

The Dawgmeister's Weekend Forecast
September 10rd Edition: Back Home against the Evil Genie

The Recap: Man, do I hate those uniforms.

I stand humbled, chagrined, bewildered, depressed, despondent, dispirited, dysfunctional, and wondering what the heck happened. Of all headlines reporting the results of this game, the last one I expected to see was that we were manhandled by Boise State, but that's pretty much the consensus response to the game. We all saw it, and there's just no other way to put it. Their DL destroyed our OL, and that was a battle I think a lot of us thought we'd win. Our running game got nowhere, but there was nowhere to go. Without a running game, the passing game didn't get into a rhythm until Murray discovered Malcolm Mitchell, who did show that talk of his explosiveness was not an exaggeration. Marlon Brown made some nice catches early, but then didn't get a look. Murray didn't play great, but his OL didn't give him much of a chance to, while Kellen Moore seemed to have as much time as he needed to get into the timing and rhythm that moved the chains for Boise. Most painful quotes from the game, as reported by the ABH:

“Even when Murray got the ball off there were a lot of times when people were breathing down his neck and hitting him after he cut the ball loose,” Richt said Sunday. Defensively, Georgia did not give up a play longer than 20 yards, but quarterback Kellen Moore took aim at Georgia's zone coverage, completing 28 of 34 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns. “That was how we figured they were going to use their personnel,” Boise State offensive coordinator Brent Pease told the Idaho Statesman. “We didn't know they were going to be as wide open as they were sometimes.”

For Boise, the whole was a good deal greater than the sum of its parts; and for UGA, the whole was a good deal less. Mrs. Butts got so frustrated in the second half that she went out back and hit the sled for a while; otherwise, I might be writing this thing from a hospital bed. I'll let the haters explain all that went wrong in greater detail. We just didn't look like the superbly conditioned team that we'd been reading about since January, or the physically dominant team that we expected along the lines of LSU and their own manhandling of Oregon. And I'm just too bummed out to even try to figure it out. You'll find 30 other expert bloggers linked from the Dawgbone to rant about our shortcomings, so go read them if you really want someone who thinks he understands how this game happened. I sure don't.

Dawg Doots:

- After Auburn's amazing comeback, ESPN's Lou Holtz gave big thumbs up to Gus Malzahn for hanging 42 points on Utah State, who last year finished ranked 98th in the nation in total defense. Little Woolly wondered why that little old guy who talks funny thought that the offensive coordinator was responsible for a kickoff return for a TD and a spectacular onside kick that gave Auburn the ball on the BSU 22 with plenty of time left, but I didn't have an answer.
- This week I'm going to do what I always do after a hard loss: try to do the Day Job just a little bit better so the folks at work and everybody who blogs about us won't have quite so much to complain about.

- I'm seeing the predictable complaints about playcalling in the wake of the game, but if you don't execute in the blocking game, it doesn't matter what plays you call.
- Like a lot of people, I thought the announcers had made a mistake when Ogletree got injured and they kept saying "Sulek" was in the game, since he'd never been mentioned in the preseason reports. And with the team going for team unity by putting "Georgia" where the names go on those despicable uniforms, I couldn't tell one new guy from the next. So, here you go:



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- At least it might rain this week.

The Forecast: The Connor Shaw era may have ended early as Stephen Garcia reclaimed his job for the 20th time in his two decades at S. Carolina. It's always amazed me that Spurrier has never really signed great quarterbacks, at least in terms of their pro potential. Rex Grossman seems to be his best pro success story, and he's been marginal throughout his career. Garcia is talented, as he showed on Saturday, but a supreme knucklehead, and I doubt if many pro teams will want a quarterback who can't stop getting suspended. I have no idea what the Dawgs will do on the field on Saturday, although I hope that they can develop some run blockers so Murray can have a chance to run play-action and find some guys who can catch and run, say, Malcolm Mitchell. I'll roll the dice here and say that the team does some soul-searching, dedicates themselves to saving this coaching staff and competing in the SEC East, and comes to play at Sanford Stadium. Dawgs, 24-21.

National Game of the Week: Good matchups in Week 2 can be hard to find, since most teams are polishing off their cupcakes before conference schedules start in earnest. There's only one game matching top 25 teams and of course it's an SEC game, Mississippi State at Auburn. Auburn showed that they've got as much work to do as we do, and somebody over there in Purchasing needs to do a much better job if Chizik is going to match the Cam Newton era again. I'm growing in admiration for Relf of MSU as a QB and think he'll take down the Tigers and start their tumble from unbeaten national champs to 4th place in the West. MSU, 38-28.