THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: DAWGS ENGINEER BIG WIN

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Extra! Extra! We beat the snot out of an inferior team. What else is there to say?



Georgia Tech recruit TaQuon Marshall not looking at all nerdy



Butt-Headed Nerd Jonathan Dwyer in Chains

DAWG DOOTS

- Little known actual fact: Students designed and built the first wooden stands for Tech's football field, called "The Flats." The field's drainage system was built by convict labor. It is unknown how many individuals worked on both projects.
- "I've told our guys since Day 1 that [violence against women] won't be tolerated. It won't be tolerated in this program. I have a daughter who is 29. I have a wife. I have two sisters. That's always been probably one of the first things I talk about with our teams at least a couple times a year." ~Brady Hoke, on suspending starting defensive lineman Frank Clark this week
- "I personally apologize to Ms. Tracy for any failure on our part in 1998 in not helping her through this terrible ordeal. There is no statute of limitations on compassion or basic human decency." ~Oregon State University President Ed Ray on an incident in which a woman was raped at a party by four men, including two university football players.
- "Right now in the process of gathering all information [on sexual assault allegations against two players, both suspended]. Once we have all that appropriate information we will act in a very decisive matter, which we have proven over time to do here at the University of Tennessee." ~Butch Jones
- Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston's upcoming student conduct code over his 2012 sexual assault accusations has again been delayed till after the season is over, due to "scheduling conflicts" that have been holding up the hearing for over two years. FSU got a commitment from four-star running back Jacques Patrick, who along with his mother, who apparently has never been raped, credited Jimbo Fisher's defense of Jameis Winston as one of the reasons he wanted to play for FSU.
- Meanwhile, the Owlmeister is a bit concerned over multiple allegations that ex-Temple fullback Bill Cosby is much better at issuing lectures on moral and upright conduct than treating women with respect and dignity.

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

Jonas Jennings is a big man with a big heart. Jonas played OT for the Dawgs at about 6'-3", 335 lbs, and played mighty well. A Sports Studies major from College Park, GA and Tri-Cities HS, Jonas was a big performer on the field and in the classroom during his playing days, earning Academic All SEC honors in 1999 and 2000. Drafted in the third round of the NFL draft by Buffalo, Jonas had a stellar career at both right and left tackle, playing 8 years with the Bills and 49ers until injuries forced his retirement, with toe, ankle, and shoulder injuries requiring multiple surgeries. How good was he? According to ESPN, when he signed with the 49ers for \$36 million over seven years, he was "arguably the highest-rated player at his position in the veteran pool." Jonas hung up his spikes in 2009, and befitting a big man with a big mind, he turned to a life of entrepreneurial and charitable activity. He earned his MBA from The George Washington University from 2011-2013 and became the founding CEO of JJ Adventures L.L.C., offering financial services in the Atlanta area. With rapper Lucacris and corporate sponsor General Motors, he has helped make Christmas a warmer occasion for kids whose families struggle to provide for them. Through the College Park

Recreation Department, he's hosted a <u>free football camp</u> for youth. His dedication to his old high school is remarkable, with about \$100,000 in donations to its football program and the Tri Cities Athletic Department facilities. He also played host for the 2011 Jonas Jennings Celebrity and Charity Weekend of Events, again benefitting Tri Cities. As described in one press release: "Jennings believes young people need an opportunity to succeed, especially during high school years when many youth get discouraged and choose the wrong path. His dedication to providing youth with the necessary tools to be successful on and off the field has made Jennings a hometown hero and professional philanthropist." Big man, big soul, and one big gift to his hometown and beyond: Great guy Jonas Jennings.

THE FORECAST
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The wee lads from the Flats are having a fine season beating ACC teams and their usual array of non-conference non-entities, and now get to play a real football team. Of course, they benefit from playing a high school offense, because everyone else on our schedule plays the college game. At least this week Tech will get to play in a college football stadium, one in which the home team's fans show up to root their boys on. Don't expect the ball to be in the air much on Saturday, even though Tech tossed it around last year because nobody expected it. Every game we've played since September has been a blowout of one sort or another, and we may just do it again. Dawgs, 38-20.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: AUBURN AT ALABAMA

Just a couple of weeks ago, broadcasters were rolling out the "Team of Destiny" narrative for Auburn, based on last year's series of miracles. No miracles this year. I think they pay for their sins in Tuscaloosa. Tide, 35-28.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: PENN STATE OVER MICHIGAN STATE Who knows? That's why they call them upsets. Lions, 31-28.