

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
DAWGS SEND GEORGIA SOUTHERN SOUTH**

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If you like pretty, go watch President Trump's Miss Universe Beauty Pageant.

If you like gritty, how 'bout them 2016 Georgia Bulldogs?

After losing three games out of four, capped by a physical and emotional beatdown during the Florida game, the Dawgs became the subject of a lot of speculation, none of it positive. At 5-3 and without Nick Chubb, with reputed dissention among the coaches, the Dawgs had to prepare for Kentucky, a team having a similar sort of season, minus the expectations. Even a win in Lexington did not pacify many. Although the daily diatribes against the team and especially the head coach and coordinators subdued, the status of the coaching staff heading into next season was very much in doubt among the talk show and internet commentators.

The team could have easily folded and started taking sides, offense against defense, player against player. I think that a lot of people in the Dawg Nation would have actually enjoyed an amplification of the dissention. I think that Jeff Schultz would have turned cartwheels, giving him more of other people's accomplishments to sneer at; except he doesn't appear to be the cartwheeling sort, given its requirement of athleticism.

Auburn was not the worthy opponent we are accustomed to facing in mid-November, with a half-and-half record of their own and quarterbacking problems that rivaled those in Athens. Their defense had responded well to Will Muschamp, and lined up guys like Montravius Adams, major targets of our staff during their recruitment. As many noted, even in a year in which the game had little consequence, it was a big game for both teams. If you thought it was going to be easy, I suggest lining up in drills against Adams, Carl Lawson, and the rest of their defense and seeing what pushovers they are.

On Saturday, the Dawgs got off to a bad start. With Jeremy “Germy Johnson” Johnson getting the starting nod at QB, Auburn went right down and scored. In response, we couldn’t get much going throughout the first half. We moved the ball but could not score, even from the 1-yard line. Fortunately, after that first drive of Auburn’s our defense locked down and kept the score within reach. But Mark Richt’s hair appeared to be getting a little greyer with every possession that failed to reach the endzone: in other words, all of them.

The second half appeared to be more of the same until I-Mac turned it all around with one magnificent punt return. Meanwhile, the defense produced turnovers and held Auburn’s offense to a single, late field goal, and we came home from the Plains with a hard-earned W.

If you like the Dawgs, any win over Auburn is, by definition, a thing of beauty.

I’m starting to think that, rather than doing a terrible job this season and heading for imminent termination, Mark Richt is doing an impressive job with this team. They could have finished the season with a losing record, given the crushing nature of the Florida loss and the intense focus on the staff’s performance in the following week. But the UK road win helped return the focus to the games, and now with a road win over Auburn, the season could easily end up 9-3 and with a second tier bowl assignment.

Not up to your standards? Let’s get real. The loss of Nick Chubb was absolutely devastating. First, he could have been a factor in a close game in Knoxville that we lost and might have salvaged with a late TD pass that our WR dropped. Now, every team has its what-ifs, so I’m not counting the loss as a win, just saying that the team competed hard in a tough venue with Chubb on the sidelines with his leg in bubble wrap.

Second, his impact was extraordinary. Here’s a chart of our games this season, with some key stats from our offense. **Cupcakes in Yellow**, **Chubb games in Green**, **Post-Chubb games in Blue**

Opponent	ULM	Vandy	S.C.	Southern	Alabama	Tenn	Mizzou	Florida	UK	Aub
Yds Per Carry	6.4	6.9	6.5	7.0	5.1	5.7	2.7	3.1	5.8	3.2
Rush TDs	4	2	4	4	1	0	0	0	2	1
Rush	243	281	246	271	193	165	120	69	300	146
Pass	192	141	330	261	106	279	178	154	90	97
Total yds	435	422	576	532	296	444	298	223	390	243
Points	51	32	52	48	10	31	9	3	27	20

Now, I’m not exactly a number cruncher, but I see quite a difference between the green columns and the blue columns. I don’t count the yellow because they’re supposed to look like that.

Among Chubb’s 3 games against real competition, only the Alabama game stands out as unproductive from a team standpoint, but Alabama is kicking the snot out of everybody,

aside from a freakish Saturday against Ole Miss when they turned the ball over 5 times to give the Rebs ridiculous field position that they capitalized on. The guys who ran wild against us, Derrick Henry and Calvin Ridley, have scorched everyone on their schedule. On the season, Alabama is yielding 2.49 yards per carry to opponents, and have shut down every opponent's stud RB except one: Nick Chubb, who went for 146 with a 7.3 average, including an 83-yard TD run, by far the most effective game anyone's had against the Tide this season.

Although Gary Danielson is not a favorite among many Dawg fans, he's almost always right, and he has said many times this year that Alabama's front 7 is any as Saban has coached on a college team. Ask Leonard Fournette what he thinks about that assessment.

That leaves the Tennessee and Florida losses, both without Chubb. The Tennessee game was a close road loss in the game in which Chubb got injured. The Florida game was a thorough trouncing in every phase of the game. Florida, like Alabama, has lost one game this season and will have a showdown with the Tide to see who plays in the Final Four.

And you want to fire the coach? The more I think about it, the more I think he's done an admirable job of holding together a team that could have disintegrated 2 weeks ago, and now is hunkering down for a 9-3 finish.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ Mrs. Bullhorn, the lovely wife of Foghorn Bullhorn, sent this tribute to Auburn, performed by the great [Unknown Hinson](#). Where did he get that name? He was named after his Daddy. It says so, right there on his birth certificate: Father—Unknown.

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



Reuben Faloughi came to UGA as a preferred walk-on and walked off with a football scholarship after showing a lot of brains and a good bit of talent as an outside linebacker. In high school, in addition to playing football with distinction and serving as team captain, he lettered in basketball, soccer, and track. Even with all that dedication to athletics, he made the Mu Alpha Theta math honor roll. At UGA, he won two Outstanding Scout Team awards for defense, leading to his scholarship. Although he

never became a featured player, he got his snaps and made the most of them. He also took great advantage of his educational opportunities while in Athens as a psychology major. He was named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll four times; was the recipient of the Joe B. Maxwell Family Football Scholarship; was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll two times; was a two-time recipient of the Teka and John Adams Football Scholarship; and was inducted into UGA's Student-Athlete Leadership Academy, L.E.A.D. (Leadership Education and Development). That's one impressive college career. Since graduating in 2013, Reuben hasn't let up one bit. He has served as a Graduate Clinician at the [Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Missouri](#), where he also somehow finds time to develop his hobby as a musician. At Missouri, he's gotten attention recently as a leader in the university's Racism Lives Here movement. A proud Black man, Reuben has experienced his share of discrimination, and his activism at Missouri demonstrates his leadership and intelligence in confronting an unacceptable situation. Through his efforts and those of others, he helped to expose the rampant racism at Missouri and contributed to the resignation of high-level university administrators who refused to address the problems. Admirably, he began to question bias in his own worldview, [acknowledging and addressing the homophobic attitudes with which he grew up](#). It takes a man to do that, and a good man at that. I'm proud to call Reuben a UGA Bulldog, and know that even with all he's accomplished, his best days lie ahead.

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

With this game, the Dawgs go to 8-3. I don't think we'll run up the usual 58-0 score that we've come to expect in these matchups, because we're just not very explosive on offense. But our D is humming, which should keep GSU out of the endzone enough for a solid day at the office. Dawgs send the seniors out with a final home W: Good Guys, 31-6.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: MICHIGAN STATE OVER OHIO STATE

I just love the way that the college football season winds down. Last Saturday, a few more competitors went down, leaving fewer and fewer with claims on the Final Four. And it always happens that a few more go down in the season's final weeks. So I'm going with the underdog here and taking Sparty, 28-27.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: BAYLOR OVER OKLAHOMA STATE

Baylor is among the teams that went down, while Okie State stayed unbeaten with a close win at Iowa State. This game should produce a lot of points and yet another loss for a team hoping to go unbeaten. Bears over Pokes, 48-45.