

THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: DAWGS CONTAIN KENTUCKY

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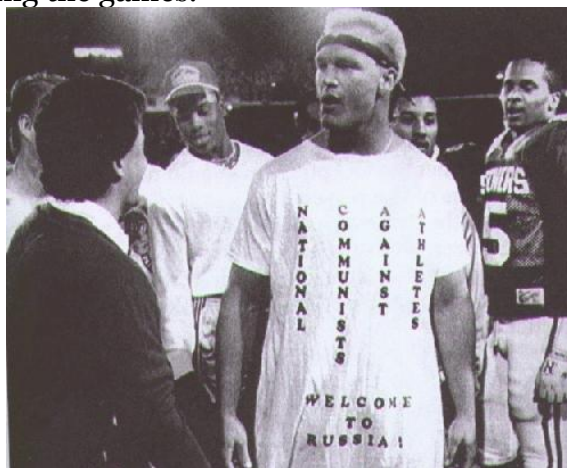


**CABBAGE
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Nothing to add here to the universal consensus that we got our asses kicked on Saturday in every component of the game. A historically bad day for the program, and if you saw it, or read the news and opinions on Sunday, you know as much as I do and more or less think the same thing.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ I'm going to get one of those "National Communists Against Athletes" t-shirts, courtesy of The Boz when the NCAA, in one of its Kolton Houston moves, ruled him ineligible for having his injured shoulder treated with something that they decided was bad medicine. The NCAA continues to believe that the moneyed old men on their committees are much more important than the young, often indigent men playing the games.



- ☞ If you can stand to read any more about NCAA hypocrisy, [try this](#).

- ☞ Congrats to the Owlmeister, the Wee Owlmeister who accompanied him to the game, and Temple for upsetting ECU.
- ☞ There was a classic exchange between broadcasters in one of the later games: “That strategy could work pretty good.”
“Well said.”



After watching 3 months of candidates' attack ads, disgusted citizen urinates on voting machine

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

Arthur Lynch is the rare kid from the Northeast who wanted to play Southern football. Down here, he's the one with the funny accent, and nobody seems to have minded. According to Mike Bobo, “He didn't think he would fit in after he first got here. He thought I was from a different planet when I tried to talk to him and coached him. He was like, ‘This guy is crazy.’” In spite of being out of place, Artie nonetheless became a team leader, often representing the team and UGA in front of microphones and cameras, to the point where Coach Bobo said, “I think he would call the South his second home now.” Undoubtedly, his status as “articulate monster,” in the words of Chris Conley, helped position him as team spokesperson, such as when [ABC News did a feature on concussions](#) and Dr. Richard Besser interviewed Coach Richt and three players: Artie, Garrison Smith, and Brandon Burrows. Artie's prime quote from that session: “At my first day of football, if you were to say ‘We're going to guarantee three concussions, but we're going to pay for five years of your schooling and you're going to get however many degrees,’ I'm saying, ‘Absolutely.’ For three concussions? I'm taking it. That's not a bad deal at all.” Possibly his tweets give an indication of how articulate and worldly he is, especially in the twitterverse in which athletes fill the social media airspace with such wisdom as *@DwightHoward: “Omg I need help. Lol. I have to much gas lol. I been rippin all day. Even in the game tonight. I know it's tmi but. I need something lol”* Well Dwight I'm LMFAO at that one. Artie, in contrast, has tweeted “*would love to discuss the rise of China and the uneasy US/Russia relations that haven't been this shaky since Cold War.*” Artie worked his way up the depth chart to become a two-year starter, All SEC first teamer, Senior Bowl participant, and Dolphins draft choice. Along the way he took a rare redshirt year after playing as a true freshman so

that he could increase his impact and serve the team after the position thinned through graduation. Ever the philosopher, he was quoted as saying, “As goes life there are certain blocks or situations you live through, you learn from, you have regrets, you don’t have regrets. You just cherish and look back on the good and bad things that have gone on and you learn from that.” This reflective side undoubtedly helped him become a stellar student: an SEC Academic Honor Roll student, Athletic Director's Honor Roll recipient, Don Leebern, Jr. & Don Leebern, III Scholarship, Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Football Scholarship—several of which he received on multiple occasions. Again, in Coach Bobo’s words: “He’s a genuine person. No matter where he’s from, he’s a genuine guy. He loves his teammates and they love him because of how genuine he is.” That disposition, along with his relentless work ethic, earned him the team’s True Grit Award. Dawg fans hope that the back injury that landed him on injured reserve and ended his rookie season is just an obstacle to overcome, and look forward to his career in the NFL and the life trajectory that accompanies and follows it. He might be from Boston, but he’s all Dawg, and a DGD at that.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. KENTUCKY

I’ve seen Kentucky play, and they have some good players. Patrick Towles, according to Gary Danielson, is the second coming of Ben Roethlisberger, at least on the field, we hope. According to Towles, Towles is the second coming of Aaron Rodgers. And he does have a strong arm and is a decent runner. From what I’ve seen, though, either he’s a bit inaccurate, or their receivers don’t run routes that coincide with the placement of his passes; and even when ball and receiver come together at the same time, his receivers’ paws are more like those of Wags, the family bulldog, than of SEC wideouts. And if I were his coach, I’d dial way back on running him between the tackles, because I prefer quarterbacks with all limbs intact. Unless one-time Dawg commit Stanley “Boom” Williams gets back on the field, they aren’t too scary at RB, either. I think we can contain their O and score on their D, which has had some trouble tackling. Good Guys get back on track, 38-24.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: ALABAMA AT LSU

A huge weekend, with a ton of great games on the schedule, and at least a half-dozen could qualify for Game of the Week distinction. Given the congestion in the national Top Ten of SEC West teams, I’ve got to go with Alabama at LSU. Alabama’s offense is sensational one week, mediocre the next. Sims plays much better at home than on the

road. Lane Kiffin is a dick every day of the year. And LSU never loses a night game at home. Tigers over Tide, 21-20.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: WASHINGTON OVER UCLA

If UCLA needed overtime to beat Colorado on the road, they'll need divine intervention to beat Washington in Seattle. Huskies, 41-38.