

THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: DAWGS WEAR (OUT) TROJANS

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BRUCE JENNER & THE JOKER

For the last two weeks, the Scowlmeister has been gloomily wondering which head coaching job Jeremy Pruitt will take next year, given that it was unlikely that anyone would cross our goal line again after the halftime adjustments we made against Clemson. I've checked, and so far, miraculously, there is no www.firejeremypruitt.com website out there after Saturday's game. But it's only been a couple of days since South Carolina moved the ball up and down the field against us, and then did it again and again. Give the trolls some time.

Most of what I've read about the game concerns the fact that we didn't score on our series when we first-and-goal from the four yard line late in the game. Here's one representative headline: [Give it to Gurley? Georgia play-calling fails in 38-35 loss to South Carolina](#). But Mason et al. put up twice as many points as Matthew Stafford and Aaron Murray had put up in SC's stadium. We scored plenty of points, enough to win this game several times over. What we couldn't do was stop Dylan Thompson from slicing up our secondary.

I watched the game on The Big Screen, so my observations are only as keen as my seat on the Barcalounger would allow. That seat, however, gave me access to Gary Danielson's commentary. His conclusion at game's end: Neither team has a championship defense. Although the Clemson game had us thinking that we surely had championship-caliber players and schemes, something went wrong on Saturday. Danielson noted that at times, we had some guys in zone and some in man, and all you need is one player out of position to produce a big gainer. That happened a lot. The defense did hunker down in the fourth quarter to allow us to be in position to win or tie, but in a situation that Coach Richt acknowledged called for us to ride Gurley into the endzone, we tried a play that produced a questionable intentional grounding call—the receiver was near enough to the ball in my unbiased view—that pushed us back far enough to change the four-down strategy and produce a field goal that Marshall Morgan

ordinarily could have booted through with his left foot, yet that never quite hooked back inside the goalpost.

Had Gurley's 54-yarder not been called back on another questionable call, we might all be reveling in his second straight near-200 yard game and our place at the top of the SEC East food chain. But now we're back to thinking that it's a long season with many games that we need to win and some that SC needs to lose.

My main takeaway? Texas A&M must have one hell of a team.

BRIAN VANGORDER, COACH ON THE MOVE

1981	West Bloomfield HS (MI) (assistant)
1982–1983	Boca Raton Academy (FL) (Head Coach)
1984–1987	American Heritage School (FL) (Head Coach)
1988	Boca Raton Community HS (FL) (Head Coach)
1989–1991	Grand Valley State (Defensive Coordinator)
1992–1994	Wayne State (Head Coach)
1994–1997	Central Florida (Defensive Coordinator)
1998–1999	Central Michigan (Defensive Coordinator)
2000	Western Illinois (Defensive Coordinator)
2001–2004	Georgia (Defensive Coordinator)
2005	Jacksonville Jaguars (Linebackers)
2006	Georgia Southern (Head Coach)
2007–2011	Atlanta Falcons (Defensive Coordinator)
2012	Auburn (Defensive Coordinator)
2013	New York Jets (Linebackers)
2014-present	Notre Dame (Defensive Coordinator)



Current Fashion Statement among Baltimorons who think it's OK to beat up a woman, as long as it's OK with her, especially if he's a really, really good football player. Says Racquel Bailey (above), "There's two sides to every story. I saw the video. That's their personal business, and it shouldn't have affected his career. I don't agree with domestic violence, but she's still with him, so obviously it wasn't that big of a deal. Everyone should just drop it."

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ For a mild spirit booster, [here's](#) Todd Gurley's announcement of his college destination, which came down to UGA and.....Clemson.
- ☞ I don't know if Cincinnati will achieve greatness under Tommy Tuberville, but he sure can recruit a backfield full of great names: QBs Gunner Kiel and Munchie Legaux, and RB Hosey Williams.
- ☞ "It's a little shaky, the depth [at wide receiver] right now. We better keep recruiting, I can tell you that." ~Mark Richt
- ☞ "What about Tramel Terry?" ~ Little Woolly

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

This week's Good Guy is **Arnold Harrison**. Arnold was one of those under-the-radar prospects at Josey High School in Augusta, a "Who's he?" kind of recruit that left many Dawg fans scratching their heads and wondering if the coaches knew what they were doing. It turns out that yes, the coaches had this one down pretty well. After redshirting, Arnold became a regular, then starter for his last couple of seasons while earning a degree in Finance. The NFL was just as unimpressed as the recruitniks had once been, overlooking him in the draft, leaving Arnold to get a free agent tryout with the Steelers that resulted in him getting cut in camp. Persistence, however, is among the qualities that have made Arnold a Dawg to be proud of: After making the practice team, he finally got his opportunity and ended up playing six years in The League, 5 with the Steelers (producing two Super Bowl rings) and one with Cleveland. After being released by Cleveland, he continued playing football with a UFL franchise that began as the Florida Tuskers in 2010 and in 2011 became the Virginia Destroyers with Arnold on the roster, along with fellow ex-Dawg Odell Thurman. Since he retired from a team that would ultimately fold its tents in 2013, Arnold has continued to take advantage of his UGA degree. He spent a year in the Harvard Business School's Entrepreneurship Program, and also took management courses at Georgia Tech, although I hope you'll forgive him. Arnold, whose father was a Lexus salesman, is now the finance manager at Nalley Lexus of Roswell. Of the car dealership profession, he says, "I absolutely love interacting with multiple personality types face-to-face on a daily basis, and I also love the competitive nature of this industry." Well, I don't think he's talking about Hershel Walker there—I think that he loves meeting all sorts of people, preferably with enough money to buy a Lexus. I can't afford a Lexus, but if you can, you might buy one from this Dawg Good Guy so that he and his new bride, the former Tiana Daniels, can get to work on our signing class for 2035.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. TROY

I'd be pretty surprised to see the starters much in the second half, and given our new approach of continual rotation across the roster, who knows how much we'll see them in the first half. The coaches are positioning Gurley for 15 games, not running up the score on cupcakes, so he might have 8 carries, 120 yards, 3 TDs and call it a day. Looking forward to seeing Faton "The Albanian Bane O' Y'All" Fauta and Brice "The Camden County Cannon" Ramsey in action, and which order they play in. I'm also hoping that Sonic the Hedge Dawg pads the score enough for Kyle Karempelis to get some snaps. Dawgs, 52-6.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: AUBURN AT KANSAS STATE

It was either this or Clemson at FSU, but as long as FSU gets to play their shoplifting rapist at QB, they're going to be pretty good, as long as you ignore the fact that Jimbo will play a shoplifting rapist at any position as long as he's really, really good. But back to business: SEC vs. Big 12. Auburn's QB is not a shoplifting rapist, just a thief and stoner. Since he's really, really good, he'll be in action and play really, really well. This game should be mighty up-tempo, and I think that Auburn, in spite of playing only occasional defense, will play enough offense to pull it out. War Tigers, 48-45.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: CINCINNATI OVER OHIO STATE

The Big Ten continues to lose non-conference games, except when the opponent is from a league that even Georgia Tech might win. I'm going to send my man in Cincinnati, the Bearcatmeister, a valentine with a forecast that his All-Name backfield will take down the Bucks, just as sure as my name is Wally Butts.

Disclaimer: You crazy if you bet based on these forecasts.