a blowout. I think that when you pull the starters after three quarters with a big lead, and kept them in mainly for conditioning, you've met the criteria for blowout status. Now we need for the reserves to realize that they are being filmed when they play, and the film don't lie.

"Boy did they need that": spoken in the booth after every successful Arky play.

The Dawgs hammered Arkansas on Saturday in front of several thousand fans disguised as shopping bags. They serenaded their team with the iconic "Sooooooooooooo"!(ey) throughout the game. Given that the stadium was only half-full, or half-empty per The Scowlmeister, due to a fan boycott 3 games into the Silverfield Era, you've got to wonder how any athlete would feel about committing to play at Arkansas, even if they dedicate more money to the program, as they apparently now believe might be a good idea. Better that than spending it on the rest of the university, where it might actually make a difference.

Can the Dawgs lend the Falcons Gunner Stockton on Sundays?

After Saturday's game, Gunner Stockton has fallen to #73 in the Heisman ranking, behind Slippery Rock long snapper Fumbles McStumblebum.

The stat line will give the coaches plenty to work with in practice this week. The OL gave up three sacks of Stockton on a day when he mostly handed off or took off on epic gains of his own. Sure, the OL is very young, and young guys can get beaten. But they are our best blockers, and need to match their pass pro performance with their strong run-game blocking.

Over in Oxford, coming off the field, Trinidad Chambliss had the obligatory microphone placed in front of his mouth, into which he said on ESPN, "Hotty fucking Toddy." I'm always amazed when people are amazed when emotional players cuss after an emotional game.

During the lightning delay at the start of the Alabama-FSU game, ABC aired an hour of AFLAC commercials featuring that wacky comedy duo, Nick & Deion.

Disconcerting Signals

"The University of Pennsylvania is facing plenty of heat during March Madness - and for good reason. On Thursday night, No. 14 seed Penn lost 105-70 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament to No. 3 seed Illinois. The Quakers kept things relatively close in the first half before being outscored by 25 points in the final 20 minutes. So why is there outrage over this game? Well, some students at the arena crossed the line with their behavior. During the late stages of this opening-round game, Penn students started shouting this message at the Illinois team: 'That's okay, that's okay, you're going to work for us someday.' As you'd imagine, countless basketball fans had an issue with this chant."

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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Our Promise: A lifetime commitment to families.

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SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: What do the following terms all have in common?

Dope
Cool
Tough
Fire
Clean
Hard
Really good
Awesome

- A. This is how young hotties at Sanford Stadium described The Dawgmeister at the Western Kentucky game.
- B. These are the words that The Scowlmeister used to describe his pre-game steak and potatoes.
- C. These are the terms that CHAT GPT produced to describe Foghorn Bullhorn's abuse of the officials in the season opener.
- D. These are the terms that Arch Manning used to express his enthusiasm for the AI video of Steve Sarkisian smacking Holly Rowe.
- E. This is how Ryan Day described his team's conditioning in the fourth quarter of their loss to Texas.
- F. This is CJ Bailey's self-evaluation of his play against Vanderbilt.

Answer: Each of these terms was used by a recruit at the WKU game to describe the white uniforms.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ I recently learned that, in addition to Caitlin Clark, there are other women basketball players.
- ☞ Over the weekend, I also learned that, in addition to their head coach, LSU has a whole football team.
- ☞ "If you look good, you play good." ~Deion Sanders
- ☞ "Perhaps they should try playing well. Maybe Coach Sanders would then have, well, a good record." ~Granny Butts
- ☞ "We (subbed them in) last game and they didn't play good, we did it the game before that and they didn't play good, we did it this game and they didn't play good, so that tells me we can't play them." ~Kirby Smart
- ☞ "Ahem." ~Granny Butts
- ☞ "You get one of those in a lifetime. We cheated the football gods today and got away with it." ~Clark Lea
- ☞ Little Woolly has decided that when he gets his Ph.D., he's going to study why big-bodied WRs that UGA gets in the portal always get injured.
- ☞ Happy [International Talk Like a Pirate Day!](#)
- ☞ [How DraftKings Uses A.I. to Target the Gamblers Likeliest to Lose](#)

- ☞ The worst thing about football season: the political attack ads that guarantee the end of civilization if the opponent gets elected.
- ☞ [Colorado St. apologizes to BYU for derogatory chants from fans](#): Why do good Christians belittle other good Christians for being the wrong Christians?

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

Cap Burnett IV played in the Dawgs' defensive backfield before having to retire in 2002 after a series of concussions. He was an outstanding player who, in his early 20s, had to rethink his life and how he would spend it. Cap had great bloodlines through his father, Cap Burnett III, who played at Memphis State and in the United States Football League, and was an excellent player at UGA until he had to quit the game. He ultimately went into teaching and coaching, nurturing the potential of youth instead of playing on Sundays. Cap's retirement from the game was difficult for him to take: "To be honest, coaching saved my life. Literally. I went into a depression, not being able to play anymore, but then I got that call from Coach [Donald] Shockley to come and help him coach. It was an amazing opportunity, just being able to reach kids, and when you see them do the things that you've taught them and you see it all come together for them, that's the beauty of coaching." For the last decade he's been the head football coach at his alma mater, North Clayton High. He's also the school's Associate Athletic Director, helping to organize sports across the spectrum. Coaching in his hometown means everything to Cap: "It's the love. The love of this community. When we moved here, when I was 7 years old, they embraced me and my family. When I came back to be a coach, of course it wasn't exactly the same, but the love I had inside for this place was still there. The love I have for this school, this community, the young people that come through here, the families in this community, man, it's just bigger than football. I don't just look at wins and losses. I knew these young men here could help turn this program around. I just want to continue to pour into them and fill my purpose in life. It's what God has called me to do." Cap names a number of people who have been his role models: his parents, Coaches Don Shockley and Maurice Tyler from North Clayton, Jim Donnan and Mark Richt at UGA; and especially his defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder, who helped Cap get started in coaching as a student assistant, which led to his career in high schools, where Clint Satterfield and Timothy Floyd were mentors. All have been influences on Cap as both coach and leader of youth. That's now his greatest legacy, as a molder of character in his student-athletes. I'm confident that they'll turn out pretty well too.



THE FORECAST

Incredibly, last week I hit a rare triple-winner: UGA over Arkansas, Mississippi over LSU, UK over ATM U. Just sayin'. The Wildcatmeister is surely jubilant, and the entire world is happy to see the LaneTrainWreck at LSU.

DAWGS VS. OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma comes to town with one of the most overrated QBs in the nation. Mateer is a hair over 6 feet tall, and has never been coached to throw the ball from a high release point, instead relying on a $\frac{3}{4}$ delivery that follows from a loopy motion that makes his throws easier to jump. If I can see that, surely Glen Schumann can, which means that we'll bat down enough passes to make Mateer wonder what is coming next. OU has lost to Michigan, which lost to Western Michigan (final "score" notwithstanding), and looks like a modestly talented team. They've got a good D, but I'd never bet on their offense, which put up 14 points against New Mexico-America on Saturday while getting 1.9 yards per rush, which may be ambitious given UGA's run-stuffing DL. Dawgs 31, Sooners 10.

Speaking of guys who could use a QB coach, I saw Jared Curtis against NC State, and the guy throws sidearm way too much. He's got a strong arm, but somebody's got to teach him how to throw the football with consistent form.

And I've got some advice for CJ Bailey, too.....

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: TENNESSEE OVER TEXAS

Why, do you ask? My job is to predict the future, not explain it. This one's in Knoxville, and that's a hard venue. Both teams wear orange, so the uniform competition is a wash. Texas, of course, is riding the wave of its home-field comeback win over an Ohio State team that wasn't conditioned to play in the heat, and missed an easy field goal in a one-point loss. They dodged several bullets against OSU. But you don't get that many gifts all season long, as Clark Lea might say. Next Saturday, they'll find out what a lucky night they had in Austin. Vols over Horns, 27-24.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: CENTRAL ARKANSAS OVER FLORIDA STATE

With the AD who hired him now in the unemployment line in Tallahassee, Mike Norvell is simply waiting till his reduced-payment buyout kicks in before getting in line himself. What a mess. I wonder if his team has quit already. If so, this is the game that will throw gas on the fire raging beneath Norvell's seat. Bears over Seminoles, 17-14.