

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
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On this day when #11 flew home to Sanford Stadium from Kansas City to watch his team play against its greatest nemesis; when #11 on the opposing team came in as one of the most feared weapons in the college game; on this day, #11 in Red and Black had the greatest day a collegiate passer has ever had. Entering the game with doubts about the quality of play at the game's most important position, and doubts about how they would compete against elite talent, the Dawgs hung half-a-hundred on a program whose success has been sustained in the Spurrier Era by its well-coached and physical defenses.

Earlier in the week, the Scowlmeister had written that Greyson Lambert looked "stiff and uncomfortable" in his first two starts, and I shared his concern that our tremendous running game might be wasted without commensurate quarterback play, and that our talented receivers would spend another year blocking instead of catching passes. Mrs. Bullhorn, lovely wife of the great Dawg sonic boom generator Foghorn Bullhorn, sent me a link to a cartoon called [Lambert, the Sheepish Lion](#), to characterize his play in the first two weeks. Heading to the stadium, Studs McMachoman and I wondered which team had the greatest quarterback problem, and whether, if we stalled and sputtered as we had done in Nashville, we might find the great potential of this team under-realized because we could not generate a passing game to keep the box open for the RBs to cut loose.

And then came the first drive, when Schottenheimer finally opened up the playbook and the field opened up like the Red Sea before Moses. I'd hoped beyond hope that even in an SEC road game against a historically weak opponent like Vandy, we were holding back and limiting what opposing coaches could scout. And thank heaven, my unending

confidence in our coaches' ability to evaluate talent, put the best team on the field, and call the plays that win games and championships was confirmed in one of our most impressive wins in memory. And I think that we are still holding back the deep passing game, because we never needed it on Saturday. We'll know after Alabama comes a-visiting in a few weeks just how big our playbook is; that is, if Bama can keep pace with our base offense and we need to open it up.

Some might say, Well, SC is down this year. Their starting QB had a lot of holes in his game, and their backups generated next to nothing against us. Orth, the starter and former walkon, had little to work with, and I was much more comfortable in the stands with him under center than Nunoz, his backup who had some success running the ball. In terms of their passing game, #11, projected first-rounder Pharoh Cooper, caught one pass for 6 yards and was only a minor factor in the run game.

But we've taken on Spurrier teams before, thinking that we had the superior team, only to have the ol' coach reach into his magic bag and find ways to take us down. Blowing out an annual threat has positioned this team for a run at greatness.

- A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to the scout teams for prepping the players for SC's offense and defense. On the post-game radio show, Coach Richt singled out the scout teamers for their contributions to the historic win. Not everyone sees the field, but everyone on the roster is a contributor to the program's success.
- A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to the Sanford Stadium crowd. Even Negatron had nothing snide to say about the team this week. On the post-game show Coach Richt was effusive in crediting the Dawg Nation for making a big difference in the team's performance. He also noted that the Who's Who list of recruits surely took notice of the great game-day atmosphere and sustained support throughout the game.

Meanwhile, our date with Tidal Destiny took a blow when Mississippi brought down the hated Sabanites in his own house. Interesting thing: Alabama has had the #1 recruiting class every year since Saban arrived in town, or so it seems. He has his pick of whoever is out there, with the guarantee of championships simply by faxing a commitment on signing day. And yet, his teams have shown little dominance of late. His QB situation, even with gobs of recruiting stars shared by his signal callers, is very questionable. I wonder if the recruits at SEC games yesterday are starting to doubt that Saban, and only Saban, can provide them with the platform for their NFL careers.

And Auburn, Auburn, wherefore art thou Auburn? Their better-then-Nick-Marshall QB is undependable and does not scare anyone except Auburn fans. Suddenly, our schedule is looking very friendly. Not easy. But everyone who penciled in losses to our neighbors to the West in the preseason might be having second thoughts.



Portrayed here are the two Texas football players who were instructed by their coach to take out the official whose calls he did not like. The players have been suspended from team and school indefinitely. The Owlmeister wants to tack on additional time for their hair.

Special Dawgmeister Baseball Feature



At the 1927 World Series, Paul Waner and Lou Gehrig shake after comparing the length of their bats.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ Although I have never coached football, I attended schools where we had football teams, and I felt that I was a football coach in the true sense because I dealt with those people. In fact, I have more training as a football coach than a lot of the guys that go into the coaching business. Some of them have lost games, and they are losers. They are just very stupid people. It's just huge, just incredible, that I have never lost a game.

- ☞ The Owlmeister is surely stoked that his beloved Temple of Doom is 3-0.
- ☞ My heart soars to see Malcolm Mitchell, Keith Marshall, and Jay Rome playing with full strength and confidence in their bodies. These guys have struggled with injuries to the point where we weren't quite sure we could count on them to take the field. I hope that what we've seen so far is indicative of how they'll finish out their careers between the hedges.
- ☞ Ohio State beat Northern Illinois by 6 points at home. NIU doesn't have a single player on its roster that OSU would stoop to recruit. Hell, NIU doesn't have anyone that **Illinois** would bother signing. You just never know what's going to happen until they play the games.
- ☞ "Faculty is disillusioned because the athletic department hasn't earned its keep. We've sold our soul to becoming part of the athletic-entertainment business.... Yet it's losing money and having its shortfalls covered from the general education fund and student fees." ~ David Hughes, President, AAUP-AFT faculty union, Rutgers University
- ☞ I wonder how much Dawg fans understand the ways in which the Athletic Association, primarily through the football program, [gives back to UGA](#), rather than siphoning money out of the educational mission of the university.
- ☞ Why do good WR prospects even think of going to Georgia Tech?
- ☞ Why does Georgia Tech have so many outstanding WRs in the NFL, and so few RBs?
- ☞ All of my sympathies go to Dawg outside linebacker coach Kevin Sherrer and his family for the tragic loss of Coach Sherrer's sister last week.

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD



Once defined by football (UGA & NFL). Today, I hope to be defined as a loving husband, father and friend. [#servicetoothers](#) [#stayready](#) Matthew 7:1 / Juicy Verse 1

That's how Dawg Good Guy **Steve Herndon** introduces himself on his Twitter page, and he sounds like the ideal product of the Mark Richt Georgia Way. Back in La Grange, Steve played high school football with Warren Mathis, better known to the music world as Bubba Sparxxx, and well, I guess Steve has a few country rap CDs in his collection as a result. At UGA Steve was a star on the OL, ultimately serving as 1999 Team Captain.

While he was at it, he was a three-time Academic All-SEC performer in the classroom and 1999 Academic All-American District III. Steve killed it in the weight room too, earning the Leon Farmer Strength and Conditioning Award in 1999, given annually to the player whose dedication to the strength and conditioning program results in a significant contribution to the football team. Steve wasn't done with football yet, playing in the NFL for 5 years with Denver and Atlanta, mostly coming off the bench but starting 13 games. Rare for an OL, Steve was named the 2004 Atlanta Falcons Co-Offensive MVP. Knee and injuries forced him to retire in 2005 and to move on to the next stage of life, in which he has cultivated his interests in health and education in service of others, all deeply moved by his understanding of his Savior's mission to uplift the downtrodden. From 2007-2009 Steve served as executive director of [Third Step Recovery](#), and from there he became the founding owner and executive director of [Safety Net Recovery](#) in Smyrna. He also works with [Collegiate Recovery Communities \(CRC\)](#), which serves university communities. All of these organizations are dedicated to addressing addiction, a major problem in today's society and an issue for many athletes. As Steve's promotional materials indicate, "Creating a solid foundation for sober living is our goal at Safety Net Recovery. We provide support, structure and instruction to each client giving them the best opportunity to learn and practice the spiritual principles of recovery." Colleague Taylor Hagin says of Steve: "Steven has an uncanny 'knack' for dealing with Young Adults (age: 17-27) who struggle with the disease of addiction. He relates to their struggle and combines his knowledge of addiction with his own life experience to really drill down into the core of the Young Adult thought processes to help them overcome the difficulties of addiction. He has a true passion for helping others and the young men seemed to have found a soft spot in Steven's heart! His knowledge and work ethic are a tremendous asset to Safety Net Recovery!" Steve gives [motivational talks](#), tweets at [@HernDOGG](#), and keeps a [blog](#), so you're welcome to get to know this great Dawg yourself and appreciate what a young man can do with his life once the games are over.

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. SOUTHERN

Time to take stock of the roster and get the depth chart more settled now that the coaches have seen everyone play under the lights. Southern will undoubtedly help us get farther into the depth chart than UL-M, but only because there can't possibly be another weather delay. The only variable that's hard to account for in predicting the outcome is how the 2s and 3s on D will do in keeping the Jaguars out of the endzone when they get their shot in the fourth quarter. Who knows. Dawgs, 63-10.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: UTAH AT OREGON

Maybe Marcus Mariota is really that good. Maybe losing him makes Oregon a middle-of-the-pack Pac 12 team, and the whole league tanked in Week 1 as a national player, and then tanked a little more in Week 2. The Utes have already done some damage out there, and here they do it on the road. Utah over Oregon, 48-41.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: DUKE OVER GEORGIA TECH

Why? It's just a feeling. I have these feelings all the time. Do I bet on them? Do you think I'm nuts? On the other hand, I'm 2 for 3 in upsets so far this year, so maybe I'm on to something. Devils over Noisome Back Yard Pests, 31-28.