

THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: CARDS STACKED IN DAWGS' FAVOR

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TODD GRANTHAM & THE PENGUIN

I'm still so crushed and deflated from the Georgia Tech game that I can hardly get out of bed in the morning. Wags, the family bulldog, has been moping in his doghouse since the weekend after Thanksgiving. It just don't get any worse than this.

But I'm gaining momentum to pull for the Dawgs against the steaming pile of Petrinos in the Belk Bowl. A little known fact: Charlotte, NC, the bowl game's host city, is a leader in the development of [standardized test questions](#), such as: "LaShamanda has a heterozygous big bootie, the dominant trait. Her man Fontavius has a small bootie which is recessive. They get married and have a baby named LaPrincess. What is the probability that LaPrincess will inherit her mama's big bootie?" Now that's educational accountability that the whole Butts family can get behind.

What I'm totally stoked about, however, is next year. Can 2015 start soon enough? Can I count the reasons why I think we'll dominate the East and play through the West, all the way to the Final Four? Why am I asking you?

Of course, it's hard to say what our offense will do exactly, until new management is in place and under fire. But who wouldn't want to be the guy in charge of scoring points next year?

Aside from David Andrews, the OL that has been the foundation for the offense will return intact, and I'm especially happy that the National Communists Against Athletes has granted Kolton Houston a sixth year after robbing him of his first three. As valuable a player as Boss Andrews has been for us for a seeming eternity, I think that by the time we break camp in August, we'll have a solid replacement snapping the ball for the 2015 season, and that he'll be surrounded by one of the best sets of guards and tackles that our program has ever produced. Houston may get a shot at center, but if not him, one of the younger pups who got their uniforms dirty in 2014 and are ready for serious action next year. When considering Isaiah Wynne's prospects for starting at center, Boss astutely noted that, "We've got to see if he can snap the football. That's kind of the

equalizer at that position as whether you can put a ball between your legs.” No argument here.

Although Todd Gurley will be gone—and it seems he hardly played in his third and final year—and although Keith Marshall may never recover from his injuries, the Nick Chubb Express should keep our ground game rolling, and Sony Michel should benefit from the weight room enough to run mighty strongly in 2015. One innovation for the Auburn game, before TG’s knee blew out, was running sets with both Gurley and Chubb in the backfield. One of Chubb’s biggest plays came when Todd flared out to the left and Mason dropped off a middle screen that went to the right when half the defense ran after Gurley. More of the same with Sonick the Hedge Dawg next year, I hope. I don’t know if and how A. J. Turman is recovering from his many injuries, but I’ve seen [film of incoming JC RB Chris Carson](#), and that cat can run. The backfield will be fun to watch in 2015.

But given the anticipated rise of Brice Ramsey to the starting QB position, we won’t need to run the ball 60 times a game to compete. I think that we’ll return to our balance of 2013, and that the incoming class of WRs will collectively make up for losing Conley and Bennett, two guys who sacrificed a lot to make 2014 the Year of the Run. Next year we’ll roll out Malcolm Mitchell, Reggie Davis, Justin Scott-Wesley, Isaiah McKenzie, Shakenneth Williams, Charlie Hegedus, Kenneth Townes, Blake Tibbs, Terry Godwin, Von Jefferson, Darius Slayton, Shaquary Wilson, and Michael Chigbu; and Blazeovich and Rome and others at TE. Some might redshirt, others might slip behind newcomers, but either way, we’ll have a passing attack that will light it up.

On defense we lose the ILBs who’ve manned the interior for several years now, but Kimbrough and Carter are now game-ready, UAB tackling machine Jake Ganus will be in the rotation, and others are itching to play. We now have an experienced secondary with a lot of talent, even if they didn’t have recruiting star power of the sort coveted by the fan base. Quincy Mauger came in as Brendan Langley’s lesser high school teammate, but has emerged as a hard-knock safety in the tradition of Thomas Davis and Greg Blue and an intelligent leader in the defensive backfield. Don’t worry; the 4-stars are now backing up the walkons and afterthoughts, so should work their way onto the field eventually. And the OLB trio of Jenkins, Floyd, and Hurricane Carter already has me salivating. Bring on 2015, and the sooner the better.

TOP NAMES FROM GA HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

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Jameyst William
Tomarcio Reese
Emoni Williams
Asahnia Aderhold
Randrecous Davis
Olico Dennis
Jakyron Young
Qwazavia Lee

Sihiem King
Quay Picou
Jaquavious Latimer
Markevese Latimer

“[Black children are given] names like Shaniqua, Taliqua and Mohammed and all of that crap, and all of them are in jail. . . . People used to be ashamed. Today a woman has eight children with eight different ‘husbands’ – or men or whatever you call them now.” ~ Bill Cosby, noted Family Values authority



Dawg players looking for lost contact lens before Georgia Tech game

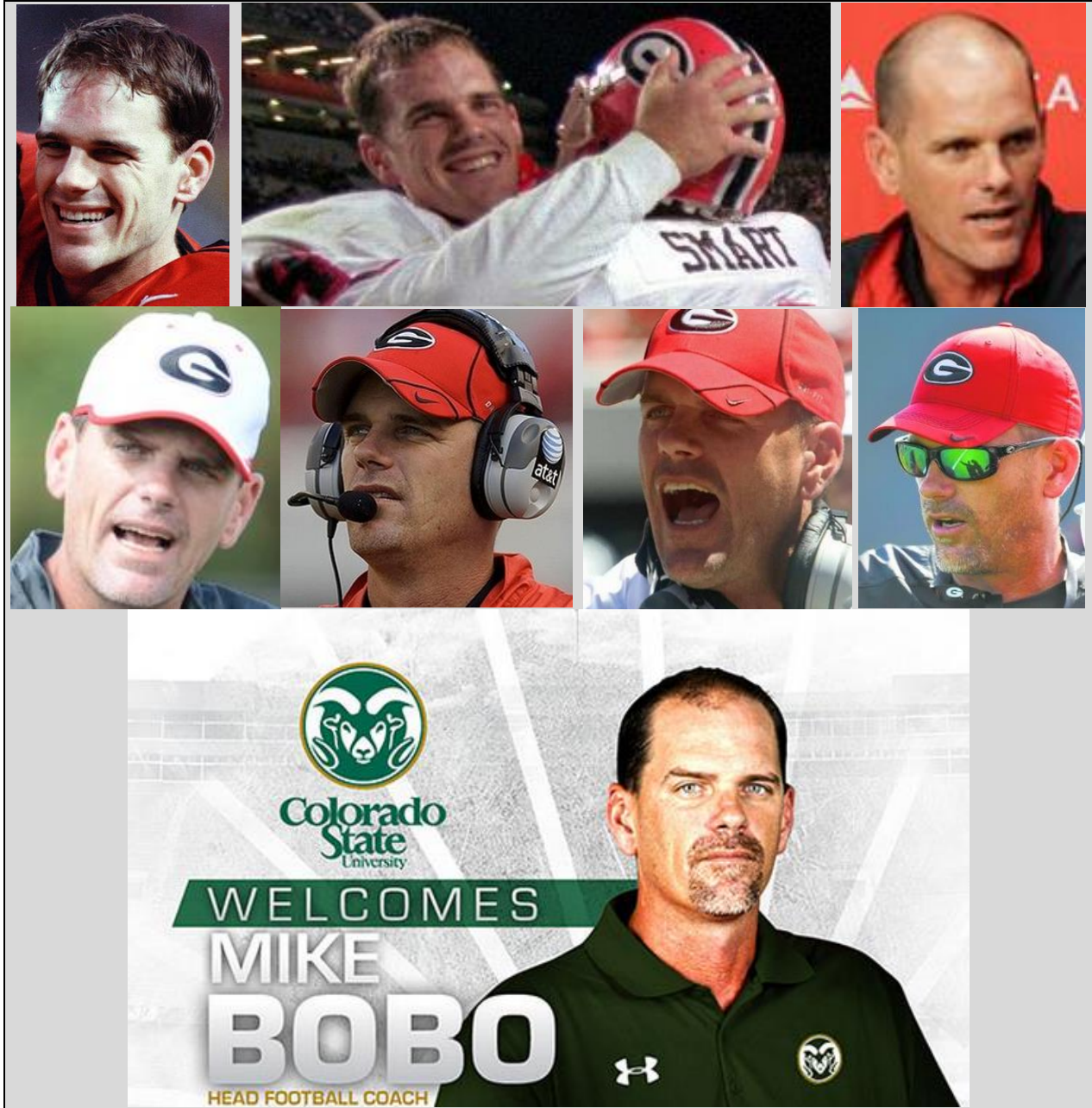
DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ Today’s vocabulary word: ***Droit du seigneur***: the legal right of a medieval lord to have sex with a woman on his estate; a.k.a. ***Droit du Seminole***, the legal right of an FSU athlete to do whatever he wants, as long as he’s really, really good.
- ☞ Police are reporting that Aaron Hernandez is now the primary suspect in the murder of Trayvon Martin.
- ☞ Is anyone else happy to see Johnny “Money” Manziel getting his ass kicked trying things that worked in college against NFL players?
- ☞ Given the NFL success of fast little white ex-QBs in the slot receiver position, I’d move Manziel there rather than trying to make an NFL QB out of him.

- ☞ I recently got this offer in my email inbox: “Do you want your vehicle covered with a Texaco logo while you make \$300 weekly Get back if interested. Hiring Manager, Scott K. Markland, Texaco Gas®” I wonder what would happen if an NCAA Student-Athlete responded to this inquiry?
- ☞ “At the end of the day, I asked myself ‘What are my goals in life? And which school will help me reach those goals?’ Was my goal in life to be a great football player and make a bunch of money? Is it to play for a team that competes for national championships? No, that’s not my goal at all. My goal in life is to make it to heaven. So I just felt like Florida was the best place for me, and not just for football reasons. It’s a great place for me to grow spiritually. Football is not forever.” ~Daniel Imatorbhebhe, Florida commitment #1 under new coach Jim McElwain

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

This week’s Good Guy is one of the most underappreciated Dawgs of all time: former quarterback, quarterbacks coach, and offensive coordinator **Mike Bobo**. I don’t know how often I’ve sat in the stands listening to the people around me moan and groan about his playcalling and quarterback coaching. The most clever of his critics call him Bozo—how’d they ever think of that one? But the fact is that he was a hell of a quarterback, a hell of a quarterbacks coach, a hell of an offensive coordinator, and a hell of a good guy. Mike’s from Augusta, where he played high school ball for the Thomasville Bulldogs. As a senior, he was named the 1993 Georgia Player of the Year by *USA Today* and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* after completing 329 of 590 passes for 5,167 yards and 42 TD's and running for 15 TD's. His completion record might look pedestrian by today’s dink-and-dunk standards, but 56% was pretty high when the passing game primarily required a QB to throw downfield. At UGA he was a stellar QB, lettering for four years from 1994-97 and being good enough for the coaches to move Hines Ward from QB to WR. Mike remains among UGA’s career leaders in many passing categories and was elected team captain (1996-97) and permanent team captain of the 1997 Bulldogs. Since then, he has spent every season but one coaching the Dawgs between the hedges. His early teams ran offenses that had an old-school SEC power run look, but as the game changed, he changed with it, adding multiple sets and ramping up the passing game. As even the most jaded of Dawg fans is finally aware, he ended up overseeing offenses that set records no matter who was hurt and no matter how far down the bench he had to reach to put healthy players on the field. I think I’m one of many millions of Dawg fans who now wish Mike and his wife Lainie, along with children Drew, Olivia, Jake, Ava Grace, and Kate, all the best as his career takes a great leap forward with Colorado State. Thanks, Mike, for being one of the Top Dawgs ever.



THE FORECAST **DAWGS VS. LOUISVILLE**

It's hard to say how teams will perform when each thinks it should be playing in January. I've got to hope that Mason will get his guys ready and that the team will hate The Swine as much as I do and play as if a motorcycle ride with Jessica Dorrell awaits the winner. Dawgs get off the mat and win #10: Good guys, 31-30.

NATIONAL PLAYOFF

Oregon vs. Florida State: FSU's charm fades fast as the Ducks quack it up in Pasadena. Oregon, 48-35.

Alabama vs. Ohio State: Two of my least favorite coaches square off. I usually go with The League, but since losing its opener, OSU has been a runaway train. Buckeyes, 35-34.

Oregon vs. Ohio State: Who knows? I'm just making this sh!t up. Ducks over Bucks, 35-28.