

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:  
DAWGS SMOKE COONHOUNDS**

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**Snake Bitten & Flaky Kitten  
Butch Jones & Cowardly Lion**

*And then the rains fell and washed away our sins.  
It must have been a sinful week.*

“It most likely will be a third-down determining game.” ~Gary Danielson, before the game

Third down was indeed crucial: on third down, like the first two, we couldn't make a play.

This game has been dissected in, out, and in between, and I've got little to offer that hasn't been written a dozen times already, except that it seemed to me that our OL did a great job of pass protection, something overlooked by the difficulties they had blocking in the running game. Our 5.1 yards-per-carry (one more ypc than Bama had) was inflated by Chubb's late TD run; we just couldn't get the run established.

Lambert had plenty of time in the pocket, but couldn't find a receiver. So, either our receivers weren't getting open, or the QBs weren't seeing them. I suspect that their DBs played a great game in general, and when you throw in 3 picks, you'd have to conclude that they gave Alabama outstanding coverage. The stadium's endless clamor for the backup QB got its wish, and that didn't work either. That's about as great an insight as I can muster on Saturday's complete disaster.

In defense of the D: A pick-6 and blocked punt gave Alabama 14 points in other parts of the game. So our defense gave up 24 points on the day. Not exactly suffocating, but not as bad as the scoreboard would suggest against a pretty good offense. We've won a lot of




games here while giving up 24 points. We've played a lot of games against Alabama where holding them to 24 points would have produced a Dawg victory:

2012/12/01 Georgia 28 - Alabama 32 **L**  
2008/09/27 Georgia 30 - Alabama 41 **L**  
2007/09/22 Georgia 26 - Alabama 23 **W OT**  
2003/10/04 Georgia 37 - Alabama 23 **W**  
2002/10/05 Georgia 27 - Alabama 25 **W**

But we haven't played any games against them this century where giving up 38 points would have sent us home winners.

The relative stats of the two teams were pretty even, though the game rarely seemed that way and the score told the real story. Statistics indeed are for losers. We just got hammered, and the coaches have acknowledged as much in the aftermath. Plenty of coaching ahead to get this team back in a winning mindset and ready to compete for the East title, which is under our control if we beat Florida—no small task, it's turning out.

### **Butch Jones in the Media**

-  “Coach Jones prefers a condescending style while speaking with the media anytime they question his failed in-game play calls. Also, known for never trusting charts.” ~[Butch Jones's Wikipedia entry](#)
-  “He wins on National Signing Day, he wins with boosters, he wins Monday through Friday. But until Butch Jones wins big on Saturday, he looks like just another in an inexplicable line of men addicted to losing football games at the University of Tennessee. Lane Kiffin, Derek Dooley and now Butch Jones, all of them slightly different in the way they've arrived at ineptitude but bearing remarkably similar results. How bad has it gotten in Knoxville? As of today, Kiffin — who subsequently flamed out at USC — looks like the biggest winner of the three. At least the others had the excuse of coaching bad teams. Jones does not. Nobody will confuse this version of Tennessee for a national championship contender, but Saturday's 28-27 loss at Florida will stand as one of the most inexplicable results of the season and the biggest indictment yet of Jones' questionable game management. Leading almost the entire second half and dominating at times against a Florida team with less depth and talent than Tennessee, Jones' performance down the stretch ranks as one of the worst coaching meltdowns you will ever see anywhere.” ~**USA Today**
-  “Butch Jones is now 14-15 as head coach of Tennessee and 5-12 against SEC opponents. Yet again, there is discontent among Rocky Top fans about their head coach. Under Jones, Tennessee has never finished better than fourth in the conference. A loss to the Gators on Saturday puts the Vols in the unfortunate position of heading into a five-game stretch against SEC teams, which includes contests against No. 7 Georgia and No. 12 Alabama in back-to-back weeks. In three seasons as Tennessee's head coach, Jones is still on the hunt for a marquee victory. Last year, Jones' team dropped all five games against ranked opponents. Overall, Jones is 1-11 against ranked opponents, and that includes a 5-14 against conference foes over the past three years. Jones has brought to Tennessee much

of the same promise that Derek Dooley did. Dooley, who replaced Lane Kiffin as the Vols head coach back in 2010, went 5-7 in his inaugural season in 2010, with all seven losses coming against SEC results. That marked the first of three consecutive seasons in which Tennessee earned a losing mark, which put Dooley in the unfortunate position of taking claim to arguably the worst Tennessee teams in school history. Dooley's Volunteers teams will forever go down as some of the worst to ever compete in the SEC. Three consecutive losing seasons were marred by a 5-21 record in conference play. Unlike those Tennessee teams led by Dooley, Jones does not have the excuse of coaching "bad" teams. This year's squad is a talented team, highlighted by the promise of quarterback Joshua Dobbs. But dropping to 2-2 before September comes an end and extending a losing streak to Florida has many in Rocky Top feeling *deja vu*." ~**Saturday Down South**



*UT's Jalen Hurd attempting to explain his hair to The Owlmeister, unsuccessfully*

## **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☞ For this week's dawg doots, see Sanford Stadium, where they were dropped aplenty.

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



UGA likes to claim that it's Tight End U, Tailback U, Linebacker U, and to that, I'd add Safety U. Dawg Good Guy **Shawn Williams** filled that role with distinction in the defensive backfield, making one of the greatest and most significant open-field tackles in recent program history stopping Florida on 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 ([cue the video to the](#)

40-second mark) after [calling out his teammates](#) in the week leading up to the upset of the #2 Gators. Shawn made a lot of plays like that between the hedges and became a crowd favorite for his ferocious style of play. Shawn came to UGA from Damascus, GA, and I suspect that if ISIS saw him coming in that other Damascus, they'd keep their heads on a swivel lest they find them on a platter. A 2-time True Grit Award winner for his spring practice performance, Shawn exhibited in practice what we fans watched from the stands. His leadership and exemplary play resulted in his election as the team's defensive captain and earned him the Coaches' Leadership Award and the Frank Sinkwich Toughness Award. Shawn wasn't just a gridiron terror, however. He received the Aubrey Cecil Rhodes Football Scholarship and the Milton "Red" Leathers Football Scholarship to augment his football scholarship in financing his major in housing and consumer economics. Cincinnati took him in the third round of the NFL draft, making him one of many ex-Dawgs to play for the Bengals. To this point he's been a special teams warrior working his way into the DB rotation. Dawg fans are looking forward to him getting more time and contributing to team and community in significant ways. The Georgia Way has come to Cincinnati in a big way, and this guy's way too dedicated an athlete to be on the sidelines for long. Great job, great Dawg: Shawn Williams.

**GOOD GUY ARCHIVE**

## **THE FORECAST**

### **DAWGS VS. TENNESSEE**

A lot of guys on this team will remember their last trip to Knoxville, which they escaped by a Pig's nostril hair in what was perhaps the closest a Butch Jones team has come to winning a game against a winning team. Butch has recruited well, but it's hard to say that he's coached 'em up the way he needs to in order to get the Vols into competition for a title. Tennessee has an outstanding athlete, and apparently a NASA-bound rocket scientist, at QB, but good lord the poor young man has trouble throwing a football accurately. Personally, if I had that QB, I'd make him an H-back and try to find someone who can throw him the ball à la Jordan Reed or Aaron Hernandez (without handcuffs) from the Urban Meyer Era at Florida. Note how Randall Cobb and Braxton Miller made smooth and financially-rewarding moves from QB to positions where they have an NFL future. But UT is like a high school team where the best player gets put at QB so he can touch the ball on every play. So far, that plan is getting Butch Jones a job as a TV commentator next year. I'll roll out the typical UT script: Vols take an early lead, Dawgs come back to win. Dawgs get back in the race for the East and come back on top of the rock: Good Guys, 31-24.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: NORTHWESTERN AT MICHIGAN**

It's odd for a weekend this deep into the season in which there are so few games of national interest. Thus, the nod goes to two teams having surprisingly good seasons, jockeying to challenge Ohio State and Michigan State for Big 10's spot in the Final Four (and no, this league cannot possibly get half of the slots). I'm going to go with the Wolverines here, assuming that this Harbaugh guy can really coach. Michigan, 28-24.

### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: CAL OVER UTAH**

Utah has been the team surprising everyone this season. It's their turn to lose when they ought to win. Why? Because I said so. Cal Bear QB Jared Goff positions himself to be the top pick of the Chicago Bears next fall as Cal beats Da Utes, 31-30.

*Disclaimer: You are better off betting on which turd a fly will land on in a Montana pasture than betting according to The Dawgmeister's forecasts. In case you're interested, though, your weekend forecaster now 4-1 on the season in upset forecasts, some of which appeared rather preposterous at the time. The Dawgmeister knows turds. And flies.*