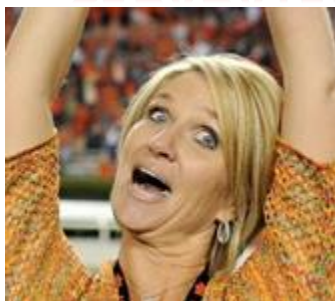


THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: DAWGS POUND THE PLAINSMEN

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SEPARATED AT BIRTH? ARCHIVE SEPARATED AT BIRTH?



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It was a historic day at Sanford Stadium, one we'll never forget. The quarterback will soon be gone, and seeing his successor in action, at last, was a sight to behold. Yes, after Hutson Mason graduates next year, it is now established that Faton Bauta, The Albanian Bane o' Y'all, who now leads the team with an average of 7 yards-per-carry, is next in line to lead the Dawgs between the hedges. It's a new era; it's the dawn of a new day. And yet....

It was the worst of halves, it was the best of halves. At halve time, I made my pilgrimage to absorb the collective wisdom of The Scowlmeister and Foghorn Bullhorn, and the singular wisdom of Foghorn's lovely wife, Mrs. Bullhorn. The Scowlmeister, commenting upon the lackluster performance of the 14-6 game to that point, opined that we were, to use his term, "terrible." I thought in contrast that we were simply playing a very vanilla gameplan against an overmatched opponent in anticipation of a more spirited effort against Auburn that will be put in play with more permutations and variety on both sides of the ball than we unveiled on Saturday. The postgame guys talked about a halftime adjustment from giving App's WRs a cushion, to bumping them at the line of scrimmage, which eliminated their short passing game and whatever success they had throwing the ball. That change was sufficient to lead to a second half and final score in which we ended up beating the generous point spread and producing the sort of homecoming win that App State was scheduled to provide. Well, that change and some philosophical musings from the coaching staff at halftime:

"Coaches were pretty intense. We were told we pretty much had to get our sh!t together and go out there and play how Georgia should play, go out there and ball out like we should." ~Jordan Jenkins

Negatron was out in force on Saturday, raging against the coaches and players throughout the first half, and abusing the officials throughout the game, until departing the stadium in the third quarter after expelling the contents of his beverage cup on Studs McMachoman, my gameday companion. Negatron was sorely missed thereafter as we had to soldier on without his astute commentary on the egregious state of the program, the inability of the coaching staff to call a play or coach up a player, and shabby performance of Amarlo Herrera, which he found highly

offensive, even on plays run to Ramik Wilson's side of the field. If you think football coaches are in danger of stressing themselves to death these days, beware of Negatron, who may well explode before the season's over while fulminating his inner torment upon the goodly folks in my section of Sanford Stadium. I plan to make like the people in the front row of a [Gallagher show](#) and cover myself in plastic if he graces us with his company in the game ahead.

A player as great as Todd Gurley II really deserves a nickname. He and Keith Marshall have shied away from being bundled as Gurshall, in spite of the fan base's fondness for the moniker. Calling him the Gurley Man is too obvious. But should we throw the Schwarzenegger connection under the bus entirely? How tragic that would be. What about:



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Dawg Doots:

- ***Sonic the Hedge Dawg Update:*** Nick Chubb's season stats: Total Rushing Yards—2,334; Carries—229; Average Yards Per Carry—10.19; Team Record—9-1.
- Sony Michel's season stats: Total Rushing Yards—846; Carries—117; Average Yards Per Carry—7.23; Team Record—10-1.
- Studs McMachoman stated with confidence that Nick Saban would next year be the Head Coach at Texas at a salary of \$10 million annually, because the [state of Texas values his commitment to sporting such a fine head of hair](#). When told of this prediction, The Scowlmeister scoffed, saying that Alabama would match the total, and sweeten the pot with free cable and internet service. I'll let the fates decide whether Saban or Kirby Smart is coach of either team next year.
- Foghorn Bullhorn was among the announced crowd of 5,592 at the UGA basketball opener against Wofford on Friday night, and the game's refs remain in intensive care having their ears checked to see if there's anything left after being subjected to his abuse for 2 hours. Foghorn is confident that the Dawgs will surpass all expectations and be a contender in the SEC this season. Studs McMachoman is less sanguine about this possibility, thinking that winning 10 games will be a stretch and wondering if Nick Saban will be available to coach our basketball team next season. Again, I'll leave this question to the fates and hope that Foghorn's optimistic outlook wins the day, as well as the season.
- Coveted Dawgmeister Game Balls go to Aaron Murray, Chris Burnette, Connor Norman, and Marshall Morgan for being named to the College Sports Information Directors of

America's 2013 Capital One Academic All-District football team. [Murray](#) and [Burnette](#) stated at a press conference held at the Arches that this honor is second only in their career accolades to being named the Coveted Dawgmeister Good Guys of the Week.

- The Capital One award for Murray comes on top of being named in prior years as an Academic All-District selection and 2nd Team Academic All-America.
- Murray might have set the SEC TD pass record, but the game's highest QB rating (94 to 82.2) went to Hutson Mason, who completed a slew of passes to guys who'd barely been in a college game huddle before Saturday.
- A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to the guy on the post-game show who used the word "penultimate" correctly in a sentence.
- Coincidence? The NFL's dirtiest defensive player (Suh) and offensive player (Incognito) are both linemen who attended the University of Nebraska.

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

This week's Coveted Dawgmeister Good Guy of the Week is Brennan Southerland. Brennan came out of Greater Atlanta Christian HS as a AA All-Stater and #3 fullback in the nation while also being named the 2003 Linebacker of the Year in Gwinnett County. After redshirting at UGA, he hit the field with a vengeance, blocking for Thomas Brown, Knowshon Moreno, Danny Ware, each headed to the NFL, as was Brannan it seemed. He was a beast in the weight room, named as winner of the 2008 Leon Farmer Award, given each year to the player whose dedication to the UGA strength and conditioning program results in significant contributions to the team. He got it done in the classroom as well, making the SEC Academic Honor Roll. His career got sidetracked by an injury to his left foot's navicular bone, which required surgery and tagged him as injury-prone to NFL scouts. He was signed as a free agent by the NY Jets, but was waived before the season began. So what does a tough old fullback do after he can't play anymore? Would you believe, Catch wild hogs in Lithonia? That's just one of his duties as a Consumer Services expert in the Business Development division at Northwest Exterminating serving the Atlanta area. Note that this is a pest exterminating outfit, and after stomping on Yellow Jackets for UGA, it's the perfect way for him to undertake his post-football career. So if you need any pests from Techies to Razorbacks removed from your neighborhood, give Brannan a call and thank him for embodying the G.A.T.A. spirit in his Dawg days and life everafter.



THE FORECAST

I think this is the game that gets this season, so promising before we lost our RBs and WRs to injuries, back on track to respectability. Auburn has beaten Texas A&M and Ole Miss, and lost to LSU, and otherwise has coasted through a weak schedule, albeit winning impressively Saturday at Tennessee. They run the ball a whole lot, and that's good news for us, I think, even though we're finally defending the pass with more authority now that the pups in the secondary have gotten some serious game experience. We could still use all those WRs who went down, and heck, Keith Marshall too, but **T2** can occupy enough attention, even with a tender ankle, for Granny Butts to get open on a skinny post. Dawgs rev it up and win this one: Good Guys, 38-35.

National Game of the Week: It's a remarkably weak slate of games for this point in the season, without a single top 25 matchup. I had planned to pick SC over Florida, but after UF got pounded at home by Vandy, jeez, why pile on? OK State at Texas, anyone? Will Mack Brown coach his way into a new contract? Can God save a hooker? Horns, 35-34.

National Upset of the Week: Duke over Miami. Duke is thriving under David Cutcliffe, and I dunno, Miami, they have gotten destroyed by the only really good team they've played, and appear to be on a downward slide after losing on Saturday at home to Virginia Tech before an announced crowd of 49,267, which means that in reality about 267 seats were occupied. I'm taking the Blue Devils, playing at home before an equally robust ACC fan base now that basketball's begun: Duke, 21-20.